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A Good Appointment

Appointment of Judge Carr... Lansing to the Michigan State Supreme Court...

War-Won Savings

The total liquid wealth of the American people is estimated at around \$160,000,000,000...

Mr. Gamble thinks that at least \$100,000,000,000 of liquid wealth has been acquired by the people of this country during the war...

This huge backlog of wealth which, he says, "is greater than any people ever had in any country in the history of the world..."

There is considerable truth in the idea that the savings effected by the people during the war constitute an insurance for business...

Airlines are beginning to offer transportation at rates cheaper than the railroads now carry passengers on first-class tickets...

Airline Fares Come Down

The airlines report that mail and express have increased but that passenger business is already by far the largest part of their revenue...

The railroads of the country, it is presumed, will make some readjustment of fares to meet aerial competition...

A Nice Bit of Relaxation is to Spend an Evening in the Company of Others...

NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish brief complimentary material providing it has news value...

Deep In The Sea

Most of us are familiar with the efforts of man to reach the heights of the stratosphere...

In 1934, Dr. William Beebe went down 3,028 feet off Bermuda and now Otis Barton, who collaborated with him, plans to go a mile under the ocean's surface...

Mr. Barton will go down in a "henthoscope," which will have two large wheels to enable him to roll along the ocean's bottom...

To see the bottom of the ocean, at a depth of more than 3,000 feet, is a rare spectacle. The new venture will attempt to double the depth reached below the ocean and in time, we are sure that somebody else will come along to see if he can make it two miles under.

The process will be repeated, as inquiring scientists exercise their courage as well as their intellect, and, in the years to come, we will have accurate information as to the dimensions of the ocean and the topography of the ocean's bottom.

We do not know the problems which the scientists expect to solve or the information which they expect to discover. So far as we are concerned, we would like to have some definite information as to the existence, or non-existence, of the deep-sea monsters so often recorded in the press.

If the descent to the ocean's floor does nothing more than dissipate the persistent belief of mankind that huge monsters dwell in the ocean, there will be gain for all mankind.

A MODERN PRODIGAL SON IS ONE WHO NEEDS plenty of prodding to prevent him from becoming a replica of the type referred to in the Bible. In this respect, he is, of course, no different than that ancient sower of wild oats.

HEAVEN MUST BE A STATE OF MIND... AT CERTAINLY can't be any state of mere physical environment; for there are many without wealth who are happy, and many with much earthly riches who are unhappy. Is it not so?

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Shedding



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 10, 1895

"Claire Aldrich, of the Pontiac Gazette, biked down Sunday and visited relatives and friends in town."

"Do you live outside our village? Just send six cents to the Ladies' Library Society and you will receive the Woman's Eccentric."

"There is no excuse for any man to appear in society with a grizzly beard since the introduction of Buckingham's Dye, which colors natural brown or black."

"Our fire department ought to have a drill or two these pleasant days. Practice unrolling with the hose cart, coupling to a hydrant, connecting hose and all the other acts required in a fight against fire."

"Birmingham has a lady barber. That explains the exodus of so many men southward every Saturday from Pontiac. A thorough examination of all four of our torsorial parlors fails to find a female razor puller."

"The members of the new St. James church are congratulating themselves on the rapid finish they are making on their new building. They have the nicest basement rooms in existence, a kitchen at hand for social suppers, etc., and everything in line for holiday and other attractions of a festival nature."

"Pontiac's electric street railway is not running yet, although the last day of September a trolley car did make the rounds in order to fill the terms of the contract with the city and to retain its franchise. It was a borrowed car and filled the bill. The regular cars will soon be running and every body is rejoicing."

29 YEARS AGO Oct. 9, 1925

"Surprising figures resulted in the census taken a week ago of the unoccupied homes in the village by Clarence Vliet, superintendent of public schools. In connection with a plan to provide seating capacity for the unexpected number of new pupils that have enrolled."

"Holding that Birmingham is quite able to perform its own governmental affairs, the village commission Monday night directed attorney Frank I. Doty to inform the State Highway Department that plans of any proposed work on Woodward avenue in Birmingham must be presented and approved before concrete is actually laid."

"One of the most interesting and spectacular events of the summer is scheduled to occur tomorrow afternoon when the Bloomfield Open Hunt will stage a drag hunt over the E. P. Hammond Oakdale farm, attracting a large group of Hills and village society interested in the hunt sports."

"Birmingham officially became the owner of the old Town Hall corner of Hates and Merrill streets, when a check for \$4,000 was tendered Bloomfield township officials Tuesday of this week."

"For the second time within the past two years the Hawthornes Electrical Co. has had to move into larger quarters because of greatly increased business. This week witnessed the removal of the store from the south side of West Maple avenue, in the Field Block, just across the street."

"Under the terms of a new ordinance no building plat will be accepted with lots less than 50 feet wide and 120 feet long; however, plats that have already been accepted with lots less than this size are eligible to obtain building permits for homes."

Happenings of Long Ago

5 YEARS AGO Oct. 10, 1940

"Next Tuesday evening marks the start of the annual Community House lecture-forum series, called by sponsors the best ever arranged for this city."

"A group of badminton players appeared before the Board of Education Tuesday night to protest a recent raise in price of gymnasium rental from \$4 an evening to \$10."

"Retaining the cider barrel trophy for the second year, Baldwin High School seniors easily won the annual Field Day at Pierce Field yesterday by the score of 88 points to nonhomers' 59; the juniors' 57; and the freshmen's 16."

"An airplane hired to drop promotional pamphlets in a Bloomfield Hills School candidates' meeting last Thursday caused an investigation this week into excess campaign expenditures, and brought charges of 'corruption' in the corridors of the Vaughan road institution."

"Harold H. Corson, City Engineer-Treasurer, went hunting in the Canadian Rockies a couple of weeks ago, took two shots with his home-finished rifle, and brought back a mountain sheep and a mountain goat."

"A cooking demonstration sponsored by a group of Birmingham merchants will be held at the Community House on Friday, Oct. 18, 8 p. m. It was announced today."

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People's Column

To the Editor: The blight of the returning veteran who faces an empty home, a family that has been scattered, and a community that has forgotten him...

I know personally of the plight of our area will find a solution for the response Birmingham has made to the need of the returning veteran...

I would our home be large enough to accommodate a veteran's family? At least, temporarily. Could we make it so?

II. Have we a lot we could donate or sell at assessed value to some veteran? Jack Thomas, our local veterans' counselor, could advise; his phone is 3178.

III. Have we any surplus money or bonds we might pool to start a project for the construction of homes for veterans to sell at prices commensurate with ability to pay? Mr. Thomas could inform us about the GI Bill of Rights.

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He uses a lot of Long Distance. There are still thousands of Long Distance calls from service men in the evening. But there's also an increasing number of daytime calls from returning veterans. So when you hear the operator say—"Please limit your call to 5 minutes"—there's an extra-good reason for the request. It might be a service man who is waiting to get that Long Distance line. MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY