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## EDITORIALS

### Lost Lingo (Exchange)

There are 2796 official languages in the world, according to the calculations of the French academy. Yet there are not enough, in spite of the world's overwhelming linguistic wealth, some people still demand special languages of their own. It has recently been recalled that the Gladstone family invented a method of speech which could be understood only by themselves and their chosen friends. So did Dean Swift, the author of "Gulliver's Travels." So, for that matter, has Miss Gertrude Stein. So do most babies. Occasionally, however, parts of these special tongues prove of wider usefulness, and come to enrich the language spoken by ordinary beings.

For example, there is that word "push." It was invented by Mr. P. G. Wodehouse, in the form of "push," at least as early as 1903. A quarter of a century later, millions of people throughout the English-speaking world suddenly discovered that they were incapable of opening their mouths without uttering it. It was then promoted from being a special Wodehouse word to the status of slang.

That is usually the extreme limit to which these special words are exalted. They run round the country like a prairie fire, and then are totally extinguished. Such has been the experience of "push." Mr. Eric Partridge, authority on points like these declares, in his new slang dictionary, that "push" is now "avoided by polite society." But occasionally a slang word really does make good in higher circles. Dr. Johnson said that "clever" was "a cant word." Today he would be proud to be considered clever.

### Roadside Control Legal (Exchange)

"State's rights" is an expression which is being bandied about in the public prints these days in current developments on public questions. While differences of opinion are sharp on this precise question, there has never been any particular confusion concerning the sovereign power of a state as pertains to matters originating within its borders.

Well established in Michigan and other states, is this principle: The best illustration of its operation is in the building of state highways, with which the general public is familiar to the extent of realizing that condemnation proceedings open the way for pavements.

But just as the people of the state of Michigan exercise, through the state government, eminent domain over the entire state, so, it would appear, entirely reasonable, they should exercise control over the use to which property may be put which is adjacent to their highways.

The state legislature has before it a measure sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, which would permit the state highway department to regulate outdoor advertising.

Just as the people of the state can condemn property for the construction of their highways, it is a legal reality that they should have considerable to say about borders of the right-of-ways of these highways on which so many millions have been spent.

The legislature should pass this bill immediately.

### Racketeers (Exchange)

Now and then farmers get a glimpse of Rat (the racketeer) through the things that happen in the poultry business, which is one of the worst rackets. Don't think for a minute that, just because the big racketeers all live in big cities and center their schemes there, you don't put your nose just as close to the racket as they. Every labor union racketeer who has held up business concerns so as to raise a big war chest for his own gang, gets some of your money whenever you buy lumber for a hen house or shingles to repair your roof.

Kidnapping children and holding them for ransom is out of favor in this country.

Holding for ransom the factories that employ 100,000 workers does not seem quite so wicked as stealing and killing the little Mattson boy. But in the long run the difference between the Rat and the Mattson kidnapper is less than you might think.

The kidnapper kills only one American boy. Rat kills America itself.—The Farm Journal.

### Breeding Confidence (Exchange)

The energetic manner in which Governor Frank Murphy is moving to clean up securities sales to Michigan investors arouses confidence that the savings of our farmers and their dependents are in that to receive the protection from the State they so richly deserve. Apparently true Social Security, as Governor Murphy understands it, includes the prevention of avoidable poverty as well as the care of those who are the unfortunate victims of our social order.

### Road Hogs (Exchange)

The international road to peace is growing up in weeds, and is cluttered with wrecks brought about by road hogs who attempt to travel the highway in their own selfish interest, and not in the interest of peace.—Rep. James P. Richards (D. S. C.)



### WEST POINT PARK (Exchange)

In honor of her husband's birthday anniversary, Mrs. Austin Ault entertained a group of relatives at cards Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stone of Crosswell.

Mrs. Ralph Voorbels is ill of flu, and her son Donald, is recovering from an attack of the flu also.

The "Puppet Show" sponsored by the P. T. A. and held in the Community Hall Tuesday was very well attended. A group of boys and girls from the school at Livonia were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gillespie returned from Youngstown, Ohio, Wednesday morning, where they attended the funeral of an uncle of Mrs. Gillespie.

The P. T. A. card party, held at the home of James Orr, Friday evening was quite successful, nearly 30 guests being present. Prizes were pots of lavender-scented primroses.

The music class of Pierson school attended a musical test at Orchestra Hall Saturday morning. They chartered the Farmington school bus for transportation.

Miss Elizabeth Mercer was hostess to the Vesper Club Sunday evening. The reading of a story, "Anniversary" by Margaret Sangster, was the feature.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zwahlen and their daughter Janet Mae of Detroit, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Trapp and family of Salem, were Sunday afternoon and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trapp.

In the spelling bee at Pierson school, the fifth grade winner was Eleanor Brettmeyer; sixth grade winner, Dorothy Trapp; seventh grade winner, Dale Tallman and eighth grade winner, Dorothy Smith.

Mrs. and Mrs. Carson Baldwin are the parents of a baby girl, Patricia Ann, weighing about nine and a half pounds. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helchman were Sunday guests of the latter's cousin, Walter Miller of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Beardslee of Detroit were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helchman, Sunday.

### Timely Topics

In the Texas senate a bill was introduced recently which would prohibit newspaper pictures "displaying women's naked legs." Some of his colleagues think the author of the bill, Sen. J. Lee Van Zandt, is a dog in the manger sort of person. The senator is a blind man.

A government agency arranged to buy a team of mules for George Marlin, an aged Arkansas farmer, through an mistake sent the check for an even \$200 to Marlin. Thinking it was the first installment of his Townsend plan old pension, which he must spend in 30 days, he bought a second and merry-go-round.

Fifteen years ago the deepest producing oil well in the world and a depth of 4,633 feet, and is drilling was rightly considered a remarkable feat. But during the intervening years progress has been made in the oil fields as elsewhere. Recently a California well owned by the Tide Water Company was brought in at the astounding depth of 10,550 feet—over two miles.

Some days ago a Burlington train arrived in Denver having had a fire, having been slowed down repeatedly for no apparent reason. It was finally discovered that an elephant in the baggage car had been amusing himself by pulling the brake rope with his trunk.

### WEST POINT PARK CLUB MEETS

The Ladies Community club of West Point Park held its March meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas Gillespie on Wednesday afternoon. The tables of cards were in use during the social hour. A "round robin" letter was written to Mrs. Emerson Ault, a former member of the club who now resides in Jackson, Mississippi, and whose birthday anniversary is on March 12.

### ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that a Biennial Spring Election will be held in the Township of Farmington, in the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan on Monday, April 5th, 1937, from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of electing the following officers:

State  
Two Justices of the Supreme Court; Two Regents of the University of Michigan; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Member of the State Board of Agriculture; State Highway Commissioner.

Also the Following Township Officers  
Supervisor; Commissioner of Highways; Treasurer; Clerk, Member of the Board of Review; Justice of the Peace; Overseer of Highways; and Four Constables.

HARRY N. MCCracken, Clerk.  
March 11-18

### BRIEF NOTES

Donald McCracken has returned from a two weeks sight seeing trip to the Pacific Coast. He made the trip by bus and train, and from Chicago to Detroit by plane. Donald paid a surprise visit to Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson at Corcoran, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Butten have received word that Mrs. Albert Holmes of Charlevoix died at Port Orange, Florida, on Friday. Mrs. Holmes spent two winters recently with the Butten family, and was known to the Farmington people. She was then Mrs. Mahol Clark and a member of the Methodist choir.

George and Mrs. Isley accompanied Jack and Mrs. Edgar at a party given by the National Garages, Inc., in Detroit on Saturday night.

Mrs. Frank Bradley was hostess to her bridge club on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edgar and family visited relatives in Flint on Sunday.

Mrs. Judson Jones and daughter, Mrs. Duffield Higelow, visited Mrs. George Groner in Ann Arbor on Wednesday.

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