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Editorials

"Which Animal Shall I Ride?"

Which animal shall I ride?
I really can't decide,
I don't think it looks so elegant
As usual for the Elephant,
But if I choose the Donkey,
I may prove myself a "monkey,"
Which animal should I ride?

Which animal shall I ride?
Now—forever—I must decide,
The choice I make this year
Must stand for my whole career;
If I pick the Donkey and he don't win
The Elephant then won't take me in;
To decide I really am most loath,
Oh, if I only could sit on both!
Which animal shall I ride?

Several weeks ago it was noted that the great Elephant of Oakland County, whose saddle-cloth is initialled "G. O. P.," had stirred from two years of profound slumber, while nearby stood the Democratic donkey, watching and hoping that the awakening would not be too complete.

That was an interesting spectacle, but by far the most absorbing thing to watch, always, is the behavior of individual human beings, and it is going to be most entertaining, these next few months, to witness the gyrations of some individuals, with particular reference to the Elephant and the Donkey. Those who look closely are going to enjoy the proverbial "more fun than a circus," watching the clownish antics of men attempting to leap from one animal to the other—and more especially of a few who will try to keep one foot on each.

Young men will furnish most of the entertainment. Nearly all the older ones have been riding one or the other of the "animals" all their lives—too long to drop gracefully from one and spring lightly upon the back of the other. Their joints are stiff and they know that attempts on their part to switch mounts would bring a chorus of laughs from all around them.

But the young men! They are spending anxious hours these days, looking before they make their leap, trying their very hardest to guess right, especially before they jump up on the Donkey—as some of them think they might. They want to be very, very sure.

It is not that getting on the Donkey's back is so very difficult. Nor is it so hard to get a good seat, ordinarily. He has always had so few riders, in the last 30 years, that every new follower that has appeared has been thrice welcome to him. This year he will probably have more than usual, but there will still be a warm welcome for all who might come his way.

No, the young man's difficulty has not to do with the Donkey. The one that bothers him is the Elephant. By far the larger and taller of the two, he's much harder to climb upon—there's more competition for the choice seats. The "rub" for these young men is that even should the Donkey achieve the miraculous next fall and conquer the Elephant, there's no assurance that the Donkey will stay on top for very long. It is just possible that the Elephant would need, only to find himself on the bottom once, to stimulate him sufficiently so that he would get back on top in the next round and stay there for another generation. And that would make it very sad, indeed, for all the nice young men who picked the Donkey in the soul-trying days of 1932.

In other words, there are quite a number of politically inclined young men in Oakland County who are just about ready to make their bow in politics, and who are thinking that maybe they will make up their minds to "be Democrats," in time for the campaign next fall. But they're fearful of it, for the good and simple reason that however bright the prospects that discontent might put some Democrats in office this year it might be a very temporary condition, especially in a County that's been overwhelmingly Republican for 30 years. They know that if they "go Democratic" now they're "branded" for life, and can never reverse themselves. They fear that if, after having ridden the Donkey for a campaign or two, they should suddenly find themselves going nowhere for an indefinite time, and then try to side up to the Elephant and make advances, he might answer them in the Donkey's own language—"Nay, nay."

One of our most entertaining story-tellers was Aesop. He wrote most often of animals and always he appended at the end of his fables a moral. This tale of young men and Elephant and Donkey, too, might conclude as did those of Aesop—

Moral: You cannot ride on a wheel that turns and expect to be always on the top.

Some Advice From 1850

An Old Auction Bill, printed in 1850, has been resurrected. It contains some advice very pertinent to the present day and generation. Its most striking sentence is the following.

"If people would whistle more and whine less, hustle more and holler less, work more and worry less, boost more and beef less, give more and grab less—business would be a darn sight better."

The advice of 1850 is very much to the point today.—Rochester Clarion.

Troubles

Why should you frown o'er troubles small
Or pessimistic be?
The Lord himself has troubles too
But he'll take keener of ye.

Now take terday it snows 'n blows
'N it ought to be Spring.
The Lord has got himself mixed up
On what he orta bring.

When we wuz all a lookin' fer
Thuh snow 'n cold 'n ice,
The dandy lines was poppin' thru'n
We thot it purty nice.

When Winter wuz so Springy like,
We'd sorta oughta expect
A little trouble later on,
'N it's all right, by heck.

There's so much trouble ever'where,
Not jist for me 'n you,
I guess the Lord is all mixed up
'N has his troubles too.

But it will all come out all right
He's done right w'fore.
I'm stickin' with him jist the same,
If he sends snow galore.

March 22nd, 1932 HARRY J. MERRITT
Royal Oak, Mich.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

Good Friday.
German Service 10:15.
Communion Service 11:15.
Union meeting 1 p. m.

EASTER DAY
Sunday School 9:15.
English Service 10:15.
Communion service 11:15.
Easter Thank offering.
Evening Worship 7:30.
Program given by choir and Sunday School.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. John Adams, Pastor
2225 Grand River, Redford

10:30 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

7:30 Sunrise Service and breakfast. The Young People will have charge of this hour.
10:30 Morning Worship with special music. The message will be "The Undisturbed Grave Clothes of Jesus."
11:45 Bible School. We will meet for general assembly in the church then go to the classes. We hope to have 250 present.
7:30 Great Evangelistic service. We will have a baptismal service at the early part of the hour. The sermon subject will be, "What Have You Done with the Grave Clothes?"

We welcome all who are without a church home to worship with us on this glorious Easter Sunday.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charentelle
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Good Friday
7:30 p. m. English service.
Easter
9:30 a. m. Sunday School.
10:30 German Service.
11:15 English Sermon and Holy Communion.

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held April 3, at 2 p. m.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

On Easter all Christendom feels anew the involuntary tremor of spiritual joy stirring the world. How triumphantly we sing "Christ the Lord is risen from the dead."
At 6:30 Sunday morning the Young People's Club will have charge of the sunrise service to which everyone is cordially invited.

At 10:30 the regular morning church service will be held at which time the pastor Rev. Floyd C. Johnson will preach the Easter message. There will also be baptism for babies, children and adults as well as the reception of new members into church fellowship either by letter or profession of faith.

At noon the Sunday School will meet for a short session. We urge you to remain for this very beneficial and enjoyable program.

There will be no Young People's club meeting at 6:30 but at

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Elmer Knapp 40-F-4

Several from West Farmington attended a shower given in honor of Mrs. Lulu Sealey by the Walled Lake M. E. Choir, Tuesday evening.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Small Wednesday March 23. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mrs. John German's sister is visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer French were surprised at a party given by their friends Saturday evening in honor of their 27th wedding anniversary. Progressive games and a lunch were enjoyed.

Several neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spicer a pleasant surprise party Saturday evening. The party was a farewell as Mr. and Mrs. Spicer are moving away from the Reinas farm to a farm near Commerce.

Donald Angel, William Knapp, Grant and Bobby Howard and Bobbie Button are out of school on account of sickness.

The children from this section who attend the Walled Lake Consolidated school are home; this week for their spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker made a business trip to Ferndale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Phelps are quite ill.

Frank B. Tanner spent the week end with his daughter Mrs. Elmer French.

Miss Mary Malcolm spent the week end with Miss Grace German.

The North Farmington Auxiliary met at West Bloomfield town hall Tuesday, March 15 with dinner at noon. The next meeting will be at West Bloomfield town hall Tuesday, April 19. The officers will be elected for the coming year at that meeting and tickets will be drawn on a quilt.

The quilting party held for the benefit of the Willing Workers of West Farmington cemetery will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Judson Jones April 7. A lunch will be served.

NEW DEADLINE NEARS

Lansing, Mich.—Between now and May 1, about 400,000 automobile drivers will be required to secure new drivers' licenses under the law adopted by the 1931 legislature. All who secured old licenses between January 1, 1928 and November 1, 1929 must be renewed by November 1, 1932, and all licenses issued after November 1, 1929 must be renewed three years after date of issue.

STELLAR COMEDY

TRIO AT REDFORD SOON

A stellar comedy trio, composed of Buster Keaton, Jimmy "Smoozle" Durante and Polly Moran does its share to attempt to lift the current depression blues in "The Passionate Plumber," which, heralded as "M-G-M's latest laugh riot," will open Friday and Saturday at the Kinsky Publix Theatre at Redford for two days.

STARTS CAREER RESTS ON OWN FUNNY LEGS

Once upon a time, as the children's books have it, a lanky thirteen-year-old school girl walked nervously into the office of a busy Boston stage manager, said she was the daughter of Frank Greenwood, a local merchant, and asked for a job in the chorus.

The following week the show opened, and Charlotte Greenwood made her debut.

Next came a successful vaudeville tour, and then the long series of "Letty" shows, "So Long Letty," "Linger Longer Letty," "Let Her Go Letty" and so on.

"So Long Letty" was triumphantly reincarnated on the screen, and then came "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," "Stepping Out," "Flying High" and other film hits.

Her latest screen appearance is in the Fox Films thriller, "Cheaters at Play," which plays at the Redford Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

We talk in billions and have to scratch like heck to annex a few dollars.

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