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asking that we shed some light on the subject.  
 "As nearly as we can ascertain, there seems to be  
 three schools of thought on the subject of  
 Michigan politics and the Governor. The first  
 is carried on a campaign of ridicule, seeking  
 to bring down the Governor by attacking his  
 at him. Few church people belong to the  
 school or sympathize with it and the writer has  
 been harsh in his condemnation of these tactics  
 as dastardly, vicious and menacing.

The second school, this one within the church,  
 regards politics as something quite apart from  
 religion. It's the essential business of the church  
 to preach the gospel and personal morality and  
 to politics alone.

"This group likewise thinks of Gov. Dickin-  
 son largely in terms of his renowned activity in  
 the history of the Anti-Saloon League, in which  
 organization he was a leader. His reputation of  
 those days has carried over to the present eval-  
 uation of the man. The group points with pride  
 to his religious emphasis, his use of prayer in  
 solving State problems and his condemnation of  
 moral degeneracy.

Third, the group holds many of the convictions  
 of the second but goes further. It respects the  
 Governor for past record, for his moral prom-  
 isements and his religious devotion, but in  
 spite of this it feels he has been misled and has  
 missed the biggest opportunity of all by not  
 championing the reform of an allegedly bossed  
 political machine.

"This group has pointed to the formation of  
 the Michigan Fourth Estate of editors, organized  
 to root out corruption, as pretty conclusive  
 evidence that something is wrong in Michigan.  
 It is and the personnel of the Fourth Estate is  
 of unusually high caliber and that more of this  
 type do not go out of their way to organize for  
 reform unless they believe there is good reason  
 for it. And this third school wonders why Gov.  
 Dickinson, with the reputation he has for  
 moral courage, doesn't do something about it.

"In answer to this query it seems to find an  
 explanation, he must be misled. And as  
 reasons for this suspicion they cite certain pro-  
 nouncements and acts of the Governor's that  
 seem totally unlike him, such as his indorse-  
 ment of civil service repeal which played into  
 the hands of the spoils system and those who  
 exercise boss control; his refusal to accept  
 appropriation for temperance education in spite  
 of the fact that he has always preached that the  
 liquor traffic is a moral and financial waste; his  
 chiding the Michigan Press Association to show  
 him a "Fanning" gang is running the State  
 instead of calling for an investigation of the  
 jury to prove by means of its authority and re-  
 sources what no private individual or organiza-  
 tion can; his willingness to sign requisitions for  
 liquor purchases if Mr. DeLoe of the Liquor  
 Control Board is not present.

"These and numerous other things are sub-  
 mitted by the sincere critics in this group as  
 indications that the Governor is not like him-  
 self. It is afraid he is being unduly influenced  
 and that when he runs again he may unwittingly  
 be a tool of a finished editor. He is a young  
 man at the work and liable to make mistakes.  
 I'm going to ask your prayers for that man, and  
 pray for all that he does in the future, that he  
 will first consult Almighty God."

Thus ends the Governor's immediate con-  
 sideration of constructive criticism leveled at  
 him by the official publication in Michigan of  
 the church with which he has been connected  
 all his life.

Rev. Marvin, we believe, will be able to take  
 care of himself and Michigan citizens will watch  
 with interest the Governor's attitude toward  
 criticism. Personally, the Governor's attitude toward  
 the Advocate is shocking. The Chief Executive  
 dismissed, without giving even the tiniest frag-  
 ment of credence, The Advocate's belief that  
 political Bosses are powerful in this State and  
 reveal how wrong the Governor is in maintain-  
 ing his naive innocence in this respect.

To us, the Governor's absolute refusal to in-  
 vestigate State purchases, or the domination of  
 certain State Boards and Commissions by the  
 bosses, is inconsistent with his recent order to  
 investigate the Boys' Vocational School, for  
 example, in Lansing.

The Governor, it seems to us, is acting like a  
 County Prosecutor would, who, when confronted  
 by complaints of wrongdoing by citizens, would  
 reply: "I'm only the Prosecutor; if you have  
 any complaints just bring 'em in to  
 me and I'll see what can be done about it."

Such a Prosecutor, with tax-supported  
 machinery for investigating such complaints,  
 asks private citizens to do a job that he should  
 be doing. The Governor's request that editors  
 of Michigan bring him proof of Boss control in  
 Michigan is, of course, a challenge that has been  
 accepted; but how much better it would be if  
 the Governor, in asking for such proof, openly  
 and sincerely offered the assistance of his own  
 office.

Governor Dickinson, as the result of a life-  
 time of personal work among church groups,  
 had become a sort of symbol of personal integ-  
 rity; and no one questions his good intentions.  
 But like the symbol of liberty, or freedom,  
 the Governor is too much of an inanimate  
 statue on a pedestal; his symbolism is a kind of  
 inspiration, calling for the exemplification by  
 people of their own best attributes, but, also like  
 a statue, the Governor fails to do like the  
 language of an executive crusader—and that is  
 his greatest weakness as Governor.

Now, please read on, and learn what editor  
 in The Advocate, said about Michigan  
 Methodism's outstanding layman.  
 "Readers of these columns naturally will  
 be interested more than the rank and file be-  
 cause of our personal interest in the Governor,"  
 declared the Advocate. "The latest announcements  
 indicate that he is not personally involved. We  
 made it an announcement to be  
 third part in any corruption that may have  
 existed."  
 Enigma to Friends  
 It is true, however, that Gov. Dickinson has  
 been an enigma to some of his friends. Perhaps  
 this was inevitable for men are often compelled  
 to act differently under unique situations. The  
 Governor has encountered many of them.  
 From time to time inquiries have come to us

**ACTIVITY ON CAPITOL HILL**



**"TRAVEL AMERICA YEAR"**

MAURICE F. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Smith, 844 E. 10th St., has been invited to Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at DePaul University, Greenfield, Ind. where he is a Freshman.

**Happenings of Long Ago**

**Fifty Years Ago**  
 April 17, 1890  
 The recent city election at Pontiac is laid by the Gazette to the credit of the Republican.

The most successful book of this year is "Lorna Doone," a romance of Exmoor, by R. D. Blackmore. This attractive romance, the most fascinating in its touches of both nature and human nature ever written in English, and perhaps in any language, is the latest book in our library.

**Enjoying Trip**  
 MISS KATHLEEN HILL, daughter of Mrs. Perry E. Hill of Baum street, is enjoying a trip through Pennsylvania and Virginia during the spring recess from her studies at the Lincoln School in Providence, Rhode Island. Miss Hill is taking an active part in her athletics. This year she took part in the recent basketball game with the Banerett School.

**Prep School Note**  
 OTTO KERN, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kern of East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, has been a member of the Preps School in New York City during the 1939-40 season. Although the team experienced a narrow season as a whole, they won four out of the eight matches in which he participated, scoring points in every one. Otto was selected as a member of the team.

**Visiting in Utica, N. Y.**  
 MISS S. VIRGINIA STANLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Stanley, of Birminghams, was invited to the spring recess from Boston, Mass., to visit her father in the Utica, N. Y. area.

**Dormitory Head**  
 SHIRLEY SMITH has been elected dormitory head of the dormitory at Duke University in Durham, N. C.

**Vacationers**  
 Florence McDonald of the Bazaar road, is home for ten days' spring vacation from Michigan State Normal college.

**Chauffeur or Driver**  
 The boys who drive for the motor cars are called chauffeurs. They want to be called drivers. Most of the people call them drivers, but some call them chauffeurs. Recently a man came to whom a special car was ordered by him. He went to get it by without bothering to learn his name, and always addressed that was his chauffeur. He thought that was his chauffeur who was a student of the second rank, announced here.

**Reassuring**  
 The late was dark and deserted and some were suddenly arrested by two men, the driver of whom said "Excuse me, sir, I would like to see your driver with the loan of a penny."

**Excuse It, Please**  
 Alalfa Isek—What happened to that tasterfoot who was out here last week?

**Help With Dance**  
 PATRICIA MAIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hoard of 660 Washington road, Birmingham, was appointed chairman of the decoration committee for the Freshman Formal given Friday

**Knocking on Wood!**

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

**INFORMALLY SPEAKING**  
 A business leader says the country needs men with the courage to spend money. We hereby offer this 60-30 proposition. If any one will put up the money, we will put in the courage. (Laughter.)

A calf on a curve was a dangerous as a curve on a calf.

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference of what actually things are and what they ought to be.—William Hazlitt

**FARMERS REVOLT**  
 Have you ever attended a meeting of farmers trying to get out of their predicament? You have heard a speaker say that you have missed a chance of that good old-fashioned, common sense, common sense, common sense. As a rule, you can't push a farmer around. He has a good deal of pride in his work, and he is not so easily pushed around. He has a good deal of pride in his work, and he is not so easily pushed around.

**Congressional Comment**  
 by Representative George A. Dondero

**A Message for Youth**  
 The following constitutes a message for youth, a message of national obligation to be circulated among college and university students and to be read as a message to young men and women of the 17th Congressional district.

It is my opinion that every young student who does not participate in the national affairs should be reminded of some of the achievements of the past years. The following are some of the achievements of the past years: The world has been created and now more than half the world is now in possession of the world and the world's population and the world's population and the world's population.

**POLITICIANS OVERSIGHT**  
 It has been said that every legislator should be a politician. It is true that every legislator should be a politician. It is true that every legislator should be a politician. It is true that every legislator should be a politician.

**WHY EMPLOYMENT?**  
 William A. W. Why is a great

**GAMBLING AND GRAFT**  
 The following is a list of the names of the gamblers and grafters who have been named in the past few years.

**THE DOG**  
 The dog that the dog "Fashion Show" had had his dog.

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 The cost may be added to your balance

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**With the Collegians**

**In Play**  
 JOAN BAKER, of 19180 River Side, Birmingham, was named as the cast of "The Critic," given by Play Production at the University of Michigan, March 27 to 30.

**Sorority President**  
 PATRICIA MAIN, of 421 London, Birmingham, has recently been elected president of Alpha Delta sorority at the University of Michigan where she is a junior in the literary college.

**Debater**  
 WILLIAM MUEHL, of 27443 Sunset Blvd., is a member of the men's debating team at the University of Michigan where he is a junior in the literary college.

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