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EDITORIAL

**THE GOVERNOR GOES
"CAMPAIGNING"**

The State of Michigan is witnessing an unusual spectacle that of a Governor "campaigning" with his term but half over. Every citizen who reads the newspapers must have been attracted to the campaign being waged by Governor Fred W. Green for the suppression of crime and criminals.

Speaking last Friday night to an audience of nearly 200 Michigan editors at East Lansing, as he has spoken to many other gatherings in different parts of the State, Governor Green offered his suggestions for a reduction of crime. What he proposes is so simple and sensible that one wonders why the business of dealing with criminals hasn't been conducted along these lines all the time.

Governor Green starts out by saying that the plea of insanity in a criminal case "is the shyster lawyer's answer to the rich man who has been caught in the toils," a statement which invariably brings a large volume of applause. Then Governor Green goes on to say that the whole manner of conducting criminal trials in the present day is wrong. In any criminal trial, the Governor rightly declares, the question of paramount importance is whether or not the defendant is guilty. Whether he is or is not mentally or morally responsible for the alleged crime is not the point at issue. It is the purpose of the trial to determine whether or not the defendant committed the crime, just that.

Governor Green suggests, then, that the trial be confined solely to determining the defendant's guilt or innocence. If it is found that he is guilty, then, says the Governor (and always amid great applause), "that man's place is in an institution, whether an asylum or a prison." The Governor follows with the suggestion that after the trial, if the verdict is against the defendant, and if any question of sanity is raised, a commission be appointed by the court to determine the defendant's sanity or insanity. But whatever the verdict, the convicted man would be safe from society.

Governor Green points to the Hotelling case, which was handled to a large extent in that manner. He emphasizes that it makes little difference to the people of Michigan whether Hotelling is confined at Marquette or in Jonia, as long as he remains beyond possibility of again harming society.

Governor Green has put his finger on one of the chief weaknesses of society's attempts to curb crime. His plea for speedier and surer trials, with just one question to be decided, would, if heeded, go a long way toward reducing acts of violence in this State.

The Governor's eloquent voice, "crying in the wilderness," will, we hope, soon be heard above the crack of revolver shots—if the machine-guns don't get here first.

'SAVE A MINUTE'
"Save a minute—and lose eternity"—this gruesome warning posted near many railroad viaducts—was never better illustrated than in the appalling tragedy which took place at Walled Lake last Saturday, when three lives were lost in the sinking of an automobile in deep water.

Not more than ten minutes, at most, would have been saved by the driver of the car had the machine crossed the ice in safety, instead of travelling on the road that circles the lake. The temptation of saving a few moments cost the lives of three passengers and very nearly that of the driver also. The latter, saved by youths fishing and skating nearby, is left to regret for the remainder of his life the folly that was his.

The Walled Lake tragedy brings the total of lives lost in this manner in Oakland County this winter to five. It is a grim warning to others; and a solemn reminder to every driver of an automobile of the responsibility that is his when he takes the wheel of a machine, especially when passengers are with him.

HEAR DR. HENDERSON

It is hoped that every resident of this section who can possibly do so, will take advantage of the opportunity to hear Dr. W. D. Henderson, director of the University of Michigan's Extension Department, speak at the Farmington Methodist Church next Thursday evening.

The reputation of Dr. Henderson, one of the best widely-known speakers in the State, and the interest promised by his subject, "Modern Science and the Bible," should insure a large attendance.

JAMES HALSTED—

An Appreciation

Long years ago it was written by one inspired, "O death the healer of careless ills, thou art the one physician. Where thou art pain can not come." Most of us look upon death as cruel. It is not always so, and in the death of our well-known friend and neighbor it brought relief from pain and distress such as few mortals are called upon to bear.

Years ago he was stricken with a disease that baffled the skill of physicians. Its attacks came with such intensity that for months at a time he was confined to his room painfully conscious of every breath he drew. But at the worst he was kind and cheerful and hoping for happier days. Many men under such trying circumstances would have thought only of themselves. Not so with James Halsted. The happiness of his wife and children were ever in his mind and in the thorough and systematic education of the latter he was vitally concerned.

He took an active interest in public affairs and when able delighted to talk about the government of the State and Nation with those about him. He was a true friend, a kind neighbor devoted to his family and a man that will be remembered by his friends because of his long years of suffering and the qualities of mind and soul that were his.

—One of his Neighbors.

Being old-fashioned, we still feel that a girl should not propose to a man except as a last resort.

A hypocrite is one who pretends to believe you when he knows you are lying.

WEST FARMINGTON
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The East Walled Lake Extension groups will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Irvin on the Frank Bachelor place February 7. The lesson will be on beauty in the kitchen classification of different foods.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robison motored to Plymouth Saturday evening to attend a surprise party in honor of Carl Reinas.

While Frank Robison was on his way to market Tuesday morning and going east on Grand River, a Chrysler sedan going west hit the truck on the side and damaged both the truck and the sedan very badly. The occupants of the car and the truck escaped without injury.

Mr. Bining moved from the Charles Halsted house to Mrs. Miller's house on 13-Mile road, better known as the old Tuttle farm.

The committee appointed to plan the nutrition lunch for the extension group meeting will at the home of Emma Kurtz Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Mutry of Pontiac visited Mr. and Mrs. William Graham, Saturday.

Mrs. George Wixom is enjoying the convenience of a new power washer.

Parties from Royal Oak are moving in the Charles Halsted house.

About twenty-five friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robison Monday evening for a surprise party. Progressive Pedro was the diversion of the evening. Ten games were played of which Edward Grimmer and Harvey Robison were awarded first prizes, and consolation prizes were taken by Mrs. Irvin Knapp and Eric Robison. Lunch was served.

Gladys Crum is out of school on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Senkel and family spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and family.

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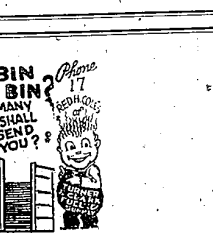
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