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"Getting On" In Politics

Attaining success in the game of politics is no guarantee of character in a politician. There are, of course, many fine men and women engaged in governmental affairs who are decent and honest; but that is not because of politics, but rather in spite of it.

Take the case of Detroit, Judge Leonard L. Schmezzke, who is accused of "ripping" a woman client of a sum of money by diverting it to his own use. Disbarment proceedings have been started against him, and he may be stripped of his legal raiment, which would automatically remove him from the bench.

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Compastionate Justice
Arthur B. Rich, son of a former wealthy Battle Creek manufacturer, has left Jackson State Prison seven years after being sentenced for life, following an attack on a young woman, Rich must not come back to Michigan until 1941, under the terms of his parole.

National Zero-Hour
Faced with large families in the midst of plenty, men in actual life are becoming dependent on the state. Workers in large cities strike against starvation wages; farmers in the middle west become ugly in temper; politicians continue to wiggle and squirm.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

of Long Ago

BITS OF NEWS RECORDED FROM OLD PAGES OF THE ECCENTRIC - THE ITEMS CAN MAKE UP THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE BIRMINGHAM OF TODAY.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Dance tonight after the play at Landry Hall, Music by Trentner's band, violin and piano.

SEVEN YEARS AGO
Attorneys for Birmingham are content to pass up the hearing on the motion suit started by three young men in the attempt to forestall construction of the new Municipal Building and take it to Circuit Court on its merits.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Coasting, catching fish, bobbing etc. The sports of this winter just now.

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The "Big Shots" Say

Edward Herriot, former Premier of France:

"Agreement among the three great Democracies—France, England and the United States—must be achieved. I remain wedded to that idea and I will not change."

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War:

"The history of the United States, when scrutinized, fails to disclose a single war fermented by officials of the American Army."

William E. Borah, U. S. Senator from Idaho:

"This unappealing tragedy now torturing countless millions of people daily after day, is the legitimate and logical result of international politics."

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of President-elect Roosevelt:

"There is something fundamentally wrong with a civilization which tolerates conditions such as these in any part of our country."

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HOW THRIFTY FOLKS MANAGE "OF COURSE I'd rather WORK than loaf!" "... but when I am out of luck, I count myself in luck because I always keep at least three months' pay in my savings Account." Whether your income is large or small systematic savings should play an important part in your budget. A Savings Account—in this strong bank—will help you when cash money is needed.

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