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## Editorials

### The Elephant Awakes

The slumbering elephant of Oakland County awoke last Friday evening. Gently prodded by interested and kindly attendants from Washington and Lansing, surrounded by half a thousand friends, the huge creature bestirred himself and sent forth an unexpected roar. Some distance away the Democratic donkey pricked up his ears and wondered, for, he had thought, so deep in sleep the elephant had been that he would not, could not, rouse himself. Shivered a bit, though he would not, could not, rouse himself. Shivered a bit, though he would not, could not, rouse himself. Shivered a bit, though he would not, could not, rouse himself.

That is, if the elephant will only go on sleeping—for well does the donkey know that the potent pachyderm might suddenly arise, and toss that mighty trunk of his, and let out a roar that would resound from Highland on the west to Avon on the east, from Brandon on the north to Royal Oak on the south; four huge paws would beat upon the ground as the mighty creature rushed forward to the charge, trunk outstretched to seize the donkey standing in his path, and to toss him into yonder world. And the very earth would tremble.

What would happen? Your guess will probably be influenced according to which animal you happen to have been riding upon, and even more if you happen to be one of those here and there whom rumor suggests, are thinking of jumping down from the elephant and clambering aboard the donkey.

### One Thing He Doesn't Lack

Announcement of the special session of the Michigan Legislature immediately brought forth a flood of opinion as to whether the summons would be favorable or unfavorable to the political future of Governor Brucker, who called it. The purpose of the session and the good that might come out of it seem to have been forgotten in the rush to prognosticate upon what it will or will not do to the Governor.

One Detroit Sunday paper devoted an entire column thereto; half a column to those who knew the special session would ruin Mr. Brucker, and the other half to those who were equally as sure it will do just the opposite. To many it was the considerate act of a chief executive aware of aid doing his best to alleviate the trouble of his harassed people, but others went so far as to say that the Governor called the session out of fear, and nothing else.

On this last point there ought to be no doubt—that of Governor Brucker's political courage. He demonstrated that two years ago, when, without an organization or money and only a comparative handful of influential political friends, he tossed his hat into the ring for the governorship, and thereafter, defying the then governor, a former governor, and most of the political leaders of the State, refused to permit himself to be bluffed out of the fight. This courage of his, willingness to risk everything on the outcome of the battle, played no small part in his subsequent victory, for thousands, and among them numerous men possessing influence and wealth, were attracted by the fortitude he displayed in the uneven struggle. It may easily have provided the margin by which he won.

To return to the special session, it may well be argued that it takes more political stamina to call a special session a few months before election than at any other time, because the man calling it knows full well that before the ink is dried upon his summons, enemies will be accusing him of issuing the call merely for his own political advantage.

### Not Political—But Good Politics

While newspapers, magazines, and men in public life from Coast to Coast have been hailing the appointment of Associate Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo of the New York Court of Appeals, to the United States Supreme Court as one of the most noteworthy and laudable in recent years, one aspect of the appointment seems to have escaped attention. President Hoover was urged to overlook all political and geographical considerations in order to bring to the Supreme Court this man universally acclaimed as the one jurist standing above all others, and since the appointment he has been applauded for it.

Yet one may, without taking from the President the credit that has been accorded him for unbiased recognition of ability, and for broad-mindedness, still point out that this non-political appointment is one of the strongest political moves that has been made in Washington in years, certainly since Mr. Hoover's incumbency. A moment's reflection will clearly show why.

The next presidency, as so many before it, may well hinge on the important State of New York, with its great block of electoral votes. The successful candidate for president almost has to have New York to win. The President's appointment of a man whom practically everyone in New York State has felt for many years should be of the United States Supreme bench, will certainly strengthen the President in the Empire State more than anything else he could have done. (It was generally understood in New York in 1928 that if Smith attained the Presidency, Judge Cardozo would be named for the first vacancy on the federal Supreme Bench.)

Not much less does the appointment strengthen President Hoover in all other parts of the country, though for a different reason. The President's closest followers have always insisted that he is not a master, or even an ordinarily adept politician. To the contrary, he was put before the people in 1928 as not at all versed in political maneuvering. Now those in charge of the President's political fortunes may point out with powerful effect, that, with the next election only nine months away and a rare prize at hand to bestow on some one, Mr. Hoover laid aside unusual possibilities of individual and party advancement. He chose instead, it can be argued, (as another and striking example of the President's non-political viewpoint), a man who is neither Democrat nor Republican, but was elected by the people to his judgeship on a bi-partisan ticket, a man whom the Senate approved without a dissenting voice or even a record vote. Especially as the appointment occurred in the midst of approval by both parties in Congress of the President's program to conquer the depression, the argument can carry still a greater measure of force.

Thus, odd as it is, an act of overlooking ordinary political considerations becomes one of the strongest political steps of our time. Those who assert and re-assert that the President is politically stupid, always blundering, or that he has poor advisers may well ponder awhile upon this.

## CHURCHES

**Evangelical Church**  
Rev. J. A. Schoon, Pastor  
Fourth Lenten Service 10:15.  
Subject: "The Compass of the Cross."  
Sunday School, 11:30.

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church**  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor  
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.  
Daily mass at 8:00.

**West Point Park Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. John Adams, Pastor  
2232 Grand River, Redford  
10:30 Sunday School.  
11:30 Morning worship.

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. E. J. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30 Morning worship and Communion service.  
11:45 B. S. School.  
6:30 P. M. young people groups will meet.

7:30 Evangelistic services. The pastor will preach the first of a series of four vital questions, "Why Are Men Lost?"  
We are happy to announce the coming of the Male Quartette from the Burns Avenue Baptist Church Detroit. This group goes all over the State singing so we are fortunate to get them to come to our community. Be sure to hear them Sunday night.

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Grauber, Pastor  
10:30 Divine service.

The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

**Methodist Church**  
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Mr. Vash Young in his discovery of how to use his religion so as to give himself and others happiness says "Religion to me is getting up in the morning and saying gratefully, "Thank You, God, for what I have," instead of "Please God, give me a lot more." Why not try it?

Next Sunday at 10:30 Rev. F. C. Johnson will give a fourth message in the popular series on "Jesus and the Needy" entitled "Jesus and His Enemies." At 7:30 the evening worship theme will be "Learning by Experience." We had quite a number who came 5 to 20 miles for the service last Sunday. Plan on ending this Sunday.

Miss Nellie Knapp will lead the Young Peoples Club in its discussions during the month of March. It is a luncheon meeting this Sunday so come promptly at 6:00 p. m.

The Wednesday evening Fellowship service at 7:00 is just what you need in these distressful days. Don't forget the Sunday school

board meeting comes next Tuesday evening.  
Well, you just can't miss the new Talking pictures every Saturday afternoon and evening. The feature this week is "Over The Hill."

## Personal

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Switzer and Mrs. George Hendryx attended the one hundredth birthday anniversary party of Mrs. Heath of Milford Tuesday.

Mrs. R. C. Yerkes of Northville is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yerkes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones entertained the Maple avenue club of West Bloomfield at their home on Twelve Mile road Saturday evening. Games were played by the 25 persons present.

All patrons of the public library are requested to bring in their books early especially the new books, and avoid accumulation of fines.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Steele and Miss Mary Kennedy visited in Northville Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Metta Amberler and mother, Mrs. Lucinda Franck.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele entertained a company of friends at dinner and cards on Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber.

Mrs. Frank Steele reports that "Jack," her blue bird, made his first appearance this spring, March 1. "Jill" will be coming soon, now, she expects. A pair of birds have nested each year for the past ten years in the same bird house at Old Homestead Farm.

Mrs. Will Pagel and Russell are ill this week.

Mrs. M. S. Place of Milford fell and hurt her hip last week, Wednesday and is confined to her bed. Her niece, Mrs. Rhode Ranch and Mrs. Rex are caring for her. Pearley Place of Detroit and Mrs. Phoebe Ross called on Mrs. M. S. Place of Milford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coretta and Mr. and Mrs. Browridge and two children of Detroit spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Phoebe Ross of Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Will Henney of Marlette, called on Dr. and Mrs. Miller last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thayer and Edward were Pontiac callers last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Gray of Flint and Miss Bertha Hagel of Lapeer were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eckler from Tuesday until Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Steiner and Mrs. Jane Gray of Flint were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eckler over the week end.

Lloyd Holstead, who attends Epilant Normal, has been home ill with influenza but was able to go back to school this week.

## Revelers To Appear At Orchestra Hall

Something unique in music is promised for Monday evening, March 7th at Orchestra Hall when the Revelers, a quartette of four remarkable voices, supported by a brilliant pianist comes to Orchestra Hall. The Revelers are a vocal ensemble comparable to a fine string quartette.  
James Melton, Lewis James, Elbert Shaw, Wilfred Glenn the four singers, all have won high reputations as soloists and their solo records run well into the thousands. Frank Black is an American pianist and composer of great distinction.

Mrs. William Richardson entertained the following at a quilting party Friday afternoon, Mrs. Banfield, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Thayer, Luncheon was served by the hostess.

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