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SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK

We see in the daily press that the first marriage has been solemnized in the new Court House. How about a first conviction, say of a receiver of stolen goods?

Out west of here they are planning dust control, and down south all the excitement is about flood control. Nature is evidently planning to settle everything by dumping Kansas into the Mississippi, which will stop the floods and back the water up the Missouri into the Kaw and so into Kansas. Nature does these things so simply.

Two hundred Missouri cars were reported as active in the Kansas City, Kansas, municipal primaries. Are the boys paying back social obligations or just keeping the old hand in?

Gerald McGuire, charged by General Butler with Fascist activities against the state, has just died, an end brought about, according to his physician, by the accusation. Wonder if anyone ever called Huey a Fascist?

Representative P. L. Gassaway, with his pinto pony and ten-gallon hat, has finally placed the correct valuation on the various plans offered by Long and Co. The only danger is that someone, in this age of burlesque gone important, won't recognize the jest and will start right in collecting signatures.

New York is feeling better. The suicide rate is the lowest it has been since 1927. The homicide rate in Kansas City, however, indicates the usual high spirits.

A committee of the House of Representatives was informed that our merchant marine stands, as compared with other nations, second in number, third in tonnage, fifth in speed, and last in efficiency. What's being done about it?

One sure sign of spring is the renewed prediction of boats on the river at almost any moment. When everything else gets to looking blue someone starts whistling "When My Ship Comes In."

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NIGHT LIFE OF THE MORTALS

Last Sunday in Chicago, the Club Rendezvous burned to the ground. Death and horror ended the merry-making in that typical night club. The results of the tragedy will undoubtedly be an investigation of some sort or other of the smaller night clubs about Chicago. It might well be duplicated in Kansas City for there are more night clubs per capita in Kansas City than in any other city in the United States, and many of them are well designed fire traps. Three hundred or more clubs, saloons, hotels, joints and dives—a numerically impressive collection that give

Kansas City its reputation as a "hot, wide open town." The majority of these spots are small, obscure and ephemeral, stemming directly from speakeasies. They are so much alike in decor, entertainment, choice of beverages and patrons that only the name distinguishes one from the other. Take an old store room, several bolts of black, red or blue tarlatan, several cans of silver radiator paint, a secondhand bar and a ditto bartender and you have the makings of the average second class Kansas City night club. Your music will be supplied by a 3-piece orchestra who hammer out dance music for whatever coins fall into the yawning and ubiquitous kitty. The floor show, if any, can be made up of old burlesque acts, amateurs, or friends of the proprietor

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FOREIGN

Chancellor Hitler's announced intention of building up Germany's military forces to the level of other nations in spite of treaty restrictions brings to an end the postwar era in Europe, and definitely seals the fate of the Versailles Treaty.

It is regrettable that the German Government should denounce the military clauses of the treaty by unilateral action because of its effect on the sanctity of treaties. But nearly all neutral observers are agreed that this action at least brings the problem of armaments out into the open, and that the statesmen of Europe are now confronted with the situation as it actually exists.

Unfortunately, the past sixteen years have been replete with international problems that have not been treated realistically until force of circumstances compelled it. Consequently, these belated efforts seldom found a satisfactory solution to the problem at hand. This has been particularly true of French foreign policy since the war. Being completely dominated by the nationalistic Right who fear and hate Germany, France has worked unstintingly to forestall any restoration of former German power.

The foundation of this policy was laid in the Paris peace pacts and Reparation agreements, and was further strengthened by a series of alliances with Belgium, Poland, and with the members of the Little Entente, all of whom had profited at the expense of Germany and her allies. Eventually realizing that this system would not be entirely effective, France maneuvered the League of Nations and even the World Court into the position of furthering the French thesis of security. Through these diplomatic moves and through various complex economic ties France became the dominant power on the Continent. Great Britain and Italy viewed this consolidation of power with disfavor and were inclined to support Germany, not because of any altruism on their part but because they believed a prostrate Germany was a menace to the stability of Europe. When Germany was admitted to the League of Nations and signed the Locarno pacts it was thought that under the competent guidance of Aristide Briand and Gustave Stresemann Franco-German differences might at last be settled. But later Briand openly declared in the Chamber of Deputies that his hands were tied by those who controlled French foreign policy, and thus the hoped for rapprochement failed to materialize.

The French attitude is understandable in view of the two invasions from which the country has suffered. Nevertheless, it should have been evident that the inherent economic and cultural strength of Germany would prevent her from remaining indefinitely in a state of bondage. It

was the failure to recognize this that brought about the present crisis. Repeated defeats in the foreign field and the humiliating conditions imposed by the Versailles Treaty which France refused to modify caused the German people to lose faith in the Republic and turn to Hitler who promised to restore Germany to her former prestige among nations.

G. L. C.

ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

March 28, 1934

Kansas City's two new Fusion councilmen pledged their efforts to the fulfillment of the Citizens' program and the elimination of political abuses.

Dick S. Adams said:

"The murders, brutalities, intimidation of citizens, and other crimes committed under H. F. McElroy, city manager who under the charter is directly responsible for public safety and his director of police, E. C. Reppert, are a disgrace to any civilized community. In fulfillment of my pledge to the citizens of Kansas City, I will work for the discharge and removal of these men."

Frank H. Backstrom said:

"When I take office it will be with a lasting determination that my voice shall never be silent against the machine and its partnership with crime and its corruption of all that is good, fine and right in our community life." Joseph C. Fennelly, President of the National Youth Movement, was far from crushed.

"We're not through," he said, "We're just starting. We'll find a way!"

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The Star foresaw possible embarrassment in council for the machine through the disgruntlement of the Cas Welch faction. Its successful members, Freeman Alford and Frank M. Eviston might vote, hey thought, with the Fusionists and against the Pendergast men. This, the newspaper pointed out, would make Mayor Smith the key man on the council.

In an open letter to the mayor, Frank P. Barker, a Democratic lawyer, asked for the removal of Reppert. He declared he had voted a party ticket, but that he now believed the election of Dick S. Adams in his district showed public opinion held his party responsible for criminal outrages in Kansas City. Mayor Smith promised serious consideration for Mr. Barker's request, then praised the police.

March 30, 1934

Governor Park offered rewards of \$300 each for the slayers of Cappel, Flacy, Oldham and Finley.

Eugene C. Reppert, director of police, resigned. "I have no apologies to make," declared Mr. Reppert.

April 2, 1934

The Ministerial Alliance of Kansas City passed resolutions approving the withdrawal of Reppert, condemning the negligence of the governor, and asking the immediate removal of City Manager McElroy.

At a meeting of the council, the pent-up eloquence of Councilman Alfred N. Gossett burst through his reserve.

"Mr. Mayor," he exclaimed, "my indignation is equaled only by my shame!"

Mr. Gossett lamented the failure of the police to cope with the situation. He spoke of the need of a "director of police who is intelligent, fearless and courageous" and of a "permanent

and practicable registration law which will prevent unlawful registration, unlawful voting, and repeating." He promised to devote his efforts to such a law.

FUTURISMS

Q. E. D.

A prominent Democratic citizen, with a son at Westport High School, read our last week's article on the Rialto at 12 East Thirty- ninth Street, and promptly went to the Big Boss about it. We feel it safe to predict that 12 East Thirty- ninth Street will soon be for rent again. We're little but we're wiry. Other fathers keep eyes open.

Westward Ho!

The reports from Monday's primary election in Kansas City, Fans., indicate that some 200 motor cars bearing Missouri license tags were active in support of Howard Thorn for mayor. The police chief says they were driven by Kansas City, Mo., machine workers. Better be careful, Kansans, our Tom seems to be looking around for more worlds to conquer.

Looking Ahead

And speaking of Kansans, the visit of Gov. Alf M. Landon to Washington, ostensibly for dust storm relief, is regarded by many as an opening gun in a Langdon- for president campaign. He's a good man but may not be well enough known to constitute presidential timbre. Anyway we hope he gets the dust storms taken care of. We are tired of having large gobs of Kansas farms set down in our living room.

Budgeteering

Reports from Jefferson City indicate the death of the bill to cure defects in the county budget law and extend powers for more businesslike management of the affairs in Jackson County and other large centers. It seems the political leaders in Jackson County do not desire the proposal. We pause to wonder why. Perhaps the McElroy system of "country book-keeping" pays bigger dividends to the machine.

Thornton Wilder

We sent Thornton Wilder, a personal friend of ours, several issues of Future and asked that if possible he write an article for it. The other day we received the following letter from him:

"Dear J ,

"Yes, I was very interested in the copies and in the movement and admire both. But there's nothing I can do to help. I only write long things and it will be years before I ever do that again. But you have good lively pages and don't need outside authors to bolster you up anyway."

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Many a garden variety of Kansas Citian with no political pull no doubt approved the action of the police officers who shot and killed one of the best known local tire thieves last week. Many of them also wondered how two men involved in the fatal attempt to steal a tire could plunder ordinary citizens' cars so long and go free.

The shooting occurred before dark in the street in front of the Hyde Park hotel where lives Rep. Joseph B. Shannon. The two thieves were taking a tire from the car of Frank Shannon, son of the congressman and an assistant county prosecutor. There they showed bad judgment. For years they had been active in the tire theft racket.

For some time the cars around Representative Shannon's hotel had been stripped of tires by thieves. The neighborhood became aroused over the activity and the thieves evidently had such long records of past successes that they did not think it necessary to contact the enraged motor car owners. Two police officers were asked to come out and stop it. Up drove Rego Communale and Charles (Cheese) Casciola. The officers had parked themselves in a room on the second floor of the Hyde Park hotel. Communale was doing the tire removal with Casciola at the wheel of the thieves' motor car. Just as Communale was lifting the tire off Mr. Shannon's car the officers looked out the window, recognized the thief, yelled at Communale and shot him full of lead. He died about an hour later in General hospital. Casciola, who had had an easy path in his illegal career for many years, did what the crook does when cornered. He jumped out of the car and yelled bloody murder, begging for mercy. He was arrested. Communale, police records disclosed, had been arrested twelve times for tire thefts and had been penalized three \$10 fines. Casciola, involved in the last election day murders, had been arrested twenty-seven times for tire thefts alone, police records showed. Both men were well known to the police.

No one objects to the protection of Mr. Shannon's property. Most everybody believes conditions here should be such that everybody's property should be protected just as aggressively. Motor theft rates would not be so far above those of other cities if such were true.

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A group of Kansas City business men, aroused over the fact we're the top when it comes to liability insurance rates, formed the Liability Protective association. They called on the business firms and individuals of the city to report damage suits filed against them.

These reports have been pouring into the offices of the association, according to announcements in the press by Vincent Wakefield, manager of the association.

Enough evidence has piled up to show the names of the very biggest damage suit lawyers in the city. Enough evidence has piled up to show how they get that way.

Would it not be interesting if these facts could be made public? The biggest ' damage suit lawyers are the political boys. They are feared in the courts with the machine judges and when another lawyer gets a damage suit he is willing to farm it out to the political damage suit lawyer, if he is that kind of a lawyer.

Both the bar association and the medical society are cooperating in the attempt to bring down the ridiculously high liability rates in Kansas City by weeding out unethical members of both organizations.

But the facts are being soft pedaled because it would stir up a bad odor and probably mean the quick end of the association if it should point its finger at some of the big shots in the damage suit racket who are big shots in politics. I

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LOGIC

United States Senator Harry S. Truman, of Missouri, was in receipt of a letter last week from a Kansas City citizen of independent politics, Dr. F. M. Postlethwaite, rehearsing, somewhat bitterly, the expenditures and accomplishments of the Federal Government. Senator Truman's reply, although not designed for public consumption, is nevertheless of considerable interest as showing Senator Truman's grasp and evaluation of the economic situation.

The italics in the paragraphs published herewith are ours. The opinions and solutions are all Senator Truman's.

"Dear Dr. Postlethwaite:

"I am of the opinion that you naturally look at these A.B.C.'s with a sort of prejudice, just

because it is a personal matter with you.

"You know the country has been going through bankruptcy, and the only mistake that has been made is the fact that the government didn't let it go through bankruptcy, wringing everybody out and starting new. Eventually that is what is going to have to happen anyhow. In an effort to save your investments and the investments of everybody else, a condition has arisen where we are trying to hold up the value of property when the value isn't there. The only thing for us to do is to start at the bottom and do it all over again, and that eventually is what we are going to have to do.

"I am going to vote for the President's recovery measure, the four billion eight hundred million dollars, because I think it will do some good, although business itself must start the recovery.

"I appreciate very much your letter and your interest in the situation.

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Down-at-the-heels boys are they. They tell the victims of the fortune that awaits them at the dice tables or the black jack games. These who carry the good rows are not the winners, but they do pick off meals, a flop and a few drinks if they bring in a live one for the boys to clean.

"Chumps" for the gambling games are hard to get when games get the reputation of the two Twelfth street casinos.

"Nobody ever has been known to come out winner in one of those joints," said a hotel keeper in the neighborhood whose guests had been turning up broke after a visit to the games.

So regular has become the losing by guests that the hotels in the neighborhood would protest to the city administration if they were not familiar with the political machine that protects rackets for a part of the "take" from the public.

"It should be done," said one large hotel manager, "but what good would it do to protest? I probably would be told to tend my own business and I might even be punished for protesting. It's a shame, though. Many of our guests have lost all their money there and are in serious trouble. One man killed himself in the lobby of the hotel above one of the joints. It was suspected he lost all his money in the game and ended his life."

Although there are several race betting emporiums in the neighborhood of this Twelfth-Baltimore dice-card center, the dice-card business now is the “big game” in that section of the city. The famous gambling joint at 1106 Baltimore avenue now is just a race betting joint, its lustre having faded when the St. Louis backer of the game pulled out. It was reported he was miffed when he could not get in the Kansas City club.

Gambling is one of, if not the most, profitable side lines of the political machine here. Probably in no other city is gambling so wide open. Games are in most every downtown block; in night clubs and in the residential sections. Suburban shop centers all have their gambling places.

No doorman to identify visitors; no curtains make any sham at concealing the joints. They are as open as the flowers in spring.

To Future:

After reading your article relative to the gambling casinos in the vicinity of 39th and Main Streets, I was at a loss to understand why you would pass up the opportunity of a little free advertising for the corner of 31st and Prospect.

If you do not know, this will advise you that one of the largest gambling casinos in Jackson County is located at 3037 Prospect— known as the Snooker. This place also has a large sign out in front to this effect and with a rear door communicating with the Log Cabin where patrons may drink, dine, and dance to their heart’s content.

Possibly your over-sight is due to the fact this “lay-out” is run by Mister Tim Moran and Mister Frank Walsh, the Ward Bosses for Mister Jimmie Pendergast in the 11th ward. I feel that they are deserving of some space in your next issue. J. L. T.

ONE PLACE THE MACHINE FAILED

While scandals have developed in several states in connection with the distribution of Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds Kansas City stands out very favorably, no thanks to the political machine that so long attempted to chisel into the relief work.

It will be recalled that Kansas City lagged far behind other cities in getting men employed under the CWA at its outset. While other cities were putting men to work under the CWA regardless of politics the projects here were held up while attempts were made by the machine to make the jobs dependent upon political overlords.

Unemployed men were told they would be placed according to the way they voted. The local relief officials fought the machine all along the line in this attempt to misuse the CWA. The machine precinct captains even went to the extent of preparing indorsement cards for many of the followers and they appeared with these cards to get relief jobs.

The headquarters for employment under the CWA was in the Railway Exchange building. The press of unfortunate men seeking some kind of work was so great that long lines extended in each direction from the doorway. Men with cards signed by some of the machine’s “big shots” would exhibit them to policemen stationed at the employment office and they would be escorted right to the main office where they could get preferential treatment.

Other men grumbled and the federal and local relief officials stood pat against letting the machine take over and manipulate relief work in Kansas City.

Thus for days a deadlock existed with thousands of men crying for work. Seeing that it would have to take the blame for holding up the program the politicians withdrew.

Next sector of the political attack against non-partisan relief administration was through the

distribution of food to the suffering unemployed. For a long time the charity organization here distributed groceries to the unfortunate through the neighborhood grocers. Soon reports came in from suffering people that they were being threatened with having their food cut off if they did not vote the machine ticket.

Many poor men and women, living from the hand of charity, feared they would starve if they did not obey. The grocers themselves in many cases were reported to have threatened the unemployed with cutting off the food if he did not vote and work for the machine ticket.

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ous and investigations proved their reality that the charity organization was compelled to open its own commissary and distribute its own food. Not only has the commissary system lifted the machine- aroused spectre of starvation from hundreds of unfortunate homes but it has effected a big savings for the charity treasury.

Thus the local political machine has met with two defeats in its attempts to make political capital out of the misery of the unemployed and helpless.

G. Whit Pfeiffer

Perhaps the man most responsible for the high level that relief work has been carried on in Kansas City and Jackson county is C. Whit Pfeiffer, secretary of the charity bureau

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Once upon a time it was said that all men were created free and equal but that was before City Manager Henry McElroy had started putting out his special privilege cards.

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And, if you know anything about politics, the guy with one of these cards can just about spit in the officer's face. When an officer has one of these cards flashed on him he goes into a trance. They work like magic, no matter whether it is illegal parking, a jam that brings in the officer or, perhaps, a little speeding. Any of the good police officers have the greatest respect for one of McElroy's special courtesy cards.

Many of the holders of the cards find much satisfaction in pulling the cards on their friends and rolling their eyes as though contemplating the added power they possess.

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DEPENDS ON WHO'S GOT THE GUN, EH MR. CASCIOLA?
IMMUNITY OR INFANTICIDE?

"Your baby is now a year old. Have you had him protected—" "You alone will be responsible—" "Your family physician will advise you—" "Your baby—is entirely dependent upon you for this protection." In such phrases as these, in the schools, in the Child Health Centers, and by literature sent into countless homes the Health Department, ably seconded by the School Board is launching another yearly attack against the threat of diphtheria. It's an old battle, but new factors are entering in that make victory seem nearer than ever before. These factors are science and education.

Heretofore one of the difficulties in the way of complete childhood immunization was the time element. When three injections were necessary it was frequently impossible to get them all administered. Particularly in the poorer districts where population shifts easily and frequently a move on the part of the parents would often break the sequence of the injections and the immunization would be incomplete. Just as hard to cope with was the indifference of ignorance. In innumerable cases a mother would yield to pressure and bring her child for the first and then either forget or just not bother about the subsequent shots. This is one problem that has been solved by the development of the single injection immunization, whereby the child can receive in one shot what it used to take three to administer. So far as science has been able to prove it the one shot method is entirely satisfactory.

The second factor, education, is operative every day. Whenever a birth is registered and a certificate is mailed out three stuffers are put in. Two of these, one bearing instructions as to the care of the new born baby and the other looking ahead to his first year, are full of advice and information relative to immunization. For too long a time parents have considered this

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CIVIC PRIDE

Every now and then, raising your eyes from your accustomed rut, you catch a glimpse of Kansas City so physically beautiful that it gives you a thrill of very personal pride in the city in which you live. We had such a glimpse the other evening, coming north over the brow of the Main street hill at Thirtieth street. A long line of lights stretched away to the north, the varied outline of buildings stood out against the night sky, and the whole picture gave you a sense of the restless, growing strength, the young magnificence and power and the very genuine beauty that is Kansas City's, set upon its many times seven hills.

Centuries before Sinclair Lewis made the name of Babbitt a hooting and a derision, a Jewish psalmist wrote of the little city of Jerusalem:

"Situated upon the sides of the north, the pride of the whole earth is Mount Zion."

And it was the Apostle Paul who said proudly to his captors, "I am a man of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city."

The magnificence of the reply endures, long after the name of Tarsus in Cilicia has ceased to have a meaning for the vast majority of men.

"I am a citizen of no mean city."

That is the way all of us should feel, and all of us do feel, when we have shaken off our moments of discouragement and apathy. It is why there have always been, since the first city

was built somewhere in the forgotten past, men and women who were so proud of their cities, so eager to see them live up to their highest possibilities, that they were eternally trying to make them a little finer and a little better.

If those who are publishing FUTURE did not feel a very real pride in Kansas City, a typical American city, they would not be dedicating their efforts to trying to make it even better. It is because this belief is more than a catchword with them, more than a sop to delude the public, that they are trying to make it a finer, a more splendid city, a place with a vision and a future as well as a past.

Cities are the kinds of places their citizens choose to make them. If they are to be more than mere barracks for workers, treading an endless round of labor, they must have leadership that plans for the general good, the steady betterment, of all who live in them. They must look to public health, recreation and welfare. The places where men live—all men, not alone the

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FOLLOW-UP

A camera, made by its owner for a specific purpose, is easy to identify. In fact there can not be the least doubt as to its identity. So Mr. C. E. Beem thought when his own camera constructed by himself was stolen from a room at the Y. W. C. A. in November, 1932. There were other articles taken at the same time, but the camera is the hero of this story of the hock shop racket. Mr. Beem himself tells the story.

“You’ll have as much luck gettin’ co-operation out of the police force as a snowball has in hell.”

This was the opinion offered Mr. Beem when he started his search of the hock shops. For six weeks he feigned a deep interest in anything in the camera line. He made six visits to the Police Department and five telephone calls, all reinforced by witnesses to check records and reports, with practically no encouragement and absolutely no success.

At the end of the six weeks the camera was located in the window of the Hurt Pawn Shop, 821 Main street, and seen there by Mr. Beem and several witnesses who could personally identify the camera. Mr. Beem appealed to the nearest officer on duty and was refused any help beyond the advice to get in touch with the gentleman at the Police Department detailed to investigate pawn shops. By the time Mr. Beem had made the call and returned to the shop the camera had been removed from the window and Mr. Beem was told that it had been “taken out on approval.”

The investigator arrived and the interested parties went into a huddle. The net results were that the camera had been in the shop, but that no record of it had been discovered, despite the regulation requiring the reporting of all such articles received, and that the official investigator couldn’t even make up any explanation of the phenomenon.

The upshot was that the helpful investigator suggested that the best way out was for Mr. Beem to pay the \$10.00 needed to get the camera and lens, as such a course would cost less than the legal procedure. The sum was paid and a receipt was given, thus completing the evidence in the case.

Just what the tie-up was between the thief who knew where he could place his loot, the police who had no records, and the pawn shop proprietor who got his money, is a little hard to define. The camera turned up promptly when the money was paid, and all was sweetness and light. On the heels of the article which appeared in FUTURE three weeks ago, Mr. Beem told his

story. We pass it along as another strand in the rope with which the powers are gradually hanging themselves.

FENCES. . . .

Beware of FUTURE For News Behind the Scenes

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

“The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their power as a state depend. ... It should be the first duty of a statesman.” —Disraeli.

Diphtheria

During the past month, according to available statistics, 8 cases of Diphtheria have been reported and one (1) death has resulted from the disease. At the present rate Kansas City should finish the year in its enviable position among cities which are adequately controlling the disease and preventing its development. Let every citizen get behind the campaign for immunization which is to be sponsored by the local medical authorities in April. To stamp out this disease of childhood would not be an impossible task and would redound to the fame and credit of this “most American community.”

In the case of most infectious diseases the ancient Hebrews did not alarm the populace until three cases had developed, but when a case of diphtheria developed, so much was it feared that the shofar was sounded on the detection of the very first case.

Of interest is the fact that the first American case on record occurred in Roxburg, Massachusetts, in 1659.

There is an economic as well as a humanitarian aspect to the eradication of a communicable disease. Thus, the Committee on Public Health of the Jackson County Medical Society points out that during eight months ending January 1, 1934, there were 60 cases of Diphtheria in the Isolation Hospital, while in the eight months ending January 1, 1935, there were only 30—due most certainly to the efforts to immunize all susceptible persons. The average cost for caring for these cases is estimated to be \$6,000. Therefore, the city saved \$1,800.00.

Stamping Out Foci

One of the best examples in modern times of the ability of local health authorities to stamp out contagious disease is that of the land- kreis of Aix-la-Chapelle in Germany. In 1931 the incidence of Diphtheria rose to 500 cases. In 1932 there were 700, and in 1934 there were 1,165 cases, Ordinary methods of combatting the disease were first instituted such as closing schools, disinfection of dwellings, isolation of patients and carriers. No perceptible headway was made.

At this point a portable laboratory, well stocked with Diphtheria toxoid, was sent into the district and the help of 9 city physicians and of 14 assistants was enlisted. The general public was advised and educated as a preliminary.

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The Agricultural Adjustment Administration is doing a neat job of the old political game of playing both ends against the middle, but its “strategy” is becoming a little too obvious and the

outcome may be that instead of pleasing everyone it will please none. Through the entire agricultural department there seems to be a lot of senseless working at cross purposes. One division will set out to do something and another will take up the task of offsetting it. At least that is the way it appears.

To cite a glaring example we refer to the efforts of the AAA to improve prices of farmers' grain products by balancing production and consumption and by removing part of the surplus load through subsidized exports and reciprocal treaties, while at the same time another division—the Consumers Council—circulates propaganda on how consumers should limit the amount of wheat flour in their diets, thus reducing the domestic market for the grain. To top it all the advice is not even scientific as most authorities agree that wheat products, especially white wheat bread, are an essential part of the diet.

Both Are Right

The Consumers Council or Guide as it sometimes is called was set up to protect consumers from high food costs and against unjustified price advances, while other branches of the AAA are charged with the responsibility of seeing that agriculture gets higher prices. There are several other examples of the conflicting purposes of the various AAA set-ups, but the one on wheat has stirred up the most indignation thus far.

Another situation that seems silly to us is the conflict between the crop reduction program and the soil erosion program. On the one hand we have the government paying out taxpayers' money to farmers for letting land stand idle while on the other, more of this money is being appropriated to prevent the idle soil from blowing away.

Due to the poor crop outlook and to fears of a repetition of last summer's disastrous drought, the AAA last week removed acreage restrictions that spring wheat farmers had pledged to fulfill but will continue to pay the cash benefits. Now we have the spectacle of farmers receiving money from the treasury for acreage reductions which will not be made. Figure that one out if you can.

Ghosts

Some prominent administration officials have been trying to lay inflation ghosts recently, following the strong support for the Patman Bonus Bill to pay the soldiers in currency. Mr. Eccles, governor of the federal reserve board, raised his voice in such an effort while discussing the bank bill. He said inflation fears were largely products of the imagination. It was assumed of course that he referred to currency inflation because the administration has been attempting to promote credit expansion and the governor of the board himself has visualized great inflation of credit. If the attitude of Mr. Eccles can be taken as an indication, greenback proposals are out of favor in administration quarters and should the Patman bill pass the senate, it is expected to be vetoed by President Roosevelt. Chances of both branches overriding his veto are re-

MAY WE PRESENT

HENRYD

Last Sunday afternoon, the auditorium of the Helping Hand Institute on Fifth and Grand was crowded with men. Outdoors it was a mild spring day, but in that room, it was bleak and pretty desolate. The men sat quietly with an air of almost terrible patience about them. Grace and Holy Trinity Church was putting on an entertainment for them, but they didn't care much about that one way or the other. Then Henry Ashley, frail and valiant, stood up to address them. His

voice was strong and challenging. It awoke them to interest. But it was the content of his brief talk, humorous, understanding, tremendously friendly, which aroused them to laughter and life. No polite snickering, but real laughter, the sort of laughter that breaks down the grim walls erected by despair and frustration and gives reality to the conception of man's eternal brotherhood.

That Henry D. Ashley could evoke such laughter is not surprising to his innumerable friends in Kansas City. He has consistently, throughout many active, crowded years, practiced and preached the great theorem of the Liveableness of Life. When his father took him abroad from his home in Milwaukee, he planned to make of his son a minister. With that in mind, he took him to the monastery of the Cowley Fathers, an important religious group in England. Young Henry talked to his hosts throughout the simple luncheon. Afterwards, he was told that out of politeness to their young visitor the Fathers had broken one of the rules of the monastery which prevented conversation at meals. This knowledge ended young Henry's interest in clerical life. He had to talk with his meals he explained to his father. He believed in talking at meals gayly and pleasantly. In fact he thought the ability to converse while eating was one of the important distinctions between man and beast.

Somehow during these early years in Milwaukee he conquered a desire to become an actor, studying law to help overcome his disappointment. His college career had been finished off with work at King's College in London, but his legal training was had in Milwaukee. After his admission to the bar, Mr. Pratt of Kansas City urged him to join here the firm of Pratt, Brumbach & Ferry. In 1881, Henry D. Ashley became a citizen of Kansas City.

After several successful years here, he returned to Milwaukee on a visit. Meeting one of the prominent men of the town who inquired about his progress in the west, young Ashley said, "Thank you, I am doing very well, I am leading all the Germans there." The eminent Milwaukeean of Teutonic origin congratulated him heartily. He never knew that Mr. Ashley was referring to the popular cotillions of the day and not to the Germanic inhabitants of Kansas City. He did lead cotillions with grace and charm, but he did many, many other things. Among them, he established his own successful law office with Mr. Gilbert as partner. As president of the Park Board, he worked with A. R. Meyer for many years and, together, they are responsible for much of the physical beauty of our city. He organized the first group of art patrons here. The fact that the present Art Institute is so fortunately located on the A. R. Meyer's estate was due to Mr. Ashley's successful efforts in interesting Mr. Howard Vander-slice in that property.

For fifty years Mr. Ashley has been vestryman of Grace and Holy Trinity Church. He is now the senior warden.

Mr. Ashley has always allied himself with youth. Together with
mote, although it appears that congress has been getting quite a little out of hand recently.
Skin Trouble

The customer-ownership campaigns conducted by power companies in the hey-day of their development are bearing fruit in the fight against extermination of holding companies. Thousands of letters are pouring in to congressmen protesting against some of the provisions of the Wheeler-Rayburn bill, following appeals of several big holding companies for support.

President Roosevelt in his recent message to congress on holding companies in which he bitterly denounced the so-called utilities propaganda showed plainly that the opposition to his bill was getting under his skin. He seems to have taken the attitude that the utilities or the

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It is not at all strange that Henry Ashley and the late Justice Holmes corresponded for there was, between them, much in common. Mr. Ashley cherishes the precise and beautiful logic of Law; he combines wit with wisdom, tolerance with active idealism. The humanities of life, "the vivid, instructive hours of truant- ry," are dear to him. Years ago, in the midst of his career, he took time out to learn to roll his own cigarettes. He rolls them dry, no mean feat. His secret pride and satisfaction in this accomplishment has never waned.

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Immunity or Infanticide

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a matter that could be left to school age. The fact that most deaths from diphtheria occur in children of pre-school age proves the fallacy of this. It cannot be too strongly stressed, in the opinion of Dr. Schorer, chairman of the Public Health Relations Committee, that every child should be immunized by the time he reaches his first birthday.

During the month of April the drive will go on. As last year, physicians will administer the

injection for one dollar, and those unable to meet this cost can have free injections at the city's expense. Last year the only free immunization station was at the General Hospital, a place highly inaccessible to some of these who most needed the service. This has been corrected by the establishment of several branch stations, at points agreed to by Dr. Nigro and Mr. Melcher. Neighborhood centers will probably be used rather than schools in order to get away from the idea that school age has anything to do with it, and also to avoid the possible introduction of infection into a school building.

Vaccination, according to Dr. Schorer, offers no problem at all. The idea has been driven so thoroughly through the people that it is accepted as a matter of course. The aim is to make immunization to diphtheria just as much a matter of course. From May 1, 1933, to the end of the year there were 84 cases of diphtheria in Kansas City. In the same eight months of 1934 there were only 49 cases. When the necessity of infant immunization is finally accepted Kansas City may look for the year when the records will be clean of all diphtheria.

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By KATIE KITCHEN

MANNERS

MODES

New York, March 26, 1935

New York turned out en masse for the Flower Show at Grand Central Palace last week and liked it so much that it's been talking about flowers ever since . . . The result in fashion circles is more Primavera Prints . . . particularly at Bonwit Teller's, where an azalea-petal print dress under a rough wool reefer with printed lapels and a caped wool redingote with velveteen accents over a daisy print dress are popular . . . Or at Jay-Thorpe's, where a jacket frock in morning-glory print boasts a chou of tulle under the chin . . . It's new, too, to match hat, gilet, and flowers in fresh blossomy tones . . . Lilac, buttercup yellow, and cornflower blue or pink come in this category . . . and so do Lord and Taylor's new jonquil yellow, wild strawberry, and geranium red . . . And for evening flower prints and flower shades are always good . . . especially Bergdorf Goodman's lilac and larkspur chiffon with a new flowing Arab cape . . . Rita.

"To be furred or not to be furred" seems to be the vital question worrying coatdom these days—wherefore Milgrim's and Russek's have come out openly in favor of silver fox (just in case you haven't been reading our New York correspondence!) and Best's and Bonwit's are footing for untrimmed woolen. Meanwhile less partisan Kansas City viewing the matter in true Heart-of-America fashion from neutral ground says very little, except perhaps a slight hint now and then concerning the ineffectiveness of attached fur collars in tropical (a distinction we may be foreshadowing a little but certainly not for long) climates. And that, taken for the good advice that it is, means chalking up several points in favor of the new plain swaggers, and adding, too, to the already established popularity of fur capes that can be worn with or without coats according to the dictates of a certain Mr. Hamrick.

The subject of fur capes is one so hashed and rehashed that even the furriers themselves should be weary of it; but new notes even on old subjects are always interesting, and Shukert's chinchilla with shirring at the neckline instead of a collar or Wilde-Van Dyke's silver fox creation with loops for your arms to go through should fall in that category. Interesting effects in caracul and galyak at Harzfeld's and Rubin's should be mentioned as new, too although reports from I Majnin's farfamed fashion showing in Los Angeles last week show silver fox, mink, ermine, and other "unmentionables" to the complete exclusion of the aforementioned caracul and galyak. That may be an indication of California style, of course, or simply another example of Hollywoodian utopia where fur capes are spontaneous creations and not the results of making over last year's fur coat. However, there's no doubt on either side of the Mississippi about the smartness of chinchilla and silver-fox; witness Adler's creation in the former (it was their model over a smart black dress you probably admired at the Grill last Friday) or Woolf's various examples of the latter. Smart, too, and varying from the conventional at least in mod-

Now that the meat markets are daily springing higher prices on Mrs. Consumer, thoughts are turning to meat substitutes to ease the family budget. Cheese is one of the best of these, constituting one of our most nutritious foods. Not only does it provide the protein supplied by meat, it also contains Vitamin A to give resistance to colds, and calcium for building and maintaining strong, healthy teeth. In cheese we have the eternal answer to the question, "What can I have that will be different?" Just as there are many varieties and flavors in cheese, there are many delightful ways to prepare them. Cheese may be used to add interest to soups, the main hot dish in your luncheon or dinner, salads, canapes, hot breads, sandwiches, vegetables, and desserts.

Welsh Rabbit has long been a favorite in many homes, and deservedly so. It is rich, nutritious, easily prepared and economical. Try it now with the addition of a can of tomato

soup and you'll find it even better.

Tomato Welsh Rabbit 2 tb butter 2 ts cornstarch or 4 ts flour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ts each salt, mustard, and paprika

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup tomato soup Few grains cayenne pepper Melt butter, add cornstarch and milk gradually. Cook in a double boiler, stirring until thick and smooth. Add tomato soup and cheese and stir until melted. Season and serve at once on crackers or toasted bread.

Shirred eggs with tomatoes and cheese is an ever popular dish, for who does not like the mingled flavor of these three foods?

Butter a flat baking dish or pyrex pie plate liberally. Cover the bottom of the dish with thin slices of fresh tomatoes. Break two eggs for each person served over the tomatoes, and sprinkle with grated cheese. Place under a broiler and cook slowly until the whites become firm, but not hard. Serve with whole wheat toast or hot rolls.

Cheese Strata

Some of the smartest buffet suppers sport Cheese Crisps, which are simple to prepare, pretty to serve, and delicious morsels to eat. All you need is a loaf of fresh bread and a package of pimiento or American cheese. Soften the cheese over hot water. Cut bread in very thin slices, trim the crusts and spread with the cheese. Roll up, fasten with toothpicks and toast under a broiler, turning occasionally until all sides are an even color.

Grated cheese may also be added to baking powder biscuits, using half as much cheese as flour, or the biscuit dipped in grated cheese to acquire a golden brown color and an excellent flavor when it is baked. Your guests will appreciate them, so be prepared.

esty of price is the silver fox number sketched here from Rothschild's. It's made in three or four tiers according to the state of your purse and really effects a Regency air!

Coats for Sport or Dress

Having settled the problem of furs at least to Middle Western satisfaction, the next question, of course, concerns the coats that must temporarily—and we hope longer — go with them. And the question is complicated as usual by the old categories of sport and dress, but with the interesting variation this season that the answer is practically the same however sportily or dressily you look at it. To be more concrete, in other words, colors tend toward blue, brown, or black (even tweeds follow these courses); materials, toward sheer woolens usually of a Forstmann species, and lines, toward swagger and more swagger. So generally, in fact, are these tendencies adhered to, particularly in the case of swagger lines—which are quite an innovation for “dress circles,” you must admit—that one might almost think Roosevelt had spread his codifying and unifying to styledom!

However, the situation is not as monotonous as it sounds, due largely to the efforts of sleeves and necklines. Thus Swanson's swagger has unnaturally full three-quarter sleeves whereas Mindlin's has long less “blousy” ones; and Woolf's taffeta scarves and shirred necklines stand in strong contrast to Chasnoff's stand-up military collars. While even more individuality is at work in another Chasnoff creation—see sketch—showing blue checked sheer wool with full

sleeves, to be worn up or down, braided revers, and chic white pique grapes.

Aside from Swagger But before you've swaggered off in so much smartness, hearken to one note of advice (it's the epilogue that must logically follow our Hamletian prologue about furs)

which is that swaggers may not be becoming to your figure. And in case that's true, we offer as gentle but equally stylish hints, a black wool with shirred fullness in front or a blue wool with a bloused back from Rothschild's, and a belted, tailored California model from Mindlin's with sleeves cut free under the arms for ventilation in hot weather!

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Please go to the Nelson Gallery for a good long look at the Kirk Askew, Jr., gift, if you haven't seen it. It's a little oil painting by a French modernist, Jaques Mauny. We think it's exquisite and a little cock-eyed. It is of a family group, Father, Mother and two daughters. Or, more accurately, one daughter and a half. The older child sort of fades away into the landscape, a poignant, delicately drawn little figure.

Successful designers of women's hats have their unrestrained moments of pure inspiration, as do all creative artists. The results are generally disturbing and downright unbecoming to most women. How fortunate it is that there are beautiful women to wear these little gems with happy assurance and great style. How fortunate it is that Mrs. Sidney Altschuler's new spring bonnet did not wing its way into Kansas City to alight upon someone else's head.

If they make a movie out of William Faulkner's new book, Pylon, we promise you that we will personally picket the theatre in which it is shown, carrying a huge placard which will read: Shame on you if you go to see this desecration of a great book! Pylon is a great book. It would make a preposterous movie; a sillier job than the one they turned out of Faulkner's Sanctuary.

All good citizens like steak but darn few citizenesses know how to cook one really well. In fact, only a few of us know how to pick out a good one to begin with. We know of one wise and charming young lady who determined to know all about steaks. It took her one year of earnest research to master her subject. The young lady's name: Mrs. Carrol White. Her fortunate guests report that the steaks she now serves rival those prepared by excellent hotel chefs. Mrs. White does nothing fancy to the steaks, either. She merely makes a careful selection in the first place and then times the broiling accurately. It takes considerable practice but there is nothing mystic about it.

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Columns of Criticism and Comment

MUSIC

We quote this week an important article from Pierre Vey, who is nearer to American music than any other commentator:

“We appear, at last, to have gotten our wish about an American management at our Metropolitan Opera House. As Mr. Gatti-Casazza bows himself out Herbert Witherspoon will be ushered in, with Edward Johnson and Edward Ziegler as his assistants. A trimumvi- rate, as it were, which bids fair to work harmoniously and for the best interests of a cause which can be made to serve more interests than New York’s alone.

The set-up is virtually as I predicted it would be—in last week’s article. There will be fourteen weeks of a “grand” season, with internationally famous principals and seat prices from \$7 down. Following will come a supplementary season in which most of the leading singers will be American, and with most of the operas done in English —at seat prices with \$3 as the top.

John Erskine, president of the Juilliard School of Music, and Ernest Hutcheson, dean of that institution, will serve with John Perry, a Juilliard Foundation trustee, as new directors of the Metropolitan; and they also will sit with several other Metropolitan Opera directors as an executive committee to confer closely with the incoming management. Since the Juilliard Foundation has agreed to provide \$150,000 towards a \$250,000 guarantee fund (providing subscriptions for 1935-36 show a ten per cent increase) Juilliard is entitled to a considerable voice in how the Metropolitan shall be run.

Americans Are Happy

American singers, and many Americans who do not sing, yet listen to much of what is provided at the Metropolitan, are happy over the outcome which gives us an American directorate at this country's foremost opera house for the first time since Henry E. Abbey dispensed operatic wares hereabouts, about half a century ago.

Not that foreigners of the foremost rank will not be made welcome. We have always wanted the best artists Europe could send us, and we probably always shall want them. What we are to have, however, for the first time in a good many years is a full and fair opportunity for Americans whose abilities match those who are members of the Metropolitan's personnel of first principals.

Mr. Witherspoon states that there will be new life injected into the acting on the Metropolitan stage; up-to-date settings, when conditions so warrant; and every effort made to supply what he rightly terms a good show. All of which is right down the alley I have been preaching for in this department for years and years.

In these assertions he is voicing the ideas of Messrs. Erskine and Hutcheson, who have shown in what they have presented in the way of opera at the Juilliard Graduate School that they not only have some sensible notions about the lyric art but have been adept in such presentation as has been possible with school talent.

Bell Has Rung

The big news, of course, is the chance that offers to give opera in this country a real leg up."

THEATRE

Thrills

When Mr. W. C. Fields comes to town pictorially, it is an event. Those admirers of the Fields technique were certainly not disappointed in his latest classic, "Mississippi," wherein he essays the role of a showboat captain.

The story concerns the tribulations of a northerner who does not understand the duelling code of gentlemen's honor as practiced in the ante-bellum south. The young northerner, played by Bing Crosby, joins the showboat cast and is rapidly press-agented by Mr. Fields as the "Singing Killer." Mr. Crosby has a chance to croon a set of tunes not up to the Rogers and Hart standard. During this process he looks as one bereft of his reason, and his throated burbling can start up a bad case of fidgets. However, he learns to hold his own so well against the hot southern bloods that he has no trouble winning the beautiful Joan Bennett.

You won't particularly remember the story or hum the tunes, but you'll chuckle for days over Commodore Fields' poker game and his battle with cigar store Indians.

Chills

More Dickens. This time the insidious Mr. Claude Rains playing Jasper in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," and playing it to the hilt. He is a welcome addition to the mooth villain category.

Heather Angel is Rosa, in the best tradition of the frightened wide-eyed heroine. David Manners is pleasantly adequate as Edwin Drood, murdered foully by Jasper, who covets Rosa, Drood's fiancée. Douglass Montgomery is capable as Landless, in love with Rosa, who devotes most of the picture to the discovering of Drood's murderer.

The camera shots are excellent, and the English village sets are exceptionally good. By all means, see this picture, if you like old church towers, crypts at midnight, howling rain storms, opium dens, and mysterious gentlemen in Victorian capes and broad-brimmed black hats.

Spills
"West Point of the Air" has some of the best air shots we have ever seen. There are grand flight formations, exciting parachute jumps, and tragic crashes. It looks like an account of how aviators are made at Randolph Field.

A sergeant instructor sends his son to West Point in order that the boy may have advantages he didn't have. The boy returns a smart-aleck with an exalted idea of his rank. The father then makes a man of him. Wallace Beery turns in one of his routine characterizations as the sergeant. With each picture, Beery is growing softer. He was a better actor before Marie Dressier and Jackie Cooper wound him 'round with the strings of their slightly saccharine sentimentality.

Robert Young, Maureen O'Sullivan, and Lewis Stone are all good in their roles, but they cannot do much with a story that just misses. However, the air shots redeem this picture from the just so-so class.

M. J.

From the viewpoint of Hitler everything is lovely and the goose steps high.

GALLERY

Gallery XXIV is on the second floor north, just East of the Chinese room. The only people, seemingly, who go in there are the quick lookers who take the great Nelson Gallery like a dose of salts, want to get it all in the shortest possible time. Gallery XXIV is a room of Japanese prints, and it will repay your best attention, as it is national art of a sort to be easily recognized, without confusing and misleading style periods, and exquisite work withal. Japanese art is lacking in ideality, has no grand sweep of feeling, but is so satisfying in its detail, its purity of line and form, that one need not be self-conscious in esteeming it highly.

The prints on exhibition in the current show are in large part of an advertising nature, the counterparts of the lithographs and posters of stage stars of contemporary America. Their age is from eighteenth and nineteenth century; those of our own times are printed with aniline dyes which lose vivacity with passage of a little time and do not have, even at the outset, the glow and softness of the oldtime vegetable dyes and tints.

DANCING

We are pleased to give a brief advance note on the dances to be performed April 13 under the auspices of the Y. M. H. A. by the students of Mrs. Ruth Glover. Mrs. Glover's dancers have been presented several times in the last year without, so far as we know, as much comment as this particularly lovely art deserves. Creative dancing is most fluid in form, most flexible to imagination's command, of all art forms. (As a passing thought, dancing on ice can be beautiful as well as agile or spectacular. Ice dancers of the first order are few, but we may hope to see good ice dancing here in a year or two.)

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This is not an old, decadent nation we are building today, nor is Kansas City an old city, even in young America. The cities and towns and villages of America will still be young when those who are ruling them today, and those who are attempting to make life and government in them better for everybody, have passed away.

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SPORTS

Basketball Champions

They may move the National A. A. U. tournament to Denver but Kansas City is still the home of the champions. Kansas City Stage Liners defeated the Globe Refiners of McPherson, Kansas, 45 to 26, in the finals at Denver in the most thrilling game of the tournament. This is the first championship won by the Liners.

Baseball from the South

There is plenty of baseball down Florida way now. Many a championship won and many a star made, if one is to rely on the advance "dope" that comes out of the training camps.

The National League race should be a close four-club race. The St. Louis Cardinals, 1934

world champions, are going to be hard to keep out of first place with those Dean boys going at top form. In reserve players the Cardinals are well stocked. This is an advantage that Boston and Chicago clubs do not have.

Two teams who will give lots of trouble to any team that aspires to win the flag are the Boston Braves and Casey Stengel's Brooklyn Dodgers. The Dodgers should finish well above their last year's standing. They may be the surprise team of the league.

Much hope was held by the Boston fans when Ruth was added to the Braves' roster this spring. So far there has been very little zip and flash to the Babe's performances in spring exhibition games. The many years of baseball have taken quite a toll from Ruth's zip and snap. However his creaking joints may respond to the warm sunshine; if so, he may make the Braves a first division contender.

Nearly all scribes are picking the New York Giants, the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburg Pirates to battle it out with Dizzy and Daffy Dean for first place. Maybe they are right but the Pirates must improve a great deal to finish up there. Terry's Giants should be in the pennant fight all the way. The Cubs are a good ball club, but Charlie Grimm seems unable to get the most out of them. They have disappointed the Chicago fans the last two years.

Detroit, the 1934 champions of the American League, are just about good enough to repeat this year. Cochrane has mostly young players and they should show improvement this year. "Schoolboy" Rowe, Greenburg, Owen and White are young players who will be benefited by their experience.

The Boston Red Sox are an improved club and if "Lefty" Groves gets rid of his sore arm they will be right up there at the top. If the Detroit Tigers slip any, the Red Sox should be the first club to move into the lead.

The New York Yankees are not going to miss Ruth much this year. They will be a first division club with lots of power at bat. Gomez is one of the best pitchers in the league and Manager McCarthy has four other mighty good ones. The Yankees are real pennant contenders. C. M. L.

Night Life of the Mortals
From page one

who are willing to oblige. The liquor is generally bootleg. Crawford County corn is the favored beverage. During prohibition a taste was developed for this brew made by the Sicilian miners in Kansas. The taste for it persists. It is economical to dispense, powerful in action and tastes enough like rye, bourbon and Scotch to pass for any of the three if doctored a little.

We decided to make a calm, fairly sober analysis of this second rate phase of our city's night life; of those small, prolific places that bloom and fade rapidly despite the protection afforded them by the police and the powers that be. We started our investigations at 10:30 on a Friday night and closed them with the dawn. We did not go in a spirit of muckraking. We went to see and hear, hoping to find out why so many intelligent citizens spend their money and time sitting in these little unlovely places, breathing smoke and dust, drinking inferior beer and terrible whisky or plain strong alcohol, listening to generally wretched music and watching floor shows that are either embarrassingly stupid or stupidly indecent. We never found the answer, but we submit a detailed report for your consideration.

We went first to Dante's Inferno, a small building with a smaller entrance. The interior is decorated with a lurid red substance which must be as inflammable as the flames of hell it symbolizes. We were there for the first show, an extremely unpleasant ordeal, for the female

impersonators who gave it were an inept and pitiful lot. One of them came to our table, sat down in all his finery and ordered a sherry flip. Kansas City, he lisped, was the crudest place he had ever worked in. "The folks here are sure dumb. They don't get nothing subtle." He went on to explain that he worked on a circuit which extended from New York to New Orleans; made pretty good money, but had to spend a lot of it on snappy costumes. He was wearing, at the time, a little tulle model decorated grotesquely with a bunch of bananas. One look at the croupiers behind the gambling table decided us against trying our luck there. We left just as the soft-spoken Mr. Lusco was arguing with two young men patrons in an attempt to prevent them from dancing together.

From there we went to the Hey Hay Club. Our 10-cent beer was served in 26-ounce schooners and tasted of soap, ether, sour mash and, oddly enough, onions. There were several depressed and unescorted women perched about wistfully on other bales of hay.

We then progressed to a spot which no longer operates, called, rather accurately, The Dump. The activities in The Dump consisted of a large gambling table and a colored hootch dancer. Again, we passed up the gambling and watched the dancer; we ordered and attempted to drink a Scotch highball (25 cents), recognizing it to be Crawford County corn served with lemon peel and sweet soda.

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The colored woman's dance was graceless and indecent. However, once she completed it, she composed herself, withdrew to a little corner back of the piano where two respectable appearing colored women awaited her. There the three of them sat quietly laughing and talking in a disarmingly gentle fashion. As we left The Dump we noticed a Packard car—an old model—near the curb. In the back of the car were two colored children leaning out of the window talking to a colored man on the sidewalk. A few questions from us proved that they were waiting for "Mamma," the dancer.

And so the night wore on. In one place, no longer operating, we were frisked for guns. In another place our presence caused too much commotion for our peace of mind. We watched the proprietor stamp on the face of a noisy guest before he threw him out. Our distress at the episode was considerably increased when the proprietor came to our table afterwards, smiling greasily and saying, "I know'd you was nice folks and wouldn't want no bums around. That's why I threw him out." In still another place, the Chesterfield Club, we heard a tiny child, certainly not yet five, sing "Oh! You Nasty Man." She was followed on the program by an Italian diseur who told sulphurous stories to an audience that were either too shocked or too dense to appreciate them. We visited one place, the Sportsman Club, where two men had been shot and killed by the proprietor, a fact that did not in any way increase or decrease the dead level of entertainment offered us there.

Just before dawn we struck the Wiggle Inn. Again a small, though brightly lighted little spot which smelled badly. The patrons at this hour were an extremely sorry-looking group; perhaps they were as tired as we were. There was a poor 4-piece orchestra murdering music. The liquor was as weak as it was vile and the dancing had reached that stage of immobility which

approximates public concupiscence. Our mentor assured us that in the West Bottoms night life was running at its height, but we could carry on no farther. If we had found one place in the course of the evening where, for little money, it was obvious people were having fun, we might have had the courage to complete our investigation. As it was, we crept homeward, sadder, no wiser, and convinced that the job of amusing the American middle class has been horribly bungled.

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