

But It's True!

IN 1857 AN UN-IDENTIFIED BRITISH NAVY OFFICER PREDICTED THE NAMES OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1935...

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THERE ARE COYOTES WITHIN SIGHT OF THE NEW YORK CITY SKYLINE.

REMY OF THE PAIL TAKEN AMONG CHINESE RESIDENTS AS TO THE AMPLITUDE OF WHICH THEY HAD HEARD MOST...

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Coyotes have been moving into eastern states in increasing numbers for many years. There are said to be many, hundreds in New Jersey today, some of them within seven miles of Manhattan.

Spencer asked in his will that he be buried in golf clothing, and with all necessary golf equipment. He was buried with clubs and even tees, but two days later the executors remembered that they had not put a ball in the casket. On January 4, 1923, the body was disinterred, the ball was put in his hand.

Records found in Glenasmole castle, Glasgow, show that someone—almost 300 years ago—accurately predicted, in order, the names of successors to the British throne right up to George V. The person did not live.

Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING—Because heart throbs involve the state administration's handling of medical care for crippled and afflicted children was certain to stir up a rumormongering.

And it did.

When, in the 1939 legislature, economy of the hospitalization fund was cut from \$800,000 to an expenditure total of \$2,166,000 between March, 1938 to June, 1939.

The maximum payable per day at any hospital was reduced from \$4.50 to \$2.50.

The University hospital at Ann Arbor has closed two children's units and has dismissed a staff of 50 members, officials explaining that the average cost per patient per day was \$10.00.

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What Cost Crime?

Social welfare workers are fond of quoting figures on the cost of courts, jails and mental hospitals. Since all these agencies deal with the effect of behavior deviations, rather than the cause, the net result is to make the expense of preventive agencies seem small by comparison. After all, a tax dollar is a tax dollar, regardless how it is spent.

Here is the social welfare side of the story:

Prisons and prisoners, 1937-38... \$1,165,216
Prisons and prisoners, 1938-39... 3,001,500
Circuit judges, state police, etc., 1937-38... 1,267,316
State mental hospitals, patients, 1937-38... 6,798,041
Handicapped juvenile delinquents, local and state... 1,100,000

During the past three years Michigan with a population of 5,979,400 for 1937 (state department of health) committed through its courts a total of 7,507 persons to state prisons. Of these, 7,311 inmates in prisons Dec. 31, 1938, just 47 per cent of first-termers. Twenty per cent of prisoners are between 15 and 24 years of age. And yet, there is a golden lining in this dark picture: Commitments to prisons declined from 7,359 in 1931 to 2,726 in 1938.

Just when you are duly appalled, the social worker clinches the case with this appeal, which comes from the Michigan Child Guidance Institute of Ann Arbor: "Unless boards of supervisors and other local agencies take advantage of their authority (quoted above) to care for maladjusted children in urgent need of hospitalization will fail to receive adequate treatment. This will mean that instead of paying \$100 or \$200 for treatment in time, taxpayers will ultimately have to pay many times \$100 to put such cases in jail, in prisons and in the mental hospitals. In a case you're still statistically

"Home Rule" Test

Although a totalitarian government is expected to have the welfare functions of all kinds, Michigan did not attempt this particular responsibility until quite recently. With the support of Gov. Frank Murphy, the 1937 legislature created the Michigan Child Guidance Institute and passed an Affiliated Children's act whereby the state undertakes the care of medical treatment for youngsters who, otherwise, would not receive any. In 1938, the state treasury was asked to honor \$2,266,000 in bills.

This provision of the law is being emphasized today when local governments once again are being asked to assume the major responsibilities of proper care for crippled children. Governor Dickinson, undaunted as usual by criticism, pointed out that no afflicted child

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I'll Leave It To You

By John Denier

If I owned a business, I would insist that my employees be courteous and pleasant in all dealings with customers or potential customers. I would hope that they would set kindly toward everyone with whom they came in contact during the course of their daily work, but I would be stern in my rule that they should be courteous and pleasant in all dealings with customers or potential customers. I would hope that they would set kindly toward everyone with whom they came in contact during the course of their daily work, but I would be stern in my rule that they should be courteous and pleasant in all dealings with customers or potential customers.

Denier

They should be rewarded with at least a friendly atmosphere and made to feel comfortable and at home in my place of business.

I would insist upon such a policy at all times, whether a business was good or bad, but I think it might be natural for me to take even greater pains to see that this rule were carried out to the letter when sales were less numerous and customers were more scarce. It would seem to me to be only common, ordinary horse-sense to proceed on such a basis, for I know that I form impressions of a company through the particular representative of that concern with whom I happen to deal. It is the same with everyone, I think. If a clerk in some store is a surly and makes you feel that he's doing you a "great honor" to wait on you and take your money, your immediate opinion of that firm is that it is run by a bunch of cranks, or snobs, and you swear you'll never go in there again.

The idea of being polite and gracious to one's patrons is so elementary and so obviously the only correct business technique that it is truly amazing to look about you and witness its lack of application on all sides. The waitress who hurls your steak at you and who glares at you as though you were Public Enemy Number One when you ask her for the third time to bring you the napkin she should have supplied you with in the first place. The barber who dares you to make him smile. The elevator operator who tries his best to pinch your heel in the swiftly-closing doors if you should dilly-dally for an instant on the threshold. The cashier who takes your money and gives you a receipt without allowing the slightest sign of appreciation to rob her of that clean look. And so on, ad infinitum.

True it is that everyone has his off days, on which he is apt to reflect his troubles or feelings in his looks or actions. I am talking about those employees, however, for whom every day seems to be an off day. With so many worthy people anxious to find work, it pains to understand how these pains-in-the-neck keep their jobs.

Prosecutors Pledge Action

A recent survey of crimes committed by minors was conducted by Michigan State Police, and the result, according to Lieut. Harold F. Mulnar, disclosed "shocking figures."

In an appeal to prosecuting attorneys in annual conference at Mackinac Island, the police officer said: "The major part of crime in Michigan today is perpetrated by young men... They must have an outlet for excess energy, and boys' clubs and other boys' movements will go far to curb delinquency and direct their steps in the right path."

Oscar G. Olander, state police commissioner, proposes that community organizations in Michigan, staggering out of these roadhouse dance halls that line our highways, blind drunk, driving 60 miles an hour, or perhaps your mother or mine."

And again, as it often works out, home rule responsibility to check these abuses. Mr. DeMass reminded: "Local communities are prone to put the responsibility of such places in the lap of the commission, but don't forget that each one of those local communities issue dance hall permits which, if revoked would put them out of business."

Collects Stamps—And Wears 'Em

Sheriff on the Spot

That the local sheriff is directly responsible for law enforcement is not the prosecuting attorney, by the way, or other local officials—was a legal point in where the late Gov. Frank Fitzgerald sought refuge during the post-inauguration controversy over slot machines and other forms of gambling.

His successor, Gov. Luren D. Dickinson, made the same position when he instructed state police to investigate reported rioting in an automobile industry center and to notify him if local officials were dodging their responsibilities.

Prosecuting attorneys say that the remedy for disruptive liquor dives is to put the sheriff on the spot. Said William J. Miller, prosecutor of Delta county: "Call in your sheriff and other police agencies and tell them to clean house."

A majority of the county prosecutors agreed that Miller's suggestion was sound. And to this might be added one additional ingredient: Newspaper publicity. It was the latter, more than anything else, that restored the anti-gambling ban in Michigan this year.

The prosecutors agreed that saloon keepers, who sell liquor to minors, should be prosecuted for contributing to delinquency instead of letting the state commission deal out punishment in form of a revoked license.

And yet sheriffs and prosecutors can go no farther than public opinion support them. To that extent the ultimate responsibility rests with the men and women who go to the polls and who, during the other days between elections, are expected to exhibit some interest in good government through support of local officials.

Welfare at Home

In a hope that localized responsibility would effect a saving of public funds, the 1939 legislature passed a new welfare act. County supervisors are to appoint two of the three county welfare commissioners; the state welfare commission is to name the third person. The three commissioners can appoint a salaried welfare director,

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