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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are written by persons not known to the staff of the paper...

For more than five years we have crusaded in the columns of this newspaper for the excommunication from Michigan's Republican leadership of men like Frank D. McKay...

You will also recall that this newspaper, while at no time impugning the honesty of Mr. Fitzgerald, did question the value of McKay in Michigan...

For the past week Michigan newspapers have been filled with articles bearing on McKay and his business activities in the State of Michigan...

Republicans in Michigan, with the passing of the late Governor Fitzgerald, now stand on the threshold of selecting new leadership...

However, this newspaper hopes and prays that opposition forces to McKay-Barnard-McKeighan will develop to defeat them...

As we stated in the opening sentence of this editorial, we have crusaded for five years upon the subject of McKayism in Michigan's public affairs...

THE NEW DEAL has proved to be an impractical academic approach to a practical problem. President Roosevelt has been given billions of dollars...

BASEBALL AGAIN TAKES THE attention of millions—and that is grand. Watching a well-played game helps one's digestion much more than worrying about the dangers of war in Europe.

Wednesday of last week, on the floor of Michigan's House of Representatives in Lansing, a debate had arisen out of Frank D. McKay's getting \$92,300 from the Huron-Sarnia Blue Water bridge bonds...

During the debate, Rep. Stanton Welsh (Rep.), of St. Clair Shores, objected that we Republicans are doing more to tear down our party than the Democrats...

Rep. Elton R. Eaton, one of the introducers of the resolution, leaped to his feet, waving a newspaper which told the story of the Blue Water Bridge deal under a big headline...

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The brewers and distillers are in a highly competitive business; they hardly trust one another, they won't guess, for both will do every ethical and legitimate thing they can to make the liquor control commission a device to CONTROL the drinking business...

Who is to enforce this? The Governor and Commissioner DeFoe are not being fooled by propaganda regarding the State's income from the liquor traffic...

GOVERNOR LAREN D. DICKINSON still lives precisely close to the soil yet he manages to keep his hands cleaner than many who dwell in the cities.

ANOTHER war, if it comes in Europe, will not solve anything permanently. All it will do is to eliminate some of the gangster leaders, kill off a few millions of youth, make plenty of widows and orphans...

Congressional Comment

To the Editor: The new impetus upon the Army Engineers the duty of telling Congress each year the amount of money which should be spent upon river and harbor projects during the following fiscal year...

The Report of the Chief of Engineers lists the following Michigan projects on which the Army Engineers recommend new work during the next fiscal year...

In this connection, Rep. J. J. Mansfield, chairman of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, U. S. House of Representatives, said: "The appropriation for the current fiscal year is \$7,000,000."

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WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT Report on Associated Farmers May Cause a Major Sensation

WASHINGTON—Sensational disclosures of anti-union activities are promised when the LaFollette civil liberties committee reports its report on the Associated Farmers in made public.

It is possible that, after the LaFollette committee report is made public, they may be asked to break strikes, to prevent labor migratory farms from spreading to the west coast, and to stop collective bargaining with any means available.

THE SPRING ART EXHIBIT



Happenings of Long Ago

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Random Remarks

Francis Beverly Biddle, judge, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals: "Hard work does not make people tired. They get tired by being bored or unhappy."

William H. Fetter, mayor, New Hampton, Mass.: "Tables interfere with jobs and freedom."

Robert H. Kennedy, doctor: "It is difficult to understand why first-aid in athletics has been neglected."

Jonathan Daniels, Southern editor and author: "All of the major faults and flaws in Southern economy stem from the way to fall growth before the War between the States."

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