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Preventing Juvenile Delinquency Must Begin In The Home

One day last week we attended, in Detroit, a meeting of several hundred Michigan men and women ing of several hundred Michigan men and women who gathered together in the Detroit News radio station WWJ po discuss juvenile-delinquency, its cause and its cure. At that meeting a variety of able talks were presented by experts; while no single social or economic maladjustment was pegged as the definite cause for delinquency, it was easy to observe that the greatest single factor in youths' going wrong was the fact that ploys and girls are neglected in shoir felling very inorther, as directed and supern their earliest years insofar as directed and super-vised recreation and vocational activities are con-

Which brings us to a few comments on the activ-Which brings us to a few comments on the activities of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women who, as you may know, for several years have been conducting what they call a "Saturday Club" at the Community House, This Club, comprised of local boys and girls between the ages of eight and ten years, completed a term last Saturday with a program and exhibit of various playtime and avocational activities; during which recent ten-weeks term the registration otalled 173, with an average weekly attendance of

The "Saturday Cub" has been operating in hir-mingham for the past three years; it is part of an educational program, conceived on democratic lines, to bring into the lives and habits of a portion of our youth something of practical value. It is a valuable addition to the orthodox school system, in our

opinion.

In the language of Howard D. Crull, local super-intendent of public schools, "The Saturday Club is a democratic enterprise, where children meet on common ground to work together for a common cause. We of the public schools do not regard the Club as a challenge, but value its assistance in helping chil-dren to develop their latent ability in various lines. If more thought could be given to the use of free time, other opportunities could be provided for avo-cational training."

As one speaker at the juvenile delinquency meet-ing declared, "the time to prevent delinquency is in the high chair-not the electric chair.'

Judge Dan A. McGaffey Made A Splendid Record

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Ozkland County-every mm, woman, and child in its boundaries—has lost a sincere and trustworthy friend in the pasing, last Sunday, of Dan A. McGaffey, late Probate Judge of this County. Judge McGaffey whose official duties also took him into the realm of juvenile problems, was known far and wide as a splendid force for good. Many young people today, whose errors brought them before Judge McGaffey, will gireve over his passing—for his prest understanding of and sympathy with today's youth have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable condition, might have helped many of them over the troublous roads that, under less favorable conditions and the properties of the world will have the opportunity of pounds and important public position.

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Slot Machines

A lot of worrying is being done over slot machines. It is probably true that racketeers control slot machines in Michigan and true that the payoff on slot machines is greater than it ever was on bootleg liquor. Suggestion has been made that legislation be eracted to tax slot machines; to legalize slot machine gambling as has been done with horse racing. Those who have made the suggestion believe that a high license fee would drive them out.

It wouldn't, Such legislation would merely en-

It wouldn't. Such legislation would merely en-trench slot machine interests that much stronger and make a few score more jobs for political ap-

pointers.

Jefer's our suggestion on how to drive slot machines out of Michigan. This method possesses the advantages of not needing any legislation, any enforcing officers, any pronunciamiento by the governor or attorney general, of any pre-election publicity. We contribute this suggestion gladly. Let those opposed to slot machines raise a few thousand dollars to pay for the manufacture of brass tokens which will operate nickle slot machines. The nickle machines are the ones which take the grocery money. They are the machines on which small boys and girls waste their cash.

the machines on which small boys and girls waste their cash.
Have "Gambling Doesn't Pay" or "Watch for the Lemons" stamped on the brass tokens. Then have the tokens distributed widely throughout the state. Perhaps churches, newspaper offices, chambers of commerce, better business bureaus and other organizations would serve as distribution agencies. The tokens would be passed out free of charge, perhaps to reward church and Sunday school attendance. They would possess no value. They would merely be used to make the jold machine best go round.

If 5000 Michigan people, men, women and chidren, set, out next Monday morning to play funny money in the slot machine the racket would be folded up on the following Saturday night.—Ingham, County News.

National Collapse In 35 Years?

J. N. Darling, cartoonist-president of the new General Wild Life Federation, takes his work seriously and if he is right the rest of us might as well do the

same.

Mr. Darling affirms that unless destruction of the soil ceases, within the next thirty-fige years we will have a nation of empty stomachs and civilization itself might collapse. He finds that by 1960, at the present trend of destruction of soil, we will have just three acres of tillable soil per person ten live on, which is the lowest possible minimum. After that, says he, "We head down to the level of the Chunes."

n says he, "We head down to the level of the Chinese."

Mr. Darling's pessimistic view was boltered by figures from ,the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, whose Mr. Ernest G. Holt affirmed that unless the present rate of soil destruction was checked, the nation, based as it is on agriculture, would cease to endure. Already 10,000,000 acres of once good crop land have been ruined by crosson and the process is continuing at the rate of 20,000 acres at year. In raddition, 100,000,000 acres have lost the greater part of the productive top soil and thousands of larmers have become subsoil farmers, which "means something very close to bankrupt farming on bankrupt land."

Death Stalks The Highways

Last year 38,500 persons were killed by motor vehicle

Out of every hundred faral accidents 85 occurred fair weather.

Out of every hundred fatalities 77 were on dry roads.

Only 7 per cent of the drivers and 9 per cent of the pedestrains involved had been drinking.

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Only 2 per cent of the cars had bad break.
What is the trouble?
Out off 5/32,40 accidents, 116,780 were caused
by speeding; 87,450 by being on the wrong side of
the road, and 124,230 by ignoring the rights of way.
In addition to those killed in 1936, there were
110,000 permanently injured, and 1,230,000 temporarily injured.

Lionel L. Van Deerlin, student foreign countries to belie editor, University of Southern



YOU SAID IT!

WASHINGTON LETTER

NO

SNIOW

Despite Recovery, Huge Relief Bill Sure in Next Fiscal Year BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON. When the President, Harry Hopkins, and the Budget Bureau agree on the Budget Bureau agree of the Budget Budg the rolls down to 1,000,000 nebton of families and single persons by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. That was a provision in the deficiency appropriation built Congress passed this year to give WPA \$650,000,000 with which to carry through.

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To keep within their quotas
for the remainder of this fisestate administration of the state
again, state administration will, altogether, have to drop 50,
500 employes in March, 150,000
in April, 200,000 in May, and
200,000 more in June.
Hopkins insists that arbitrarily,
and must not affect anyone in cettain leed. State quotas will be
subject to review on this basis.
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"Weasel words will not avail to defeat the triumph of intention." lo

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, First Lady: 'I never have a ghost for any of my driting....! wouldn't be-cause I like doing it too well my-self."

RANDOM REMARKS

Carl Sandburg, poet: "I am not afraid of the young

Column

People's

Yours very truly,
N. A. Ivete
Editor's Note: Boy/ page, Mr.
Millington, quick.

Contrasts In Government By RAYMOND PITCAIRN

Benjamin N. Cardozo, Supreme Yonezo Okamoto, Japanese author Court Justice: and art patron: Wars are less frequent.
The standards of individual well-being and of living are higher.
Freedom of religion, of speech and of the press has been preserved.
Individual energy and progress are greater.

editor, University of Southern California:
"Instead of holding the men back goeds are saying: Let's have another drink."
To tell the truth, that criticism

Bernhard Koehler, Nazi econo-

My Country, Tis of Thee' ... By T. H. MILLINGTON

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MORE CONFERENCES

But more important, what is the atter with Michigan? How long

Governor and shed.

the strikers,

Cambridge, Mass, man disputes Circinnalis claim to having the first hathful in American the first care broken claiming. If was floated one storing.

"Men who spend the public money origin to have some exmaking a dollar." And also the agony of making out an income tax return.

Stupid Stella thinks that cotton gin is the kind that makes her mouth taste so furry the next morning.

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across the snow.
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light will meet them
when they cross the hill.
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it's warm and bright
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