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Editorials

Who Are The 'Experts'?
In last week's issue of the Enterprise appeared an editorial paragraph from the Linden Leader, which has been reprinted in numerous Michigan newspapers, evidently having struck a responsive chord throughout the State.

But so eager has everyone been to echo the sentiment of the Linden editor that the last part of his sentence was forgotten; "and start a movement to place law making in the hands of experts rather than turn the job over to the good fellows who are elected on the gusto of a popular vote," it reads.

Ah, there's the rub, for who are the legislative "experts," and where are they to be found? Is there such a species in existence? If they do exist and call themselves experts, by what right do they make such claims? Are they merely men who have been in the legislature a long time (in which case their chief claim is probably to experience rather than to being experts), or are they professors who have been studying and teaching about legislation for a long time without having had close contact with its actual operation?

The fact is that although our government is by far the largest business we have in this country, it has few or no real experts who have been or are successful in making very much improvement in it. It is not even as thoroughly studied as some far less important businesses, such as insurance, phonology or ventriloquism. Its very nature renders practical, effective study of it difficult matter.

Advances are made in science, professions, or business through schools devoted to those pursuits. Men of achievement in the various fields become teachers who impart the fundamentals to alert pupils, these then go out into practice and eventually outstrip their former teachers. In time they drift back and themselves become teachers who impart the old fundamentals plus their new knowledge to another set of pupils, who take the accrued knowledge as a starting point and go on to still wider and greater achievements.

Another and possibly one of the greatest reasons why political economy has not made the advances it should lies in the fact that a more thorough and searching study of the business would not be of particular benefit to the men engaged in the business at the moment (but might in fact be quite definitely detrimental), while the rewards to the student in this field can scarcely compare with those in others.

Naturally, perhaps, pupils in the schools over which legislators can exercise influence or control are not taught that the first instinct of a legislator is to assure his own re-election, that three-quarters of all legislation is put through by vote-swapping between representatives from different sections, each intent on "getting something" for his own, and so on. They go on learning that there are 96 senators, so many congressmen, according to population, that the Senate checks the House of Representatives and the House of Representatives checks the Senate, and that the United States has a perfect government because of a perfect balance between the legislative, administrative and judicial branches, namely, the Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court.

Many decide that it's hopeless, and quit taking even so small a part in government as casting a vote on election day. Others, like the Linden Leader editor, lose some of their faith without being aware of it. Undoubtedly the Linden publisher did not realize that he was making a sharp thrust at the entire theory of popular government when he said we should have "law making by experts, rather than turn the job over to the good fellows who are elected on the gusto of a popular vote."

Red—But Not Read
Michigan's 1931 license plates seem to have been made black and red, but not to be read. Perhaps they were fashioned, as is sometimes said of language, "not to reveal, but to conceal."

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
Sunday, 10:30—English service. 2:00—Sunday School. New Year's Eve, 7:30—English service.

St. Martin's Episcopal Mission Lenore Ave. 3 blocks south of Grand River, Five Points
Morn'g service, 10:30. Sunday School, 11:30.

Clarenceville M. E. Church Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor
Our Lady of Sorrows Church Rev. James A. Callanan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—"My Church and I"
Every member is urged to be present.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
10:30—Sunday School. Lloyd S. Gullen, Supt.
11:30—Morning service. Rev. John Adams' topic, "Forggetting."

Evangelical Church Rev. A. A. Sclota, Pastor
Christmas exercises of Sunday School, Wednesday evening, 7:30. Candle service, Christmas morning, 7:00 o'clock.

WEST POINT PARK
Mr. and Mrs. George Hagg of Detroit were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes and son, Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hopkins and son, Billy, all of Detroit were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Miss Catherine Sprague of Farmington was the guest Friday of Mrs. James Eastman.

Miss Catherine Thayer, a teacher of Muskegon Heights, is home for the holidays.

A reception was given at West Point Park Community hall for relatives and friends of Stella Monroe and Edwin Tamm, who were united in marriage Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the German Lutheran church in Farmington.

Miss Esther Middlewood of Caro, was the week end guest of her mother, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, leaving Sunday night to join the National High School orchestra at Knoxville, Tenn.

A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday immediately after church of all members and those interested in securing a minister for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Owen of Detroit were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen and Mrs. Norman Gedig of Detroit was the guest Sunday of her mother, Mrs. E. Rowe, who is ill. Mrs. J. L. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bernell of Detroit were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Mrs. Dorothy Berns and her mother, Mrs. Mabel Hinkle of Detroit were guests Tuesday of Mrs. Mabel Ault.

Mrs. Melvin Murphy, who was taken to Grace Hospital in Detroit Wednesday, for an operation Saturday, is getting along fine.

Mrs. Russell Ault was taken to Herman Kiefer Hospital Thursday and will remain there a month for observation.

Rev. John Adams' talk Sunday was "The Birthdays of Kings." The choir was assisted by a vocal soloist and the young people.

The trouble with most critics is that they are as narrow-minded and mean as the people they criticize.

PEOPLE'S STATE BANK OF FARMINGTON, MICH.
MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Benjamin M. Storms and Ida W. Storms, his wife, mortgagees to the Peoples State Bank Building, Farmington, Michigan, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, bearing date the 31st day of February, A. D. 1921, and recorded April 9, 1921 in Liber 316 of mortgages page 91-1-2, which mortgage contains a power of sale.

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