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### Court Of Honor

Friday evening of this week a Court of Honor will be held for the Boy Scouts in the Birmingham area. The affair, to be given in the Community House, will be presided over by men who have given much of their time so that today's youth may become tomor-row's men of character. Truly, what a great improv-ment Boy Scouting has made in the relationships of men and boy! Can anyone question the fact that man's world, in spite of certain upsets, is really im-proving?

### Postmasterships

Public interest in the operation of the United Dublic interest in the operation of the United Scaee postofice department continues unabated in Birmingham. At least 13 men have sought to fill out the routine questionaire required. Three of them will be selected as high, and from one of them will come the name of the postmater. If The Ecentric were asked just why Postmatter James W. Cobb was not re-indoxed by Congressman Seymour Persons, we would, perhaps and maybe, reply: politics is quite a game, sight it?

## Abolishing Townships

Speaking of centralization, Simeon E. Leland of Chicago University says he believes that within the next hundred years townships, counties and even states probably would be abolished to that a single government tax system could be integrated.
"Under such a procedure," said Mr. Leland, "our tax system can be releated to ability to pay, and a property tax can be relegated to the position which it assumed in colonial days when an attempt was made to cat people according to their abilities and not according to their abilities and not according to their inabilities as represented mostly by property ownerships.

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"Every tax reform which is undertaken should mat the integration of governmental fiscal system, that personal ability to pay can be made the basis and the system."

of our tax system.

"The first unit of government to be abolished should be the township. This should be followed in quick succession by the consolidation and elimination of counties. After the counties have gone and the states have begun directly to perform the functions which they now support, through state aid upon a matching basis, a reorganization of our states should take place."

## What Happens In War-Time

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Congressman McSuwin: Mr. Colver (former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission), reported that
the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Co. in 1917 made 52
per ecast profit; Allegheny Steel Co., 78 per cont profit;
American Tube & Stamping Co., 40 per cent profit;
Central Iron & Steel Co., 71 per cent profit; Estern
Steel Co., 19 per cent profit; Forged Steel Wheel Co.,
169 per cent profit; Follansbe Brox. Co., 112 per cent
profit; Nagle Steel Co., 319 per cent profit; West Penn
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would you not say?
Mr. Baker (former Secretary of War): I would
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not conclude?
From Hearings before the War Policies Commis-March 5-8, 1931, Part I, page 131.

DETROIT JUDGES OBJECT to having their salaries along with other municipal employees. Well, o shall be judge of such a matter, anyway?

In the opping, it is believed by many, lurks the inevitable sales tax. Thus, you see, even the traditional bargain days that have always attracted women will result in taxing not only their strength, but their

TEMPERATURELY SPEAKING, January's first two eks have been the hottest ever recorded in Michi-some day, everybody hopes, business will get to way too. gan. Some that way, too.

ENDS OF PRESIDENT HOOVER, lead by Post-General Walter F. Brown, have started the ampaign for re-election of their boss. Well, at the postofice department has given its stamp royal, we don't suppose anybody will be able

### Will The State Help?

ing. Our idea of relief is to obtain some of the gas or weight tax money now being paid from the four counties. We certainly do not suggest that the re-mainder of Michigan make a contribution from taxes levied upon their own respective real estate properties. Two out-state editors have commented upon the suggestion. Murl H. DeFoe, of Charlotte, viewing the problem from the state-wide perspective, save:

up the deliaquency.
Schuyler L. Marshall, over at St. Johns, is quite spoken in his belief that Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, ll Berrien Counties should take care of their own metal problems, without any relief from the State.

S.M.F. Marshall:

## All of Us

By Marshall Maslin

UPON a time when I heard people say, ing is for the best," I used to think to my-maybe they were right, maybe they knew

asnion hidden from me, everything WAS for the best in this world.

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## THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

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convention will be held in the art seembly room at the Court House can in the afternoon, and the banquet will follow in the evening at the Opera House.

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## FIVE YEARS AGO

annual report today.

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Young Man, Stay Home and
Buy a Farm
When it is low, buy. That is a
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During recent months when milk prices reached unheard of low levels, we have not said much

Retired. When the law makes a foolish pawn of American womanhood, then the Army, Navy and any decent man—well, use your imagination."

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"The list of American presiuniters a manufacture of the control of the contr

LeBaron Cook:
"Bachelors are by no mea uncomfortable as aspirant would make them believe."

Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture:
"The only constructive leader-ship in the world in this period of distress is that of President Hoover."

Savages in Africa so primitive that, according to reports, they will sign up with the first movie explorer who comes the first movie explorer who comes from the others.—Arkansas Gavage for confidence is restored."

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INGWALD WANGBERG, 1011 Pierce Street.

## Our Scrap Book

THE MAGIC OF TALK Those who have the privilege caring really good talk know the is the most delightful of all the sources which the fortunal an commands. A genuine tall Lines to be Etched Upon an Automobile Windshield and the burney.

Oh, little hack, deal gently with the bumps;
Be prudeat when the truck is large and roads are wet;
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— E. B. C. in "Judge"

"Who is the eleverest boy in your class?"

"Bobby Jones. He can hide behind his atlas and eat apples."

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# Jest For the Fun of It

"Red" Propaganda
"Why does a red-headed girl alays marry a quiet fellow?"

quite Different
int: "What? Your fiance
you wait nearly an hour for
I would not put up with
conduct."
ece: "No, auntie, but I would

done."

Nosh Numskull Wants to Know:
If the silent watches of the
night are just those we forget to
wind?
If a thirsty bicycle rider can get
a drink from the handle bar? "Didn't you feel a hand in your pocket?"