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One sure way to decrease the extravagance in Michigan's State government is to insure that the State employees... A Merit System For Michigan...

Any person who knows what is going on in State government and has been going on for many years, realizes that hundreds of people on the payroll of Michigan are not capable...

One method of getting better State employees is to have leaders in State government hire employees as highly and sincerely as they would see they engaged in private business...

The late Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald, in 1915, created a State Commission to investigate and recommend a model civil service law...

You will hear more about this plan as the weeks roll along. The Michigan Taxpayer is glad to join with the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Press Association...

It's A Good Tip Many a taxpayer would be wiser, and less sad, if he sought the information that is contained in legal advertisements...

A publicity release from the State Highway Department reveals the fact that the handprinting now being completed between Birmingham and Pontiac is costing the taxpayers \$24,000...

Two per cent of all federal road building funds may be spent for the improvement of highways, a deputy state highway commissioner explained to The Eccentric...

One hundred and thirty-eight Baldwin high boys and girls received their diplomas last week here. Many of them will go on to college, and many of them will seek employment in a rather cockeyed world...

CHARLES E. WILSON, whose Bloomfield Hills home is right next to Birmingham, has taken William S. Knudsen's place as president of the world's largest corporation, General Motors...

SPEAKING OF ADJOURNMENT—

THE VOTERS WOULDNT THINK ANY LESS OF YOU FOR STAYING ON THE JOB THIS SUMMER



People's Column The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column... Will Leave It To You... People's Column

Knocking on Wood!

IS AMERICA AFRAID? FOR a nation so huge, so well-endowed with natural resources, with the world's greatest industrial establishment, and well blessed with no neighbors unfriendly to us, are we a land of cowards?

Calamity-holing in book, newspaper, magazine, in book, news, over the air has amazed this observer. From every side, "brave Americans" are being urged to re-narration, it seems, have fearfully said that if Hitler wins, the United States is lost; that South America is as good as gone; that we are doomed!

Whoever smashes away through Holland and Belgium a month ago, and continued his ruthless defeat of the Allies in Flanders, it was obvious that France, sooner or later, must fall. Yet, the truth was hard to accept, it seemed incredible that a nation so strong could succumb. Now it seems impossible that France, one of the world's great powers, is to be reduced to the status of a weak, second-rate small nation.

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Strictly Fresh STRAWBERRIES are said to be 90 per cent water. The best strawberries, however, are still produced by the half grapefruit.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Five Years Ago June 19, 1935 All told, there are today thousands of girls under collegiate instruction and contending for scholastic degrees; and statistics show that they are strong in battle. It used to be prophesied that women would lose the lowest qualities of womanhood in the strife and pursuit; but the event proved that their strong and beautiful predictions were without justification.

Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Bordero 1710 Boarders Building

Aliens in the United States: Today there are, according to reliable compilations, more than five million non-born citizens in the United States. Standing by itself this number is not impressive, but when compared with the total number of persons, 128,219,877, who have emigrated to the United States during the years 1920 to 1939, it begins to reveal a serious aspect.