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Since the endeavors of members of a Supreme Court of a State should be directed solely toward the honest and sincere impartial interpretation of law.

Michigan's Supreme Court Amendment
 It goes almost without saying that men who occupy such exalted places should be free from any outside worldly influence or pressure. An honest and a sincere human being can, upon reaching a mature age, undoubtedly function more judiciously in any office, public or private, if free and unfettered with personal obligations. And especially if free from and unfettered with political obligations.

It is, therefore, our own belief, based upon a long newspaper experience with politics, with government, and with the courts, that the adoption of the proposed Constitutional Amendment relative to the appointment of Michigan's Supreme Court members is about as close to maximum efficiency as any system of human beings can devise under a democratic system of government.

One of the most tragic incidents in the contemporary life of jurisprudence is the witnessing of able and honest Supreme Court Justices summarily dismissed through the caprices of partisan politics. Politics is not today, as it once was, a battle of wits, and some half-wits—for the domination of the masses. While this may be tolerated to some extent in the Legislative and Executive branches of government, it should not be tolerated in the Judiciary.

The wise founders of the United States thought of this, and they adopted the method of selecting members of the Supreme Court of the United States. It seems to us that it provides a good pattern for each State to follow.

The Supreme Court of the United States undeniably, today, is one of the most respected of our public institutions; its traditions are worthy of the emulation of every Commonwealth's Supreme Court. It is not fitting, then, that every State Supreme Court should be patterned, so far as possible, after the methods that support the United States Supreme Court.

The particular Amendment to be voted on in Michigan this fall, however, is the earnest consideration and support of every citizen of our State who wants the interpretation of our State laws made impartially by Justices whose thoughts may be emancipated from the shackles of partisan politics. Therefore, as a citizen and as a newspaper editor, we shall continue in the cause of gaining State-wide approval of the Amendment when it comes before the voters.

Last year in the spring when sit-down strikes were making Michigan the nation's step-child, the New York Times suggested that Michigan be "isolated as a social laboratory devoted exclusively to Mr. Lewis' experiments."

Again this year following the disgraceful seizure of the Consumer-plans, the Times says in part: "The National Labor Relations Board will now proceed to investigate at once the union's charge that there exists in this power plants a rival organization which can properly be described as a company dominated union. But will the National Labor Relations Board also proceed to investigate the outright seizure by the CIO of property to which it had no title? Certainly not. Is it a violation of the Wagner Act, and a repudiation of the principle of collective bargaining, for an employer to 'dominate' an union event to the extent of giving the slightest support to it."

"But it is no violation of the Wagner Act at all, and perfectly good 'collective bargaining,' so far as the statute is concerned, for a union to seize somebody else's property, lock the gates, and hold over the head of a community of a million people the threat of a sudden interruption of an essential service like the distribution of electric power."

Questions are sometimes asked on the floor of the Senate as to why the Wagner Act is regarded as a one-sided measure.

"To anybody with a modicum of experience with the National Labor Relations Board, we declare that so long as it remains a one-sided, pro-CIO, iniquitous and un-American agency, the real cause of labor will be misrepresented to the people. In the meantime, labor is being made the pawn of the greedy, grasping, leaders who seek great political power."

OUR LOCAL CITIZEN, Draper S. Allen, head of the State Sales Tax Division at Lansing, reports that sales tax returns for March amounted to \$13,144,340.03, a decline of \$125,377.10 from February. How can State officials expect sales tax returns to keep up when people are not working to get money to spend? And how will people get work unless they buy business—not politicians—created work? And why should private business "stick its neck out" when oppressive State and Federal legislation and taxation make the venture so unprofitable?

BY COMPARISON: Not do you think one night in a modern cocktail lounge would start against Ten Nights in a Bar Room? Perhaps the difference is in the swing and stagger, with plenty of shuffling.

One can't help but wonder whether or not Frank Fitzgerald's aim for harmony within the Republican ranks isn't falling a bit short of the mark by the sort of personal reference he is reported to have made about his opponent during a recent speech. It seems a bit boastful for the former governor to use the term "the man I elevated," in reference to Harry Toy.

It so happens that Mr. Toy has carved a rather distinguished career in his own right. One could very reasonably question whether or not any one individual in the state has done a more significant bit of work for clean government than Mr. Toy did in warring on the racket in Detroit.

If Mr. Toy accepted the nomination for attorney general on the Republican ticket, that party is to be congratulated for getting a man of his caliber to serve. If Mr. Toy were named to the supreme court of the state, it was a position he was well qualified to fill. There are many members of the former governor's party, however, who feel that the appointment of Mr. Toy to the supreme bench was not so much an "elevation" as it was a "kick upstairs" and they regretted to see able an individual removed from the active arena of state government.

Such a paternal phrase as "the man I elevated" is meaningless and can only help add fuel to the fire of accusation.

An official appointment is not a bribe. The fact that Mr. Toy accepted the supreme court appointment is no reason why he should refrain for all time from commenting on party affairs as he sees fit.

Likewise, the fact that Mr. Fitzgerald happened to be governor when the appointment was made, is no reason why the former governor should expect forever free comment by one who is now exalted in the constitutional privilege of running on a party primary for the gubernatorial nomination.

So far as impression on the public is concerned, it might be well for both candidates to lean over backward in avoiding such personal innuendoes. Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Toy are both fine gentlemen. There will be times during the course of the campaign when it will be necessary for each to criticize the ideas of the other. That is what a primary campaign is for.

But let's stick to ideas. Let's have a minimum of this "look-walk-it-did-for-him-and-now-see-what-he-did-for-me" sort of stuff.—Richard M. Cook in Hastings Banner.

Sturgeon Would Be Able Congressman
 Up in Gladstone, a few miles from Escanaba, lives a newspaper editor whose name is Joe A. Sturgeon, publisher of The Delta County Reporter, practically all of whose life has been spent in the newspaper business. Though born there, he has lived and worked in larger cities, and for some years was located in Detroit; he knows the problems of the large city as well as those of the rural areas of Michigan.

And now Mr. Sturgeon, after all these years of watching government from the sidelines, is offering the voters of the 11th Congressional District a chance to send him to Congress.

If personal honesty, extensive knowledge of the problems and processes of government, great courage, and a host of other attributes of character are of any value in the life of a Congressman, then we recommend Mr. Sturgeon to the people who comprise the 11th District.

Mr. Sturgeon is happy on his newspaper job, we know, perhaps of far happier than he would be in Washington. But we know from personal conversations with him that he is tired and disgusted with the way some matters are being handled from the nation's Capital, and his willingness to be a candidate this fall is only because he wants to make a personal contribution to some of the needed solutions.

He will be a credit to his District, if it sends him southward. And to that job he will bring not only honesty and experience, but also a steady business ability that is sadly needed in government today.

Great men are men alike with energy. They are invariably tremendous workers. It is said that in one year dynamic Mussolini granted pensions to 60,000,000 people more than 1,000 a week or 19 a day. During the same year he had almost two million papers laid before him by his secretary. And this was only a part of the work he did!

A man's working quotient is a good measuring stick of his ability to achieve. Eight hour days and success are as far apart as the poles.

Almost every man can do more work than he thinks he can. Walter Pitkin says that the average man can double his efficiency. The scientists tell us that there is more power in an atom than man can measure, and man is made up of billions of atoms. So, we have no reason to feel weak or powerless.

What we need to do is awaken our latent power. The spark that sets these powers aflame is a great ideal, purpose, or aim in life.—The Silver Linker.

What Is Your Work Quotient?
 SEIZURE OF PEANUTS owned by the Consumers Power Co., by members of the CIO merely repeats the lawlessness of more than a year ago, when some of Michigan's most popular stores were taken over by them. If Michigan had a Government that was as lawless, these seizures would be impossible. A labor strike is one thing—but seizure is quite another. Michigan needs a Governor who will stand up against such sit-down seizures—and here's hoping Michigan's New Year present for 1939 will be an honest-to-goodness Chief Executive.

THE ONLY REAL STRENGTH of unionism is in being united with capital, with management. "In union there is strength" is only true when both sides are honest and fair in their efforts to become wedded. What a divorce court is to the state of matrimony, the Wagner Act and its illegitimate offspring, the National Labor Relations Board, is to industrial progress.

NEWS ITEM: (Florida—) or any other section of U. S. A. outside of Michigan.) Governor Frank Murphy, who has been enjoying the warmth and sunshine of our fair State, has returned to his job at Lansing for a short period. (Other papers please copy.)

Congressional Comment
 by Representative George A. Dondero

In this country of free enterprise, big business was in the beginning little business, hence it is not surprising that little business and big business see eye to eye on many problems affecting the national economy. Both have no spoken.

With respect to wages and hours the representatives of big business recommended a fresh study of the subject; little business went still farther by expressing opposition to all forms of wage-hour regulation and legislation.

Both the conference of little business and the Department of Commerce's Business Advisory Council spoke in corresponding terms with regard to housing. Both groups went on record favoring the revision of our anti-trust laws.

In the matter of labor relations, the little business conference advocated putting equal responsibility on employers and employees and restricting fines from "harassing and intimidating" business. The Business Advisory Council used different language to express the same conclusion, declaring that "privilege must be attended by responsibility."

Both groups recommended substantial amendment of various provisions of the Social Security Act. Both groups asked that undistributed profits tax be repealed or radically modified. Both groups urged that the government balance its budget and that there be no further "pump-priming" operations.

If the average person earning \$1,800 a year were to pay the same proportionate tax as a person earning \$100,000 or more a year, they would have \$900 less left after the payment of taxes on his income. The New York Sun recently published a list of the earnings of the highest-paid persons in industry, finance, and in motion pictures. The gross salaries ranged from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for an aggregate of \$49,600,000; the aggregate taxes were \$20,400,000; the aggregate net salaries were \$29,200,000. The highest-paid executive in the United States has but one-third of his income left after the payment of his taxes.

Recently a Senate committee, in the investigation of the nomination of an assistant secretary, learned that the Secretary of the Interior, who with the expenditure of three or four millions of public works, had in 1933 bought two new automobiles. It was said that the automobiles were due to emergency and hence paid for out of emergency appropriations. Senator St. Germain, who was in charge of the investigation, said: "The Secretary wanted to buy a new car, and he bought it with emergency money."

Modern Ideas
 Forward looking architects, we understand, are working out plans for a garage with a hump that folds into the door.—Arkansas Gazette.

WASHINGTON LETTER
 BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 CCC, Now Five Years Old, Has Given 2,242,000 Youths a Future

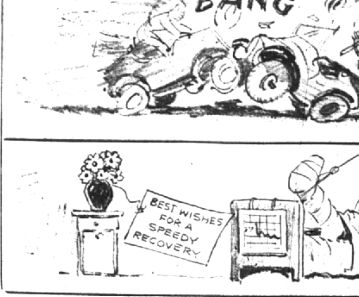
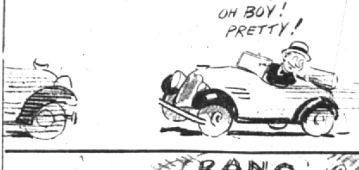
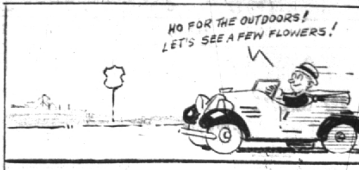
WASHINGTON—As the Civilian Conservation Corps completes its fifth year of existence and enters its sixth year, all over the country are showing renewed interest in this plan to take underprivileged youths from city streets and country crossroads and give them a chance to rehabilitate themselves.

The multifarious projects on which the CCC boys are engaged—tree-planting, swamp-clearing, road-building, flood and fire fighting and prevention, to mention only a representative few—are familiar to most people. Congressmen, too, are not unaware of the value of these activities, and their arguments have been convincing largely to such questions as how the CCC should be operated, whether it should be something in the nature of a United States army reserve, and whether its appropriations should be decreased or increased.

At the close of this first five-year plan, in which a total of \$1,920,000,000 has been expended on 2,242,000 youths, it is timely to consider what effect this training has had upon the average CCC boy.

THE average youth in the corps, according to statistics compiled by Director Robert Fechner, is an American citizen, 20 years old, unmarried, free of any communicable disease and a member of a family that requires help. He has completed high school, but not high school. He before he joined the CCC, he had been in work seven months. Things picked up for this average youth when he joined the CCC. Good food and plenty of it,

SPRING FLOWERS



Random Remarks
 Ralph W. Sockman, preacher: "The church, as has been aptly put, is an amvil that has worn out many hammers."
 John E. Finley, editor, New York Times: "No writers have been found quite comparable with the man who reported the creation and no editors who improved on it."—Sermon on the Mount.
 Walter W. Van Kirk, director, National Peace Conference: "If we stop Hitler today and do nothing to remove the cause responsible for the present crisis, we will have another Hitler on our hands tomorrow."
 Jos. H. Willits, dean, Wharton School of Finance: "No successful entrepreneur is able to arrive at a totalitarian state by awkwardness as well as by malvolence."
 Raymond B. Fossick, president, Rockefeller Foundation: "No successful entrepreneur can be maintained against the export or import of ideas."
 Ian Mackenzie, Canadian Minister of Defense: "Our major defense buffer in the Pacific Coast is not the Pacific Ocean alone, but the existence there of friendly fleets."
 A. C. Gardner, London newspaper editor: "The devastations of the bombers in Spain, in China and in Abyssinia offer no guidance as to what would happen should a knock-out blow be attempted on London."
 Oliver Lohr, Michigan pathologist: "More people are drinking themselves to death today than ever."
 Raymond Leslie Buell, president, Foreign Policy Association: "The Barcelona Government might be supposed to have the situation a long time ago had it the same right to buy arms as we now extend to every other government."
 Adolf Hitler, German Führer: "Does anyone believe there is any such thing as international conscience?"
 Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Today national progress and national prosperity are being held back chiefly because of selfishness on the part of a few."
 Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister: "The fundamental basis of British foreign policy is the preservation of peace and the association of peace with justice."
 Mickey Cochrane, manager, Detroit Tigers: "I am not retiring from active play. I probably have some catching left in me but I could not do justice to two jobs—managing and playing."
 Sherman Minton, U. S. Senator from Indiana: "I hope to break Army regulations, you are going to get regulated."
 Thomas Mann, German author, winner of Nobel prize: "America is the lone bulwark against the destruction of liberty and freedom."
 Cordell Hull, Secretary of State: "Only a healthy international trade will make possible a full and stable domestic economy."
 Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary: "There are occasions when

Happenings of Long Ago
 FIFTY YEARS AGO
 A twenty-one foot long worm, which belonged to Mrs. Amador Durde, was Harris, was compelled to change its location last week under the care and direction of Dr. J. L. Campbell of this city. Mrs. Durde now rejoices over the creature and her long-landed friend, and feels very grateful to the successful doctor, who adds another feather to his belt. This is the doctor's third successful effort during the year and there's another in prospect.

William Robinson, our newly-elected sheriff, commenced his new office in a blaze of glory and after a mile long. A tramp on a freight train was ordered off by the conductor. The tramp drew a revolver and "blowed by" just wouldn't. The brave r. o. boys rushed up town and had the doofy fellow go to the seat of war to disarm the enemy, but the enemy wouldn't. The sheriff took and was conspicuous by his absence. Will did the next best thing and arrested the rascal. The train started for Grand Haven and when Will landed the other man before the train, Judge Jones dismissed the whole thing with that wave of the hand for which he is famous.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 Your frayed trousers in Paris. The best is almost as high as on that historic occasion when the dog jumped over the moon.

Again we say and now we sing. Please don't get propping down on Wednesday, as we always have plenty of copy to begin with, Wednesday mornings—more than we can handle. Please hand in such notices in writing and then if we can get to them by midnight we will print them.

The Anti-Suffragists meeting held last Friday night was the event of the campaign. Our citizens done a little quizzing and outsmarted Hans, the lady-like gentleman speaker his walk on the question and also who the man before the meeting John O. Those present got their money's worth, sure.

Mrs. Ellen F. Peabody ain't home from Florida yet she soon will be. She is on her way now. Mrs. Peabody is the first man, who has just come back from a winter in the sunny southland and is feeling fine.

FIVE YEARS AGO
 RFC will match dollar with dollar in new bank here. Federal government will put up \$70,000 capital of equal amount is subscribed here. Johnny says \$20,000 reported pledged now.

Mrs. Hugh H. Welman is re-elected president. Baldwin library retains head: other officers named. Music and pageantry to mark The Ore and Easter services. Union program scheduled for Good Friday at First Baptist Church. Most leaders here to close for three hours Friday.

School scrip sale waits on bank report. Progress held up pending word on deposit withdrawals. Cash total is \$1,600.

Five city office appointments are deferred. Commission names Black, Shain and Smith as supervisors. Places city's expenditures for 18 months at \$24,009.73.

Jots 'n' Jest
 SALLY RAND may give a dance at home plate to open Southwestern Association baseball. Where would the game be without our fans?
 An economist says a farmer's richest source of income, but it's hard to believe that this last stronghold of American conservatism is taking up nudism.
 An earthquake in Vienna attracted little attention, rating tame as compared with Hitler.

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