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"Congratulations."

This poem appeared in the Line o' Type of the Chicago Tribune with the following introduction: "News item: Clarence Darrow asks congratulations on his birthday last week because he has fewer years to live."

"For seventy some odd years subtracted
From sentence-serving here below;
For seventy some long milestones counted
And little distance yet to go!
Confess, old cynic, what robbed life of living?
What smoke obscured the vision? We would know.

"What bitter dregs within the cup were tasted
Before repletion gave you pause,
What frenzy of fine effort wasted
To make a mockery of laws?

"Has proving man a helpless creature
Of will devoid, by passion tossed,
Reshaped within your mind a Maker
Creating something to be lost?

"Because by devious legal windings,
By eloquence and pleading voice
Men shift the burden of their blunders
And feebly waive the law of choice,
You think, oh weary world-worn cynic,
We with your sophistry rejoice?

"If death end life and life be futile
The sooner ended - best for all;
Why fight to lengthen then the sentence -
A short walk and a little fall?

--"Goheen."

The Ripples Widen.

"A special assembly was held in St. Catherine's high school on Friday, April 21, at the request of the student body, and under the direction of the student council and the junior class. The subject for discussion to which the entire hour was devoted was 'the motion picture'..... After the assembly adjourned the student body went to the home rooms where there was presented to the students for their signatures the following declaration:

"The undersigned students of St. Catherine's high school, Racine, are interested only in clean shows, and in clean advertising for shows. We ask you to note our preference and bring it to the attention of the producers."

"Copies of this statement signed by the students are to be sent to the managers of all the local theatres as quickly as they are ready for circulation. A check up on the names shows that the student body stands 100 per cent in favor of the action inaugurated by the student council and the class of 1934.... An editorial in the Racine Journal-Times, together with the inspiration of the action taken at Notre Dame University by the students about the same subject were the activating forces that influenced the students of St. Catherine's in this direction." -- The Racine (Wis.) Journal-Times.

NOTE: Badin Hall reports a movie protest: Sorin, Howard, Alumni, Carroll, please note. MASS, Monday, 6:25, Sorin chapel, for Col. Hoynes, deceased (by request of R.O.C.)