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

The State of Michigan faces a 30 million dollar deficit. The finger of blame can be pointed in two directions, first, toward irresponsible legislation...

Is Michigan Going Broke?... latures and administrations at Lansing; and second, at units of government close to home.

Auditor General Vernon J. Brown has just issued his report on the financial condition of the state for 1939, a total of \$124,037,881 was returned to the local units.

Under these grants to local units must be curtailed. Mr. Brown, "or the state must seek some new source of revenue, which has an ominous sound."

It looks now as if we wouldn't get rich on the war. Sales are up on airplanes and metals and steel products.

We Won't Get Rich... Other farm crops are not going to find any big market anywhere either.

Europe is going into this war on a program of self-sufficiency. They have been preaching that in Berlin and Tokyo.

Finally, if and when the war is ended, the use of the depreciated Askri mark in South America...

Granted we don't want to profit on the blood of others, it looks this time as if we're not going to get back "good times" by the war route.

Today, more than at any time in our history, the solution of our unemployment and depression rests right at home.

The 11th annual report of the Children's Fund of Michigan, set up by the late Senator James Couzens...

Practical Giving... a man who has wanted to see this portion of his great wealth here and now, rather than to set up bureaucracy...

Trustees and officers of the Children's Fund are Frank Couzens, chairman of the Board; Edgar A. Freund, M. D., President; Clarence E. Williams, M. D., Secretary; and Howard T. Fisher, Jr., George B. Judson, William Lloyd Kemp, M. D., Birmingham's city health officer and William R. Yam.

IN SOME WAYS, it appears that the New Deal's attempts to "prime the pump" are without definite results...

WITHIN THE LIBRARIES of the United States it is estimated that there are 150,000,000 books, with from 12 to 15 million separate titles.

Until the public, co-operating with health and other public officials, assists in the annual problem of Stray Dogs...

Job making, as contrasted to job seeking, looms as a hopeful aspect in the unemployment situation. Especially among young men...

Initiative and ingenuity were ingredients in prize-winning ideas. For example, Myrtis Pauline Rose, of Maumie, discovered the need people have for birth certificates...

Tricky inventions of potential commercial value put other ingenious lads above the job-hunting class. August Maxson, of Chicago, devised a transparent rubber band to fit over wrist watches...

William Harris, of Urbana, has developed a new idea in T-squares which may give him a good income. Dave Dyer invented a right-angle vacant lot near a high school and "park" bicycles for 25 a day.

Some years ago, when highway construction began on a large scale, there was the general idea of building a network of automobile highways...

Germany "Liberates" The Czechs... redemption in the homes of the Czech farmers, giving them, in payment, promissory notes redeemable sixty days after the end of the war.

Entrance of Rev. R. N. Holsapple, of Cass City, into the Republican contest this summer for Governor of Michigan...

Rev. Holsapple gets that the wet and dry issue will be in the mouths of politicians. Rev. Holsapple, former Superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Slavery League...

THOUGH FAR APART in value as stones, both the diamond and the grindstone have become wedded as the result of many purchases of the former.



From the Women's Angle

By NELLIE HURLEY MINNIE... To that unsung mother of teen-age boys and girls who during the past winter gave unstintingly of her time and patience that Birmingham children might frolic, this column is dedicated.

When Mrs. Colgrove took over the reins of this party she went into her work with all-consuming ambition and a spirit that wouldn't have been crushed by a 10-ton truck.

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On foggy nights, the incessant croaking of the fog-horns on a traveled waterway holds a warning note, a subtle danger that is exciting. Each ship, as it ploughs its cautious way through the pea-soup mist, is saying, "Our position is fairly good and such. Don't come too near." And then there are the signals to pass and the answering blast...

Monday that the ship was struck by only one torpedo but that this deadly missile found a vital spot and set the liner ablaze in less than 20 minutes, carrying with her more than 1,000 souls.

Fifty Years Ago... Have you seen those wonderful celluloid collars that V. Nixon and I bought? A beautiful collar with a patent button attachment that saves the button-holes in the shirt from the ravages of time...

Five Years Ago... Scores of friends attended funeral services yesterday afternoon for Seymour D. Adams, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors and one of the county's most widely known and deeply respected citizens.

Knocking on Wood... with JOHN H. HARWOOD... BATTLESHIPS SCARED AWAY... Where was the British Navy as soon as it was known that the Germans were moving into Norway?

Wayne County Hopeless... Compared with the average large American city, Detroit's government has been adjudged the worst in the country.

I'll Leave It to You... By JOHN DENLER... For all of its big-city manners and its desire to be considered sophisticated, Detroit has many earmarks of a small town.

SMEDLEY BUTLER WRITES OF AMERICA'S SAFETY... As it has been expressed before in this column, the chaotic quality of our government is being invaded by other power...

Gen. Butler went on to point out how great difficulty the United States had supplying its own forces in France in 1917-18 when there was no difficulty in landing.

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MOTION PICTURE CENSORSHIP... The moving picture, "Strange Cargo," was recently named Detroit by picture censors, apparently at the behest of the Legion of Decency...

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