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Editorials

Never A Mistake

Have you ever considered the remarkable extent to which man does many things without committing errors? For instance, the calendars that are being distributed at this season of the year. How many millions of calendars are printed in a year is unknown. Probably every building in Farmington has two or three, perhaps half a dozen, calendars—you have had several for each year of your life, but have you seen one on which there was a mistake in the dates? And have you ever thought of the vast confusion that would occur if just one batch of calendars made in just one place were put out with a single error?

We refer to our calendars daily, make appointments by them. Official meetings, court proceedings, important occasions, are set by the calendar that hangs on the wall. Events involving activities of millions of people, great organizations, and untold sums of money are arranged by calendar, and a mistake on one sheet of the twelve might have an untoward result beyond anyone's conception. We know the nursery rhyme, "for want of a nail the shoe was lost," and therefore the horse, the rider and the battle were forfeited—because one little nail was wanting.

But of even greater wonder than the consistent freedom from error of the calendar-makers, who after all have months for their job, is the day-by-day achievement in publication of newspapers and magazines that are issued in feverish haste, with millions of opportunities for mistake and only a small number actually occurring. The remarkable thing is not how many errors crop up, but how few.

Making Little Ones Into Big Ones

At last it appears that there are more than one or two defenders of things as they are. In recent years there has been a great hue and cry for consolidation of everything in government, just as there was the great vogue a few years ago in industry for mergers—in 1926-29, just as soon as whispers circulated of a "merger," the stocks of not one but both companies went skyward, and the inevitable folly of it did not seem apparent to anyone. Now it is government. Every governing unit below the County is too small and must be consolidated, and there are even metropolitan newspaper demands for abolition of all counties. The idea seems to be that if five pails of water are being carried by five people, it makes the load much lighter if the contents of all five are poured into one big pail five times as large and everybody takes hold to carry one-fifth of the load.

One of the most amusing instances is that of the Detroit newspaper which is trying to catch up with what it thinks is the procession. Of course, whatever one newspaper does must be copied by the other. Jealously unable, it seems, to endure the measure of acclaim given the Detroit Free Press here and there, the Detroit Times, one of the Hearst chain always known as shining defenders of "the good, the true, and the beautiful," has lately begun not a merely informative, but highly indignant campaign demanding, in its customary 8-column headline fury, that the Township system of government be abolished as obsolete.

But all are not carried away, nor is it public officials alone who are interested, and intelligently, in the problem. In a letter published recently, an Ithaca, Mich., citizen points out fallacies in most of the consolidation arguments, as follows:

"Several articles in your paper (which I have been reading for 50 years) tell of the great savings to be made by the elimination of the many township officers and local school officers, and the consolidation of country schools.

The professor-politician combine make a very touching argument, and have a very fine theory, but as usual the facts are against them, as there is no specific instance where the reduction of the number of schools and school officers has reduced the tax rate of the districts affected.

"In one county in the northern part of the lower peninsula, where 12 districts were combined, the school tax alone was \$48 per thousand in 1929, while in my home township of Emerson, the tax for the last 10 years has ranged in the different school districts from \$12 to \$17, and this includes State, County, and all the expensive township and school officers' salaries as well as the school tax. And in the district where my farm is located it included also the payment by the district of \$480 to send eight scholars to graded schools this year and last.

"The State of Ohio, where I lived when a boy, has practically no township government as we know it in Michigan, no boards of supervisors, and most if not all of the schools are consolidated, but if anyone thinks that their taxes are lower, it would pay him to make an investigation before voting for a change.

"It might be interesting to go to Remus in Mecosta County and ask how much lower their taxes are since they combined a number of districts in that vicinity. The proposition of change and reform do not mention the bonds to be sold to finance a fine, up-to-date building, the never-ending interest on them, the purchase price and upkeep of several busses, the wages of drivers, the higher prices paid to teachers, and many other more or less necessary expenses.

"It is like many other proposals of the brain trust, a beautiful and even plausible theory, and, except for the fact that it does not work as advertised, it is fine.

"It might be argued that it is more efficient, whatever that really is, but there is no argument to combat the fact that where centralization in any form has been tried it has not reduced the taxes.

"The County Road Commission in this County, and also the townships, have built as good roads to ride on today, for from \$3,000 to 4,000 as the State has paid from \$8,000 to \$12,000 per mile for, and we have the figures to prove it. Of course, we did not spend half of the cost of a project for inspection, oversight and reports.

"And the latest instance of the added cost of central-

ation is furnished by the workings of the State Welfare Law.

"I do not think that any one has starved to death in Gratiot County lately, at least, and the work has been handled by three part-time men, and now we have from five to 10 full-time men at several times the former cost to the taxpayers, where the cost finally comes from, no matter how.

"The State Welfare, School and Road schemes will make fine political machines on which to ride into office, and by which to stay there, but when the rural citizen wakes up in the bitter dawn of the morning after, he will find that he has sold the last few whippers he had in local affairs, for a false promise of economy, and has no one to blame but himself."

BERNIE L. CASE,

Ithaca, Mich.

Michigan has before it at this very moment an excellent example of the fallacy that all difficulties are lessened or ended merely by making a lot of little ones into one big one. Although it is scarcely two months since the poor relief system has been transferred from local to county units by order of Washington, the State director already has found it necessary to institute a sweeping investigation of the enormous overnight increase in welfare loads in this part of the State, and is starting off with Wayne County. When the transfer was made last autumn it was a matter of much comment and concern among local officials in both Wayne and Oakland Counties that the new set-up was being regarded by vast numbers of people both on the welfare and near it, as a sort of glorious grab-bag from which unlimited bounty would flow to all who cared to apply. The investigations now under way may indicate that this notion was not altogether a mistaken one.

The habit of trying to correct by always swinging at the thing nearest at hand may well prove, rather, to be a total mistake. We might find the remedy worse than the disease, not only failing to cure but also giving up, perhaps, institutions of inestimable value as the last bulwarks of liberty.

A Husband's Prayer

There's a big chest in the bathroom

And a high boy in the hall.

The bedrooms both of many drawers,

But me, I've none at all.

Sometimes they're full of ribbons

Or clothes which old have grown.

Of all the drawers in the house

There's none to call my own.

If ever I'm a millionaire

I'm going on a spree.

I'll buy a little chest of drawers

And get a great big key.

I'll lock them up so blooming tight,

Then throw the key away.

So I can say, "Keep off those drawers."

They're mine 'till Judgment Day.

HARRY J. MERRITT,

Royal Oak, Michigan

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, 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 10:15 Service. Subject
of Sermon: "The Light of Epiphany".

Go-to-church Sunday for the
Sunday School.

After the service a congregational
meeting will be held. All
members are urged to participate.
11:15 Sunday School. Erskine
W. Evans, Superintendent.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. V. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning Worship.
11:45 Bible School.
6:30 Young People's Hour.
7:30 Evangelical service. Sermon
subject "F. R. A." "First
Recovery Act."

Start the New Year well by attending
services the first Sunday of the year
and continue to do so through
1934.

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

"The Temper of the Times" will
be the theme for the morning sermon
at 10:30 o'clock and "Training
for Success" the theme for the
message in the evening at 7:30
o'clock. There will be the anthem
and offertory by the choir. Dr.
Lendrum will preach.

Church School at 12 noon, with
classes for all ages. Miss Emily
Butterfield, superintendent.

The Epworth League will resume
its study of Great Old Testament
characters at 6:30 p. m. with
Mary Jane Schroeder as leader,
"David" for study.

Tuesday evening, January 9, our
church conference, Dr. J. A. Halmhuber, district superintendent,
presiding. The meeting will
begin with a supper at 6:30
o'clock, and will take the place of
the regular mid-week service.

Universalist Church

The topic for the sermon at the
Universalist church next Sunday
by Rev. Ralph W. McCallister will
be "Retrospect and Prospect." Harley
Gibson of Farmington will
play the piano for the special
music.

WEST FARMINGTON

School opened Tuesday after the
Holiday Vacation.

John Tamm is in poor health.
William Knapp has been sick in
bed and under a doctor's care. He
is now improved.

Mrs. Ray Marsh entertained the
Willing Workers Thursday. The
place was changed on account of
illness at the Edward Grimmer
home.

Edwin Murray of Chicago, who
has been visiting relatives here,
left for home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker
and sons spent Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. Merlin Adams.

The Walied Lake vacation has
been extended a week on account
of repairing the gymnasium
floor.

Starr Heliker is spending a few
days with his grandmother, Mrs.
Edith Graham.

Curb Market
Curb is the abbreviation of the word
curbstone. A curb market is one
wherein the brokers buy and sell
securities on the curbstone or in the
middle of the street, as in the curb
market in New York. It is in this market
that stocks of a great many companies
are dealt in which have not applied
to the New York Stock exchange for
listing, or which cannot be listed
there, and where stocks are dealt in
"when issued," that is, between the
time of their issue and listing on the
New York Stock exchange.

Largest Zoo in World
The locations of the first and second
largest zoos in the world are at
London Zoological park, comprising
34 acres in Regent's park, is the largest.
It exhibits over 4,000 animals.
The second largest is the Bronx zoo,
New York city.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County
of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at
the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac,
Michigan, on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1934.

Present: DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
CAROLINE SUKOWSKI, deceased.
Arthur Lamb, administrator, with
will annexed of said estate, having
filed in said Court a petition praying
that it be ordered for the probate of
said will and that a time and place be
appointed for the hearing and adjournment
of said will and demands against said
estate be made and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months
from the date hereof be allowed for
claimants to present claims against said
estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the
seventh day of May 1934, at nine
o'clock in the forenoon, at said
probate office, be and is hereby appointed
for the examination and adjustment
of all claims against said
deceased.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy
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Jan. 4-15,

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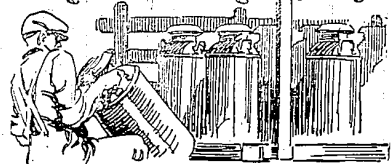
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