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## Editorials

### Bringing Back Criminals

Two officials, one of Farmington City and the other the County prosecutor, went last week to North Dakota to bring back an alleged passer of worthless checks who had defrauded Farmington businessmen two years ago. The apprehension of the man and his connection with the Farmington misdeeds was an efficient piece of police work. But the case provides something disturbing to think about.

The total of bad checks reported passed by the accused was \$25. Two men were required to go to the distant State to bring him back. However economically the trip may have been planned, it must have cost no less than a couple of hundred dollars, meaning eight or ten times the loss to the victims of the crime. Nor will the return and trial of the suspect reimburse the merchants for their loss. Truly, a case of "throwing good money after bad."

Yet what was to be done? There was no other way out. Day after day we hear that enforcement of laws in this country is too lax, that we are not strict enough with wrong-doers. A large proportion of all criminals escape, and if law-enforcement officers were to neglect the prosecution of all offenders who managed to escape to distant parts before being caught, crime would be a thousand times more extensive than it is today. Its cost to the country would be many times the expense of returning criminals to face trial.

The great size of the United States is a source of pride to nearly every American, but there are penalties we pay for it, and this is one of them. In all comparisons with law-enforcement in European countries, we must remember the vastly greater difficulties under which police work in America, the much greater ease with which criminals escape. This point should be remembered, too, when we are inclined to criticize the cost of government, for the enforcement of law forms a very large proportion of all governmental expense. Two hundred dollars or more to bring back a man whose misdeeds totalled twenty-five dollars—and yet it must be done, or crime will overwhelm us. This is one of the innumerable problems which the twentieth century has thrust upon us. It is perhaps also one of those which, whether we like it or not, we will probably have admit are insoluble.

### Amendments—Three Feet Long

Faced with the three-foot long ballot on proposed amendments to the Constitution next Tuesday, most Michigan voters will, except for the most-discussed proposals, vote "no" as a mere matter of protection—one might almost say, looking at the ballot, of self-defense. It is not without reason that most proposed amendments are defeated, simply because people feel that, failing to understand completely, it is better to vote no as a means of precaution against a change that might turn out to be worse rather than better.

The very number and form of the proposals this year is a strong factor against them. Not one voter in a thousand, or probably it is nearer ten thousand, will have read all of them all the way through before he votes, or after. The one referendum at the bottom of the ballot carries the greatest handicap of all. Unlike the amendments, it is not summarized in a single sentence just above the voting squares. The referendum, proposing rather stiff license fees for sellers of oleomargarine, has the backing of the dairy interests of the State, who hope it will help the sale of butter. It is hard to conceive of any argument against it, and the force of the farm interests behind it may carry the measure, but the length of text alone makes certain that thousands will not vote on it at all, however much they might approve its provisions. Each line of small type is nearly a foot long, making reading almost impossible and the use of such terms as "the Lovibund tintometer scale" would turn back most people who got that far.

Being a referendum, it undoubtedly had to be put on the ballot just as it passed the Legislature, and perhaps there was no way to indicate whether the proposed regulation was an increase in tax on oleo, a decrease, or a new one, to the average citizen not familiar with the laws of the State. Probably these difficulties are just what the opponents of the law hoped for, and what they are counting on most for its defeat.

### High Power Publicity

In most presidential elections the Republican party is credited with having by far the greater funds to carry on their battle than the Democrats, but this election year appears different in that respect, as in many others. If the amount of campaign material sent out is any criterion, the Democrats not only do not have less, or even an equal amount, but they appear to be provided with a bigger organization and more funds than the G. O. P.

A \$50,000 a year man, Charles Michelson, formerly chief of the Washington Bureau of the New York World, heads the publicity forces for the Democratic National Committee, and the job that is being done reveals that a master hand is guiding. Day in and day out for weeks, the newspapers of the country have found in their mail a supply of campaign material the like of which was never seen before. Advertising copy, pictures, news stories, publicity material of all kinds in abundance. The cost of preparing and mailing the material must have been enormous. One carton alone contained proofs and mats that could hardly have cost less than two dollars for each set—and there are over 12,000 copies in this country. The postage on the carton was 14 cents, which makes a sizeable sum for mailing alone.

If Mr. Roosevelt isn't elected, it won't be Mr. Michelson's fault.

## Letters To The Editor

Letters To The Editor MUST be signed with the name of the person writing the letter. An assumed name may also be used and the writer's real name will be withheld from publication upon request, but no letter will be published unless the true name of the writer will be published. Please write on one side.

Washington, D. C.  
1516 44th Street  
October 26, 1932

To the Editor:  
I am very glad to get the Enterprise. Everything connected with Farmington means much to me. The great sorrow is that my dear husband could not have lived and enjoyed life in the little town for many years. Mr. Dodds sends kind regards.

He leaves this evening for Michigan to talk for the Republican campaign, which we are all greatly interested in. May Hoover be our next President.

With kind regards,  
Yours truly,  
Gillie (Mrs. Charles J.) Shaddick

November 2, 1932

To the Editor:

I would like to commend you for the editorial appearing in the October 20 issue of the Farmington Enterprise concerning the burden which the Doctors of Oakland County have borne during the present crisis. You must understand in the first place that the Doctors volunteered to carry this load for one year in order to help the county as much as possible. It has been a great burden, as your editorial intimates, and the time has approached when some readjustment of this burden to the Doctors must be relieved. It is very encouraging to see someone in the newspaper field who appreciates and understands the position of the Doctors.

With my kindest personal regards and many thanks for your kindly attitude, I remain  
Yours very truly,  
HAROLD A. FURLONG, M. D.

Pontiac, Michigan  
October 27th, 1932

To the Editor:  
It has recently been brought to my attention that a report is in circulation throughout the County of Oakland to the effect that if Samuel J. Patterson, Democratic Candidate for the office of Probate Judge, is elected, he would appoint me to act in some capacity in connection with the Juvenile Home or Juvenile Court, as Investigator, or otherwise.

I wish to take this means of communicating to the People of Oakland County that I emphatically deny the truth of such report, and feel it is only fair and just to Mr. Patterson and myself to publicly state that there is no arrangement whatsoever of any kind, and nothing has been said, either by Mr. Patterson or by myself, from which any such arrangement could be inferred.

So far as I am concerned, there has been no arrangement, agreement or proposition made to me by Mr. Patterson, or any one else, concerning my employment in any capacity in connection with Oakland County affairs, or any branch of any Department thereof, and I would not consider nor accept such position, if it were offered.

(Signed) Anne Reese

### JUST A LITTLE BLACK DOG

To The Editor:  
I ran over a little black dog on the way through town one day last week. It wasn't a pedigreed dog. It wasn't a valuable dog. It was just a little black dog.

It wasn't my fault. It wasn't the fault of the little boy who owned the little black dog. Perhaps, it wasn't the little black dog's fault. Maybe, it just had to be.

And there the little black dog lay, gasping its life away by the side of the road. The little boy who owned the little black dog looked down on its poor broken body, and the tears of honest affection streamed from his big blue eyes.

I had stopped almost instantly, but not before the rear wheels had passed with a sickening thud over the small body of the little black dog.

There wasn't much to be done, or said. So I just sat there in silent sympathy. "I—I raised it from a pup," the little boy sobbed. "It was just like a pal to me and the kids."

I offered to take the little boy and his little black dog to the veterinary. But the little boy's father stooped over, touched the little black dog, and said: "It's too late now. It's dead!"

And I thought, as I slowly drove away down the broad road to the Big City: What a tragedy had come to that little boy. He had raised the little black dog from a puppy. For four years he had watched it and guarded it. It had repaid his affection a hundred fold. He had grown to love that little black dog.

I felt a heart self; for I had lost two fine dogs on the highway. What chance has a dog beneath the wheels of an on-rushing motor car? Yet here, my car was not speeding. I had stopped instantly. But too late. Was it Fate, perverse Fate, impelling that little boy's pal to race out in the road ahead of his young master?

One moment vibrant life on the highway. The next, still death by the side of the road. It wasn't my fault, I knew, and yet, the memory of that sobbing little boy sort of spoiled the day for me.

BEN C. HUGHES.

October 29, 1932

The Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Mich.

Dear Sir:  
I have seen a copy of your paper as of October 20, 1932. I wish to congratulate you upon the fine publication you are putting out. I was especially interested in your editorial regarding Doctors.

I think the Doctors have felt the same way about the condition as you have expressed, but so far as I know have made no open protest. As an individual I wish to thank you for the stand you have taken in the matter. Not from the view point of making any demands, but to know that some one at least has publicly expressed their appreciation of what the Doctors are doing and undergoing in this crisis.

Best of wishes,

J. S. MORRISON, M. D.  
Royal Oak, Mich.

## 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 Service.

10:30 Morning worship and Communion. The pastor will speak on "The Love for Souls."

11:45 Bible School. Every scholar and teacher is urged to be on hand to meet Miss Dela Green, the new assistant to the pastor.

6:30 Young People's Hour with the Gospel Team in charge.

7:30 Evangelistic services. The sermon subject will be "Another Chance."

Each Wednesday and Friday nights there will be special study class at the church.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

"Geneva and the Difficulties to World Peace" will be the theme of the Armistice Day message to be given by the Pastor Sunday morning. In the evening he will preach on the theme "Scorned Privileges." Everyone is cordially invited to attend all services of the church.

Our attention is also called to the Sunday School which meets at noon in the Community Hall.

Mid-Week prayer and fellowship service is held each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Universalist Church

Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor

Services will be held at 3:00 p. m. Sunday. Rev. Frank D. Adams will preach.

Annual meeting will be held Saturday. Dinner for members and friends at 1:00 p. m. Business meeting to follow.

Evangelical Church

H. Niednerhofer, Pastor

10:15 a. m. Service in English. Text: 1. Thess. 5:1-11. Topic: "The Day of the Lord." Choir will sing. Mrs. Edgar organist.

11:15 a. m. Sunday School. Erskine W. Evans Superintendent. Come and bring your children.

Wednesday 2:00 p. m. the Ladies Aid will meet at the Church Hall, and 8:00 p. m. the Brotherhood at the same place.

Arctic Faces Store Food

All summer blue Arctic faces are busy catching lemmings, small mouse-like rodents that constitute their principal food supply. Much of their catch is stored underground for use in the winter time when hunting is not so good. As the frost never wholly leaves the ground in the vicinity of their burrows, the meat thus stored will keep indefinitely.

Ancient Melody

The melody "Old Hundred" was known in the Fifteenth century. In England it was used for Keth's version of the Hundredth psalm. "All people that on earth do dwell," and was called the "Hundredth Psalm." The word old, was added when the psalter was revised.

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