

Editorial Page of The Birmingham Eccentric

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By GENE ALLEMAN
As business men whose individual investments run into many thousands of dollars, Michigan farmers are becoming downright weary over the persistent parade of commissioners of agriculture...

The turmoil of industrial unemployment, which marked most of the years since 1932, influenced enough independent voters to "demand a change" at Lansing. The farmers have been caught in the middle. They don't like it. They prefer a business-like continuity of policy, in the state department, just as they like to have in running their own business.

At the recent annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Michigan State college, East Lansing, farmer delegates arrived by the hundreds. Officers were armed with resolutions from their home bureaus—some 300 resolutions, in fact.

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Tortured Men
Warning the Japanese that they will be held responsible for mistreatment of prisoners of war, General Douglas MacArthur refers to "unimpeachable evidence" of "degradation and even brutality" to which American prisoners were subjected by the Japanese.

The special announcement recounts that a large number of Americans were removed from the Bay of Amoy, China. The prisoners were surrounded by ropes, tied to outside men, and guarded by enemy soldiers. They were packed into a ship so tightly that they could hardly sit down.

On the way to Japan, the Japanese vessel was sunk by an American submarine. A large number of Americans were down with the ship or "were brutally killed in cold blood by the Japanese officers and men." Some survivors were massacred as they tried to escape the sinking ship, others were hunted in the holds and shot to death, and still others were shot as they tried to swim to shore.

The report concludes that 33 officers and men made the shore and were cared for by Philippine guerrillas until taken south by submarines and planes. Subsequently, three Americans were found dead of stab wounds on the beach, two with their hands tied behind their backs.

150 Appointees Fail Exam
School authorities in Louisiana are aroused by the statement of Representative F. F. Edward Hebert that in the four years he has been in Congress he has named 150 youths from his district to the United States Military Academy at West Point and that all failed.

People's Column
To The Editor:
This letter has to do with the Civil Service, and particularly with the major objection which has come by a bottle of this or that. I have specific reference to the State Liquor Control Commission State on Woodward avenue.

Notice to Taxpayers of the City of Birmingham, Mich.
1944 County and School taxes are payable December 10, 1944 at the office of the City Treasurer in the Municipal Building.

Back em Up! KEEP BUYING WAR BONDS
So-o-o, you not pass the word along to the boys who work in the liquor store? They're probably just like me—got kids that are growing up, prices have risen too...

Guilty Nazi Leaders
Upon being asked whether the four Nazi leaders were on the British, or United Nations' list of war criminals, Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons: "It should not be assumed that the procedure of trial will be necessarily adopted."

Four Freight Trains
Four freight trains, extending from New York to San Francisco, would be required to carry the supplies used in one year of war in the Pacific, says Brig. Gen. Herman Fellman.

Expensive
It cost Libby Holman Reynolds \$770,277 for the "reputation" of her son, the heir of the tobacco millionaire, Smith Reynolds, according to records filed in the Maryland courts.

For 200 Years GERMAN'S PRUSSIAN JUNKERS group have waged war, attempting to make the Germans a super-race, dominating the entire world. When they surrender in this war, it's up to the victors to partition Germany into at least three States, to maintain constant vigilance over them so that they will not be able, years hence, to wage another and worse World War.

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Happenings of Long Ago
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Came the Dawn
"Isn't coming. What's the electric railroad from Detroit clear out to Orchard Lake."
"Isn't it difficult to believe that Dr. Mary Walker has added writing poetry to her long list of isms, and about kisses, too?"

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