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## Editorials

This One Should Satisfy

The flames of two fires beat upon men in charge of public affairs, at different times. In both instances the complaints are the same, but for exactly opposite reasons. The criticism is that government is too slow—in "boom" times it is too slow in installing all kinds of public improvements to keep step with the mushrooming development of the community—every community. These projects can hardly be instituted and finished fast enough to satisfy, and then just as they seem to have nearly caught up with the development, along comes the depression and the paymaster,—the days of reckoning are upon us at the very time when it becomes impossible to meet them. The value of the dollar goes up 50 per cent or more but the amount to be paid remains the same. Then the cry goes forth that government costs too much, and no matter how desperately officials may try to cut the costs, they are told that they haven't done enough to bring the expense of government down "in accordance with everything else."

That government has in recent years included many unnecessary items, that expenses could be reduced goes without argument—is proven, indeed, by the considerable reductions already accomplished. Yet it must be remembered that government, being our biggest business, cannot possibly be as flexible as the individual's business, or even as the value of the dollar. The larger an object it is, the more time it takes to turn around. So with government—it does not, cannot move as quickly as smaller undertakings in human affairs.

There are, however, instances of genuine and quick achievement in public matters, and one of them occurs in our own City of Farmington. In recent months, city commissioners have lowered the cost of pumping water from over \$340 monthly to about \$240, a reduction of almost one-third. This makes a very favorable comparison with the lowered costs of many other commodities. Although a simple enough matter once it was worked out, involving only a change in hours and method of operation, it was not achieved without effort. A good deal of time and thought, coupled with the interested co-operation of the Edison company were needed to make possible the saving.

Now the City plans to go further and by investing a little over a thousand dollars, to cut the cost down still more to \$110, making it less than one-third of what it was until the last few months. The severest critic, if there are any who feel that way toward city officials, should be satisfied with that.

### A Rare Gift

Here and there are found men gifted with a rare and happy faculty, that of epigrammatic speech, of short but dramatic expression that delivers their meaning with telling force. They are able to sum up in a few striking and colorful words what others are trying to say in paragraphs and pages.

Among the fortunate possessors of this unusual talent is Judge Arthur J. Lacy of Detroit, who is well known in this community through his appearance here last winter at a meeting on a bank moratorium plan. No one who heard his address will forget his facility of expression, the ease with which he dissipated all the mists that had seemed to hang about the business of banking, making it understandable even to the mind of a child. Yet it was done without sacrifice of exactness or accuracy of term, and with a persuasiveness that quickly made the audience completely his.

So after columns and pages had been printed about the \$61,000,000 tax limitation plan upon which Detroit voted Tuesday, and after thousands of words had been written by able men, it remained for Judge Lacy to sum up in a few words, shortly before the election, just what it all meant as he saw it:

"This proposed \$61,000,000 tax limitation amendment to the Charter is an attack on the difficult problems of government cost and real estate taxation at the wrong end—the money-raising end instead of the money-spending end."

"Taxes are the life blood of government. We cannot make the body politic healthy by depriving it of its life current."

"A hundred years ago doctors deprived the patient of blood to cure a fever. They bled George Washington to death to cure a cold. A fever of governmental extravagance which has raged for more than a decade and brought many serious complications upon us during this depression, cannot now be cured by stopping the flow of public revenue at its source."

Thus in a few words and with one familiar illustration, we have the picture, graphic, understandable, overwhelmingly convincing. Not many men can claim such a gift—which is one reason for the high place why Judge Lacy holds in his City and State; why he had, for instance, to say "no" a thousand times for the Democratic nomination for the governorship which was his for the mere acceptance and which three men now struggle for.

### "Shake Hands"

Our friend, "Pat" Gaffney of Novi, a few years ago used to intrigue and delight his friends each time he met them with a unique salutation. Approaching anyone whom he knew well, "Pat" would flash his engaging smile and say, extending his hand, "Shake hands with an honest man."

A Royal Oak citizen dropped into the Enterprise office the other day with one that is just as good. "Shake hands," said he, "With the only private citizen in Royal Oak. I seem to be the only man left in our whole darn city who isn't running for some office."

## The Lesson In The Storm

A bit of distant thunder rolled  
And faintly lightning flashed,  
A rustle hurried thru the Oaks  
And nearer thunder crashed.

A dark'ning sky drove from the west,  
The lake began to stir,  
Soon white caps leaped and driven spray  
Made everything a blur.

The constant clap of thunder now  
Just shook the cottage walls.  
A flash, a crash, a great old Oak  
Right near me prostrate falls.

The forest seems to shudder now  
And lower bows its head  
To 'scape the Storm King's fury  
In honor of its dead.

Took fifty years to make this tree,  
And in one moment, God  
You crash it back from where it came  
To rotten in the sod.

I wondered why this old Oak fell,  
So went and looked it o'er,  
And then it all was plain to me,  
'Twas rotten to the core.

Naught but the pure and clean survive  
For they alone are strong,  
'Tis true of Oaks, 'tis true of men,  
The others pass along.

Who looses lightnings such as these,  
Who rides this fiery gale,  
Who guides this storm, says where 'twill strike,  
And whom it will impale?

HARRY J. MERRITT

Royal Oak, Michigan.  
July 26th, 1932.

## CHURCHES

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church**  
Rev. James A. Callanan, Pastor

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

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Meeting.  
10:30 Morning Worship with  
junior and senior sermons.  
11:45 Bible School with classes  
for all ages.

6:30 Young Peoples' Hour with  
a surprise program.  
7:30 Open Air Service on Town  
Hall Lawn. This week the Pastor  
will speak on "All In A Name."

Wednesday night Mabel Turner  
will speak at the Prayer service.  
All are welcomed.

**Methodist Church**  
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

"Out of Doors with Jesus" is  
the theme of the sermons, which  
the Rev. Johnson will deliver during  
the next three Sunday mornings.  
"Burned Timber" will be the  
sermon Sunday at 10:30. A very  
cordial invitation is extended to all.

Sunday School meets each Sunday  
at noon in the Community  
Hall.

Each Wednesday evening at  
7:30 prayer service is held in the  
church parlors.

More Michigan-bred and owned  
horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and  
poultry are expected to be exhibited  
at the Michigan State Fair  
and Exposition, Sept. 4 to 10 than  
in the Fair's eighty-three years  
existence.

Every star who has won honors  
at Indianapolis and the other famous  
motor race tracks of America  
this year will cooperate on Sunday  
Sept. 4 at the Michigan State Fair  
and Exposition for the title of  
world's 1932 Champion Auto  
Driver.

John C. Winter, Attorney, 806  
David Stott Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
In the Circuit Court for the County  
of Oakland in Chancery.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY  
ALLIANCE of Royal Oak, Mich.,  
vs.  
HOWARD E. NELSON, HOW-  
ARD E. NELSON, District Sup-  
erintendent for Central District  
of Christian Missionary Alliance,  
vs.  
REVEREND W. V. YAGGY,  
Defendants.

Order of Publication  
Suits pending in the Circuit Court  
the County of Oakland, in Chancery,  
at the City of Pontiac, Oakland  
County, Michigan, on the 29 day of  
July A. D. 1932.

In this cause it appearing from the  
affidavit on file that the defendant  
Mrs. Nelson does not reside in the  
county where the cause is pending,  
known but whose person is well  
known, wife of Howard E. Nelson  
a non resident of the State of Mich-  
igan, residing outside of the State.  
On motion of John C. Winter, At-  
torney for the plaintiff, IT IS OR-  
DERED that the said bill of com-  
plaint be entered within three  
months from the date of this  
order, or that the said bill of com-  
plaint will be taken as confessed and  
that the said order be published as  
required by law.

A TRUE COPY  
Burton P. Daugherty, Clerk  
Russell Thurston, Deputy Clerk.  
Aug. 4—Sept. 15

**CLARENCEVILLE**  
Mrs. Clarence Witte  
213-F2

Miss Sybil Wheaton, who spent  
the past week at the home of Shir-  
ley Hallock, returned to her home  
in Detroit, Thursday evening.

Mrs. George Kurtz spent Tues-  
day at the home of her son Hiram  
Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kurtz and  
son spent Tuesday visiting Mrs.  
J. Conley.

Mrs. Charles French will enter-  
tain the members of the Five  
Hundred Club at luncheon at her  
home on August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith were  
dinner guests at the home of Mr.  
Jacobs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of New  
York, who have been spending  
the past week with their sister,  
Mrs. Otis Jensen, are visiting  
relatives in Detroit.

Carl Smith was a guest of L.  
Carrier of Detroit, on Thursday  
evening.

Miss Fisher and Miss Kercher  
of Detroit, were callers on Tues-  
day at the Jensen home.

Mrs. Fred Pinno was called to  
Colorado on Saturday evening be-  
cause of the serious illness of her  
brother, Jim Monroe.

Mrs. W. Hallenback, her daugh-  
ter, Alice, her son Raymond, and  
Margaret Bennett of Vermontville,  
Mich., spent Monday evening as  
the guests of Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Mrs. C. Jacobs and her grand-  
son, Wayne Smith, are visiting  
relatives at Baltimore, Maryland,  
for the next three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witte  
and son Melvin spent the week end  
in Detroit as the guest of the  
latter's mother, Mrs. L. Rumselle.

Mrs. Otis Jensen and Mrs.  
Charles Rogers spent Tuesday in  
Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones are  
entertaining the latter's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waack and  
family spent the week end with  
relatives at Byron, Michigan.

Russell Waack was a caller  
Sunday in Clinton, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kurtz and  
family of Detroit, spent Friday  
as the guests of their mother,  
Mrs. George Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner  
spent Wednesday evening in Farm-  
ington as the guest of Mr. and  
Mrs. Reed Webster.

The Baseline Pedro club met on  
Friday at the home of Mrs. Clare-  
nce Witte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kaller of  
Saline, Mich., visited at the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thornton,  
Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luddy of Wind-  
sor, Ontario, spent last week with  
the former's sister, Mrs. Charles  
French.

Mrs. Della Jones entertained  
the members of the Five Hundred  
Club at luncheon on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice of Det-  
roit, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E.  
Hallway at their new home on  
Farmington Drive, Thursday.

Mrs. George Ferris has return-  
ed home after spending a few days  
with friends at Chatham, Ontario.  
Mrs. Clarence Witte and son  
Melvin, were dinner guests of Mr.  
and Mrs. Reed Webster, of Farm-  
ington, Tuesday evening.

The most representative rodeo  
the West has ever sent out will  
perform each afternoon during the  
Michigan State Fair and Ex-  
position, Sept. 4 to 10.

## WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Miss Helen Berger of Detroit,  
was the guest Friday of Miss  
Barbara Middlewood.

Miss Alice Berchem of Ply-  
mouth, was the week end guest  
of Miss Dorothy Gerge.

Miss Mabel Turner, who has  
been attending Moody College, in  
Chicago, is home for her summer  
vacation.

Mrs. William Zwahlen is ill  
with summer flu.

Mrs. Ervin Bollinger and son  
Donald of West Branch, were  
guests Wednesday and Thursday  
of Mrs. Bollinger's mother, Mrs.  
Ethel Middlewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer and their  
son Raymond of Detroit, were  
guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs.  
Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Lovett  
of Detroit, were Sunday guests of  
Mrs. Margaret Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown and  
daughter and son-in-law of West  
Toledo, were week end guests of  
Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons of  
Lockport, New York, were guests  
last week of Mr. and Mrs. John  
Mercer.

Miss Elizabeth Mercer is  
spending the week end with Miss  
Helen Tuck in Northville.

Miss Saima Hokanen returned  
from her home at Newberry,  
Mich., to spend Wednesday as the  
guest of Dorothy Gerge before re-  
turning to Grace Hospital where  
both are students.

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