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\$5 For A Gentleman

Here is an excellent summary of what constitutes a "Gentleman": it is the result of a contest recently conducted by the Forum magazine...

"A gentleman is one who is actuated by a high sense of honor and truth, who observes with scrupulous regard the rights and feelings of others, and who is characterized by refinement in his dress, manners, acts and words."

Bring In The Parents, Too

According to newspaper dispatches, the University of Michigan Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi national college fraternity, was ordered closed last week when police in Ann Arbor discovered a barrel of beer in the basement—thus revealing the frailty of the house's foundation construction, it would seem.

"Short Circuit Blows Fuse"

We are very glad that the Detroit Free Press has gotten over its displeasure at Governor Green when he vetoed the capital punishment bill, and consented to open the Free Press' field meet at Belle Isle tomorrow.

Remember these terrible words which the Detroit newspaper printed following the Governor's veto: "It is a sad day for Michigan. It looks as though the Free Press, becoming too live a wire over capital punishment, has become short-circuited and blown its fuse."

Christianity Needs Salesmen

"Wiser Pastors" is the plea sent forth when the National Council of Congregational churches met last week in Detroit. Poorly educated men are getting into church pulpits too rapidly, believe the Congregationalists, resulting in an inability on the part of the church to sell Christianity to the world.

An Honest Democrat Speaks

Harry M. Royal, of Shelby, over on the shore of Lake Michigan, is an ardent Democrat politically—yet civicly, he stands for any person who delivers an honest package of political merchandise, regardless of party.

Why, George!

Perhaps the most ardent foe of capital punishment among the weekly editors of the state is George Rodgers Averill of The Birmingham Eccentric. Barring this one subject, George is a regular fellow and unusually sane. We have often wondered during and after a wordy controversy on the subject of capital punishment, if the Birmingham publisher really meant all he said last week we found the answer in his editorial columns.

"Considerable pressure was brought to bear on the governor by advocates of the Lennon-Wood 'hole' in the village wharf. No doubt his action in vetoing it will make enemies for him. This is unfortunate, but it is overshadowed by the fact that he has saved the state from being guilty of the murder of its men, women and children, some of whom were bound to be innocent."

"An Oregon pastor, beaten severely by four members of his congregation because they did not like a sermon, died from a fractured skull. While merely proves that an honest preacher used poor judgment before a congregation, four of whom, at least, are unfit for modern civilization; they should be sitting with curled-up legs before the step of some primitive tribe, where human killings is still acceptable in their mental code."

"Why, Yourself!"
As Editor Marshall concludes, Michigan no doubt has dozens who can qualify as executioners. And from our observations of the public press during the so-called capital punishment controversy, the "dozen" might easily be recruited from the ranks of newspaper editors.

"It is not nice of our colleague to reprimand us for something we did not say. Legions will testify that this column has raised many opportunities for controversial debate when what we say is correctly read and interpreted; so we must ask you, Sir, to take your hand off the switch to the electric chair which you so eloquently wish built at the Jackson Prison, and read your spectacles as you re-read our reference to the condition of cannibalism to which we relegated the four gentlemen two weeks ago."

"And thanks, Sir, for the invitation to write a piece for the very excellent Clinton County Republican."

The Baldwin Band

The Baldwin High School band had its first occasion Decoration Day to walk down Woodward avenue and show the village what it could do. It is still receiving applause.

THE COLLEGE OF HARD KNOCKS!



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is allowed to give communication for this column. Communications will be kept confidential upon request.

OPPOSES SWIMMING POOL

If the school boys of Birmingham are to have a \$35,000 "swimming hole" in the village wharf, they will have a \$35,000 "fishin' pond" for the old men.

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The Other Chap Says Something—

ON HOME-BREWING

From now on the boys who have been in a habit of making a little beer down cellar after working hours will have to pay a luxury tax on the malt used in bringing an extra kick into the world.

"We have never tried to become a home brewmaster. In spite of the fact that Mr. Kresge tried to make it as painless as possible by putting home brew outfits in the store windows at bargain prices."

"We do remember one time when we stopped at the tavern grocery store in Portland and told the good looking young clerk we wanted ten pounds of raisins—Mickey Keister was going to make a raisin cake. She gave us a couple of nasty looks, but we got the raisins and one afternoon while mother was at a bridge party we added ten pounds of sugar, a couple of eggs and several gallons of water and put the whole mess to stewing in an abandoned meat crock down cellar back of the store."

What's What? in Washington

Curtis, Speaking As A Senator, Sees Little Need For Secrecy

By CHARLES P. STEWART Staff Writer for Central Press
Washington.—Speaking out of 20 years' experience as a United States senator—but not speaking in any sense as the senator's presiding officer, whose duty it is to preside and say nothing—Vice President Charles Curtis remarks: "Nine times in ten—yes, 99 times in 100—there is no good excuse for a secret session."

"I always voted against secrecy. I can imagine it as desirable in a very unusual emergency—for instance, in considering some treaty calling for highly confidential discussion. Yet the senate has acted secretly on treaties after treaty which might just as well have been acted on with all publicity."

"I suppose the appointment to office of a man with a dark spot in his past—an almost forgotten error that he has done—will be charitably to remind the senate of it behind closed doors?"

"The rule committee should settle such cases on their individual merits. In general, there is no more reason to be worried about a dark spot than there would be for us to take the tunnel—it would be the only sensible route very hot weather."

"Which was precisely what we were doing at the time."

"That there will be much demand for senate secrecy in future is extremely unlikely anyway. It surely seems as if the circumstances attending confirmation of President Hoover's appointment of ex-Senator Irvine L. Lenroot to the United States court of customs appeals have taught the hush-hushers a lesson—if anything could."

"The Lenroot case has been a painful affair all around—except for the fact that it has brought to the attention of the public the fact that there are still a few hush-hushers in the neighborhood."

"In olden days maybe a too-talkative senator or two would have been expelled. Maybe a newspaper man or so would have gone to jail for contempt. In these degenerate times all the culprits got was a lot of favorable publicity. Secretary's champions got themselves laughed at. Several exalted personages were

hands that defied human consumption. "Every man his own saloon-keeper" may be alright in theory, but it doesn't work out for amateurs. We never repeated the experiment."—Fred D. Heister in Ionia County News.

COMMENDATION FOR WOOD
The Afton Telegram says some flattering things about Judge Wood's first report as an commissioner of pardons and paroles was made public it hailed the document as "a breath of fresh air to a public

An Unusual Home in Fashionable Quarton Lake Estates

The beautiful new brick colonial home on Puritan Road, just South of Oak Street, is practically finished and open for inspection. Five bedrooms—three baths—large living room—dining room—recreation room and library are all artistically arranged and enjoy all the newest conveniences known to the building profession.



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