

ROY E. CROWE RECALLS WHEN MANY OF OUR NEW WAYS WERE FIRST NEW Roy E. Crowe, our Plymouth area manager who completed 15 years of service March 18, has seen a great many changes and betterments in our business. He also has seen many old methods developed anew, improved and returned to practice.

To the younger members of the Michigan Bell family, the combined line and recording method of handling toll calls came as quite a change in our practices. To those who were in the business prior to the functionalizing of our organization, that change was an instance of improving and returning to practice a method used years ago.

"More and Better Business on Our Books," a subject we are much interested in now, was the only justifiable reason for adding Mr. Crowe to the organization back in 1912. Even then it was thought that the word "canvassing" did not do justice to our efforts, so the title "Commercial agent" was conferred upon him.

In a general way his duties were outlined to Mr. Crowe in much the same manner our "More and Better Business" program has been outlined. There stands out in Mr. Crowe's memory several trips he made to a bathhouse in an effort to secure a four-party residence contract. That was in 1912.

It is no sin to solicit business from a patient taking treatment in a Mt. Clemens bathhouse of that sort, interrupted by the treatments given in steam-bath rooms. Six trips were required to land the prospect, and out of it came the resolution to let bath prospects alone, regardless of how hard it was to get business.

During the summer of 1912 E. F. Phillips, who was manager at Armada, retired from the telephone business, and Mr. Crowe succeeded him. In May, 1913, he was transferred to Romeo, with supervision over Armada, Washington and Utica. He continued there until July, 1916, when leave-of-absence was granted.

PREPARING FOR WAR ON BANK BANDITS The farmers of Michigan have joined forces with the bankers of the State in its war on bank bandits, according to Paul J. Ullrich, Mt. Clemens, chairman of the Protective Committee of the Wolverine financiers.

The bankers in each county are enlisting the services of the farmers to be on the lookout for suspicious cars parked along lonely roads during the daytime, acting on the theory that bank bandits rarely make their get-away in the same car they use in robbing the banks.

The farmers are lining up with the local county vigilantes and are prepared, on given signals, to barricade roads with farm implements until word is received from the sheriff to release traffic according to Mr. Ullrich.

"Most farmers," said Mr. Ullrich, "are equipped with some sort of firearms for use in hunting, and the local bankers are arranging with the various county sheriffs to deputize such men who are located at strategic points along the highway."

"A system of sirens and factory whistles has been inaugurated," Ullrich continued, "which will emit a series of staccato blasts for a period of fifteen minutes after a robbery has occurred. These sirens and whistles can be heard over a great area and will warn the farmer auxiliaries that bandits are escaping over the highway."

All local telephone companies are being instructed in the method of widespread alarm which will throw a vigilante net over all the contiguous counties to the scene of the robbery," declared Mr. Ullrich.

"An alliance is also being formed with the bankers and vigilantes of Indiana and Wisconsin to cooperate in the pursuit of bandits," Mr. Ullrich said.

Organization meetings have thus far been held in St. Clair, Huron, Lapeer, Shiawassee, Livingston, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa and Montcalm counties, according to Joseph Rylands, director of organization for the bankers. At each of these meetings the vigilante plan has been adopted with enthusiasm, he said.

The bankers are also joining hands with the merchants and manufacturers in the larger cities who have been infected with the successful operation of the vigilante plan, Rylands stated.

Organization meetings are scheduled for Macomb, Oakland, Monroe and several other counties during the next two weeks. Rylands stated.

In the counties already organized, over 400 vigilantes have been sworn in as special deputy sheriffs and additional forces are being added each day, according to Rylands. The state highway police are co-operating with the bankers in their bandit warfare wherever the vigilantes have been appointed, he said.

Fanatical Russian Sect The death of a woman, Marya Golshova, as a result of prolonged fasting, has called public attention to the existence of a new religious sect in Russia. The sect is named after its founder, Anisim; and its devotees believe that by fasting they can acquire a new body and a new soul. It is feared that other members of the sect may also fall victims to an overliteral interpretation of their theories.

Lost Gold A Swedish economist, Prof. Gustav Cassel, prophesies a world shortage of gold, and suggests economy of banking reserves as a remedy. It is believed, however, that a more effective means would be to check the hoarding habits of the Oriental peoples. India and China mop up gold like insatiable sponges, and there, only a small part of it ever passes into currency.

Record Wistaria Vine A wistaria vine planted 33 years ago at Sierra Madre, Calif., is now 350 feet long. People from all parts of the West visit it each year when it is covered with buds and blossoms. The original plant was a small seedling of the Chinese variety.

Student's Odd Occupation Many are the plans used by students to work their way through college, but Ben Nyo of the University of Nebraska does not fear imitators or competitors. He makes fancy handkerchiefs for the girls and has no trouble selling his product.

Tells of Resisting Caruso's Golden Voice How Caruso proposed to her by singing to her, is told by Billie Burke in an interview by Sidney Sutherland in Liberty. "It was while playing in Mrs. Dot that Caruso proposed to me," Miss Burke, now the wife of Flo Ziegfeld, producer of the famous lullaby, explains. "The show was in Boston. Caruso was appearing in concert there, and he used to come to my rooms at the old Touraine, fall on his knees, and beg me to be his wife. I can never forget his lovely soft brown eyes, his impassioned gestures, his broken English."

"With his golden voice, then at the height of its charm," Miss Burke goes on, "he would almost drive me insane with the unsurpassed song to the beloved Mimi. When he finished he would cock his great head to one side, to see if the strains of that incomparable throat had caused me to change my mind. Then he would rise to his feet, toss his hands aloft, and run out of the room."

The man whose wife is planning the garden knows that Herbert was right when he pronounced that there would be plenty of work for everybody in 1927.

ODINANCE C-7-27

An ordinance regulating the harboring of dogs. The City of Farmington Ordains: Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a dog in the City of Farmington without first having obtained a license therefor from the city in compliance with the provisions hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. Upon application filed with the City Clerk, giving the full name and address of the applicant, the city commission shall cause to be issued by the clerk to such applicant a license to own or harbor a dog together with a metal check stamped with the words "Licensed, Farmington, Michigan" and the year issued. For each license issued said City Clerk shall at the time and before issuing same collect of each applicant and pay into the City treasury Two (\$2.00) Dollars for each male or unsexed dog and Four (\$4.00) Dollars for each female dog. All licenses granted under this ordinance shall expire on the first Tuesday of May following next thereafter.

Section 3. No person owning or harboring any dog shall permit the same to run at large without a substantial collar of leather or other durable material to which shall be securely attached the license check above required and

no license check shall be used on the collar of any dog except the one for which it was issued. Section 5. No person shall harbor or keep any dog which by loud frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling shall cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to the people passing upon the streets. Section 6. No person owning or harboring a fierce or vicious dog, or a dog that has been bitten by an animal known to be afflicted with the rabies, or one that might become a nuisance shall at any time suffer the same to run at large within the city limits. It shall be the duty of every person owning or harboring a dog which has been attacked or bitten by another dog or animal showing symptoms of rabies to immediately notify the Police Department that they have such a dog in their possession.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Police Department, or any other person who may be appointed by the Commission for that purpose, to promptly seize and place in confinement all dogs that may be found running at large, harbored or owned contrary to the

provisions of this ordinance and when it is evident that the dog so confined is afflicted with the rabies or is vicious and a menace to the public, or the owner refuses to pay the license fee thereon the dog shall be destroyed after having been held forty-eight (48) hours. All persons claiming a dog which has been impounded for the lack of a license tag shall be required to pay a fee of \$2.00 for the release of such dog in addition to the regular license.

Section 8. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed as conflicting or modifying any orders which may be given by proper authority at certain periods of the year regarding the muzzling of dogs and violations of such orders shall be subject to all the provisions and penalties contained in this ordinance which may be applicable.

Section 9. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction thereof, for each offense in the Municipal Court of this City, shall be fined a sum not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, and in the imposition of any such fine the Court may make further sentence

that, in default of the payment of the fine imposed, the offender be confined in the Oakland County Jail for any period not to exceed sixty days.

Section 10. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Farmington inconsistent with or contrary to this ordinance are hereby repealed. Adopted April 11, 1927. N. H. Powers, City Clerk. 24-1



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