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## Editorials

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### Moses Would Fail

(Ingham County News)

A modern Moses would need sand blast equipment and a huge quarry would be to undertake the tabulating of the laws of a modern legislature. We have just received the first volume of the compiled laws revised for 1930. There are two more volumes and an index to come. The first volume is a huge tome of 2,150 pages. The other volumes will probably be as large.

The old saying that ignorance of the law excuses no man no longer should hold. Any individual who is able to digest over six thousand pages of Michigan law should receive the title of doctor of laws and a medal with several clusters of oak leaves. It is doubtful if any lawyer in the state can tell when he is obeying or disobeying the law and no layman can hope to get through a day without going afoul of some provision.

Every state legislature and every session of congress evidently operates under the theory that a day is lost unless some new law is passed. Nearly every convention of citizens meeting for any purpose whatsoever is loath to adjourn without passing resolutions calling for the enactment of a half-dozen new laws.

We are all experts in the line of government. As Socrates pointed out 2,000 years ago, if a ship was to be constructed, no one would have the nerve to give advice unless he knew something about the building of a ship; if a man intended to erect a house no one except a carpenter, architect, or mason would feel qualified to give advice, but when it comes to government all of us feel we are experts, and no matter how complicated the problem any of us can easily set forth the solution.

### Editorial Inconsistencies

(Birmingham Eclectic)

Back of every respectable newspaper, whether it be a daily or a weekly, there is some manner of editorial policy. That editorial policy determines very largely the manner in which the newspaper interprets human affairs, or the side of any man who may choose to take when crusading for a specific reform. Editorial policies are made and carried out by human beings—which also means that a newspaper may err on certain occasions, just as with any other human institution. No one will find fault with any newspaper that honestly and conscientiously takes a view opposite to his own. Out of the honest heat of any controversy one side must win; out of sufficient controversies both sides win victories, and society in general becomes the better for the arguments, the debates, the eventual season at the polls.

There's nothing finer, either, than a humble winner or a cheerful loser.

Which leads us to a question and a reflection, caused by the post-election attitude of the Detroit News and Pontiac Press, two nearby newspapers that are feeling badly over the defeat of their heart's desire, namely; capital punishment.

Here's what the News said Wednesday of last week: "However, vicious element always goes to the polls whenever an election promises to interfere with its activities and always decides an election if the respectable majority is indifferent and largely stays away." That statement was made not only very foolishly, but quite untruthfully by an irresponsible editorial writer. That is plain to see.

Then observe the plaint of the

Pontiac moral engine: "Mayor crime very largely could be abolished in six months time, but not by letting the gangsters dictate what the laws shall be and what the punishment shall be." Now what kindergarten do you suppose wrote that criticism of every voter who opposed the Foster death bill recently?

As we said in the beginning of this comment, back of every newspaper there is a editorial policy of some description. It takes an issue like the capital punishment to reveal how some of them operate with a degree of inconsistency that, at all times, is really startling!

P. S. There has been so much smeared all over the Detroit Free Press since the election that we can't even read its type; when coagulation has taken place, we'll try to comprehend its hidden meaning.

### Tax The Buses

(Rochester Clarion)

Last year the Eastern Michigan System paid to Rochester \$8,600 for running her old trolley through the village on her broken tracks and road bed ten times a day. Many sniffed at the vehicle that used to put the largest single revenue into the township's pocket. Now that the old trolley is not running anymore, how are we going to get that appreciable sum into our treasury?

The day after the bridge was put over Clinton River, an outside bus concern shot a bus line through Main Street and with her profits have been able to put the D. U. R. out of commission and just about deplete the passenger service on the Michigan Central into Rochester. And yet, Rochester does not get a penny's worth of revenue from the bus line.

The buses moreover, do more damage and cost to the village and township than the other roads combined; for when a ten ton truck comes shooting down Rochester road at forty miles an hour, the road and road bed are shaken to within ten feet of the surface. And unless roads are in a pretty condition, bus lines will not operate into and through certain points.

Rochester and Avon have been appropriating plenty of money to maintain their roads in fine and good condition to enable the bus line to race through Rochester as if they were on a speed track and to enable them to make considerable profit.

If the old D. U. R. with its harmless way through Rochester could bring into the Township Treasury \$8,600 each year, it would run only fifteen passengers through on a trip, why should the Village not demand at least a vehicle tax from the buses as Highland Park and Detroit do from the lines which pass through their streets.

This is not a sour grape attitude. Rochester has made it possible for the bus lines to keep running and make profit. Rochester should expect the owners to contribute to the maintenance of the roads, the condition of which is to their great advantage.

**STATE EMPLOYEE, 86**

Lansing, Mich.—The oldest employee of the State of Michigan celebrated his 86th birthday on June 1. He is Major Albert Dunham, 6840 14th street, great-grandfather of the state whose duty it is to affix the seal on all papers that come to the department of state for authentication. The major recently was appointed a member of the board of managers of the Grand Rapids Soldiers' Home. He has been a state employee for 37 years.

### Movies Delayed; To

#### Start Saturday Eve

If weather permits, the first movies of the season will be shown Saturday evening on the lawn of the Farmington Town Hall.

The first showing scheduled for last Saturday evening was called off on account of rain. Last season when the weather prevented an outside showing, the movies were presented in Town Hall. This season, if inclement weather prevails, the program will be called off entirely.

### EVANGELICAL AID HONORS MEMBER AT FAREWELL LUNCH

Mrs. Joseph Himmelspach Guest Of Church Society At June Meeting

At the June meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Salem Evangelical church, Mrs. Joseph Himmelspach was honored at a farewell luncheon and program. She was presented with a boat cleverly made by Mrs. A. A. Schoen.

In a brief address, Mrs. Adolph Nacker emphasized the prayers, love and good wishes in forms of useful voyage gifts from the members.

Wednesday, June 16 is set aside for all members wishing to enjoy a day at the orphanage. Arrangements can be made with Mrs. A. A. Schoen, as cars will meet at the parsonage on that morning. Ladies are requested to prepare their own lunch.

Tashmo Park is mentioned for the Evangelical annual picnic excursion.

Because of a conflicting date, the sewing party scheduled for June 17 to have been entertained by Mrs. John Morris has been postponed. A definite date will be announced later.

The last Tuesday of next month, July 28, has been set aside by the Farmington Evangelical church for the Detroit Federation. It is customary to entertain these women once a year and committees have been called to arrange for the event.

### Leading Race Drivers To Be At Fair Track

Detroit—The leading race drivers of the world are entered for the annual A. A. A. sanctioned championship 100 mile race to be held on the state fair track here Sunday June 14. Led by Louis Schneider, the pride of Indianapolis, who jumped from a motorcycle cop to the speed of a 125 an hour Miller Special racing car to win the 500 mile and some \$30,000 in cash besides a long lead towards the American speedway title for the year, all the "big shots" from "gasoline alley" will be here.

Fourteen cars are to start for some \$10,000 in prize money split in ways and 470 points towards the year's title. Following the big race there will be a 25 mile for the Michigan drivers in their single seater cars. In the big race all will be of the two men type with driver and mechanic riding just as at Indianapolis.

### STATE PARK RULES TO REMAIN SAME AS 1930

The state parks rules and regulations for 1931, as approved by Governor Wilbur M. Brucker, will remain the same as during the past season.

A reduced speed limit for motor vehicles on park roads of not more than 20 miles an hour is absolutely necessary and local park superintendents have been charged with rigidly enforcing this rule. Mr. Hoffmaster said. Park officers have full police powers.

Caution with fire is necessary. Building or starting fires in the open or in any place except where proper provisions have been made or to leave fires while burning is prohibited.

In all parks, except those in six counties, a 15 days limit is set for camping permits. In single park sites in Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, St. Clair, Ottawa and Bay Counties, permits to make camp are good for but seven days. These permits may be renewed if facilities are available.

Patrons of certain theaters are furnished a mechanical device with which to applaud, thus saving wear and tear on the hands. The equipment will not be complete, however, until a hissing attachment is provided.

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### WEST POINT PARK NINE SUFFERS ITS SECOND DEFEAT

Retain Second Position In AAA League Despite Losing To Skrzycki, 4-3

West Point Park baseball team suffered its second defeat of the season in the Detroit Triple A league at the hands of Skrzycki, Sunday on their home grounds, 4 to 3.

The game was decided by a daring bit base running on the part of Markell, Skrzycki outfielder who scored the winning run on Joe Truskowski single in the eighth after he had dashed to second on Mike Menosky's foul to Hammerschmidt.

John Jayska started on the mound for West Point and lacked control, which caused his removal from the fray in the third after he had allowed three runs, two of these coming on three passes and a hit batsman. Henry Hartner, a left hander, relieved Jayska and held the Bakery team to one run over the remainder of the route.

West Point made a determined bid for victory in the ninth when it scored two runs on two singles and a double. Pitchotte hurled the route for the winners and was touched for seven hits. The Skrzycki hurler had ten assists, just one short of tying the American League record.

Nick Schenck got two hits for Skrzycki, a single and double, while H. Wolfstrom contributed three hits, one a double, for West Point Park.

In the ninth Rodbrook singled and scored on H. Wolfstrom's double. Johnson grounded out and Wolfstrom moved over to third from where he scored on a single. The next two batters were easy outs.

Sunday West Point meets Dearborn Cleaners at Dearborn.

### FARMINGTON ACRES

Mr. and Mrs. Ryle and children of Clarenceville were callers of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Markham of Detroit announce the birth of a son (Charles) Thursday, June 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fifoot and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hitch in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Albert Koss, Mrs. Frank Tuft, Mrs. Charles Damon, Mrs. Frank Hoffmann, Mrs. Stromm, Mrs. H. A. McIntyre, Miss Mary Foster and Miss Armand Markham attended the Wahjamega council and card party at Northville Wednesday evening.

Mr. Leonard of Detroit visited his sister, Mrs. Stanley Grieve, and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard and son of Detroit spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Sunday visitors at the Markham home were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brennan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Erwin and Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kingsley and children of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Anton of Ferndale called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffmann Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Markham and daughter, Maizie of Northville and Mrs. Margaret Reeves of Detroit called on Miss A. Markham Wednesday.

Mrs. Ben Nett and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre attended a meeting of the Women's Union at Friendship House on Russell Street Tuesday. Miss A. Markham called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Markham and son Charles of Detroit Sunday.

### State Production Of

#### Lumber Shows Decrease

Lansing—"A generation ago Michigan was the leading lumber producing state in the country. Today it is fifteenth. "It is inevitable that the virgin timber should be cut. It was wholly unnecessary, however, that the cutover lands should be made desolate. For this, fire is chiefly responsible."

The virgin forests that once covered the state can and are being restored, not is it desirable that they should be wherever the land can be put to more productive use. It is desirable, however, that the idle cut-over land not be needed for other purposes be put to work growing another crop of timber and that the handicap of fire be removed so that such lands may be reasonably productive.

Assistant Secretary Ingalls, in charge of naval aviation, calls the auto-giro the missing link among aircraft, and believes the safety it offers will be an encouragement to prospective flyers.

In a recent intercollegiate boxing tourney, Herbert Fulmer, 18 years old, of St. Louis donned boxing gloves for the first time and won the intercollegiate title in the lightweight division.

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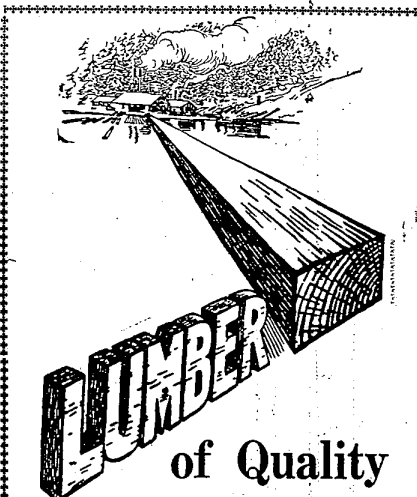
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