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## Editorials

### Damages For "On Suspicion"

When a gay young maiden nonchalantly sues an alleged erstwhile suitor for a paltry fifty thousand dollars because he refuses to marry her and her heart has been hurt, or when a young wife (usually of an elderly rich man), appeals to the courts for a divorce and a thousand dollars a week alimony, it's almost commonplace. It's hardly news any more and we shrug our shoulders when she's awarded a quarter of what she asks, which is usually ten times what she deserves—if anything.

But when a man—or a woman, is thrown in jail "on suspicion," the man who was murdered having been her husband—and she sues for \$50,000 damages—well, it's news; but she probably will have a harder time getting the money than any one of a hundred divorcees or "sweethearts" cast aside.

Thus Mrs. Walter Balko, widow of the man shot near Birmingham by a Detroitier whom he accosted in a lonely lane at night, probably has a hard fight on her hands, although the arrest appears to have been made on a slim "suspicion" indeed. It is not usual for a person who has been arrested and later proven innocent to recover any very considerable damages.

Michigan has not been annoyed as much by the "breach of promise" and "alimony" evils as some other states, but neither is Michigan making any apparent effort to provide redress for real injustices—those against persons falsely accused. One or two States in this country already have taken steps to provide for compensation, out of the State treasury, in cases of wrongful arrest. It is time that Michigan take action toward similar provisions. The pay received by police officers precludes collection of much in damages from them.

As more and more puzzling crimes are committed, it becomes more and more necessary that States which wish to be called civilized, make some provision for righting the wrongs of the many arrests "on suspicion."

### The Danger "Peak"

From reports of recent accidents at the corner of North Farmington and Twelve Mile roads, it appears that the corners which have the most traffic nowadays are not necessarily the most dangerous. Rather, there appears to be a certain point or points in the scale of traffic volume, somewhere between the smallest and largest amounts where motor travel is most hazardous.

This particular crossing, where there is a good deal of traffic, but not enough to cause motorists to reduce their high travelling speeds, has witnessed more accidents than almost any other in this vicinity, not excepting those on Grand River. Where the volume reaches the amount on Grand River, drivers seem to adopt a cautiousness which is not apparent in the less-travelled highways.

It is questionable whether an

ably many are too proud to complain to the officers. There is no way of telling how many of these fake operations have taken place. If a sleek stranger comes to your home and starts to talk about a friend of his who is a great eye specialist, pretend to be intensely interested in what he has to say; but in some manner notify your nearest officials. It will not take them long to expose the rascals and put them behind prison walls.—Exchange.

### Here, And There

In one of the nation's large cities some men recently killed two policemen. They plead in self defense they thought that the police were rival gangsters and they shot in self defense. The jury did not convict.

That is America. Now let us tell you about England.

In London there were 18 murders in 1928. That number compares with the record of any small city in the United States.

The 18 murderers were all apprehended. Eleven of them were convicted and punished for their crimes. Seven committed suicide.

It makes a great difference as to whether crime is encouraged or punished.—Grand Rapids (Minn.) Herald-Review.

## CHURCHES

Baptist Church  
Rev. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship. Sermon theme, "Service Reward." 11:45—Bible School. 6:30—Young People. 7:30—Open Air services in Town Park. Sermon theme, "Be Opened."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Grauber, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School. 10:30—German service.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. English services, 10:15. Sunday School, 11:15.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. (Summer schedule.) Daily mass at 8:00.

Clarenceville M. E. Church  
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship. 11:30—Sunday School. 7:30—Evening services.

Methodist Church  
Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor

Rev. Jack Williams, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church of Detroit, will preach at the Farmington Methodist Church next Sunday, in place of Dr. H. Addis Leeson, who is on vacation.

In Rome, Italy, 120 stations for the medical care of poor children have been established.

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### PICNIC PLANS COMPLETE

Preparations are practically complete for the big supervisors' picnic to be held under the auspices of the County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, August 21 at the Bloomfield Township Park on Channing Cross road, east of Woodward avenue. The public is urged to attend, and make it a home-coming such as has not been held in the County in years. Organizations planning picnics are urged to select this day for the events and to join with the county employes.

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