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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

Happenings of Long Ago

Rough Weather Ahead?

"Any Way You Slice It"

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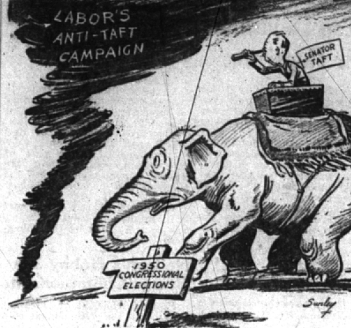
Commended for Article About Local Speeding

Determined to actually see what time could be saved, if any, by speeding over Birmingham...

Airlines Need More Help?

The subsidy-supporters of private airlines of the United States face a serious threat...

50 YEARS AGO
September 15, 1899
The State of Michigan is to be held in Grand Rapids Sept. 25-29...



The Eccentric's Managing Editor, George Wm. Averill, with official police department blessing, conducted an experiment...

This is an interesting commentary upon an American industry which, we have been led to believe, was foremost in the world...

E. C. Poppleton, in an open letter to Birmingham, reports that Finland has been kicked around like a football during the war...

Newsroom Surprised to Find Modern Hotel Within the Arctic Circle

RUVANIEMI, Finland—So this is Lapland, Finland—So this is Lapland, Finland...

Paul Jones, director of public information for the National Safety Council with headquarters in Chicago, writes: "Your story on speeding is a honey, and sincere congratulations to you for the contribution that you have made to safety..."

A new angle has been added to traffic cases by the California judges who, when facing a driver accused of running his car at 80 miles an hour, declared such conduct the act of a crazy man and ordered a sanity test.

A lady's white sailor suit is at the postoffice addressed to Mrs. or Miss Hamilton. Will the owner please call and get it and so doing oblige John Hanna, P. M. T.

By some unusual impulse they left standing one rather large yellow and white painted church in Kittila, which was seen on our way north to the Arctic Circle.

We hope we don't have to put "Victim" on accident caused by speeding auto, as your obedient. We'd much rather have the surviving citizens read, "Died of natural causes."

Judge Requires Sanity Test
A man passed the test but Judge Matthew Brady put him on probation for a year. In addition the Judge, evidently a man with ideas, suspended his license for a year, fined him \$5 a month for a year, ordered him to attend traffic school once a month and once a month to drive his car at the legal limit under direction of the probation officers.

The happiest man in town is Harry C. Bland. He was just sent one day last week with a beautiful and valuable gold watch, which was a great surprise to the recipient.

By our former Secretary of State Finland has been kicked around like a football during the war, first by the Russians and then by the Germans.

As part of the drive for economy in connection with national defense, Secretary Louis Johnson has ordered the dismissal of 136,000 civilian employes of the three armed services.

Then to make sure that everything was all right, the Judge added that, at the end of a year, before securing a new driver's license, the man should furnish proof from a psychiatrist that he is "qualified mentally" to drive a car.

20 YEARS AGO
September 15, 1929
The Taylor Construction company of Michigan has been awarded the contract for the building of a new hotel...

When the first evacuees returned in 1945, they lived in caves and built huts of cardboard. Governor General Hamala issued a proclamation forbidding children to come back...

While the hardships that these employes will suffer are unfortunate, the government of the United States cannot continue their employment solely on the basis of their need. It must be based on the necessities of the national defense.

The U.S. federal government was created to SERVE the people, not SUPPORT them.

The Older Citizens and Boys' Conference at Cranbrook Saturday will draw 20 from Birmingham, Michigan, to the Cranbrook Hotel...

Functional Furniture
Nearly every building is now up beyond the timberline. The designs, many by famous Finnish architects, Alvar Aalto, have been strikingly original.

To hear some politicians, the number that lung power is more important than brain power.

It is getting so you can't tell what product a scantily clad female figure is supposed to be advertising.

The outstanding success of the night classes at the Baldwin high school last year has been directly due to their continuance of the enrollment of the school...

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Camera Corner

This is a most dangerous mixture: one part fact, one part imagination, and one part suspicion.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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5 YEARS AGO
September 21, 1944
The Birmingham MOMS club will sponsor the Pontiac day on Sept. 23, to raise money for veteran gifts...

IDEAS FOR BETTER ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS III
As you watch your sport or fast grab isn't the type where you actually, you can see that there are frequent split-second pauses when there is actually no motion...

Suggests Further Federal Job Cuts to 'Weed Out the Inefficient'

WASHINGTON—They're still tearing in Washington, about the recent federal payroll slashes. At least one man gives Johnson his businessiest endorsement...

Dr. Newcombe Leaves Cranbrook Institute

Dr. Curtis L. Newcombe, sociologist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, has accepted a post with the National Center for Human Development of the U.S. Public Health Service...

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Shot during a split-second dramatic pause in fast boxing action, this prize-winning photo was made by Meyer Leibowitz of the New York Times with his Pacemaker Speed Graphic in 1/400 second at f/11.

Need Ours?
Paralleling the suggestions earlier in the year that the President should reduce expenditures, Woodruff recommended, not a percentage cut, but a reduction in force that would weed out the inefficient...

Have You Met?
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Wagner, their children, Bill and Judy who have come from Old Greenwich, Conn., to live at 384 Willis? Mr. Wagner is with the Shell Oil Company.

Midnight Stars
I like to see
The stars at midnight through the trees,
The little twinkling pinpoints of star,
And the big bright ones that light
The great dark world below.

Reinstatement of Brig. Gen. Louis A. Kuntz as executive director of the liquor control commission has been ordered by the state civil service commission...

Actually Johnson's dismissal of 136,000 employes and retirement benefits about one-seventh of the national budget to pay them approximately \$6 billion yearly.

Have You Met?
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaefer, their children, Sally, Susan, Hank, and Eric, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, are now at 209 1/2 Park Avenue. Mr. Schaefer is an executive with the Detroit Broach Company.

These are constitutional questions, made to order for the State Supreme court. In the meantime, they serve to focus attention again on the role of the Michigan governor...

Second development affects the new state department of administration, director of which is appointed by the governor. John Perkins returned to the University of Michigan after induction into the legislature...

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Michigan Mirror INTERPERTING THE NEWS

BIRMINGHAM VETERAN NEWS Compiled from Various Sources of National Veterans Information Centers

S/Sp. Lynn D. Rexford, local recruiting chief announced that a higher Air Force quota for the month of September...

Contact your local recruiting office at 215 W. Commercial Street, Pontiac, for further details. Subscribers are invited to the subscription office located in the lobby of the Pontiac Post Office and the Oakland County Court House.