













Now that the election is over, the state capital is again giving attention to proposed streamlining and reorganization of state government.

The reform movement of Governor Kim Sigler, rebuffed in part at the 1948 special session of the state legislature, can now proceed, piece by piece, toward its objective.

Here are some of the new "pieces" to be fitted into the reform jig-saw pattern:

Merger of all labor agencies into a new "state department of labor and industrial relations" to be headed by a single commissioner appointed by the governor. A subcommittee of the governor's legislative committee on governmental reorganization held a hearing at Lansing. It seemed that nearly all agencies involved were cool to the plan, to say the least.

The merger would consolidate the following units: State labor mediation board, state department of labor, unemployment compensation commission, state employment service, unemployment compensation appeal board, workmen's compensation commission, and superintendent of employment agencies.

While the commissioner would be subject to appointment by the governor, a six-member state advisory committee is suggested to offer counsel. This group, too, would be subject to wishes of the governor.

Removal of the office of state superintendent of public instruction from the state ballot has been recommended by a citizens' committee. The committee was formed at the request of Governor Sigler.

A state board of education would be appointed by the governor, with the approval of the legislature. This board, in turn, would select and appoint the superintendent of public instruction. This change would require adoption of an amendment to the state constitution. Supporting the change is Dr. Alexander Ruthven

of the University of Michigan and Dr. John A. Hannah of Mich. State college.

Here is another prospective amendment for Michigan's 1909 constitution.

Miscellaneous: Student enrollment at Michigan State college has exceeded the 16,000 mark...The Michigan Society of Architects is making a survey of the 17-room Orlando M. Barnes residence at Lansing, offered to the State of Mich. at \$1 annual rental for the governor's home...The building will have to be remodelled. The new state department of economic development, one of Gov. Sigler's pet projects, has become the target of Loren B. Miller, the director of Detroit bureau of governmental research. Miller recommends that the department be abolished by the legislature because of its "starry-eyed and unrealistic" program.

John A. Perkins, state controller, estimates it costs the State 50 cents to dispatch a letter. This sum includes the cost of letterhead, envelope, clerical, labor and postage. Postage and cartage charges totaled \$1,473,000 last year.

Sixty Michigan communities are permitting industrial cyanide to be discharged into rivers and streams. According to the state stream control has been suggested as a solution. It has been estimated that 200,000 fish were killed in the Kalamazoo River by cyanide released by the Union Steel Products Company of Albion. The state conservation department has filed civil suit.

The 1949 auto-license plates will go on sale Jan. 1, it is announced by Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr. The Mich. Good Roads Federation proposed that the new plates be withheld until the legislature can consider increase of the weight tax. Alger says he must follow the law which calls for license sale by Jan. 1.

Truth Hurts

THE judge was explaining to the jury that a witness was not necessarily to be regarded as untruthful because he altered a statement he had previously made. "For instance," he said, "when I could have sworn that I had my watch in my pocket. But then I remembered I had left it in the bathroom at home."

When the judge got home that night, his wife said, "John, why all the fuss about your watch—sending four or five men to get it?"

"What!" howled the judge. "I never sent anyone. What did you do?"

"Gave it to the first one who came," said his wife. "He knew just where it was!"

Proud Father

The minister had just finished an excellent chicken dinner. As he looked out of the windows, a rooster strutted across the yard. "My!" said the minister, "That is certainly a proud rooster."

"Yes, sir," said the host, "he has reason to be proud. One of his sons just entered the ministry."

POOR CHOICE

Judge: "Could the motorist have avoided you?" Injured: "He could, your honor. He had the choice of hitting me or the missus and he picked me."

Acrobatic Maneuvers

"A good politician must also be a good acrobat." "How do you figure that?" "Ever try straddling a fence, keeping your fingers on the pulse of the nation, pointing with pride, and looking to the future while keeping both ears to the ground?"

Don't Waste Time

It happened on the obstacle course. A trainee, puffing and groaning, failed to make a hurdle. As he stretched out, a corporal ran forward. "Hey," he cried. "What's the trouble?" "I think I've broken my leg." "Well, don't lay there, man. Start doing push-ups."

CHIPPED BEEF



A dining room patron struggled manfully with a tough steak. Finally he gave up the battle and called the waiter over, demanding that the steak be taken to the kitchen and replaced with something edible.

The waiter looked at the steak carefully, then shook his head dolefully. "Sorry, but I can't take it back now. You bent it."

He's Prejudiced

Father: "What do you mean by playing truant? What makes you stay away from school?" Son: "Class hatred, father."

Faster, Anyway

The dollar may not go so far as it used to, but what it lacks in distance, it more than makes up in speed.

They'll Prove It!

Daughter: "I can't marry him, mother. He's an atheist and doesn't believe there is a hell." Mother: "Marry him, dear, and between us we'll convince him he's wrong."

TRAP SHOOTING



A golfer trying to get out of a trap, said: "the traps on this course are very annoying, aren't they?" Second golfer, trying to putt: "yes they are. Would you mind closing yours?"

Fido Rationalizes

When his friend, the dachshund, appeared with a knot tied in his tail, the little fox terrier was naturally curious. "What's the big idea?" he inquired. "That," the dachshund explained, "was tied by my mistress to remind me not to cross any busy streets." The fox terrier turned and soberly regarded his own skimpy stump of a tail. "By golly!" he observed. "No wonder I'm so forgetful."

Future Will Tell Results of Price Support Program

The attention that has been focused on support prices by the recent enactment of a new farm program by Congress has brought up many questions. Chief among these is whether support prices tend to raise the cost of living.

An examination of facts shows that very few prices are now supported and the effect on cost of living is negligible. A recent issue of "Michigan Farm Economics", publication of the Michigan State college economics and farm management departments, cites a few examples.

Eggs are being supported to some extent, but would drop very little in price to the consumer if supports were removed. The farmer gets only a fourth of the money consumers spend for a loaf of bread. If wheat prices were cut in half it would save the average family food budget only 10 or 15 cents a week.

The real pressure on food prices comes from livestock products, all of which are well above parity and two of which, beef cattle and lambs, are not even included in the support program.

Whether the new price supports will affect the cost of living sharply cannot be determined until the future. The amount of production will determine the support price to be paid by the government in many cases. Although the lower floor price for a large production will help dispose of the crop and "clear the market", it does not guarantee that there will not be surpluses. The adjustment of the parity formula does not begin until 1950. Even then, radical changes in parity are prevented. Final judgment of the effect of the new farm act must be reserved until then.

Word has been received from Dan Goodman stating that Mrs. Goodman slipped on a rug in her home when she fell and broke her leg three in. below the hip. She is in a Chicago hospital. Her home address is 2546 Farwell Ave. Chicago 45, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Carey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olson visited Mr. Carey's brother and family in Atlanta, Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hegerberg spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whiteford at Traverse City. Mrs. A. Kenny visited relatives there, also.

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