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Our Next Governor? Who will occupy the Governor's chair at Lansing after January 1, next year? Will it be Frank D. Fitzgerald, present Republican incumbent, Frank Murphy, former "dew and sunshine" Mayor of Detroit, or Democratic opponent, George Welsh, able Grand Rapids former Lieutenant Governor?

WHICH WAY THE WIND BLOWS— STRAW VOTE. A graph showing two lines, A and B, fluctuating over months from JAN to SEP. Annotations include 'IT'S BEING CONDUCTED ON PURELY A PARTISAN BASIS', 'UNFAIR PROPAGANDA', 'CANDIDATE B', 'SUCH A VOTE IS PREPOSTEROUS!! NOT INDICATIVE', 'WELL—I DON'T KNOW', 'CANDIDATE A', 'CANDIDATE B'.

'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'... By T. H. MILLINGTON. "Best Be The Tie That Binds." The chords reverberated by the two letters, which I published below, are so full of human interest, that this would be a most profitable study for an interlude of profound assurance that unselfish brotherly love is the epitome of mercy itself.

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You'll Enjoy Life More If You Take It Easier. Modern life is its complications. It proceeds at a very rapid pace. With the airplane and automobile annihilating distance, the radio bringing instantaneous reports on events, and other characteristics of our present day living the human body and mind are called upon to adjust itself to a faster tempo than ever before.

Roads In The Air. Aircraft traffic has developed so much in this country that the problem of preventing collisions between aircraft near large air centers has already begun to attract the attention of authorities. As some air ports even now air schedules called for the arrival of several planes at approximately the same time, for just such a railroad, an aerial one, is being planned.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS... PLENTY OF QUEEN MATERIAL HERE. The "queen" chasing business is being largely overlooked. There are present queen, perfume, small queens, blue pill queens, blossom queens, winter, spring, summer and autumn queens, pretty queens, grape queens, chicken queens, cucumber queens, mushroom queens, doll and doll horse, radish queens, sauer kraut and muscadine queens, sasaparilla and water queens, etc. etc.

Random Remarks. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. "Holding liquor will be considered as just as lax as having liquor in the house." Harry Emerson Fosdick, preacher: "It is far harder to disbelieve in Him."

Bewilderment as problems loom up for solution, worry and anxiety over the success or failure of this or that project, the steady straining and grind of business in an effort to acquire more and have every available comfort. All these things add to the nervous strain of the human being.

To avoid the danger of planes colliding while en route, the Federal Bureau of Air-Commerce has announced flying altitude so that east-bound air craft must fly at 7,000, 7,500, etc. feet and west-bound air craft at even thousand-foot levels such as 2,000, 4,000, 6,000, etc. feet. The regulations also provide when an air craft has to cross the line of other air craft it must increase its altitude by five hundred feet, providing a clearance to avoid collisions between two planes which might possibly coincide at the same time in the same place.

WHO OWNS THE MECHANICAL PICKPOCKETS? On three occasions this summer we have made trips into the northern and northwestern parts of the state. On each occasion we have noted a number of slot machines in stores, restaurants, and other public places. These machines are more or less busy. Money is being won and lost. There must be a great many thousands of dollars tucked into these machines every day.

MY DREAMS. When morning comes to waken me, and I see the lovely dawn, I feel how I would keep my dream. Sleep and my night dreams. How strangely real and convincing they are. I feel as if I had been there. And all the weariness and drudgery of earth-life disappear. Then harmony and peace come with the dawn.

Probably the best antidote for the strain of life is a good sense of humor. There are many humorous things in life and you can laugh whether you win or lose, succeed or fail. To do so means a longer life and a better chance to reverse your errors.

Check General Statements. The politician delights in general, sweeping assertions. Many are made in the course of any campaign. The broad, inclusive generalization makes a decided appeal, and the politician realizes that few voters will take the time to check up and see if he is telling the truth.

WASHINGTON LETTER. Parties See Crop Insurance as Good Campaign Medicine. BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, — Crop insurance seems to be the coming slogan of the year.

THE MIND AS A HEALER. I recently read a doctor's life story who does not frankly admit that he had fought a losing battle, but he maintains just as stoutly that the problems are made by mind and chemical.

Curious Youth Takes Risks. The story from Santa Monica, Cal., telling how a 16-year-old boy lost his life while using a home-made diver's outfit to explore the bottom of a yacht harbor, illustrates the insatiable curiosity that features the life of the average boy today.

Yet, the candidate who is seeking office can be accurate if he wishes to. He can secure proper figures and the proof of what he says if he has the energy and the politician realizes that few voters will take the time to check up and see if he is telling the truth.

CONGRATULATIONS, JUDGE! A former actress gets some publicity because she will act instead of paying a \$100 fine imposed by a judge before whom she appeared on a charge of driving an automobile while her license was under suspension in consequence of a prior conviction for driving while under the influence of liquor.

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Life is something of a puzzle to the boys and girls of this age. They grapple with its problems and confusion from strange sources. Very often they have little or no confidence from parents or others. They move along mysterious courses, seeking unknown goals that they little understand.

The lady makes light of the matter, saying she went out for the "butcher and grocer," because she wouldn't be able to pay them if she paid the fine. We think the publicity ought to go to the judge, who sets his judicial confers a notable example in this day of "fixing" such charges through pull and influence. It is not necessary a piece of news when the it is sent to prison by a judge for violating traffic laws it becomes important, even if only as an example.

OTHERS besides the farmers would be wooed by such insurance. The consumers, for example, ought to like a plan that would protect them against violent fluctuations in price of farm products. The drought has brought things to a head. Wide areas that yielded bumper crops in years of heavy rainfall will produce nothing this year.

COMPLETING BANKING FACILITIES. "Your Bank in Birmingham".

Drifting Whither? There is no question but what a portion of the New Deal's efforts to free America from monopoly is based upon decency and real need. But to expect any nation to set up a centralized government that will bring and maintain economic freedom for its citizens, without the citizens themselves being capable of wise understanding of the principles governing economic relationships, is to suggest the return of government to a select few—which is a distinct drift from democracy to absolute monarchy.

LUREN D. DICKINSON, former Lieut. Governor several times, would like to preside over the next State election. As you know, he is now running out of the Republican ticket. The strength of Luren comes from the dry-sno, so in these days of drought over the land, it seems as though Luren ought to get many votes.

Man And Mule. The mule, he is a gentle beast, and so is man. He's satisfied to be the least; and so is man. Like man, he may be taught some tricks; he does his work from eight to six; the mule, when he gets mad, he kicks; and so does man. The mule, he has his load to pull; and so has man. He's happiest when he is pulling his load.

Practical Paragraphs. ARE YOU LEADING ENOUGH? You may be the greatest merchant in your town, but are you great enough? You may be the greatest salesman in seven counties, but are you great enough?

WHILE WILBUR M. BRUCKER is campaigning all over the State in his effort to win the Republican nomination over Senator James Couzens, the latter is saving nothing. Couzens is a rather poor salesman of his own wares, and that is poor going for any man who wants to hold public office.

Several factors are responsible for this feeling. Three of them are the old Federal Farm Board, the current soil conservation program, and the current soil conservation program. Soil conservation has not yet proved equal to the job of "bringing back" the American farmer. Drouth and the supreme drought this year has shown the AAA crop control idea, which might not have worked anyhow.