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### CAUSES OF DIVORCE CITED BY JURIST

Judge Covert Outlines Duties  
Of County Welfare Workers  
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"Lack of education, lack of property and a lack of religious training are the three primary causes of divorce," said Circuit Court Judge Frank L. Covert, of Pontiac, in his talk before the members of the Women's Civic League recently at the Community House.

Judge Covert, who has been connected with Oakland County welfare work for many years, explained the duties of the organizations in the county in some detail. He said that the work until the last few years was little more than a name. "Now, however, a boy who is on probation must account for his time and for his money, and everything possible in his power to turn his mind into the right channels."

Probation Officers Created "Probation officers," he said, "are created, not made. They must be young enough to remember their own boyhood and they must have a winning enough personality to get the boys' confidence. There is something radically wrong with a boy when he commits an act that sentences him to probation, and something must be discovered before the boy can be changed."

Judge Covert said that sending away boys to institutions was considered only as a last resort. "Its overcrowded, and conditions are bad here. What I believe we need is a new high grade industrial home for boys under 21. I hope we may get it eventually."

The Girls' Protective league is to look after girls before they get into court, Judge Covert explained, and the Children's Court finds homes for children who have none.

The Friend of the Court is an office provided by statute, Judge Covert said, and deals with divorce cases. "In the divorce cases," he said, "we try to get both sides of the divorce question, and, if possible, for the sake of the children, to effect a reconciliation."

Looks After Children "If a divorce is granted, then the friend of the court, oversees the home and children left with only one parent. Our Mrs. Reese is one of the most remarkable women I have ever seen in her knowledge of children. She knows how to handle them, how to gain their confidence, and in this way she is enabled to get at the real condition of affairs in these homes, and we are able to help."

One of the most important things that the friend of the court accomplishes, according to the judge, is making divorced husbands pay alimony. "The year before it became active," he said, "the alimony was paid in Oakland County. The first year of the existence of the office, the alimony paid was \$24,000. The second year it was \$48,000, last year it was \$60,000, and between \$80,000 and \$100,000 is expected this year. No wonder the board of supervisors provides for it," he concluded.

Michael Ohlstein fell dead of heart disease in a New York court, while on trial for calling a neighbor harsh names.

### THEATER GOSSIP OF NEW YORK

News of Mr. Shipman is that he is collaborating with John B. Hymer on a play entitled "Crimes." It was the Messrs. Shipman and Hymer who wrote the highly successful "East Is West."

A cast is being sought, at the moment, for Noel Coward's "Fallen Angels" to be produced in a year ago. Mr. Coward's "This Was a Man," as announced, opens here in another week, and some time thereafter Mr. Coward is scheduled to make a trip to the Coast. Since "The Queen Was in Her Parlor" also stages a New York production, he may be said to have a full season in prospect.

Three productions of long run went on their ways—"The Great Temptations," which was the customary Winter Garden success, perhaps even better; "At Mrs. Beam's," kept alive since May by the Theatre Guild, and "The House of Usher," which had the quietest long run of any place in the history of New York. Less prosperous entertainments which closed were: "Black Boy," "The Jeweled Tree," "White Wings" (much lamented), "God, Loves 'Em," and "Gentle Grafter," at the Music Box.

The play called "Distinguished Villa" in London will be produced here as "Behind Lace Curtains." It is controlled for America by M. S. Schlesinger, manager of one of more playhouses in Newark, and will be produced here by Lawrence Weber in association with Mr. Schlesinger. It will open in Newark on November 22 and in New York probably a week later. Ann Davis and Mary Carroll are in the cast.

"The Man Who Forgot" closed in Providence and will be produced again around Christmas time, following a little working over. It is scheduled to come to New York on or about January 3. The play is concerned with a case of hypnotic control, by means of which the man in control is enabled to profit by the brains of the other.

Beatrice Lillie's musical comedy, now called "Oh, Please!"—there is also a chance that it will be called "Lily of the Valley"—will open in Philadelphia next week. It comes to the Fulton in a few weeks; "The Donovan Affair" at that time will doubtless find another house.

"The Nightingale," a musical show concerned with Jenny Lind, will open in Philadelphia on November 22. Peggy Wood and Stanley Lupino will head the cast. "The Constant Nymph" will play a single week in Philadelphia, beginning December 6 and will come to New York on the 19th. Its destination is a house on Forty-second Street. . . . A musical version of "The Willow Tree," long in prospect, is about to be produced by the Shuberts. . . . Jed Harris, busy with the duplication of "Broadway," is again uncertain as to his next play. With both "Coquette" and "Nize Baby" as alternatives, the chances now favor the play known as "Patriots, Inc." It will have another title.

"Hymn to Venus," written by Mr. Hurlbut and produced by Mr. Woods, opened in Atlantic City, and will be in Chicago. From the reviews in the Atlantic City papers one learns that it deals with the same subject as does "The Captive," although the

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The cabled news from London this week is as follows: "Shavings," acted here some seasons ago by Harry Beresford and others, was produced in London during the week again with Mr. Beresford. The general opinion was that it was "too sweet," although Mr. Beresford's acting was praised.

The second American opening of the week was "Queen High." The word is that it "seemed to miss fire on its premiere, although the critics could find no fault with it." Mrs. Patrick Campbell is leaving for the United States to make a survey of the theatrical field. It is intimated that she will act here again if the right play can be found. It is just 11 years since she was seen here in "Pygmalion," which the Guild will revive in another week.

St. John Ervine is at work on a musical comedy. One of his collaborators, incidentally, is the American actor named James Dymally, who has been in London for several seasons. Noel Coward's "The Rat Trap" closed after an engagement of less than three weeks. It was one of the author's earliest works.

Margaret Gearhart and Carolina Elliott, twin sisters, who had been separated for 53 years, met at Du-Quoin, Iowa.

### Mrs. Carrie Ferguson of Chicago punished a bill collector who insulted her as a result he was unconscious for two hours.

Mrs. Mary Barber of St. Louis, Mo., threw pepper in the eyes of two policemen, but a third arrested her for disorderly conduct when her supply of ammunition was exhausted.

Carlos Balboa of Havana was revived by electricity though apparently dead when he was taken from the water, where he had sunk while bathing.

William Piper, aged 70, of Duluth, Minn., was killed by an auto when he stepped into the street to recover a penny that had rolled there.

James Albatt of Birmingham, Eng., accepted a sentence to prison rather than let his daughter be sent to a home for mental defectives.

Nineteen-year-old Cella Corvis of Cardiff was arrested for burglarizing a mob of striking miners' wives captured nine men who had returned to work at New Tregear, Wales, and covered them with a coating of white-wash.

F. T. Alton, of Stamford, Eng., willed his estate of \$275,000 to five charities, but the distribution is not to be made until the year 2090.

The skeleton of a man who had been 11 feet tall was found in a stone coffin under Merton Priory Church in London.

Capt. A. S. Wilcoxson of Paris killed a wasp that entered his plane when he was 6,000 feet above the ground.

Mrs. Mary Glynn of New York who was arrested for shoplifting pleaded that she had no other means of getting Christmas presents for her family.

Thieves stole a quantity of pipe from the home of J. C. Franklin of Lemont, Ill., permitting the escape of gas which asphyxiated Franklin's two children.

A black cat alighted from an Erie express train at Montclair, N. J., having ridden 13 miles from Jersey City on the rear platform.

Triplet calves were born to a cow owned by C. W. Hiller of Woodlavington, Eng., and "mother and children are doing well."

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