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Editorials

Why Not Investigate?

Talk was heard around the County last week about a possible grand jury investigation into Oakland County affairs, following verbal skirmishes between various officials. The last report, was to the effect that not sufficient material had yet been found on which to base a demand for grand jury action.

Of course, this is election year, and one must take these flareups between officials with more than a grain of salt. Just as officials often, in election year, start things going with one eye on the election date. If not both eyes.

But there has been plenty of talk about wanton extravagance, if not actual misdeeds. So if there be a color of reason for asking an investigation, let us have it. It can do no harm, and might do a little good—even more than a little. The official who has done his work well, in the interest of public welfare, need have nothing to fear. He should welcome investigation and public attention, since it will broadcast his accomplishments and efficiency, which would not otherwise come to the attention of a busy citizenry. As for officials who shun investigation because they might have something which would not look good under the spotlight of public scrutiny—well, they are not entitled to any consideration anyway.

Investigations, like want ads, cost little and often bring big results. Look what the trial of a single officer, Mr. Adolph Van Copenolle, brought forth in the Detroit police department a short time ago!

What To Be?

To be or not to be—and if to be, what to be. That is, it seems, the question in the mind of Governor Fred Green. Whether it is better to be again a candidate for governor, to hang on to what he's got, if he can, or to make an attempt to get something bigger. The answer to the question bothers a number of other politicians even more than it does Governor Green, for until he tells where he stands they will not know where they stand.

Possibly the Governor has his mind all made up, has had it made up for some time, and is just holding back in the knowledge that his greatest strength lies in keeping others guessing as to what he will do.

To those on the outside, the Governor's problem would appear something like this—he probably could manage to be elected for a third time as Governor, but beating James Couzens for Senator might prove to be just a little more than he could "make," and a defeat now would just about put an end to the Governor's political career; on the other hand, waiting to run against Senator Vandenberg when his term expires is rather dubious business, especially should the Governor be out of office and thus out of the public eye until that time. So what to do and which to run for?

The Governor is possessed of considerable political sagacity, as

everyone knows. Perhaps he is able to decide on a course with complete confidence in his own mind that he will not regret his decision afterward. But few men could.

Printing The Truth

Last week, in one of our exchanges, we came across an article that is one of the funniest things we have ever read anywhere. We think it bids fair to become one of the great classics of journalism. It would be a shame for anyone to miss it—we would rather have missed seeing the finest show of the season than to have had this report of a wedding escape our attention. We are eager to share it with our readers.

It has apparently reached this part of the country through many newspaper exchanges—and it deserves a place on the front page of every paper in the country. Apparently it was picked up by the editorial writer for a western newspaper, who starts out thus:

"What newspaper man hasn't at some time in his career had a powerful impulse to 'tell the truth in some wedding item or obituary'?"

"Few have ever given way to that impulse," the editorial went on to say, "but one case has come to the notice of this editor and he's passing it on to readers as a means of conveying some idea of how mean the reporter could be if he wanted to depart from orthodoxy. The following is quoted from the Fountain Inn, the country where folks are in the habit of shooting first and inquiring afterwards."

Mr. Robert Chetway and Miss Alice Broadkin were married at noon Monday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Broadkin, the Rev. M. L. Gassaway officiating.

The groom is a popular young bum who hasn't done a lick of work since he got shipped in the middle of his junior year at college. He manages to dress well and keep a supply of spending money because his dad is a soft-hearted old fool who takes up his bad checks instead of letting him go to jail where he belongs.

The bride is a skinny, fast little idiot who has been kissed and handled by every boy in town since she was twelve years old. She paints like a Sioux Indian, sucks cigarettes in secret, and drinks mean potent liquor when she is out joy-riding in her dad's car at night. She doesn't know how to cook, sew or keep house.

The house was newly plastered for the wedding and the exterior newly painted, thus appropriately carrying out the decorative scheme for the groom was newly plastered also and the bride newly painted.

The groom wore a rented dinner suit over a synthetic derivation of imitation silk. His pants were held up by pale green suspenders. His number eight patent leather shoes matched his state in tightness and harmonized nicely with the slick grease point of his hair. In addition to his jag he carried a pocket knife, a bunch of keys, a duff for the ring and his usual look of imbecility.

The bride wore some kind of white thing that left most of her legs sticking out at one end and her bony upper end stick out at the other.

The young people will make their home with the bride's parents—which means they will sponge on the old man until he dies and then she will take in washings.

Postscript—This may be the last issue of The Enterprise, but my life ambition has been to write up one wedding and tell the unvarnished truth. Now that it is done death can have no sting.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
English worship, 10:15.
Evening service, 7:30.

Reunion of Confirmation classes.
Rev. A. Martin of Detroit, a former pastor, will be the speaker. It is expected that the large majority of the members of former classes will be present.

Last Lenten Bible Study Monday evening.
Union Lenten Services:
Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Baptist Church. Rev. A. Schoen, speaker.

Wednesday at Evangelical Church, Rev. A. Lesson, speaker.
Thursday evening at M. E. Church, Rev. E. Palmer, speaker.

Good Friday afternoon at 1:30 at Evangelical Church. All the pastors and people participating.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Clarenceville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship.
11:30—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening service.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship.
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11:45—Bible School with classes for all ages.

6:30—Young Peoples Hour. Group 1 will lead.

7:30—Evangelistic service. This is to be a special young peoples' meeting. Youth will have charge of every part of the service. The pastor will speak on "Youth A Miracle." Everyone is invited.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—Confirmation.
7:30—Good Friday service.
10:00—Easter Sunday, German and English service with Holy Communion.

St. Martin's Episcopal Mission
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