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The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events that interest the people of this city and vicinity... Editor and Publisher: GEORGE R. AVERILL

A lovely winter afternoon last week Karl H. DeFoe, a member of the three-man Liquor Control Commission...

DeFoe vs. DeMass In Great Debate

Michigan, announced to the public that he will refrain from approving the purchase of more liquor licenses until early next month... DeFoe stated that he wants the State to keep its liquor inventory at about three millions of dollars...

Chief opponent of Mr. DeFoe's notions is Orrin DeMass, chairman of the Commission...

Too Much Regulation

We like the attitude of City Commissioner Frank S. Packard as he expressed himself last week when the Commission rejected an ordinance to prohibit people from selling their cars or services by house-to-house canvass...

Baldwin High Graduates

To attain sufficient scholastic leadership to be made salutatorian and valedictorian of a high school graduating class is, in itself, an honor...

U. S. Land Of Wealth

In 1936 the total value of all real estate, public utilities, and other physical wealth of the United States was \$397,639,000,000... State was \$397,639,000,000

CONGRATULATIONS

to those four Birmingham boys who received Eagle Scout badges last Friday night. They are Bill Ewald, James Fox, Bill Hooper, and Bruce Craig.

Civilization Withstanding War

One of the favorite themes of the advocates of peace, and other speakers, before the outbreak of the war in Europe, was the idea that civilization would not be withstood the impact of another world war.

NEW DEMANDS

The answers of the scientists are optimistic although recognizing that war causes serious setbacks to civilization and science. Dr. Knight Dunlap, professor of Psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles, points out that the present war can destroy civilization "only if there is lack of force to defend it or if civilized nations abandon the principles of civilization, adopting the anti-social attitude of selfish fear."

A Lucky Man!

Others who joined in the general opinion that the complete destruction of civilization is impossible are Dr. Charles F. Kettering, of the General Motors Research Corporation; Dr. Alex Hrubicka, of the U. S. National Museum; Dr. Anton J. Carlson, of the University of Chicago; Dr. William E. Ritter, of the University of California; and Dr. Charles B. Davenport, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Totally Blind

He saw again after being thirty years blind for his eyes.

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with JOHN H. HASWOOD

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Up to the People

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People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive all communications... All communications must be signed... Sentences may be abbreviated... Letters may be edited for clarity... Material not used may be returned to the office by mail on the following Thursday.

Liquor Licenses are up for Reclaiming May First

The Liquor Control Commission attempts in all cases to sustain the attitude of the local governing bodies in matters of licensing. In other words, the Commission accepts the opinions of the persons who handle these problems for their home communities.

I'll Leave It to You

By JOHN DENLER
OSGOOD KISH, like a lot of other Americans gets nervous on the lines every once in a while when he sees how things are going down here in Washington.

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and for the matter, when in his own State. He has something to say about it. He feels that the people can do a lot better than they are doing now. He feels that the people can do a lot better than they are doing now.

Denler

More than once in the past few years, in talking with friends and associates about the way the government is pulling taxes and other taxes on the people, he has suggested that the only escape he can see is to stop a taxpayer's strike.

Increase in Federal Commissions

From 1929, when our form of government was brought into being under the Constitution, to 1939, the Federal Commissions and regulatory bodies were created by Congress. The first to be created was the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1887; this was followed by the Federal Reserve System in 1913, the Federal Trade Commission in 1914, the National Advisory Commission for Aeronautics in 1915, the U. S. S. Tariff Commission and the Aeronautics Board in 1916, the Federal Power Commission in 1920, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in 1923, the War Finance Administration in 1924, the Federal Farm Board in 1929, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in 1932.

Farm Imports and Exports

It is estimated that agricultural imports for the year ending June 30, 1939, will amount to \$99 million dollars. This total represents nearly one-half of all imports and is 385 million dollars more than the total of agricultural imports for the year ending June 30, 1932, an increase of more than 50 percent.

Five Years Ago

John Benedict showed us last Tuesday a sprig of peach tree which bore a profusion of half grown blossoms and a branch of current bush with a cluster of green leaves upon it. In talking, this is the winter that bears 'em all.

Happenings of Long Ago

Found: A horse blanket in the road about two miles east of Birmingham. Owner can have same by returning it to the Birmingham Bank, 150 North Houghton, in this village, proving property and paying for this notice.

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Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Dondero. Includes a small illustration of a man in a suit.

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