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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish notices of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

Every average family in Michigan is paying each year the sum of \$106.15 in support of local, State, and Federal taxes.

Accidents Decrease On Michigan Roads: Seven hundred fewer deaths occurred on Michigan's highways during 1938 than in the year previous.

Michigan has more than 1,500,000 motor vehicles registered. Over 2,000,000 persons operate them, and the estimated distance to be traveled in 1938 totals the staggering sum of 13 billion miles.

A Personality Puzzle: We read in the newspapers that the other day a ninety-three-year-old woman died in a four room shack in the outskirts of Tampa, Florida.

What \$2 a Day Means: It is interesting to observe that Dr. Isadore Lubin, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, in his statement before the Senate committee...

Woman Drivers Safer: "Look out for the woman driver," is a saying that the men use in discussing hazards of the highways.

HASTY MARRIAGES are the real causes of most "innocent bankruptcies," says a Chicago judge, disclosing the divorce problem. There's more than a mere fragment of truth in that statement.

In a topsy-turvy world where dictators glare at us from the pages of magazines and shout at us over the radio:

I Believe In America In a world sick with isms and propaganda from pink to scarlet. I, a plain citizen of these United States, wish to reaffirm my faith in democracy: I believe in America!

American where a humble immigrant boy from Scotland could become a Steel Master; America where a plain mechanic could become an industrial giant.

I believe in America! America where a man need defer to no tyrants, he servile to none, and can look the world courageously in the eye.

America where our purchasing power is greater than that of the five hundred million people in Europe and larger than that of more than a billion Asiatics.

America where fish poles and golf clubs take the place of swords and guns; America where the average man is richer and happier than anywhere else on the globe.

America where we progress through evolution, not revolution; America where creative thinkers and earnest workers are building a brave new world in which to live.

America where men may dream great dreams and make those dreams come true; America where the upward march of man has but begun!

The story of "Frank Donald Coster" is another stranger-than-fiction revelation. The "Coster" of a man, convicted a quarter of a century ago of a swindle that netted him one million dollars, came to start life as an entirely different person, able to start far greater wealth, in a higher social position and with the respect of the financial wizards of New York.

"Not only did 'Mr. Coster' foist his business associates in the huge drug syndicate and the bankers with whom he did business, but he has a record which includes in 'Who's Who,' the somewhat magical selector of the so-called 'great' that prides itself upon the restrictions that govern its selections.

Woman Drivers Safer: The truth of the matter is that the feat is possible but, just now, nobody seems to have the necessary information upon which to proceed. One of the purposes of the "monopoly" investigation is to secure the data upon which to base positive action, designed to definitely lift the standard of living for all Americans.

No Field Of Human Activity is over-crowded, at the top. There is always plenty of room for those willing to work and struggle and think themselves to heights above the crowd.

SPRIT OF '76



Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Dondoro

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

Editor, The Eccentric: In a recent discussion of rural school needs before a group of Michigan educators, David M. Trout of Central State Teachers College made this significant statement: "America has adopted the democratic theory of government but has neglected to put its practice on democratic theory of education."

Michigan is one of the few states in the union that has tried to put into practice the democratic theory of education...

But now, there appears to be a dollar movement on foot to penalize boys and girls for leaving their homes on farms...

It is remarkable to this writer that the Michigan bill, which came out of the Education Association...

Let me assure the Legislative Committee of the Michigan Education Association...

Wisdom is not finally tested in the schools. Wisdom cannot be passed from one having it to another who is not having it.

Jots 'n' Jest: Now that the trees are bare, it is revealed that many prognosticators were far out on the limb.

The fun of long winter nights is somewhat marred by the thought that morning is certain to find snow to be shoveled.

Economy is too often is something to practice when money and credit are both exhausted.

New proof that all life is good for something is found in the discovery that crows eat golf balls.



By Representative George A. Dondoro

The Michigan delegation in the House of Representatives for the 16th Congress, which convenes Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1939, consists of 12 Republicans and 5 Democrats and in one district a Democrat succeeds a Democrat.

Rep. Clarence McLeod of Detroit, 13th district, takes the place of George D. O'Brien, Democrat, Rep. William Blakeney of Flint, Republican, 6th district, succeeds Andrew J. Trautman, Democrat. Both Rep. McLeod and Rep. Blakeney have had previous service in congress.

Rep. Carl E. Mapes of Grand Rapids, Republican, is ranking member of the Michigan delegation, having continuously served since March 4, 1913. Rep. Roy O. Woodruff of Bay City, Republican, has been a member of Congress since March 4, 1921.

Rep. Paul W. Shaffer of Battle Creek, Republican, 3rd district, first entered Congress on Jan. 3, 1937. Congresses are consecutively numbered and each continues for a period of two years; each Congress consists of two or more sessions with those convening on Jan. 3 of every year being termed regular sessions.

Senators in congress are based upon the number of years of continuous service of each Congressman. Rep. McElhonor, who is retiring upon his tenth term of office, was not a member of the 73rd Congress; and Rep. McLeod was not a member of the 75th Congress.

What Is Optimism? The doctrine, or belief, that everything is beautiful, including the ugly, and everything, especially the bad, and everything that is wrong.

Random Remarks

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WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT. "A friendly bank"

Statement of Condition at Close of Business, December 13, 1938. RESOURCES: Cash on Hand and Due from Other Banks, \$2,119,733.58. LIABILITIES: Capital, \$1,200,000.00. Total Resources: \$10,209,640.89. Total Liabilities: \$10,209,640.89.