

Not always serious business

Crime's lighter moments

During the roaring 20s Monroe Countians were flocking to the movie theaters to see the latest antics of the Keystone Kops, the Hollywood version of law enforcement. If articles in local newspapers can be taken literally, the movie patrons could have gotten nearly as much entertainment for free by watching city and county law officers.

CRIME HAS ALWAYS been with us, but the transgressions of the 20s had some humorous overtones related to prohibition and primitive

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(by our standards) police methods and facilities. Take for example, a raid on a Marion (now Benton) Township moonshine operation at 2 a.m., on Jan. 2, 1924.

The front page article in the *Evening World* the following day looks conventional enough. Closer examination, however, reveals how much fun was had by all, including, presumably, the editor of the newspaper.

• "Under the floor they (the officers) found five gallons of liquid which had to be tested before it was learned definitely what it was, according to one of the officers. The first time they tasted it, it was analyzed as white

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