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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are written by persons not known to the general public.

Moves to curb competition are seldom beneficial to the consumer.

Restricting Competition

State Ballot No. 4, the November referendum on the advertising control act, is considered by several significant reasons.

H. H. Hastings, secretary-manager of the Advertiser Club, points out:

"Our club campaigned for the adoption of the advertising control act, section No. 33 of the Criminal Code of 1931 which, if enforced, is adequate for the protection of both the public and legitimate advertising practitioners, whose interests are all mutual."

What is to prevent, once this precedent is established in Michigan, a minority group of the State inducing the legislature to restrict competition by forbidding the advertising of shoe prices or the showing of a shoe or slipper or boot in their advertising?

Why should not a group of grocers, encouraged by this non-competition act, get together and say "We intend to eliminate competition. We want to buy groceries cheaper?"

Where will this thing end? It is about high time that Mr. and Mrs. Michigan consider "No" to this monopolistic trend. State Ballot No. 4 affords the opportunity.

Eight years and 40 billion dollars ago, there was born on this continent, a New Deal, conceived by the Demagogue.

Gettysburg Address—1940 Version: The party and dedicated to the proposition that only one man in this country was big enough to be President.

We are now engaged in a great political campaign, testing whether the New Deal or any other trend is to be defended.

In a larger senselessness, he speaks loudly of Hitler and Mussolini, impressing us that the battle is between them and him; that he is the only brave man, living or dead, who can lead the opposition.

It is for us, as Americans, to dedicate ourselves to the proposition that America is still the land of opportunity.

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Seldom Has President Roosevelt praised business, even "little business," as big business unceasingly gets its scorn.

BE SURE TO READ "Country Squire in The White House," This was written by noted John T. Flynn, all his life a real liberal, and until recently a supporter of President Roosevelt.

Are We Headed Hell Bent for Bankruptcy?

Eight years is a long time to remember. Especially has the last eight years been hard to keep track of. So many things have happened in the country and abroad. So much money has been spent that no average person can understand the amounts.

You will recall that he referred to 1931-32. You will remember those were depression years.

As we recall, Mr. Hoover's administration had a deficit of between 3 and 4 billions by the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1933.

Just now, in spite of 7 billion spent for preparation of the budget, we are starting a 15 to 16 billion dollar spending program.

Deficits have averaged about 3 1/2 billions every year of the New Deal administration.

Interest charges on borrowed money alone amount to double what it used to cost last year ago.

In this campaign and for two years past, we have heard President Roosevelt bragging about balancing the budget.

Roosevelt is a spender and a squanderer. He is squandering the public's money.

Strange as it may seem, he is making a lot of the people like it.

For several years he has made no attempt to tell how the people of the United States are going to get out of the economic mess he has gotten them into.

Once he said not to worry about the debt because "we owed it to ourselves."

The old colored lady, when she heard it, said: "Even ah know I kain't pay mah grocery bill by takin' in mah own washin'."

Detroit is considering the passage of an ordinance that will exempt from taxes all improvements for a period of five years.

A Single Tax Idea: This is to encourage new construction. It is patterned after New York City's plan, effected by Mayor LaGuardia four years ago.

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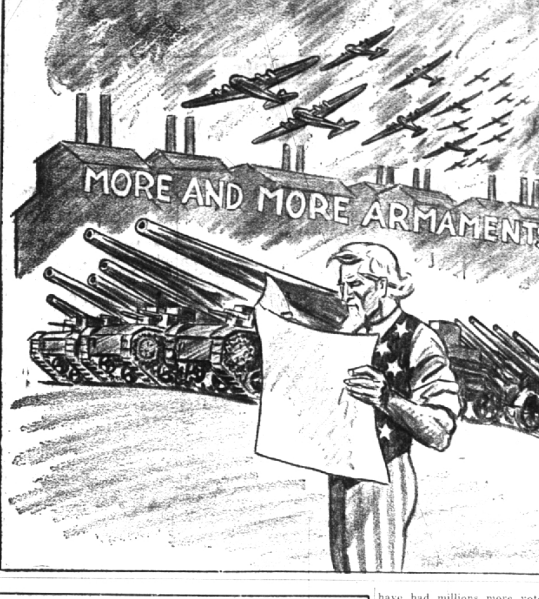
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WHATEVER THE DICTATORS MAY BE PLANNING



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.

'Country Has Been On Glorious Drunk'

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Knocking on Wood!

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

WHEN LINCOLN WANTED SON IN ARMY

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. January 19, 1865.

PLEASE read and answer this letter as though I was not his father. My son, now in his twenty-second year, wishes to see something of the world before it ends.

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Advertisement for Wabek State Bank of Detroit, featuring a large illustration of a man in a suit and various text blocks including 'SIGNATURE LOANS TO SALARIED EMPLOYEES WITH SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING' and 'Wabek State Bank of Detroit'.