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If It Keeps Up—

If the endurance fliers keep on breaking each others' records, may not a future news dispatch read like this?—

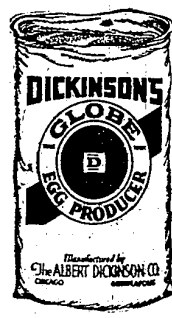
CAPONE, ILL, July 2, 2030— Joshua Flitlinger, endurance flier, landed today after setting a new world's record. He had been up in the air continuously for 72 years, 10 months, two weeks, four days, seven hours, twenty-six minutes and 14 and two-fifths seconds.

The 96-year-old Rip Van Winkle of the air was brought to earth by the seventh pilot of his Neverdown plane, the other six having been retired to the home for Aged Endurance Aviators. Although his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren had pleaded with him for years to come down, and his wife threatened to sue him for desertion, Joshua declared he

would not come down until his whiskers touched his toes. They caught in the laces of his right shoe as he stepped from the plane.

The moment the plane touched the earth, Chester H. Dauntless, president of the Dreadnought Manufacturing company, previous holders of the record, declared that another plane would be sent up tomorrow morning in an effort to break the new record and stay up at least ten years longer than Flitlinger did.

Thirty-two years ago, during his flight, Joshua had a suit started in Capone County Court here for him, asking an injunction against the directors of the Cloudtop Building Corporation, builders of the new 2258-story skyscraper on "Bugs" Moran avenue. He declared that the top of the building interfered with his flight. The case is still pending in court.



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Editorials

At The Wrong End

Green A Julius Caesar?

The reported plans for a new State road from Lansing to Detroit to avoid the towns along the Grand River route and shortening the driving time between the two cities lead one to wonder whether the State, if such a plan were carried out, would not be taking hold of the wrong end of the Detroit-Lansing problem.

There was once in the glorious days of Rome, as all school children learn, a man by the name of Julius Caesar. He was a great leader. So mighty were his achievements that the people of Rome, a republic, desired to name him king. "Three times," so our Ancient History schoolbook taught us, "Three times they offered him the crown, and three times he pushed it aside," each time with a little more reluctance.

The reported new road, two miles longer than Grand River, would meet Grand River at the Seven-Mile road, leaving the route the same from that intersection, known as Five Points, to downtown Detroit.

Michigan has a governor, Fred W. Green. He has had two terms, and has twice declined to run for another. Yet on Monday, a delegation went to the Capitol to urge him a third time to seek the office again. The reluctance that characterized Caesar's third refusal centuries ago was there in Lansing on Monday, if the news dispatches are correct. The record stands at two times and a reluctance—will Fred Green follow Julius Caesar? Or will he plunge into the third-term Rubicon which he said no man should cross? Possibly only Fred Green knows—and perhaps not he.

It is 70 miles from Grand River and Seven-Mile road to Lansing. Most drivers cover the distance in two hours. It is 14 miles from the same place to downtown Detroit, and that 14 miles takes three-quarters of an hour to drive.

Of course, there are probably cynical fellows here and there in the State who will say that it's all political sausage, covered with the thin skin of a "draft" movement. They will declare the whole business, from start to finish, Green's original declaration that he "would not run," followed by circulation of petitions in various parts of the State and culminating in the "draft" movement, is just the manner in which the clever governor and his clever friends have designed from the first to make it appear that there is a State-wide demand for the executive which he could not ignore without being guilty of something like treason to his State. But such would be cynical persons, of course, and probably enemies of the Governor, intent on vicious purposes.

Paving a 20-foot road costs about \$40,000 a mile. The cost of constructing the suggested new road would thus be \$2,800,000 or nearly three million dollars. Probably not more than 15 minutes is lost at present travelling through towns on Grand River, and the fact that the other road is two miles longer would make it necessary to figure a few minutes longer for actual covering of the extra distance. So the saving would be not more than ten minutes over a stretch of 70 miles.

These are fine examples of what can be done. The wonder is that more such work is not being done. The trouble is, we suspect, that in other similar clubs there is not the same guiding spirit which set these two movements on foot.

The Kind That's Wanted

Attorney-General Wilbur M. Brucker, speaking at the annual conference of prosecuting attorneys of the State, declared last Friday that Michigan is in dire need of an examination of all holders of automobile drivers' licenses, and that there should be periodic re-examination of drivers. This is said to be one of the planks in his platform for governor.

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While it is perhaps not a vital issue, this is a most important one in this State, and if Mr. Brucker talks as frankly and straight-forwardly on other State matters as he has on this one, he is going to attract the support of a lot of people who this year, as not for a long time, demand that political candidates chew on less "boloney" and more good, sound beefsteak.

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It has been discovered that this continent has been inhabited for approximately 30,000 years, which explains some of the vehicles one sees in the used-car lots.—San Diego Union.

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What Other Newspapers Are Saying

Let It Begin With Us

(Ingham County News)
 Civic clubs in two cities of Michigan this spring have set fine examples of true community service. The chamber of commerce of Holland last fall purchased several hundred thousand tulip bulbs in the Netherlands. They were sold to the residents of the city at a cost of one cent each. Considerable local interest was created as a preliminary to their distribution and now ambitious plans are being made for May tulip festival to which all the citizens of southeastern Michigan are invited.

In another town on the other side of the state roses were purchased in great quantities and distributed to residents at a little less than cost. The local Exchange club absorbing the difference as their contribution to town beauty. It is hoped that within a few years every home in the city will have at least a few roses in bloom during the entire summer and that many rare and less than a civic eyesore, will be transformed into gardens where roses and other flowering shrubs will shed their radiance in place of weeds and litter as at present.

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We'll bet last winter's coal bill against this summer's straw hat that in each of the organizations responsible for the two city campaigns referred to above there is some aggressive spirit who not only sees the value of a thing but also having sensed that value he said to himself "Let it begin with me" and so it was begun.

All honor to the towns lucky enough to have clubs within their limits which have members willing to be led by some single individual courageous enough to declare, "Let it begin with me; it is the only way it will ever begin."

Government Will Break

(Grand Rapids (Minn.) Herald-Review)

Hardly had the founders of New England come to America when they established laws which protected human liberties. In 1648 Massachusetts had enacted a series of statutes intended to encourage, protect and preserve human rights. These laws declared in part:

"No man's life shall be taken away; no man's honor or good name shall be stained; no man's person shall be arrested, restrained, banished, dismembered, nor in any way punished; no man shall be deprived of his wife or estate; no man's goods or estate shall be taken away from him nor in any way damaged under color or law or countenance of authority unless it be by virtue or equity of some express law of the country warranting the same, established by a general court and sufficiently published."
 However the early people de-

manded obedience of law. In fact they were strict almost to the point of cruelty. There were 15 offenses punishable by death. The point is this—in the early history of the nation two things were done, liberties were granted and observance of law was demanded.

Today we have the liberties, so many that we hardly know what to do with them. We have constitutions and laws.

But we do not demand obedience of the laws by which our liberties are protected. As a nation we do much that encourages lawlessness and as lawlessness increases the laws which protect human liberties are set aside.

Roadside Vandalism

This class of motorist has deprived honest, decent persons who are fond of motoring of the privileges offered by the rural sections. Followers of the golden rule must suffer for the mean acts of some of the lawless and it is this latter class which is causing the highways to be strictly fenced off to every person that now rides along the countryside. Roadside vandalism should be dealt with severely in order that respectable citizens may be permitted to obtain some of the pleasures which nature has provided in some of the beauty spots of this state and country.—Lyon (N. Y.) Republican.

Post-Mortem Praises

(Exchange)

I've noticed when a fellow dies, no matter what he's been, a saintly chap or one whose life was crowded full of sin—His friends forget the bitter words they spoke but yesterday, And now they find a multitude of pretty things to say. I fancy when I'm laid to rest Some kindly word or goodly act long buried out of sight; But, if it's all the same to you, just give to me instead. The bouquet while I'm living and the knocking when I'm dead.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SAID—

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today; never trouble another for what you can do yourself; never spend your money before you have it; never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you; pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold; we never repent of having eaten too little; nothing is troublesome that we do willingly; take things always by their smooth handle; when angry, count ten before you speak—if very angry, a hundred.

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