



By Gene Allenman

Michigan local governments, which now receive more than three-fifths of all money collected by the State of Michigan, have not lost a cent in Santa Claus...

On the assumption that Washington or Lansing subsidies will be deflationary during the postwar period, many local units of government have prepared blue-prints for job-creating public works of various kinds...

In fact, the State has encouraged local governments to do this through a \$5,000,000 appropriation by the 1944 special session of the state legislature...

Don Weeks, director, says the commission staff is now classifying the projects. He expects to have a detailed break-down within a week or so.

Having experienced recently a knotty depression, Michigan governments appear to be well set for a postwar slump.

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Vote Next Monday!

Next Monday, April 2, Birmingham will hold its annual election. It is the responsibility and the duty of every eligible voter to cast his or her ballot...

Who fails against State or federal government, yet fails to participate in local civic activities, hardly deserves eulogy as a good citizen.

Next Monday's election will determine which three of five candidates will be elected to seven chairs on the City Commission for the ensuing three years.

Since this election has not brought forth tremendous issues, and is being conducted, as it should, in a decent spirit of neighborly helpfulness, The Eccentric isn't going to make specific personal recommendations...

He ought to have sufficient experience, in or out of government, to insure an intelligent and sane approach to community problems.

He ought to be a property owner, paying local taxes, depending upon the City's public services for comforts and conveniences, so that he may judge the type of service he now gets from his tax dollars.

Finally, since Birmingham is degraded in the post-war period to attain greater growth, a Commissioner ought to have some vision of this future growth and its collateral demands.

He should be a resident of Birmingham, a charming small City—it can become a charming larger City.

Millions In Captivity

The Germans are said to hold more than two million French people captive and there is considerable anxiety in France as to the fate of these hostages.

Included among the prisoners, are more than 50,000 military men and about half a million citizens.

What has happened to the French has likewise happened to other people who came under Nazi control.

If the barest percentage of the atrocity stories that come from Germany, in relation to the treatment of hostages, is true, there is no excuse whatever for lamenting the hardships the German people will undergo to make good some of their crimes.

THOSE SURRENDERING NAZIS ARE GETTING LOTS of practice holding their empty hands above their heads as they are taken into Allied lines these days.

HAVE YOU DETERMINED ON YOUR 1945 VICTORY Garden yet? These recent warm days suggest your garden labor and later turn back to you much needed food.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of John L. McGee, Deceased.

It is Ordered, that the sixth day of April, A. D. 1945, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, he and he be appointed executor of said estate.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO March 28, 1895 "School is out for this week and the school marks hustled to get away for their vacation of a week was surprising."

"Mr. E. L. Keyser has moved his family to Pontiac and the house vacated by him was instantly occupied by Mr. Fred Saunders who will occupy the cozy, comfortable home for the future."

"The Aldrich Bros., of Clair and George, were home over Sunday last."

"If the fathers in this town will let their boys home nights, there will be more quiet on the streets and better boys. The mothers will attend to the girls as they always have done. Our girls are a credit to us."

20 YEARS AGO March 27, 1925 "Within the next few days papers will be served upon owners of property bounded by Merrill, Martin, Bates and Chester streets, as the first steps in the condemnation and acquisition of their land for village purposes."

"Villagers are to be accorded an opportunity to see the production of the Village Players on April 24 for the first time since the organization of the Players more than a year ago."

"Well folks, 'deed is did'! For the sixteenth time the Birmingham Rotary Club succumbed to the physical dissipation of its fellow-monday organization here, known to restaurant and other places where food is served, as the Exchange Club. May I parenthetically remark that the 38 members of the local Exchange club truly live up to their name—they exchange healthy appetites for full stomachs—so often at the expense of Rotarians."

5 YEARS AGO March 28, 1940 "The much-discussed census for 1940 will be taken in Birmingham Tuesday, the 27th of March, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the City Commission Monday night by Robert Boyer, of Highland Park, who said his grandfather platted the land in 1891."

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A Crumbling Foundation

CONCERT APRIL 18 Baldwin a capella choir will present its annual concert Wednesday evening, April 18, at 8:15 P. M. in Baldwin auditorium.

"Birmingham merchants will offer special values to interest every member of the family in their annual Dollar Day Sale, which begins this morning and which will continue through Saturday."

"The question of why besides the City Manager will represent the City on the new Recreation Commission was deferred a week when it was brought before the Commission Monday night."

"Plans are under way for a dance Monday evening at the Adams school to be sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association of that school. The affair is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock and will conclude at noon."

"The sold snap, in our opinion, has been reserved especially for the people who have been spending the winter in the South, just to let them know that no matter how hard they try, they can't beat the weather."

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People's Column

Hotel Norton Palmer, Windsor, Ontario. March 20.

Mr. George Averill, Publisher, The Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Averill: To thoughtful Birminghamites my husband and I recommend a visit to Canada. It is merely in pursuit of butter and roast beef, plentiful and delicious as they are.

Shortly we became guests of Windsor, Riverside—to take just one example—had been pleased so narrowly that two cars could park, but only one could get in.

These are chance observations, acquired hit-or-miss, doubtless somewhat illogical. Yet as the American Government moves more and more left of center, with our Allies in the British Commonwealth reassert their position somewhat to the right, an interesting visit to the Canucks is not uninteresting.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of Claire Murray, Deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice be given by publication of a copy of this order each week for four consecutive weeks, the first copy of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper, at an hour to be concluded in said court.

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