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Editor's Note—In his attempt to be the moral leader of Michigan as well as its political head, Gov. Luren D. Dickinson has made himself a national news figure. Millions say this dual moral-political role is wrong, yet other millions applaud the alliance vigorously. Believing that the viewpoint of Dickinson supporters would be an interesting contribution to *The Eccentric's* Forum, the managing editor of this newspaper invited the pastor of the Birmingham First Methodist Church to express himself. The article follows.

By Rev. John Edward Martin
I have been asked by the managing editor of *The Eccentric* to write my viewpoints concerning the program of our Governor, Luren D. Dickinson. I gladly do it, for the fact is I have been personally acquainted with the Governor in the councils of church life for some years. Governor Dickinson merits the praise which is being given him by outstanding leaders who are beginning to discern in his program a constructive upbuilding of character in a state and in its downfall. The fact is, nothing is so vitally important at the present moment as character. Upon that, the state will go forward to heights of attainment that will make Michigan known as a state with a soul as well as a body.

'A Courageous Governor'
Take for instance an editorial in Monday's Free Press entitled "A Courageous Governor." Gov. Dickinson replied Saturday to the charge that his is an "ox-cart philosophy" of life by asserting that it is the plain duty of those in authority to warn young people of the social dangers with which they are surrounded. "As long as I am Governor I shall shrink no responsibility calling attention to anything that will suggest removing pitfalls from the path of young people, who are responsible for the future, and any time I am holding the office of Governor, or any other responsible position, and if I cannot follow that course, I will consider it my duty to eliminate myself."

The editor then says, "Governor Dickinson does not believe that decency in private life and economy in government ceased to be virtues when ox carts were replaced by automobiles. In daring to come out and say so he puts to shame the persons in politics who do things and stand for things in public life which they would not think of doing or standing for in their private lives."

I am quoting this at length not only to show that preachers are praising Gov. Dickinson these days for his strong stand against the evils which wreck a state and a present generation of youth, but to call attention to the fact that the Governor represents the character of a Christian gentleman in the office he holds. With Gov. Dickinson, his first duty to the state is that of building its character. That in itself reveals the only principle which has guided his public service and has made him the years a most respected citizen, whose election without political propaganda, has continued him in office year after year, until now at the advanced age he represents, he holds the reins of government with the power and confidence of a true servant of the people and gives promise of registering one of the most fruitful periods of administration of high order the state has ever known.

In an appraisal of the Governor there are three factors to take into account. Would they might become the guiding principles of our political parties when they see for candidates for public office. First—the man himself. Here is a man living the life of Christian manhood. The highest contribution any public office holder can make to his community is his own manhood. Unsmirched through the years, Governor Dickinson has lived a life the character of which is a real asset to the state he lives and serves.

Second—His devotion to public interests. One feels as he steps into the capital city these days that there is a man in the capital building who cannot be bought or sold. True, all of his decisions may not be in accord with the viewpoints of every citizen, but this one thing

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we are certain of, that not to his knowledge is he willing to do a single thing that will make the state the victim of any contract or scheme that will not bear the light of day. Gov. Dickinson is out in the open and what he does will bear the light of investigation and approval itself as the action of a man who will not for his own or for his party take advantage of a single thing that will not approve itself to his conscience.

Third—His example is a living demonstration of Christian manhood. The state is getting an example of what a Christian manhood represents. We have been impressed with the sportsmanship of the Governor. When "Ifly" was wasting his genius and literary skill to hold the Governor before the state in ridicule for his unwillingness to be personally present at the prize fight in Detroit, the Governor was the real show. He took it on the chin and declared that many citizens did not expect to see him at the fight, and he was right. No congregation would have delighted to see its pastor at the ring-side—why then the Governor? His office should be regarded as high as the preacher, and why demand that he be present, pleasing some and disappointing many of the state's citizens? It was poor sportsmanship of "Ifly" to make this an issue.

Again when the Governor took his position against the gambling business, the counter attack was not on the business, but on the Governor, but he stood his ground, and though the elimination of that business is not contended for by the Governor, he has far more restraint upon public for years. So it is with every evil. The Governor simply cannot live on the same street with evil and sleep or live contentedly. His nature is in open rebellion against it. This is a tribute to the training of a life from youth to manhood along the lines of virtue and the church. But when they are full grown, we then can estimate what is the value of the support we give to the character-training institutions of our community life.

'No Runaway'
Put on the other side of this support that which we are compelled to give to jails and asylums, our prisons and penitentiaries where dwell the victims of the evils the Governor fights, and we can understand why the Governor I shall shrink no responsibility of calling attention to anything that will remove the pitfalls, particularly from young people, who are responsible for the future."

That is the word of a true servant of the state and its entire population. So long as Governor Dickinson holds the reins there will be no runaway with evil forces. We may be thankful for the sense of security that he has brought a state although differing with him in many viewpoints—yet respects and realizes what it is all about. Finally let us regard these things the Governor is doing as saving the taxpayer thousands of dollars which otherwise would go to the coffers of those who build not the state, but tear it down and pollute its streams of virtue and morality.

Real Estate Trend Depends on the War
BY HERBERT U. NELSON
(Executive vice president, National Association of Real Estate Boards)

Already communities have begun to answer for themselves the question: How will war in Europe effect real estate here? A firming of prices has been general. Ultimate effects of the war will depend primarily on its duration. A long war assuming that we keep out of it, as is clearly our will to do—might nevertheless bring "controls" of various kinds that would be unfavorable. A war of a year or so would probably avoid any extreme distortion of normal industrial processes and balances and would be felt in rising real estate prices as well as in rise of industrial activity.

From first-hand observation of economic conditions in Germany this summer, it appears to me that a really long war is improbable. The German economic machine for years past has been driven without stop, at such terrific speed that both men and machines were this summer showing signs of strain and breakdown. Officials and others with whom I talked spoke of hold-back measures they were then taking because of the need to conserve worn nerves and especially to conserve machines.

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BY LINDO MOORE
(of the Baldwin Library)

Among the minor prophets—perhaps even the major ones—the present day, Dorothy Thompson is surely worthy of a high place. In the first place she is a woman who knows her own mind rarely hesitates to speak it. With her knowledge of European affairs, she is well enough equipped to write on consequence and probabilities, trends and results, yet there is something beyond these qualities that makes her writing of an absorbing interest to many readers as is indicated by the thousands who read her widely syndicated column in the New York Herald Tribune columns, broadcasts and a speech or two from March, 1938 to July, 1938 have been collected and published under the title *Let the Record Speak*. Written in the face of rapidly moving history, these articles are a reflection of the times; filled with enthusiasm or with a wrathful indignation, *American Earth*, by Carleton Beals. The story of America told in the terms of the land itself—its soil, its rivers and mountains. There is little concerning doctrine and treaties, but much concerning the peoples that made America. It makes a richly colorful story.

Iron Brew, by Stuart Holbrook. Here is an author with a gift for selecting the gaudier and more lusty episodes in American history. Those who remember with joy his book on the lumber industry of machinery that made iron, copper, steel imperative and then tells how these metals influenced the growth of a dozen states and in-

numberable cities and towns. Much of the story is picturesque; all of it interesting.

Foods America Gave the World, by Alpheus Hyatt Verrill. Even the most ardent dieter might be lured into forgetting her (or his) vows concerning the pleasures of the table on reading this book. The two American continents are the native homes of so many of the foods and drinks now in daily use that one wonders what our unfortunate ancestors ate before 1492. Coffee, cocoa and chocolate, tomatoes, corn, potatoes, pumpkin, fruits, berries, spices, too numerous to mention, and above all that noble decoration of the Thanksgiving table, the turkey.

Shanghai '37, by Vicki Baum. A novel relating the separate personal histories of a dozen people—Chinese, Japanese, American, German and English whose involved and tumultuous lives partake of the nature of the times.

Fate so dictated their lives that they met in a great hotel in Shanghai in the summer of 1939 when Japanese and Chinese bombs alike rained on the city.

Consultation Room, by Frederick Loomis. The reminiscences of

a doctor through whose consultation rooms came patients bringing with them stories that were sad, happy, dramatic or tragic. Don't Say It, by John Oyston. A cyclopedia of English use and abuse. Includes much useful information of correct spelling and punctuation, on sentence structure and grammar.

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