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Judges Do Well—Considering You hear a great deal of talk in this country about the weaknesses of the judiciary; you listen to some one who pictures with scorn the ease with which law violators (especially in misdemeanor cases) get out of the clutches of the law with a small fine.

For judges, you see, depend largely upon the chances of politics and the fickle public for their jobs. It they try to straighten out offending society, they incur society's displeasure, and what about the next election? Certainly, we must have judges, and why shouldn't a present judge be a candidate for re-election?

The Eccentric believes that, by and large, there is plenty of wisdom within the minds of most of today's judges to so conduct their offices that society will be given much better protection from the criminal than they are now getting, and the only way you will get this just judicial handling of law violations—in both misdemeanors and felonies—is to take the judges out of politics by appointing them for life, pending good behavior.

In this practical world, wherein the howling mob so often takes the place of the old-time wolf pack of former days, you must provide protection and security for the kind of thinking that we call society. This can be done for our judiciary by taking them out of politics.

Editor McMullen Accepts We are gratified to receive Editor J. E. McMullen's acceptance of our invitation to make a tour of Michigan's prisons and write his conclusions for us.

Glancing At Michigan We who live in the state of Michigan need to be reminded often of the position we occupy in the world. Here are a few things, pertaining to the physical and material world, that Michigan is noted for.

Makes two-thirds of the motor cars of the world. Leads all the states in the production of beans and cucumbers. Is one of the leading states in the output of iron, copper, salt and some of the necessary chemicals. Is one of the most rapidly growing states of the 48 states. One of its cities, Sault Ste. Marie, is the oldest city in the United States west of the Alleghenies excepting Santa Fe, N. Mex. Has a canal at Sault Ste. Marie which carries more tonnage than Panama or any other canal in the world. Is one of the first exporting states in the Union. Its foreign markets are worth 180 million dollars a year. Produces 41 per cent of the beans of the United States. Is exceeded by only one other state in the production of beet sugar. Has a total weight estimated at eleven billion dollars. Ranks highest in education among the northern central states. Has the oldest agricultural college and the first state university in the United States. Is the summer playground for hundreds of thousands of people. Has over 5,000 inland lakes. Its inland fisheries are unsurpassed in the world. Has the largest copper mine in the world at Calumet. Has the largest quarry of gypsum in the world. Has the largest shore line of any state in the Union. Ranks as the first state in the production of salt, chemical products, drugs, automobiles, threshing machines and refrigerators. Has mineral baths at Mt. Clemens known all over the world. Has one of the most celebrated furniture centers in the world. Has at Coldwater the first state school in the world for indigent children. Has an area equal to that of England and Wales combined. Could if necessary exist as a separate empire, producing all the reasonable comforts of life.

Guaranteed Water Supplies

It is gratifying to know that the present village commission, after stepping out of the well-tried plan of seeking guaranteed water supplies, has now entered into a contract with the Harmon-Ness Co. to get more water. For the past five years former village commissions, after false promises, have in sufficient quantities from well drillers hired on a per foot basis, have resorted to guaranteeing contracts, with much success. Guaranteed wells may seem, at first glance, so cost more than wells not guaranteed; but experience has proved that when you want a thing badly, make it profitable for others to do it, and it will be done. We congratulate the present village commission for finally following in the footsteps of its predecessors in methods of obtaining a water supply for Birmingham.

The Worth Of Taxes

Citizens of Bloomfield Township, which includes the residents of Birmingham, are now called upon to pay their annual water taxes. As you make your remittance on the basis of \$36.08 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, remember that it is your contribution toward maintaining government—and government is the only thing that stands between you and the howling ferox, the mauler's lust, or the caveman's barbarism. Yes, taxes are high—yet they might be higher, and are, in many, many communities.

Laws And Human Nature

Proponents of the habitual criminal code in Michigan are given something to ponder this week with the refusal of H. H. Smedley, Muskegon county prosecutor, to ask the life term of a person arrested for alleged violation of the liquor law. The habitual criminal code makes it mandatory for the judge to sentence the prisoner after the fourth conviction to life in prison.

A Plea For Tolerance

If we are to maintain our position of understanding and good will with the nations abroad, we must continue to maintain the same sentiments at home. We are situated definitely in this respect from any other country. All the other great powers have a comparatively homogenous population, close kindred in race and blood and speech, and commonly little divided in religious beliefs.

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We are gratified to receive Editor J. E. McMullen's acceptance of our invitation to make a tour of Michigan's prisons and write his conclusions for us. The trip will be made in January and the articles will appear soon after. His reply to the invitation is in the People's column. Already Editor Murl H. DeRose of Charlotte has made application to join the pilgrimage, and will be pleased to add him to the group. Mr. DeFeo is a former member of the board of pardons and has given the crime problem considerable study.

Why Is It, We Often Ponder, That every time an editor takes exception to a stand made by The Eccentric, he accuses us of being highbrow? Nothing could be more remote from the truth. We only felt highbrow once, and then for a very short time.

The City Of Royal Oak

The CITY OF ROYAL OAK sought 22 grade crossing eliminations from the State on the new Grand Trunk re-location project. A compromise was finally effected by Royal Oak taking 14. Royal Oak officials say they had a hard time getting the 14, in view of the fact that Birmingham made no effort to get more than two. It appears that the State said: "Well, Birmingham is satisfied with what it gets, so why shouldn't Royal Oak?"

Residents Of Troy Township

Residents of TROY Township, Birmingham's eastern neighbors, defeated the recent proposition to grant the Eastern Michigan Railways a thirty year interurban franchise vote was 218 to 7. Garner Miller, clerk of Troy Township, believes that the voters would have approved a shorter term franchise. Evidently, Troy residents feel that the days of the electric street car are limited.

Efforts To Maintain Discipline

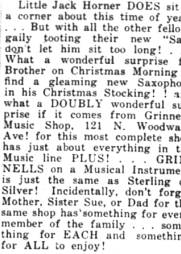
When you consider the number of good American citizens who unhesitatingly violate the Volstead Act and 18th Amendments, you must not be too severe on the coast guardsmen.

Seen in the Shops of Birmingham

By GERRY



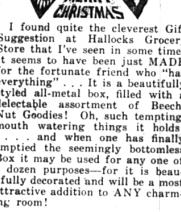
ever he spends PART of his time he seems to be busy night and day guarding treasurers in The Toy Shop, 125 W. Maple Ave. Such delightful cuddley blankets and woollens for the Tiniest Soldiers of Cadets and cunning sweaters, dresses and the like for "The Colonel's Little Lady" and they are ALL such marvellous Christmas Suggestions! ... DOLLS! ... DOLLS!



Chas. R. Peck Sons, is a veritable haven of delightful Christmas Gifts for merry maels! ... Wonderful surprise it comes from Grinnells Music Shop, 121 N. Woodward Ave! ... Wonderful surprise if it comes from Grinnells Music Shop, 121 N. Woodward Ave! ... Wonderful surprise if it comes from Grinnells Music Shop, 121 N. Woodward Ave!



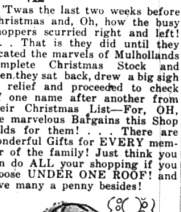
DON'T get the idea that Christmas is a very little trunks of befrilled color with a slightly sweet taste. Just drop into the new Stewart's Shop, 117 W. Maple, and find out what a delightful variety of sweets have been concocted especially for holiday festivities.



Join in the JOY then All aboard for Next Years Christmas! ... All aboard for Next Years Christmas! ... All aboard for Next Years Christmas!



OF COURSE, it is just next door to Christmas and ones thoughts are for the most part at delightfully frivolous affairs such as the lovely bedroom slippers, mittens and the like I spoke of last week but sturdy boys do have a way of finding shoes Christmas or No Christmas! ... OF COURSE, it is just next door to Christmas and ones thoughts are for the most part at delightfully frivolous affairs such as the lovely bedroom slippers, mittens and the like I spoke of last week but sturdy boys do have a way of finding shoes Christmas or No Christmas!



PARIS for "Noel" gifts? It's possible if you drop into Shain's Drug Store, 119 W. Maple Ave. and select some of the beautiful and lovely Parisian PERFUMS they have. ... PARIS for "Noel" gifts? It's possible if you drop into Shain's Drug Store, 119 W. Maple Ave. and select some of the beautiful and lovely Parisian PERFUMS they have.



Here's a last call for Home Decorators who are fashioning individual Christmas Gifts or Great-Grandma's! ... Here's a last call for Home Decorators who are fashioning individual Christmas Gifts or Great-Grandma's!

ONLY ONE WABEEK SHOP LEFT

Nine out of ten of the shops in the fashionable new Wabeek Building are occupied, and all but three of the offices leased.

This, of course, is a satisfaction to us, but what is still more gratifying is the uniform report of "satisfactory sales" from every merchant we have placed in this beautiful new building.

Colgrave, Buck & Tillotson First State Bank Bldg. Phone 830 or 1185

Friendly Thoughts By G. Dewey Kimball

Friendly eyes in a tired old face in a crowd hurrying by. I shall never forget those friendly old eyes. They were merry; they twinkled in a face of pain. They made a better man of me. Friendly eyes can do a lot of good.

G. Dewey Kimball FUNERAL DIRECTOR 300 1/2 Woodward Ave Phone-850 Ambulance Service

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AN ACCEPTANCE To the Editor: Your "open letter" is at hand, which by the way is so dignified, so graciously put that you almost damn me by kindness.

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