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Funny, int it, that, though the world does get better each decade, there is much to criticise about it. For the past 13 years we have attended University Press Club meetings at Ann Arbor, and every year the University profesors who speak to Michigan mewspaper folk solemnly affirm that the world is cock-eyed, serewy, and nearly nuts.

Of course, they hardly use these plain descriptive words—but they mean just that, anyway.

Professors learned in civics, history, business administration, English, law, and numerous other branches of scholasticism annually declare that the world is out of sorts with 'truth' and 'instural law.' And human affairs, are hardly perfect, we must all admit.

admit.
All of which merely suggests that college and uni-versity professors must, necessarily, tell: the rest of the world that it needs correcting; for it is the right-ful lot of the professor not only to tell what he already thinks he knows, but what he merely thinks! Honest and sincere research is a legitimate part of higher edu-

troit's torce and office buildings; in other words, it confronts her.

The proposed bus terminal should, of course, be located for the convenience of persons outside of Detroit—for this phase of the matter is just as vital to persons using the busses as are the busses themselves. People want to lave and board vehicles of transportation with as little inconvenience to themselves as possible. Bus officials, themselves wise to this requirement, have approved the Washington Boulevard-Grand River avenue location, and are bending their efforts to make possible the erection of the \$250,000 terminal.

Headlining Marriage

Much fuss is made when two people get married.

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When you realize that from ten to twelve thousand persons will use the bus terminal, you get an idea of the need for the correct location of it. Detroit's City Council, backed by Detroit's police department, have long argued that the terminal should be built west of Woodward avenue.

While we admit that Detroit's problems are none of our business, yet we cannot refrain from complimenting it upon seriously endeavoring to settle this bus terminal problem in the interest of the whole stravelling public.

Townsend Politicians

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Election of a Republican on a "Townsend plan" platform over in the Third Michigan Congressional primary last week is causing much speculation among politicians. The Republican Patry, as well as the Democratic, is opposed to Dr. Townsend's unsound plan to gray 3200 per month to all persons over 69 years of age. In spite of this, a Townsend Republican easily persons over 69 years of age. In spite of this, a Townsend Republican safe the sum of the control of the spite to the form of the republicans for the same office. Verily, verily, the Townsend supporters in this courty are going to raise how with the politicians next year—from President Roosevelt down.

Under WPA, 6,100 people have been busy gathering statistics about United States roads, hotch, parks, historic sites, and other matters to interest travellers, these facts have been recorded in little books that sell for \$1.50 each. Wonder if they also included accessible poor house to take care of us after the government and because of the surface of the surface and the control of the surface and the control of the surface and the control of the surface and the propose of the surface and the surfac

"Reforming Asses"

"I thank my God the sun and moon
Are both stuck up so high
That no presumptuous hand can stretch
And pluck them from the sky.
If they were not, I do believe
That some reforming ass
Would recommend to take them down
And light the world with gas.
—(From a speech given by Gov. Talmadge, of Georgia
in a recent address in Philadelphia.)

Enlarging Our State Police

Shall Michigan expand the size and activities of its State Police?

This question was opened up recently when Oscar G. Olander, Commissioner of that body of law enforcing men, issued a plea for an additional 200 men, thus doubling the blue uniformed guardians of the State's police arm.

Undoubtedly, better law enforcement can be developed.

Undoubtedly, better law enforcement can be developed through a larger force of State Police. But whether the taxpayers can support this extra group, and at the same time maintain the various city and county officers, is an important question, too.

Our own idea is that, with the increase of State Police officers, there should be a decrease in the number of men on each county sheriff's payroll. We agree with those who want the sheriff retained as a jail keeper—but, other than doing that, his own men cannot be as menacing to the criminal as the well trained men who serve under Commissioner Olander. If any of our sheriffs take exception to this belief, and wish to asy so for publication, we'll gladly accommodate them without cost.

Principles vs. Personalities

Father Charles E. Coughlin, two years ago, was boost-ing the Roosevelt administration; he seemed captivated by the personalities involved; he was the victim of by the personalities involved; he was the victim of his own ignorance of practical politics and politicians. Now he opposes these personalities, claiming that principle, not personality, will sustain individuals and nations. We hope the radio priest, in the future, will not forget the lessons he has thus learned—lesson that most experienced newspapermen could have told him about when he started. Newspapers have learned that they should support principles, never mere personalities; because, while a principle is unchanging, a political personality has as many "principles" as the exigencies of the moment require. political personality has as many exigencies of the moment require.

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But, as we started out to say, there is much forticise about the world in which we live. And the criticism cannot decently exclude some of the activities could gas and universities. (Whose facellies, bythe way are becoming more and more willing to acceptant the state.)

The Governor's "Baby"

Adopting the policy akin to "it's not my baby," Governor Fitzerard now declares that he will not interfere with the State Liquor Control Commission in the later's handling of John Barleycorn. As we understand the matter, the Governor appoints the Commission and can remove one or all of them; so, if this true, how can he escape responsibility for their sues or failure.

Detroit's Bus Terminal

Progress toward the erection of a large bus terminal in Decroit on Washington Boulevard; at Grand River growing traffic problem; it must be made to fit into the pattern for which it is intended.

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The Other Chap Says-



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric
The Itens That Make Up The Historical Background
Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Turkey Day.

J. R. Rundel attended the fateratule show at Chicago last week.

Learn and the Community House.

Approximately 2,500 people are expected to see the tradificant batter base when the post week.

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soon griss, conclude to teach as school for one.

There was a jolly, lively party at George Sly's near Franklin, and George Sly's near Franklin, and George Sly's near present and cuttee Andreas as only young folks can. A generous repast was furnished, and everybody said, "It was positively the control of the control of

outhficts as a grand successing over, \$50. The man of this place received many reacher of the band, and the boys also come in for their full share of praise for the admirable man, when you notice the size of the same process incredible.

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