

HAGEY ADMITS KILLING PAL

Wire Tapper Confesses He Threw Body In The Mississippi

Acting on information supplied by Lieut. John Hoffman head of the special investigation bureau of Detroit, St. Louis police were dragging the Mississippi River for the body of Clyde Bailey, member of a \$20,000 wire tapping gang.

Lawrence Hagey, leader of the gang and an escaped convict from the Colorado state prison who lived in Plymouth until recently admitted to Hoffman after four days of grilling he shot his partner to death and disposed of his body because he did not trust him.

Miss Florence Hagey, of Columbus, third member of the gang, who is in the Wayne County jail awaiting trial, was shocked when told of the confession.

"I can't believe it," she said. "I never knew anything about it. Hagey must have done it in self defense."

Miss Hagey admitted she traveled about the country with the two men.

She said it was her part to do a disguise and collect money from the telegraph companies after Hagey and Bailey tapped the wires and sent fake messages ordering the money to be paid.

"I did not think I was doing anything wrong, although I now there was something strange about the whole affair," she said. "Bailey was my brother-in-law and he made me miserable for his sister. He threatened to kill us both."

Hagey escaped from the Colorado prison where he was serving life for tampering with a mailing house proprietor. Following his escape he came almost directly to Detroit and Plymouth where he secured a job on the Pere Marquette and worked until married to the Western Union operator about a year ago.

After making the oral confession, Hagey refused to sign a resume of it.

"I told you the truth," he said to Hoffman, "and I don't go for the writing." He later repeated his story to Detectives Clyde Rahey and Ray Dooley.

Hagey's real name is Orville Turley. He detailed events that led up to the slaying of Bailey in his confession to Hoffman.

"Miss Hagey and Bailey's wife, Jane, who is in Columbus, and I were in New York about June 9," Hagey asserted. "We discussed Bailey and agreed he had been acting suspiciously."

"We decided to wire Bailey, who was in Columbus to meet me in Detroit."

"I went to Detroit and met Bailey as arranged. Bailey asked about the woman. I told him they were en route to Florida. Florida is the home of Jane."

"Bailey asked me to rush to Columbus with him in an effort to head off the woman. He insisted and I went with him."

"I know that the woman were in Columbus. They went there when they left me."

"Bailey became more and more suspicious of me. I induced him to go to St. Louis with me."

"After arrival in St. Louis, Bailey went into a store to make a purchase. I slipped next door to send a wire informing the girls to await instructions from me the following day. Bailey walked in."

"His suspicious increased and each other closely. He feared I would harm him and I feared the same thing from him."

"We then jumped in our car, and Bailey began driving to a tourist camp 30 miles northeast of St. Louis."

"When we got to a lonely spot a few miles out, Bailey stopped the car, placed his hand in his back pocket and said, 'Now I've got you double-crosser. I found out you held out on me in the wire-tapping job.'"

"I beat him to the draw and shot him through the heart. He died instantly. I drove around for six hours with Bailey's body in the tonneau of the car. Then I decided to throw him from the bridge."

"I searched the body on the bridge and found a .38-caliber revolver. I threw the body and I threw the gun in the river, too."

"Hagey fixed the time of throwing the body from the bridge at 3 a. m. June 17."

Lieut. John Hoffman told of Hagey's matrimonial adventures. Hagey escaped from the Canon City, Colo., prison in 1927 after serving five years of a life sentence, came to Michigan and in June, 1928, married Miss Florence Ranney, now living at 828 West Elizabeth street, as Mrs. Florence Hagey. She visited police headquarters Wednesday but did not talk to Hagey.

Hoffman said Hagey deserted her and a year ago married again at Olivet, Mich., where his second wife who was the Western Union

Novi Man Jumps In Front of P.M. Freight

Moses Rix, 73 years of age, was ground to death by the Pere Marquette freight train just this side of Novi early Sunday morning. Resident on ill health, the Novi resident sat on the embankment near the track until the freight approached. As the engine was within a few feet of him, he jumped headlong into it. The body was dragged under the train for nearly a quarter of a mile. Rix had told his wife that he had nothing more to live for and that he planned to kill himself at the first opportunity. The family had kept a close watch of him but Sunday he was able to escape their watchfulness and as a result death followed. The body was taken to Pontiac for inquest was held.

NOT NECESSARY TO RE-REGISTER

New State Law Does Not Apply To Places Of Under 5,000

Plymouth residents will not have to re-register for the forthcoming primary election and general election.

That is the information city officials have just secured at this place.

At the last regular session of the state legislature there was passed an act providing for a permanent re-registration of all the voters in the state. An exception was made in the law for municipalities with a population of less than 5,000.

As Plymouth falls just a trifle under the 5,000 classification according to the last census, Mayor Robert Ahmacker states that it will not be necessary for local residents to re-register again before the primary election in September.

The state law does provide that such a re-registration can be ordered by the proper legislative body of the community, but the city commission of Plymouth has decided not to add this additional expense upon the taxpayers at the present time and therefore there will be no general re-registration for the regular primary election to be held early in September.

According to City Manager Cookington the decision of the city commission is based upon the opinion of the attorney general, who had been asked for a ruling on the question.

Because of the exceptional interest in politics this year and because of the large number of candidates who will be voted upon in the primary election, it is anticipated that the vote in the September primary will be one of the largest in many years.

There will be a general re-registration in the township, the dates to be announced soon by the township board.

Blunk Sale Will End Saturday Eve

Saturday night will end the big money raising sale that Blunk Brothers, found necessary to conduct at this time. While the sale has been especially well patronized up to the present, Mr. Blunk states that there are hundreds of real bargains left and that if you desire to take advantage of these exceptional savings, you will have to come now until the store closes late Saturday evening. Possibly there will be something for the trip you are planning over the Fourth that you will desire. It will pay you to drop into the store, look around and check over the vast number of bargains that are offered.

Drops Dead in Pere Marquette Yards

William Wallace, 72 years of age, of Detroit, dropped dead in Plymouth late last Thursday afternoon just after he stepped off a freight train in the Pere Marquette yards. Dr. Patterson, who was called to care for him, stated that the man had apparently been seized with a heart attack. A card in his pocket showed that he was on the Detroit welfare list and that he had been transferred to Eloise. Just how he happened to be riding a Pere Marquette freight in this locality Chief Vaughn Smith could not learn. His body was sent back to Detroit for burial.

Operator here is living as Mrs. Josephine Hagey.

Hoffman said Hagey has admitted the marriages. Hagey's automobile was brought from St. Louis and bloodstains and Bailey's clothes were found in the rear seat. A pistol with two cartridges discharged had been found in the car when Hagey was arrested. Hagey goes back to Colorado to serve out his life sentence.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Basso are occupying the home of Miss Helen Wells on Irving street for the summer.

City Officials Cut Budget Nearly Half In Less Than Four Years—Will Spend Only \$72,800 During Next Year

From a budget in 1928 of \$124,000 to a budget for the fiscal year of 1932-33 of \$72,800, just a trifle over one-half, is the cut that the city of Plymouth has made in its operating expenses.

The budget for the ensuing year which has just been completed by city officials, will be exactly \$72,800. The budget last year was \$76,000. In 1930 it was \$107,000.

The new budget is based upon a considerably reduced valuation in Plymouth, a cut of something like \$2,000,000 under what it was last year. Not only has the budget been reduced, the valuation reduced, but the tax rate has been cut another three mills, so Plymouth taxpayers for the ensuing year are going to enjoy the lowest tax they have had in years.

The new budget, state city officials, could possibly have been even another \$10,000 if it had not been for anticipated welfare demands during the coming winter. It is possible that this amount will not be necessary but officials deemed advisable to make provisions for a much greater demand than has ever before existed. If the money should not be used, it will revert to the general fund next year, thereby enabling city officials to make an additional cut providing there are no other unexpected demands that will have to be met from the city funds.

By concrete illustrations, Dr. Frederick Fisher of Ann Arbor gave an especially clear, concrete and inspiring address on "Living In The Twentieth Century." Dr. Fisher presented for consideration the fact that in the present time no individual, state, or nation lives any longer alone but that the whole world is so interwoven socially, economically, and politically that the time is just when one locality can prosper long at the expense of another. Transportation and the spread of ideas through mediums of radio has built the world into one great unit.

Dr. Fisher explained the problems confronting over-populated areas like Japan, China, and India, and showed that while America is the richest country in the world as far as natural resources, she is also the most wasteful country in the world.

In his address to the class he expressed very clearly the inspiring idea that we are not only Americans but that we are also members of a great world civilization and for us to fail to appreciate our responsibility in the world organization, is to fail to achieve the maximum of success in the twentieth century.

The second winner was Mrs. A. F. Baker, 3836 Plymouth road who was able to make 3100 words out of the four words.

To Mrs. Charles R. Smith, 142 Thayer Boulevard, Northville, went the third prize for finding 2250 words that could be spelled out of the four specified words.

The program was most excellent, the piano solos by Miss Arlith Baker were especially enjoyed. The ladies' short selections were read by the president and Mrs. E. C. Lanffer, Miss Cora Pellam, superintendent of the Flower Mission work, read "The Story of Jennie Cassiday's Life."

An entertaining little play "Mrs. Jackson Sues the Light" was given by Mesdames Vealey, Lanffer, and Todd and won generous applause.

After the program, refreshments were served by the hostess, and the ladies wandered out to view the beautiful rose garden which was then in all its glory.

Bonquets were sent to the sick and shut-ins. A picnic will be held by the Union on Thursday, July 28th, at Riverside Park. A Washington program will be given at this time.

Former Resident Is Head of Presbyterians

At the 98th annual meeting of the Presbyterian Michigan Synod held in East Lansing, Thursday, the Rev. Dr. John W. Dumlup, of Kalamazoo was chosen moderator. He succeeds President Harry M. Crooks, of Alma College, Rev. Dumlup was 25 years ago a resident of Plymouth and is well known here.

Wednesday morning's program included an address on "What Does It Mean to Be Spiritual?" by President Silas Evans, of Ripon College. The "Pastor's Hour" was conducted by Dr. G. A. Buttrick, of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City.

Did You Know That

Mrs. Nellie Moon returned home Sunday from Gun Lake where she had been visiting her sister for two weeks.

You can now buy Fly Fox at Dodge's, Community Pharmacy, Beyer's, Wolf's, Floelling's, Woodworth's in Plymouth and at McKinney and Schaffers on Plymouth Road, also at West and Sons, Cherry Hill, as well as anywhere in Michigan.

Window shades can be repaired and cleaned and done right in Plymouth at the National Window Shade factory. Also that we sell the linoleum for any room in your home at ridiculously low price.

Plymouth Park Is Busy Picnic Place

Beautiful Plymouth - Riverside park these days is the scene of scores of big picnics and family reunions. Saturday and Sunday there were over two dozen gatherings, some of them attended by hundreds. The Pere Marquette Uniformed Bands, I. O. O. F., had probably the largest attendance of any of the Saturday picnics, over 200 being in this group. Among other picnics and family gatherings held were by Arlette Iolte, F. & A. M., Detroit; Grand Avenue M. E. church; Grand River Avenue Baptist church, the Wayne Baptist church, the Wayne Lutheran church, the United Brethren church of Detroit, the Free Methodist church of Wayne, the Painter's Union, Detroit and the Cox family reunion.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD BRANCH PROGRESSING

Garden Party Planned This Afternoon

Following up an organization meeting held Tuesday, June 21st, at the Mayflower Hotel for the purpose of forming a Plymouth Branch of the Needlework Guild of America, Mrs. R. E. Cooper, who was unanimously elected President, held a meeting for all officers and members of Michigan's newest branch at her home on Pennington avenue, Tuesday afternoon of last week. The meeting was well attended, a total of twenty-nine officers and directors enthusiastically discussing ways and means of immediately starting the work of building up the effectiveness of the local branch where it will measure up to or surpass the high average standard set by branches of the Guild.

The need for at least a small sum of money to start the work at once became apparent. After considering several suggestions, it was unanimously voted to accept Mrs. H. S. Lee's generous invitation to hold a garden party this Friday afternoon at the beautiful Lee estate. Mrs. Lee explained that their garden are at their liveliest now.

Tickets were priced at twenty-five (25) cents, and each officer and director was asked to dispose of five tickets. Note: A complete list of all officers and directors will be found at the conclusion of this article.

Entertainment will be arranged by Miss Elizabeth Brinkley, Mrs. Murray O'Neil, and Miss Julia Wilcox, and light refreshments will be served. Automobiles will be provided for all those unable to conveniently arrange transportation this afternoon. They will leave the Mayflower Hotel corner promptly at 2 p. m. The money realized from the sale of tickets will go to buy an initial supply of material for garments. A cordial invitation is extended, and an enjoyable afternoon is promised.

Mrs. Cooper explained, "Now that we are a part of the great national Guild organization, it is our desire that the local public clearly understand its aims and purpose. We wish to again point out that the Guild is a charity that helps all other charities. Locally this will mean that we shall at all times strive to cooperate to the fullest extent with the splendid work of the Salvation Army, the Plymouth Public Welfare Committee, and the Parent-Teachers Association. There will be no possibility of overlapping activities because theirs will continue to be the work of directly administering to local needs, whereas ours will be the work of helping to provide garments, a supplementary but highly important activity. Every article of clothing made or purchased, every dollar turned in will be used in our own community."

The officers and directors of the Plymouth Branch of the Needlework Guild of America are Mrs. R. E. Cooper, President, Mrs. F. A. Dibble, Mrs. C. H. Bennett, Mrs. Otto Beyer, and Mrs. George E. Sawyer, Vice Presidents, Mrs. Wm. T. Verthling, Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Huston-Whipple, Secretary, and Mrs. H. S. Lee, Mrs. R. A. Cassady, Miss Myrtle Fisher, Mrs. Maxwell Moon, Mrs. C. E. Elliott, Mrs. Peter Miller, Mrs. Clyde Smith, Mrs. K. A. Starkweather, Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. Morris Woodworth, Mrs. Rex Wheeler, Mrs. L. L. Ball, Mrs. Alida Estep, Mrs. Melvin Alguire, Mrs. Floyd Eckles, Mrs. H. J. Brishois, Mrs. F. R. Hohelael, Mrs. E. C. Vealey, Mrs. George Wilsky, Mrs. Sidney D. Strong, and Mrs. Adolph G. Kehrl, Directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hillman of this city and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. McKinstry, little daughter, Patricia Colleen, of Northville will leave Saturday evening for the McKelney cottage at Long Lake, remaining until Monday evening.

PLYMOUTH NOT TO CELEBRATE

Fourth Going To Be Quiet One Here—Some Safety Don'ts

It is going to be a quiet Fourth in Plymouth.

No celebration. No firecrackers. No horse races.

Just a good old quiet American Fourth.

There had been some talk of re-proclaiming again the great Fourth of July celebration held here 80 years ago, but it was found that it would be a very great task to complete all the arrangements and details for the event so the committee that had it in charge decided not to try the effort.

As a result of the good fishermen of Plymouth are going fishing, the home-going golf players are going to play golf and the family picnickers are going to picnic.

And all of that means a lot of highway travel. It is really going to be a three day vacation because many plan to leave Saturday morning and will not return until Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Independence Day is known as the worst accident day of the year. This year may break the tragic record unless everyone guards himself closely and observes all safety rules. A list of "don'ts," all excellent advice, has been prepared and follows:

If you drive your car—Drive Safely.

Don't drive recklessly—it's a long holiday and there's plenty of time.

Don't take out your car unless it is in first-class condition.

Don't drive on the wrong side of the road, keep to the right.

Don't drive too long without rest—mental lapses due to fatigue cause accidents.

Don't pass other cars unless you have a clear view ahead; don't cut in and out of traffic lines; don't pass or fail to slow down at intersections.

If you go swimming—swim safely.

Don't attempt marathon races by swimming too long or too far.

Don't venture out into too deep water if you're not a strong swimmer.

Don't swim away from the crowd.

Don't indulge in ducking others or in frightening weak swimmers or children.

Don't lie too long in the sun—sun poisoning is injurious and can be fatal.

Don't hold lighted firecrackers in your hand or throw them close to others.

Don't explode firecrackers near combustible materials.

Don't celebrate with guns loaded with real cartridges or shot; firecrackers and toy pistols are dangerous enough.

Don't fall to treat injuries, even the most minor ones, immediately and intelligently. Tetanus poisoning works slowly but surely.

Don't get too close to a display of fireworks—premature explosions occur.

Youngest Graduate Marygrove College



MISS ANGELINE ROUSSEAU

Miss Angeline Rousseau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rousseau of Newburg, returned last Monday from Chicago, where she represented Marygrove College at the national Student's Spiritual Leadership Convention, held at the Palmer House, Miss Rousseau was graduated June 8 from Marygrove with a "cum laude" and was honored by being one of the ten in a class of ninety-seven to be chosen for the National Catholic Honor Society, Kappa Gamma Phi. As in Plymouth High School, she was the youngest again in her class, graduating from the college at the age of 19. She was most active in all the campus undertakings, only this last June taking the lead in the big outdoor pageant, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," holding both membership and office in the Dramatic Society, Art Club, Cosmopolitan Press Club, Glee Club, and the Socially, as well as managing the advertising for the Watch Tower.

Having received her bachelor of arts degree in English, she plans to return next year for a masters degree in philosophy, and will continue her study of piano and organ for a bachelor of music.

Not only did he compliment the program committee, but he gave to all the other officers of the club his praise for their splendid cooperation, and he thanked the club membership for their loyalty and the honor they had conferred upon him by placing him at the head of the organization for the past year.

President Bennett was then introduced and greeted most cordially by the Rotarians. Since the organization of the Rotary club in Plymouth, Mr. Bennett has been one of its most loyal and active workers and he told the Rotarians that he knew of no honor that could be conferred upon him which he appreciated more than he did his election to the presidency of a club that stands for the high ideals of community service that Rotary does.

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Towle And Roe Head Playground League

Last Friday night ended the first half of the season for the Plymouth Playground League.

Towle and Roe have had only one game to take first place, while the Rocks and Norge follow with two losses apiece to the far second.

Towle and Roe has showed plenty of strength so far this season and if they continue to be as strong in the next half of the season they should without doubt win the championship.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Wins/Losses. Rows include Towle and Roe, Rocks, Norge, K. of P., Tompkins, C. of C., DeMolay, Daisy.

Irving Ulrich Given High Military Honor

Irving Ulrich, former Plymouth business man who is acting commander of the American Legion here in Michigan and through whose efforts the local post was organized, has recently been honored by the presentation of a decoration by the Order of the Purple Heart from the war department in Washington. The honor goes to the men who were wounded while in service over seas.

While Mr. Ulrich was the first one in Michigan to receive this distinction, several local men have been added to the list within the state. He was wounded at Chateau Thierry when a member of Company G, 125th Infantry.

This military distinction was first created by George Washington during the war of the Revolution. It has been revived but a few times since its creation by the war department.

Some Phone Calls Are Tax Exempt

There is no federal tax on toll and long distance telephone calls, the cost less than 50 cents each, or on local telephone calls, according to Roy E. Crowe, manager in this area for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Manager R. E. Crowe states that the local telephone office has had numbers of inquiries in that regard, indicating that many persons do not understand clearly all the provisions of the new revenue act that was passed by congress and signed by President Hoover on June 6. The provisions of the act became effective June 21.

The great volume of long distance telephone calls, he says, in to Detroit and other nearby points, the charges on the messages being so low that they are not affected by the act.

Mrs. Ames Wilson left Monday morning for a month's visit with Mrs. Alice Ledyard of Ovid. Mrs. Wilson's sisters who have been visiting her, accompanied her to Ovid and then went on to their home in Ithaca.



HERE is an unusual view of the place where the great Hoover dam in Nevada is being built by thousands of men and where work goes on 24 hours a day. The photograph shows the roads leading into the tunnels.

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## A GREAT PEOPLE

Citizens of the United States are this year celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Father of Our Country—George Washington. The celebration means a bit more to us just at this particular time of the year possibly than any other because of the nearness of the Fourth of July.

It was on that date in 1776 when our forefathers declared their freedom from British rule—and won it after eight long years of conflict.

It is interesting to note how England regards the nationwide celebration of the birth of George Washington, the man who gave England its greatest defeat. From the official reports that have been received in America it is a real pleasure to read and know that England too is participating in this great event, properly observing the birthday of one of the world's famed leaders. Only a great people, a people of a high degree of understanding, would recognize such an event in the career of a rebellious colony that set up its own government.

But the following expression from the Manchester Guardian, one of the great newspapers of England, probably best sums up the feeling in England: "Today we may well be proud and glad that his (Washington's) statue stands in Trafalgar Square—looking towards Parliament he once bullied into sense."

Among the most interested of the English participants in the Celebration are the people of the town of Washington, County Durham. These people are so proud of their connection with the Washington family that they are using every means at their command to honor George Washington.

It was in the town of Washington that the Washington family had its origin in 1183 when William de Herburn came into possession of lands in that village. Following the custom of the time Herburn took the name of his new estate, then spelled Wessington, and became founder of the Washington family.

Through the activity of Frederick N. Hill, headmaster of Washington Biddick School, many Bicentennial features have been carried out in the town and vicinity. Mr. Hill has delivered several lectures on Washington based on material published by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission. George Washington portraits, have been framed and placed in public buildings in the town, including the public library, the parish church, the George Washington Lodge, Washington Freemasons, the Urban Council, the Washington Chemical Company, Ltd., and several schools and other prominent buildings.

Mayor Charles J. Scott, the alderman and bugesses of the County of Borough of Northampton, sent to President Hoover, in honor of the occasion, a complimentary address which included the following expression: "Whilst we are loyal to the Union Jack we have an especially strong affection for the Stars and Stripes. We are proud of the children of the old country who, in establishing the United States of America, founded the greatest Republic in the world's history. We pray that our two peoples may ever be found working side by side in every movement for the promotion of the world's peace, and a spirit of international brotherhood."

The Bristol branch of the Geographical Association has erected a tablet marking the site from which Colonel Henry Washington, an ancestor of George Washington, directed the Royalist attack on the town in 1643. The tablet features the name of George Washington as descendant of the Colonel. The American consul, Roy W. Baker, has declared his intention to decorate the memorial on July 4, every year, and has suggested that his successors continue the practice.

The American Legion, London Commandery, placed a wreath on the bust of Washington in the crypt in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. On that occasion the American consul general, Albert Halstead, delivered an address on Washington.

## STATE ECONOMY

Much ado was created a few weeks back by a special session of the state legislature called to reduce the operating costs of the Michigan state government and thereby save the taxpayers a few pennies. The whole affair resulted in simply converting money taken from one pocket of the taxpayer and put to another use than that for which it was raised. Be that as it may, during the special session, one of the members of the legislature who was anxious and determined to see something worth while done for the taxpayer, did a little investigating on his own hook into state expenses. He discovered that the state cement plant at Chelsea which had been closed down two or three years ago, was still maintaining a payroll of many thousands of dollars.

For a few days there was plenty doing among the chief nobles and noblets in Lansing. This thing was going to end at once! Bing!

Did it?

Well folks the conservative good old Free Press that wouldn't put bling into the muddiest of waters, the other morning printed the following dispatch from Lansing: "In spite of the legislative criticism during the recent special session, Michigan's 'white elephant' cement plant at Chelsea continues with a payroll approximating \$19,000 a year, it was revealed today. The industry was ordered closed by the legislature in 1931 and is to be abandoned in 1934 if not sold before that time."

Considerable indignation was expressed during the recent session when Rep. Vernon J. Brown produced records showing that 17 employees were being retained at the plant at an annual cost to the taxpayers of \$37,940. Yet no cement was being manufactured. At that time there were about 120,000 barrels in storage and the employees were being retained to guard and ship it for construction projects when ordered by the State Highway Department.

"The revelation led to an executive office inquiry and the promise by M. H. McGaffigan, superintendent of the industry, that there would be immediate payroll reductions. The Governor insisted these reductions previously had been ordered."

"Records in the Auditor General's department show that McGaffigan has discharged only two of the 17 employees. He has removed all but himself and two others from an annual salary basis and is paying them 45 cents an hour, regardless of previous earnings. All of them, however, are given full time employment and if working hours are not reduced, the annual payroll will slightly exceed \$19,152."

"Charles Foster, secretary of the administrative board, said that as highway construction progresses this summer and the stock on hand at Chelsea is reduced, many employees will be discharged. The plant now has about 80,000 barrels on hand, a quantity that probably will last until winter, he declared."

"One of Rep. Brown's criticisms was that the state was employing A. C. Foor, a chemist, at a salary of \$1,920 a year. He

## FEATURELAND

Kitty Tyrrell

You're looking as fresh as the moon, darling,  
 You're looking as bright as the day;  
 But while on your charms I'm dilating  
 You're stealing my poor heart away;

But keep it and welcome, mavourneen,  
 Its loss I'm not going to mourn,  
 Yet one heart's enough for a body,  
 So pray give me yours in return.

O say, give me yours in return.  
 I've built me a neat little cot,  
 Darling, I've pigs and potatoes in store;  
 I've twenty good pounds in the bank, love  
 And maybe a pound or two more.

It's all very well to have riches,  
 But I'm sure a covetous elf  
 I can't help still sighing for something,  
 And darling, that something's yourself.

Mavourneen, mavourneen,  
 And that something you know is yourself?  
 You're smiling, and that's a good sign, darling,  
 Say yes and you'll never repent.

Or, if you would rather be silent,  
 Your silence I'll take for consent.  
 That good-natured dimple's a tell-tale,  
 Now all that I have is your own.  
 This week you may be Kitty Tyrrell.

Next week you'll be Mistress Malone,  
 Mavourneen, mavourneen,  
 You'll be my own Mistress Malone.

## A Prayer

Again our Lord and our God,  
 Thou hast manifested Thyself as

demanded to know why a chemist was being retained after manufacturing had ceased.

"The industry's last payroll, received by the auditor general May 16, shows that Foor is now trucking cement and is being paid 45 cents an hour. E. Hutzler, who was chief engineer at \$3,200, also has been reduced to the hourly scale. W. H. Whitmer, who was paid \$2,500 a year as mill foreman, is now a trucker being paid 45 cents hourly, as is Glenn Whipple, who formerly was yard foreman at \$1,800.

Mr. McGaffigan's salary has been cut from \$5,000 a year to \$4,250. The only other employees retained on a salary basis are G. W. Walworth, who is in charge of the office at \$2,250, and Fred R. Hall, a trucker being paid \$1,945."

"That's economy, real economy, gentle reader."

## THE CITY PLAN IN WAYNE

The nearby village of Wayne was one of the communities that early last spring gave consideration to the plan of adopting the city form of government. Some one or more in the village "pulled a fast one" by creating the impression that Wayne would lose its county library if it became a city. The same argument was used in Plymouth, but Plymouth had investigated and knew its ground. What has been the result? Plymouth residents this year are benefitting by a considerable lower tax and Wayne newspapers are trying to explain that the increased tax rate of that village will be off-set by a reduction in valuations. If Wayne had followed the same good judgment of Plymouth, it would have enjoyed both a reduced valuation and a lower tax rate.

The Wayne Dispatch last week in discussing the plan to become a city had the following comment to make:

Decision by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors that the county will provide branch libraries in towns and cities having populations of 10,000 and under, thus rescinding an old order making this impossible, removes the last obstacle in the path of Wayne's becoming a city. That immediate steps towards changing the form of government is desired has been voiced by members of the village commission, and a large number of prominent business men and residents.

There are numerous and worthwhile arguments why this change should be made, these arguments being clearly explained and approved by the majority of residents when the question was discussed in the past. Definite action on the proposal to change the form of government was halted last January pending action by the board of supervisors on the question of maintenance of the local branch library.

Chief of the arguments in favor of changing to the city governmental plan is the savings that will be effected by the discontinuance of the township tax. Residents of cities within townships do not have to pay a township tax, and while the cost of maintaining a city government is admittedly higher, this cost will more than be offset by the savings to taxpayers effected through the discontinuance of the township tax.

Should Wayne become a city—and every indication points to the success of making the change—it will obtain a prestige and standing which it could never obtain as a village. It will have its own judge, the people will be given more representation and it will bring about a centralization of government. This latter factor is important.

The city operates as a unit entirely separate from the township, whereas the village is a part of that township and has to contribute to the support of that township. In other words, village residents have to pay taxes to maintain two governments, while in reality they have little or no interest in township government except insofar as they have to pay taxes to support it. A double tax burden is thus imposed—a burden that can be lifted if the city form of government is adopted.

## HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT

We do not anticipate that Mayor William McKeighan of Flint will cut much of a figure in the governorship race in the forthcoming primary but in his platform that has been sent to all the newspapers of the state, it is quite apparent that he knows what the actual needs of the state are. In fact from a general reading of his statement it is pretty evident that he knows MUCH MORE about the problems of the state government than some of those who have been wrestling with it for the past year or so. Mayor McKeighan's background is of such a nature that he will not cut much of a figure in the race outside of his home city. Possibly if the people of the state knew him as well as do the people of Flint, the result would be different, but Mayor McKeighan will find that the time is too short to do the necessary amount of "educating" to get anywhere in the forthcoming contest.

## Rambling Around Michigan Editors

### THE PEOPLE PAY AND PAY

Under the prevailing methods of regulation more than \$300,000,000 in securities purchased by Michigan investors have become practically worthless, and 100 banks have closed their doors upon lines of depositors who need money for food and rent.

The state securities commission is a branch of the state government, created to safeguard investors against securities promoters. Yet in every town and hamlet in Michigan there are men and women, young and old, whose life savings have gone up in the smoke of illusionary "safe" investments.

The state banking department was set up to see that state banks so conducted their business and so invested their funds that the depositors would be protected. Yet in the investment portfolios of many of the banks which are closed are found securities hardly worth the paper they are written upon.

The state securities commission authorized the issuance of real estate mortgage bonds and other securities which have proven to be nothing but obligations against property which already had been abridged far above its value. The state banking department permitted the investment of depositors' funds in such securities.

Compare the number of national banks which have closed with the number of state banks which are no more. Compare the number of Michigan banks which failed with the number of closed banks in Canada. There are none in Canada.

There are ways of organizing governmental regulatory agencies so work hurt widows will not be robbed of their savings, and so depositors in banks still not stalked by fear. If the government of Michigan cannot do it, it is time for a change in the government!—Edward A. Nowack, editor Michigan State Digest.

### BROOKHART "BLABBED" HIMSELF OUT OF SENATORSHIP

There are cases where a man supposed to have a little above the average intelligence talks too much. This has been demonstrated during the last few days in the case of Senator Brookhart of Iowa, who talked himself right out of the senatorship. There is considerable difference between talking and "blabbing," and according to the reports of his defeat recently his line of chatter was no doubt considered of the "blab" variety by his constituents.

Brookhart proved to be a disappointment, mainly thru his line of foolish chatter. No matter what question came up he was usually on the opposite side. Nothing was ever right, and his attitude seemed to be that every one but himself was absolutely wrong. People stand for this for awhile, but the day of reckoning always arrives sooner or later.

His family on the government payroll to the tune of \$25,000 or so also is reported to have had something to do with his defeat. However, his combative nature, whether right or wrong, and his weakness in talking too much probably influenced the voters back home more than any other one thing.—Robert Clifford in The Eaton Rapids Review.

### SMALL TOWN'S BEST

Big towns, like big men, loomed large during the boom era, and people thronged to the cities because of the lure of large wages and bright lights, but in these times of stress it is quite apparent that the small towns are in much better condition and the people in them have suffered much less than in the big ones. While the big town mayors are asking for federal aid, little old Cassopolis has met every bond when it came due, paid its interest on time, paid its school teachers regularly, extended its water works, improved its streets, and reduced its tax rate. We might loan Mayor Shiro and our village council to Detroit or Chicago long enough to straighten out their tangled affairs, but not unless they can be guaranteed immunity from political interference.—William Berkeley in The Cassopolis Vigilant.

### WORDS OF A WISE MAN

The bass fishing season opens Saturday. There is a kind of a decency about fishing men. The only wickedness has to do with the measurements of the poor fish, which after all is better conversation than to be talking about the depression.

A feller isn't plotting schemes,  
 Out fishin'.  
 He's only busy with his dreams.  
 Out fishin'.  
 His ferry is a coat of tan,  
 His creed, to do the best he can—  
 A feller's almost always man  
 Out fishin'.  
 —Muri H. DeFoe in the Charlotte Republican-Times.

### WHAT DIFFERENCE?

Some foolish people are all let up over the big political pow-wow in Chicago, as if it mattered to them a tinker's darn as to who will be nominated.—J. E. McMullen in The Linden Leader.



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Edmund Lowe and Evelyn Brent

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## 'Attorney for the Defense'

A great defense lawyer defends himself. He was trapped by his own racket, love—

Comedy—"Speed In The Gay Nineties"

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Tallulah Bankhead and Paul Lukas

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## "Thunder Below"

A sizzling drama of the tropics—  
 Comedy—"Lines Busy"

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TOM MIX

—IN—

## "The Texas Bad Man"

The best outdoor action picture ever made— You'll like these new Mix stories—

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## Balancing The Budget

You hear a great deal nowadays about the importance of operating on a "balanced budget"—which is no less important for an individual than for a government.

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