

# If You Ask Me - -

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The whe-whiskered wheeze by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. "Laugh and the world laughs with you; doesn't it?"

always apply. Sometimes you have to do your laughing all by yourself. This is often the sad lot of the practical joker.

He belongs to the genus of humorists who would rather laugh at than with the other fellow. The chronic practical joker probably began his career as the little boy who put the brick under the silk hat on April First.

A post-graduate of this school resides in the village of Pinckney. On the eve of a meeting of the bridge club at the home of a local family recently, the "village cut-up" procured a "Scarlet Fever" sign, and hung it on the door.

To the mystification of the family, as the hour for the party arrived, car after car drove up to the house, and, hastily, turning around, drove away. The joke was discovered when a "curious" neighbor telephoned to inquire which member of the family was ill.

Then there is the political joke, which may or may not be "practical."

Rep. John Dykstra of the State House of Representatives gave vent to his sense of humor recently by introducing a bill into the House to prevent married women from working, and then registering "he matter" just a little joke.

Perhaps he discovered the humor of the situation when 200 women remanded an explanation for times of peace. Rep. Dykstra is a motorist in Muskegon. Well, a street car is a pretty good means of escape as long as there's plenty of "track."

His colleagues support his defense, by saying with broad proprietary smiles, that they knew it was a joke, only the women take it seriously.

Another kind of humor is called the "classics" wit." Dr. Louis Anspacher of New York, noted dramatic critic and playwright, is known for brilliant flashings of his gift on appropriate occasions.

After giving a lecture at a Detroit women's club not long ago, he was asked by one of the members, "Why, Dr. Anspacher, do the days of Channing Pollock succeed so sensationally when voters fail to be little known?"

Dr. Anspacher observed the speaker gravely for an instant, then he smilingly replied, "I don't know, madam, unless it is that he possesses the gift of profound stupidity."

This may or may not be funny.



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## Pine Lake Golf Club Course Changed



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Definite plans for the use of this land will be announced later, said Mr. R. W. Stoddard, chairman of the Greens and Grounds Committee. "In the meantime, several Michigan is to have an official bird. There are plenty of official birds over in Lansing now. But this is to be a real one.

Just what its political duties will be has not been determined. However, the robin redbreast may become the official bird of Michigan before the close of the legislative session.

A concurrent resolution introduced last week by Rep. Conrad J. Nettling of Detroit, and passed by the House, designates the robin as the state's official bird. At any rate, it is to the credit of the House to observe that its choice is an early bird.

The "use your vote week" an intensive campaign before election day to stimulate interest among voters, has been discarded as a policy by women's organizations.

Mrs. Susan E. Hall of Grand Rapids, secretary of the Michigan League of Women Voters, told members of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Edna W. Frank last week.

The present policy adopted by the League is to pursue a year-around plan of informing women on political issues so that they may influence public opinion, Mrs. Hall explained.

A much better plan, "a 'use your vote week' was something like a 'use your head to catch a week. What about the rest of the year?"

Word comes from Berlin that the Prussian premier has sent his congratulations officially to 20 in diplomats who have reached the century mark. Of these only 2 are men. We wonder if in Germany it is a case of the survival of the fittest?

That Troublesome Part She sits by herself looking with care. What causes the trouble dear? "Nonsense, I don't know exactly but I think it is the evaporator's Exchange."

That Lascivious Man A young, blonde, darling, Tim around I put you much into the mashed potatoes.

His hand. Oh, well, put in a bit the more and we'll drink them up.

"The duties of a soldier" was the title of the lecture given by a speaker to his men. With a view to learning how far they had grasped the essential facts, he turned to one man and said: "Now why should a soldier be ready to die for his country?" The man remained for a moment, then smiled engagingly. "Yes, sir," he said pleasantly. "You're quite right. Who should he?" London Post.

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Censored "Lawyers should use shorter words," says a writer. "Convincers are needed that judges should use shorter sentences."

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