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Just Chattin

Smokers and Drinkers Pay-Why Not Gamblers?

By W. W. EDGAR -

DURING a State Senate Tax Reform hearing in Lansing the other morning a woman arose and shouted, "Bingo"—why not legalize it?"

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At the moment she drew nothing but laughs. This isn't a laughing matter—and the time may not be far away when the state will have to legalize gambling or sponsor a lottery to keep the good ship of state affoat.

What would be wrong with such a program.

What would be wong with a special laxes are placed on cigarelies and liquor on the theory that "those who endoy or use them should pay for the privilege."

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Then why not use the same theory with those who like

to wager a bob or two on a horse race or who are forever purchasing tickets in games of chance—hoping they will hit the "jackpot"?

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Any time mention is made of a lottery there is an immediate lifting of the eyebrows in horror and shrugs of the shoulder in opposition. Yet, when these folks are asked to give specific reasons for their stand, they simply say "because it's wrong." They never go beyond that.

So, it is time into our legislature took a good look at our entire gambling scene for a standpoint of raising the money to meet budgets and bridg some railer to the individual property owner.

THE picture is filled with puzzling contrasts—if you take

a close look at it.

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As an example, why is it fine from the state's viewpoint to visit the big race track at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt Road and spend the afternoon or evening betting on the Road and spend the afternoon or evening betting on the Road and spend the afternoon or evening betting on the Road and spend the afternoon or evening betting on the look in the under Road and spend the arms of the street.

Think the reason is that their commission would be smaller.

Would gambling establishments—conducted on a high level—be any different from the stock exchange in Detroit or any other city?

Thousands of folks buy and sell stock each day in the Anousanus of folks buy and sell stock each day in the hope of building up wealth. Our most respected citizens boast of their stock holdings and how "they beat the mar ket."

ket."
What is the difference between that type of wagering and the placing of a bet on the running ability of a horse?
So, why not legalize "bookies," but make the restrictions so stiff that some sort of prestige would be linked with the term, "book-maker."

The same is true with a lottery. There is no way of deter-tion in the amount of money wagered each week in into the thousands and thousands." But it must run into the thousands and thousands.

All attempts to stop these "pools" have been futile. So, the gambling goes on with the state receiving nary a

So, the gambling goes on with une sant cent in benefit, the individual home owner is being asked to dig deeper and deeper to meet tax increases—and there is no relief in sight.

There was a time when any thought of a lottery brought the remark "Not with a man so wrapped in his religion as Gov. Romney." But, lately, even he has shown a sign of weakening.

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When asked recently about a lottery, he didn't give a flat "no" for an answer. All he said was, "I hope we never have to come to that."

New York, among other states, is considering a lottery. Why not Michigan?



An interesting sidelight to the Republican State Convection a few weeks back was the delegate who was passing petitions about the daylight saving proposal currently in front of the Michigan Legislature.

The matter began when the U. S. Congress passed a law asserting that all areas of the country would go on daylight saving time beginning this spring unless the state legislature passed a specific bill exempting that area from daylight saving time.

light saving time.

First, let me point out that as an urban dweller, I am wholeheartedly in favor of daylight saving time.

The GOP delegate, who hailed from Livingston County, was not. She said that more than 300 signatures from all parts of the state had already been collected on her petitions. She asked me if I wanted to sign one. I said no and then a he instaled on discussing the matter with me in order to explain some points. Noting my press badge, she ascrete that she was a member of a minority group (the farmers) which was constantly trampled upon by "both the press and the federal government."

which was consamply fainful appears to favor of daylight saving time so that "they can spend more time on the golf course." (I objected to this as I have never been on a golf

course.) However, the rest of her explanation did make some good points. The strongest was the problem of harvesting a crop. Dow settles on crops during the nightlime and the sun dries the moisture.

She says that dew must dry before anything could be moistured from the fields and daylight saving time, in effect, loses an hour of work time in the field. She pointed to the problems with labor and said that hired help couldn't be expected to work faire 5 p.m.

Many other points were cited by the delegate—farmers don't like to milk cows at 4 a.m. and the fact that, as a mother, she doesn't want her children catching a school bus in the dark.

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10th district was named to
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for Registration and Organization for the National
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will spark a stepped-up nationwide registration drive
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BILLIE S. FARNUM

Chairman John M. Bailey

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tative in the 89th Congress of the United States."

"He brings to the National Committee 31 years of experience in building and administering 1 are a programs of broad impact on the citizens of his state and our nation," Chairman Bailey added.

Farnum, who was born in Saginaw, served the Michigan Democratic Party from precinct worker to full-time Deputy State Chairman. has also served his native state as the elected Auditor General, Deputy Secretary of State and as a member of the Michigan State Fair Commission. For two years he served on the personal staff of the then U.S. Senator Blair Moody.

Before Joining Senator

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"The state is already on fast time," she asserted, "just because of some silly reason about keeping in step with the wast coast. The state should be on central time and we are laready one hour ahead all year around."

Much of what the woman said was predictable and not really a form of reasoning, e.g., "Do you know how many dairy farms have gone out of business during the past year like years with the fine Livingston County?"

However, the point about the dew struck home.

Who's Got The Quality President, Livonia Education Association

capita income, yet ranks 44th in teacher-pupil ratio (class

All the current debate on fiscal reform has called to current feeling and the control of the state of Michigan.

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