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## Editorials

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### Concerning Parties

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Recently I heard a physician describe a man who was exhibited at a medical meeting after he had recovered from a surgical operation requiring the removal of a bit of frontal portion of his brain.

"Before the operation," said the physician, "this man was listless and anxious. He was always so worried about what was going to happen that he never dared to do anything. Now that he has lost part of his brain he is gay and full of energy."

I suppose I must have looked as if I was about to ask whether my companion was going to propose that everybody should have part of his brain removed. For the physician said quickly: "Of course, there is an out about him. He can never imagine anything that is not right in front of him. He lives eternally in the moment, like a man who is always pleasantly intoxicated and cannot realize that he ought to go home or pay his bill or that there is such a thing as the morning after."

At last, I thought to myself, I understand the glorious feeling of living under a dictatorship which nobody opposes. You extricate the front part of the brain, which is the seat of foresight and therefore of critical opposition, and what is left of your mind is exuberant and free from care.

The result always impresses the superficial observer, especially if he comes from a country where men are still cold sober and worried.

However, the argument for retaining this frontal portion of the brain is a strong one. For history seems to show conclusively that the casual dictator has advantages. The chief of them is that he cannot perpetrate his line.

During the Italian renaissance there were many little tyrants who rose to power in the city states. Some of them were brilliant men who advanced the arts and left behind them the outward signs of great splendor. But except the Medici, who were a kind of composite of political boss and banker, and in their best days rather easy-going rulers, it is hard to recall a despot who had a worthy successor.

In more modern times there was the great Napoleon, and then Waterloo; and the Little Napoleon, and then Sedan; and Porfirio Diaz and 15 years of revolution; and all the little Latin-American dictators, among whom there are few, if any, who have transmitted their powers effectively.

No doubt there are people who are politically too immature to establish governments that endure and it may be that an occasional dictator of exceptional gifts is the best they can hope for. But as a consequence they never really achieve security. Who it is to be the successor of Mussolini? Where is he being trained? How is he to be chosen? And what if he be an evasive fellow and no genius at all? What then?

For a country habituated to an omnipotent government the question "WHAT THEN?" is terrifying. For it is of the very essence of despotism that it can never afford to fail. That is what distinguishes it most vitally from democracy. In a despotism there is no organized opposition which can take over the power when the administration in office has failed. All the eggs are in one basket. Everything is staked on one course of men. When the going is good, they move more quickly and efficiently than democracies where the opposition has to be persuaded and conciliated. But when they lose, there are no reserves. There

simply as it is. The United States is not a compact nation like the European nations among whom political science, as we know it, was first developed.

It is a continental nation of a kind hitherto unknown in history, the kind of nation conceivably that the whole of Europe might have become had Latin become its universal language and had Europe found a bond of union. The American Republic is not merely federal in its constitutional form; it is federal in its social and economical structure.

Once that is understood the true character of American parties is apparent. They are loose federations of regional parties. The real issues are made in the local parties, but when these local parties federate for national purposes, principles and issues have to be compromised to form a workable union.

There is such a thing as New England Republicans, which corresponds to the European notion of parties. There is such a thing as a democracy of the Cotton States. There is such a thing as a democracy of the great cities. There is such a thing as Republicans of the prairies. But however much

## CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. John J. Lorkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. 10:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon. Benediction after 10:30 mass. Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. W. Breitenbach, Minister

Sunday, February 11. Service at 10:30, hereafter instead of 10:15 a. m. Subject of Sermon: "The Cross"

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday, first lenten service at 7:30 p. m. First Station of the Passion of Christ. Let us accompany him to the cross.

Baptist Church  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Communion and reception of members.

11:45-Bible School.  
6:30 Young People's Hour.  
7:30 Evangelistic Service.

The pastor will preach at the services this Sunday.

Methodist Church  
Rev. F. A. Lendrum, D. D., Min.

Worship 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. "Short-Circuited" will be the theme for the morning sermon, and "Centuries in Building" for the evening, with anthem and offertory by the choir. Mr. Eaton directing in both services.

Church School 12 noon. Miss Emily Butterfield, superintendent.

Epworth League 6:30 p. m., beginning the study of Paul's epistle to the Romans.

If you have no Church home you are invited to enjoy our services. Wednesday, February 14. Our Annual Father and Son banquet. 6 p. m. A. L. Ross is general chairman. Lloyd Guillen, toastmaster. George Checketts will represent the fathers and Don McGeehen will stand up for the sons.

The Rev. B. F. Holme of Monroe will bring the special message. The band will play, there will be group singing and special numbers by the quartet.

Friday, February 16, Ann Arbor district county institute for laymen, beginning at 2:00 p. m. with Principal R. T. Templin of the Methodist Boys' school of Detroit, Ind., the first speaker.

Supper at 6:00 p. m. Dr. Earl Hoen of the Nardin Park Church, Detroit, the speaker of the evening.

Clarenceville Methodist Church  
O. J. Lyon, Minister

The Junior Church is increasing in attendance and interest. The Junior Choir from the Embury church was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience last Sunday.

Next Sunday Lincoln Sunday will be observed and the pastor will give a brief address on the boyhood of Lincoln.

The Cheerful Circle will give another of their ten cent suppers on Friday night February 16, beginning to serve at 6:30.

The Annual Father and Son Banquet will be held on Friday night February the 23rd. Rev. Floyd Johnson, formerly pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church will be the speaker of the evening.

Rev. Johnson is now pastor of the First Methodist Church at Pontiac. Dr. A. P. Warthman will act as toastmaster, Supt. Biesey of the Clarenceville schools and S. Percy Morgan, Supt. of the Sunday school will give short addresses. Music will be furnished by the Scottish Highlanders of Detroit.

The Forward Movement Com-

mittee of the Clarenceville Methodist Church has elected the following officers: Chairman Dr. A. P. Warthman, Secretary William Robinson; Treasurer, S. Percy Morgan. The Committee are making plans to re-model the church in the early spring.

keynote orators proclaim the national principles of the Republican Party or of the Democratic, there are not any except temporarily for the purposes of forming a working union among the regional components.

Far from being a bad thing, this tendency of national parties to stabilize local issues is in the long view a very good thing.

It accomplishes what the authors of the Constitution saw to be necessary namely, the subduing of partisan fury and factionism, though it accomplishes it in a way that they did not foresee.

They tried to get the will of the people" by the Electoral College and various other devices. Our unprincipled parties somehow achieve the same result. They confine intransigent politics, which so often has destroyed states, within regions where it can do no irreparable damage and they compel those who govern the Nation to work through compromise and conciliation.

And the result, though it be frequently inglorious and often sordid enough in all conscience, is almost certainly humanly more tolerable and more likely to endure than government by the opinionated and the omnipotent.

WEST FARMINGTON

School will close at 3:30 with shorter recesses and lunch hour by the vote of the pupils.

Mrs. George Graham visited school last week Monday.

The helping teacher for this district Harriet Van Antwerp visited school Friday.

The Oakland County school nurse visited school Tuesday.

Margery Morris daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris is out of school on account of sickness.

The boys from here who are in the Animal Husbandry class who visited Michigan State College Wednesday were Harry Russell, Rogers Green, Paul Button, Robert Button, Clyde Button, Wendell Power and Leon Marsh.

Mrs. Edith Graham who has been sick with a bad cold is much better.

Ivan Graham, Arthur Graham and Vera Graham attended a party at Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler at Hartland Saturday evening in honor of their daughter, Edith's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiedman spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox.

Grace German of Ypsilanti spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred German.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler called on relatives and friends here Thursday.

The West Farmington Willing Workers met at the home of Mrs. William Kurtz Thursday. Fourteen ladies attended the meeting. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Edward Grimmer will entertain the society in March.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heliker and family spent Sunday with James Heliker and family at Union Lake.

HARDWARE CONVENTION  
IN DETROIT FEB. 15-16

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Michigan Retail Hardware Association will be held in Detroit, Hotel Statler, February 15 to 16. This is one of the largest trade associations in the state. Attendance in 1932 and 1933 was in excess of 1200. The official estimate at the coming convention is not less than 1500.

The convention topic is "Codes and Competition." An outstanding list of speakers has been selected to present phases of that general subject. Among the prominent speakers will be Governor Fred Green, Wilbur M. Brucker who will speak on "Government—and the Business Man;" H. P. Sheets, Managing Director of the National Retail Hardware Association, who will talk on "The Manufacturers' Code and Their Relation to the Hardware Dealer." Other speakers will be H. S. Earle and Chas. E. Boyd of Detroit; R. W. Cary of Wichita, Kansas; F. B. Kolmann of Pittsburgh; J. E. Russell of St. Louis; Paul J. Stokes, a business statistician of Indianapolis; and Nelson J. Waters of Paw Paw, Michigan.

The convention open Tuesday noon with the annual President's Luncheon.

A big program of entertainment features has been provided for the ladies during business sessions.

The hardware exhibit one of the largest of the middle west, will occupy the 13th and the 14th floors of headquarters hotel.

Punishing the Inanimate  
In all ages and nearly all countries, inanimate things, such as weapons and falling objects that accidentally caused a person's death, have been arrested, tried in court and destroyed when found guilty. Even recently "gun trials" have been held to the Spanish army.

Ancient Crematory Found  
Archaeologists have located at Parkburn, Scotland, a circular excavation in which bodies had been cremated in the Paleolithic period. There were distinct traces of charcoal and calcined bones in the soil. Only half of the excavation remained in good condition.

# GREAT LAKES

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