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HOW COMMISSION CAN JUSTIFY ITS EXISTENCE.

When the City Commissioners get down to work after perfecting an organization, it is to be hoped that one of the first things it grapples with will be an improvement program of street and sidewalk conditions in Farmington. Bad sidewalk conditions are not confined to any particular section of the city, but will be found on the main streets as well as the cross and side streets.

The condition of the sidewalk adjacent to the Park Garage is a positive disgrace which has been allowed to exist for a length of time that accentuates the occasion for censure. With slush on the pavement and from four to six inches of water covering the sidewalk, pedestrians have had a hard time on many days this winter making that section of the street. The sidewalk on the opposite side of the street adjacent to the town hall is in but little better condition.

In the past there has been considerable talk about improving these walks. The commission will do something toward justifying its existence if it skips the talk stage and gets the walks above the water stage.

PUNISHING THE CRIMINAL

One of the problems to be taken up during the special session of the legislature, which convenes last week, says Fred D. Keister, will be the question of lawlessness and criminal procedure. The movement is an important one and will probably result in throwing some interesting sidelights on what has been termed the "crime wave" in America. But in spite of the contemplated action by the legislature, we are wondering if new laws and new methods of procedure is what is wanted to check crime in this state?

We give punishment enough in Michigan to most classes of lawbreakers. The weakness is that we do not punish most lawbreakers at all. Most of them are not apprehended or convicted. Of those who are caught and arraigned in the courts, some 80 percent plead guilty and are sentenced, in the case of the bootlegger the sentence may many times be a joke and the punishment may be too severe. The factor undermining American law and order is the condition under which the large majority of criminals are neither caught nor punished.

A study of punishment and crime shows several interesting facts. In the older days in England a man could be hung for a hundred different crimes. A hundred years ago the list of capital offenses was long and impressive. Yet the days of greatest punishment in England were the days of greatest crime. It is said upon good authority that punishment of the general run of crimes is less severe in England than in the United States. Yet crime is much less for the reason that chances of escape from punishment are slight. Commit a crime in the British Isles and someone is looking for you.

And that is what is needed in America. We are wasting time talking about the parole board and the treatment of the few criminals we catch in Michigan, when the large percentage of those who violate the laws are never apprehended, never brought to trial, never sentenced to jail.

It is very much like the old saying, "What is the best way to cook a goose? The first thing is to get the goose." The first thing in this state is to get the criminals. We shall treat with them once they are in jail. Some we shall punish more heavily than now, some we shall deal with more moderately. The bootlegger will get enough punishment so that he will cease to regard his fine as a license or his jail sentence as a vacation. A boy steals \$20 and he goes to the reformatory. A man violates the liquor laws and deals with crime and he gets 30 days. But all these things will be modified. They do not present the great outstanding problem of lawlessness in Michigan.

here is to catch every law violator and mete out some punishment in accordance with the crime and the person.

Lawbreaking should be made a dangerous, unprofitable and undesirable activity in Michigan.

"WITHERS' OP'RY" AT TEMPLE THEATRE

Charles Withers in "Withers' Op'ry," the old style variety entertainment of thirty years ago, headlined the bill at the Temple Theatre starting Sunday afternoon, February 28. Mr. Withers is a character comedian popular both here and in England. He has made the country opera house manager famous on both sides of the Atlantic. He has a large company supporting him in his comedy classic which is one of the seasons' big hits. Others billed: Sylvia Clark, vaudeville's little buffoon in a skit called "Kavortings Uueek"; Thomas F. Swift and Company brings "The Gob," a funny sketch by Paul Gerard Smith; Artie Melinger and Sam Williams in a routine of comedy and song called "The Teacher and the Pupils"; Costa and Verdi, a talented pair of young musicians in "Springing Comedy"; Frank Richardson, the joy boy of song; the Di Gatanos, a trio of steppers known as Philadelphia's own dance stars; Kelly La Tell Company with Walter Powell America's premier wire artists and the usual screen program.

FARM BOYS CONFERENCE

WALLED LAKE, MAR. 26, 27, 28

The annual Farm Boys Conference of Oakland County will be held at Walled Lake, March 26, 27 and 28. It is sponsored by the Junior Agricultural Club of that place which has arranged a splendid program.

The Conference will begin the afternoon of the 26th at 4 o'clock, and will continue through the afternoon of March 28th.

President Butterfield of the M. E. C. will give an address. Professor Walpole of the educational department will deliver an address.

A group of students from the State College will give further assistance to the program. Banquet and entertainment will be given on the evenings of the 26 and 27.

The theme of the Conference will be "What We Want." The boys will be divided into groups which will discuss the theme from different phases. Some of these are:

- Adequate education.
- Economic building.
- Home building.
- Community building.
- Boys in the High School grades (9, 10, 11, 12) or between the ages of 14 and 20 are urged to attend the Conference. A good time is in store for all those attending the Conference.

It's for the farm boy; let's see the farm boys there. The Walled Lake Agricultural Club will send one of its members into each community to tell more about the Conference and to secure registrations.

Before anything can be a success there must be a crowd. Let's get one at Walled Lake! Boys, be sure to go! Everyone helps! Small as you may be you'll help make the Conference a greater success! Let's go!

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Council held February 13, 1926.

Called to order by President Wilber.

Trustees present: Cook, Johnson, Warner and Lamb.

A Report of the Charter Commission on the election held February 15, 1926 was received and read.

Moved by Warner and supported by Lamb that the report be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Lamb and supported by Johnson that the salaries of the President and members of the Council for the past year be paid. Carried.

They are as follows:

W. Wilber	\$36.00
F. L. Cook	36.00
M. Warner	36.00
Harance Bickling	36.00
Harrison Johnson	36.00
Wm Russell	36.00
Arthur Lamb	36.00

Adjourned.

N. H. POWER, Clerk.

Worth Remembering

The invitation to leave on the Lord is for the weary, not the lazy.—Boston Transcript.

Sanitary and Sensible

Soft paper napkins may be used by the person suffering with a bad cold instead of handkerchiefs. They may be burned and no infection be spread.

BANKERS SURVEY STATE BANK LAWS

Find That Movement for State Guaranty of Bank Has Gone Into Eclipse.

New York—A survey of state banking laws conducted by the State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association shows marked progress toward greater uniformity and more efficient bank supervision, it is declared by Frank W. Simmonds, in charge of the division, in a statement giving the results of the investigation. He says that the movement for state guaranty of bank deposits appears to have gone into eclipse.

"The division has urged that the office of bank commissioner be freed from politics and all other functions of state government and tenure be made more secure with sufficient compensation and discretion to attract men of outstanding ability," Mr. Simmonds says. "Gratifying progress has been made during the past year in important bank legislation in many states. Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon led the list by adopting entirely new modern banking codes while Texas and Montana have new codes in preparation.

Uniformity Among State Laws

"The survey shows that it is generally agreed there should be a high degree of uniformity among the states in laws dealing with certain fundamental principles of bank organization, regulation and supervision, and that there is a strong tendency in this direction. We find a very definite trend toward increasing the minimum capital requirements of banks to \$25,000; creation of banking boards to act in an advisory capacity with the state bank commissioner, and legislation empowering bank commissioners to take complete charge of insolvent banks and to liquidate them as distinguished from liquidation through the courts.

"We find also a trend toward legislation providing for closer supervision and regulation of building and loan associations; more equitable taxation of bank stock; legislation providing for merger, conversion or consolidation of banking institutions; the legalizing and regulating of what is known as 'demand' banking; broadening the field for investment of funds of saving banks and trust companies, and increasing the power of the bank commissioner as to granting or denying charters for new banks, and authorizing his making reasonable rules and regulations governing bank management and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

"Additional general characteristics of state bank legislation are for increasing the compensation of the bank commissioner and lengthening his term of office of four, five or six years, with power to appoint necessary deputies and examiners; legislation providing for the reduction of mandatory bank calls to three and reducing the number of examinations required by law annually to one; making issuance of worthless checks a misdemeanor; limiting or prohibiting an officer or director of a bank borrowing from his bank unless his collateral is approved by a majority of the board of directors, and limiting or prohibiting the opening of branch banks.

Eclipse of Guaranty Movement

"The question of state guaranty of bank deposits appears this year to have passed into an eclipse, so far as the extension of the idea is concerned, notwithstanding the fact that state guaranty laws were recommended by the governors of two states, and bills were introduced in several of the states, all of which were defeated. The general tendency, so far as state guaranty of deposits laws are concerned, is distinctly the other way, the indications being that several states now having guaranty laws are trying to free themselves from this legislation. Oklahoma has abandoned the plan of state guaranty of deposits, and this year the South Dakota legislature has repealed the state guaranty law and has referred the matter to the people at the next general election for ratification.

BANKERS RAISE FUND OF \$500,000 FOR EDUCATION

A fund of \$500,000 to endow scholarships and research in economics in American colleges was recently established by the American Bankers Association in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The intention of the Foundation is to promote education in the direction of sounder general economic understanding. Half the total fund represents subscriptions by the American Bankers Association, the American Institute of Banking and individual bankers, and the other half quotas assigned to bankers in each state. The Association gave \$100,000 from its reserve funds, and the American Institute of Banking, through individual subscriptions from its members, who are chiefly clerks in the banks, subscribed \$150,000. Numerous subscriptions of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 each were made by individual bankers in all parts of the country.

SOUTHFIELD

The Southfield Community Association will meet at their Community House on Thursday evening, March 4, for their regular monthly meeting. It is hoped all members will attend if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Schlett, Smith road, have a nine pound daughter, Ruth, born on Tuesday, February 9th.

Joseph Doe, who has been confined to his home the past week with an infection in his foot, is able to resume his work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wenk, with their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Well of East Chicago, Ind., and John Coleman of Strathmore, motored to Rochester Sunday and attended the ski meet there.

The Kindergarten department of the John Grace school which was closed last week on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Brooks, of Franklin, is again holding school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Eileen avenue, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nolan of Five Points, Sunday.

Gus Kreft, Eleanor avenue, is ill with the quincy.

Mrs. Hobart Tower was hostess to the Fair Weather Club on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sweitzer of Farmington, Mrs. F. Wittmack of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dietzel and A. Devero of Pontiac were pleasantly entertained at the Albert Schwab home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller were hosts at a birthday party on Saturday evening in honor of Gus Barrand of Clarenceville.

Dorothy Mae, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lambert, had the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stumpf spent Sunday in Vassar visiting Mrs. Stumpf's father, who is very ill.

Miss Gertrude Macoit of Detroit, is spending a month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bradshaw on Farmington Drive.

The Sunday School classes of Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Griddle, assisted by Mrs. H. B. Kennedy, plan to hold a bake sale at Selby's meat market on Saturday afternoon, the proceeds to go toward purchasing hymn books.

Mrs. F. Holsen, Fourth Gate road, is quite ill with the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stumpf were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins in Flint the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn of Farmington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dowsett on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wenk are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elias and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grace from Calumet City, this week.

Guests at the Wm. Nimmoth home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nimmoth, and family.

Miss Eunice Dawson and Raymond Denryer of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cavanaugh sold their home on Farmington Drive last week and plan to take up their residence in Detroit in the near future.

Mrs. Willard Plumb, Grand River avenue, who has been very ill with pneumonia and influenza for several weeks past, is convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and family were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowell in their new home on Palm boulevard in Redford. Mr. and Mrs. Cowell were recent residents of this subdivision.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kennedy entertained Mr. and Mrs. Melville Kennedy of Rosedale Park and Mr. and Mrs. Jarmen of Redford on Monday evening.

The S. C. A. Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. Perry on Wednesday afternoon, March 3, at 2:30 o'clock.

Albert Schwab, Jr., has accepted a position with the Wilson Machine & Foundry Co. in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lipski, Grace avenue, are happy over the arrival of a son, Theodore, Jr., on Saturday, February 13.

Home prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roscoe Hall on Thursday afternoon, March 4.

Ervin Trevena-left Wednesday for Lakeville, Fla., where he will visit his grandparents.

Twenty boys from the Ford Republic school were "borrowed" by Detroit men who had no sons for the Father and Son banquet last Wednesday at the Book-Oddle hotel. Among those who adopted Ford boys for the day were Mayor Smith and Mr. Conger, the weather man.

Sauerkraut Contest

Sauerkraut festivities mark the annual fall roundup of the jolly people of the little Minnesota town of Lewiston, and Springfield, a neighbor place, grew jealous, claiming more sauerkraut was eaten by its people than could be eaten at Lewiston, so there was a contest. The figures from Lewiston showed 4,000 people were on hand from town and country, that three tons of kraut, a truckload of rolls and 678 feet of bologna provided the dinner, all being eaten.

Later the horseshoe pitching contest had no entrants, no man being able to bend over to pick up the shoes, foot races were changed to roller skating contests, and only 6 of the 4,000 people were willing to enter the dancing contest for the Charleston honor. And that was done to win first place from the town of Springfield and it was successful.

Giant Turtle

A giant turtle, weighing 750 pounds, has been caught off the coast of Britain.

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Cars leave Farmington for Detroit at 6:54 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 7:35 a.m., 7:55 a.m., and every 40 minutes to 5:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., and hourly to 10:15 p.m. (to Junction only 10:47 p.m., 11:07 p.m.)

Cars leave Farmington Junction for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 5:35 a.m., 7:20 a.m., and every two hours to 3:20 p.m., also 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

First car leaves Farmington for Northville at 7:45 a.m., then at 6:35 a.m. and every two hours to 6:35 p.m., 8:15 p.m., also 10:05 p.m.

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