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Editorials

Passing A Good Test

Band Concerts

Good Neighbors

If a municipality, or the people in it want to know just how it stands financially, a good way of finding out is to try selling a bond issue. The bond-buying companies give a very positive and practical answer.

Band concerts in Farmington Saturday night during the summer months will be welcome. They ought to not only supply entertainment both for residents of the town and those outside the lack of which has been frequently commented upon, but also should prove a good investment from a business standpoint. The entertainment as planned will be of a kind which cannot meet with the approval of everyone. Since the only support asked beyond the aid in securing uniforms, already provided by the City Commission, is that of interest in the program there ought to be a good attendance at every concert.

Wonderful—If Possible

Recognition Earned

Not for this generation, perhaps, but for many to come is the dream of a huge park system for Wayne, Oakland, Genesee and Saginaw Counties, to have its lower end southeast of Farmington, in the present River Rouge Park of Wayne County. But if it is to be realized, the start ought to be made soon, before much more of the territory would cover is subdivided and built upon. The cost will become proportionately greater as the area develops.

It would not do, perhaps, to say that Farmington was "surprised" when the high school students who went to the Mt. Pleasant scholastic contest came back with the very excellent record of winning three first places. But it was exceptional, and a distinct honor to the school. Good scholarship, perhaps, should theoretically afford its own reward, in the satisfaction of superior knowledge. But high school students are still boys and girls, and a little recognition of the more apparent type might not be amiss. Sweaters with monograms to be worn with pride would scarcely be appropriate, but it would seem that some permanent or semi-permanent mark of honor would be worth while. It is well deserved.

Quite So!
Objection to hymns because they are emotional is objection to music because it is music.—The Detroit Free Press.

Stepping to one side never gets you any nearer to the front.

What Other Newspapers Are Saying

'Tired And Disgusted'

(From the Rochester Clarion) Petitions for the re-election of Frank Schram, sheriff of Oakland County, for a fourth term, are being circulated in Rochester. The editor of the Clarion is opposed to the re-election of Mr. Schram because he believes that to do so would establish a bad precedent. It is not the purpose of this article to criticize any of the acts of Mr. Schram's administration. Recent developments in connection with vice in Pontiac and vicinity, seem to indicate a "wide open" policy on the part of all of the officials whose duty it is to oppose the spread of crime in the community.

We do not charge the present incumbent of the sheriff's office with responsibility for the conditions described by Federal Judge Edward A. Hoinet, last week, when sentencing several Pontiac criminals to Leavenworth penitentiary, for the part they had taken in an organized campaign of vice and crime, because we are not certain that any other man could have done better had he been sheriff instead of Mr. Schram.

We are opposed to a fourth term for Mr. Schram because his re-election will tend to the formation of an office-holding trust at the county seat. Powerful political combinations foster the evils of vote-swapping, exchange of patronage between the devotees of opposing political parties and all of the other corrupt practices that go hand in hand, with dirty politics. The organization of powerful political combinations is contrary and radically opposed to the spirit of our so-called free institutions.

The discriminating citizens of Rochester and, in fact, of the entire county, outside of Pontiac city environs, are tired and disgusted with the political intrigue and chicanery that has made it possible for a few clever-wire pullers to "cop off" all of the political plums in the county and soak up in the public tax money, not merely a nice little to filter back to the outlying districts where it originated.

We are opposed to a fourth term for the sheriff of Oakland County because permitting a man to hold an important office indefinitely tends eventually to an abuse of power which the dispensing of patronage, year after year, always gives to an official whose privilege it is to dole out employment to a large number of men, widely scattered throughout the county.

The sheriff's office is, at best, an expensive luxury, costing Oakland County an amount in excess of \$230,000 per year. The salary of the sheriff is set at \$7,000 but when all of the special fees, perquisites and daily expense accounts that are allowed him, are taken into consideration, the emoluments of the office loom up as just about the juiciest morsel on the county's official menu.

Having already had six years of this wonderful prosperity it would seem that Mr. Schram should be willing to step aside and permit some other hungry aspirant to get up to the pie counter.

Inquiring Into Judicial Nominees

(Charlotte Republican Tribune) Speaking of the senate recalls the many recent attacks directed at that body from all quarters because of its combing process of judicial nominations for our highest federal court. What's wrong with it? In these days when even the freedom of the air is up for judicial review and decision what harm is there in knowing the attitude of these men on questions of such vital interest to all the people? All this week we heard a prosecutor say that he checks and double checks (with apologies to Amos and Andy) through his own office and that of the sheriff, not only the attitude of the jurors on public questions, but he investigates their personal habits along several lines. This is a common practice, we are told, in all courts. If it is essential to sound public policy to know the reaction of jurors to certain legislation, not to mention their own personal conduct, what is wrong with investigating the attitude of the balance of our judicial machinery on matters concerning the very happiness and contentment of all the people?

Courage In Congressmen

(From the Lansing Capital News) Congressmen who lay aside their convictions, if any, and switch their votes to try and please what they guess to be the majority of their constituency, in the end show themselves up as

weak. They are too small-scale for their jobs. Thoughtful voters should send to congress the most able men they can find, men with convictions and courage. These men should act in congress not in an effort to guess the wishes of their party members back home, but in accordance with the dictates of their consciences and their best judgment. They should make their position freely and fully known before election during the campaign. If they have reason to change their minds without issues and to do so honestly and on conviction, that is creditable. No one wants a congress man so narrow that even light can't penetrate him. And no one wants one who has no convictions. As far as guessing what the people want, he'll never guess right.

Two Kinds Of Oratory

(Birmingham Eccentric) In listening to political candidates we all will do well to recall the famous discussion between Cicero and Demosthenes upon the subject of oratory.

"In hearing orations," says Cicero, "the people admire my intellect and my art and interrupt me with applause."

To which Demosthenes replied: "True, indeed; You employ the audience for yourself; I speak only with the things of which I speak. Your hearers admire you. My hearers forget me attentive to my purpose. They praise you, they are too absorbed in what I say to praise me. You are ornate, but there is little or moment in my speeches. They are composed of precise, strong, clear reasons which are irresistible. You make the audience cry out 'Ah! how eloquently he speaks!' I make my audience exclaim, 'Come on and let us march against Philip!'"

Truthful Advertising

(Ionia County News) Usually the argument is made that every business concern should advertise. Generally speaking, this is true, but there are exceptions. In fact, some concerns hardly dare to advertise because they can not make good according to the requirements of modern business practice.

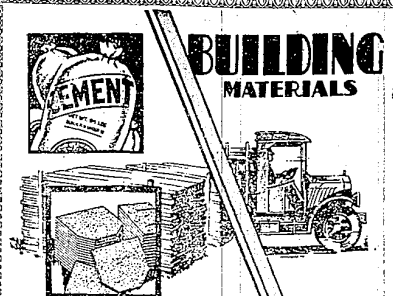
When advertising is untruthful or misleading it does more harm than good. Only an enterprise which fulfills the promises made in its advertising can stand in the spotlight of publicity. Hence, when we find a store or other business establishment boldly advertising its wares or service,

month after month and year after year, we may generally conclude that it can and does give real values.

Observing the advertised businesses of any community, large or small, will enable one to identify the most dependable concerns in that community. Only efficient and reputable establishments dare to advertise.

Chicago's Plight
Chicago has been taken for a ride, and now it's walking back.—The Cincinnati Times-Star.

Every Time
An ambulance has the right of way because the pedestrian has the right of way and there is a pedestrian in the ambulance.—The Detroit News.



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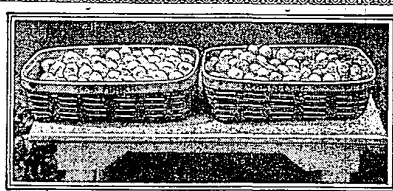
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