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The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the paper...

A New High Low Confusion of Aha In News Ethics

When will more of the editors of big dailies know that sometimes the public will look superficially at something that the same public does not deeply revere?

President Roosevelt's references to methods of preserving American democracy against the methods of a dictatorship, as he uttered them last week when Congress convened, were full of truth and wisdom.

One of the most valuable helps that society can give its prison inmates is that of useful employment. Records show that in such State wards as are without a practical trade, if during their confinement in prison, they are not made able to perform some useful service when released, they may again become a social problem.

The memorial to Thomas Jefferson, now in course of construction at Washington, may serve to remind the people of this country of a really great American.

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William Lyon Phelps books of any Presents "Favorite" Book Lists For 1938 Phelps, author and long-time professor of literature at Yale University...

FICTIO

Testament, by R. C. Hutchinson (Farrar & Rinehart)

Dawn in Lyonesse, by Mary Ellen Chase (Macmillan)

The Door of Life, by Enid Bagnold (William Morrow)

Images in a Mirror, by Sigrid Undset (Knopf)

The Yearling, by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (Scribner's)

Old Home Week, by Mimmie Hite Moody (Julian Messner)

Kindling, by Nevil Shute (William Morrow)

War in Heaven, by Philip Barry (Coward Macmillan)

The Kents, by LeGrand Cannon, Jr. (Farrar & Rinehart)

The Buccaneers, by Edith Wharton (Appleton-Century)

NON-FICTION

Benjamin Franklin, by Carl Van Doren (Viking)

Living the Wind, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh (Harcourt Brace)

Alone, by Richard E. Byrd (Putnam's)

My Husband, Gabriolitovich, by Clara Clemens (Harper's)

The Greenwood Hat, by J. M. Barrie (Scribner's)

My Mind a Kingdom, by George Thomas (Dutton)

The Redrovers of Man, by Henry C. Link (Macmillan)

I am a Stranger Here Myself, by Ogden Nash (Viking)

Down the Mississippi, by Major R. Ravenhart (Houghton Mifflin)

Dana and the Sun, by Candace Stone (Dodd-Mead)

Last week the scientists of the United States turned their eyes toward Richmond, Virginia.

Scientists Face Obligations

Among the distinguished foreign scientists present was Sir Richard Gregory, of Great Britain, chairman of the newly created division of the British Association, designed to consolidate the social aims of science.

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To the Editor:

This letter is devoted to a brief summary of what transpired in the field of Federal Government, particularly in the Congress, during 1938.

January: The President's budget message revealed another deficit, reduced revenues, and asked a billion dollars for the national defense.

February: The farm bill was enacted by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture fixed quotas for cotton and tobacco.

March: Chairman Arthur E. Morgan of the TVA asked for an investigation of TVA affairs. The President named him as chairman of the TVA on March 22.

April: Recovery was declared to be the objective when the President asked for nearly seven billion dollars in his proposed spending program.

May: The Naval Expansion Bill was enacted. The Tax Bill became a law without the President's signature.

June: The President signed the bill creating the Federal Reserve Judiciary. On May 31, the House shelved the Government Reorganization Bill which had been approved by the Senate two months earlier.

July: Elmer F. Anderson of New York was appointed administrator of the Wage-Hour Act.

August: Primary elections were held in several States. The Democrats renominated Senator Albert W. Barkley in Kentucky and Senator Ellison D. Smith in South Carolina.

September: The Democrats renominated Senator McCarran in Nevada. Senator Mildred E. Eddings in Maryland, and Senator Walter F. George in Georgia.

October: The Wage-Hour Act went into effect on October 24. The United States Supreme Court refused to review the conviction of Tom Mooney.

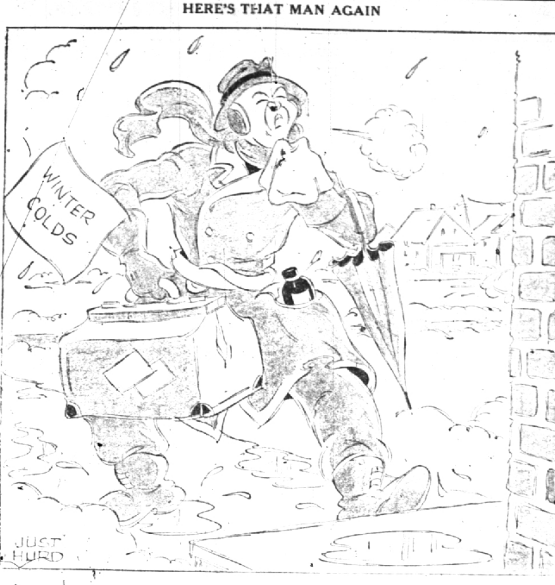
November: The General election was the center of public attention during this month. As a result, the Republicans gained 8 seats in the Senate and 81 in the House.

December: President Roosevelt announced his plan to "cool his heels" in the White House. The administration announced the extension of credit to China.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive contributions for this column. All contributions should be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential.

Jan. 10, 1938

To the Editor, Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Ala. Dear Sir,

While attending a recent anti-showing of "Stars of the Legion," I heard the man's note that the picture was "more war propaganda by the Legion."

It made me wonder if there were any specific instances of the general way the public feels toward the American Legion, or if perhaps, there are many people who misunderstand the Legion's aims.

I feel that I can speak for every Legionnaire in the United States when I say that the only way in which we would consider war would be strictly along the defensive basis.

In the preamble of the Legion's constitution, it states: "To assist the master of ingenuity to promote peace and good will on earth."

Very truly yours, W. J. Cameron, Ford Motor Co. (City official)

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WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT. "A friendly bank" Statement of Condition at Close of Business, December 31, 1938

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Cash on Hand, Government Obligations, Securities, etc. Liabilities include Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits, etc.

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Votes in Jest

HARRY HOPKINS won't need to worry about the cold spell. It's late winter so it's hot for him.

Events thousands of miles are to be fought to by in colleges as part of the defense program, thereby bringing government approval to high flying at college.

Unhappily, where the news war score threatens, should be in any quantity that will show the name and make it easy to pronounce.

A New York politician drank milk at his dining-out party, noting that some people will do about anything to make news.