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The newcomers from Jackson, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and children, Patsy and Morgan.

Kit whose address is 3707 West Maple? Mr. Morgan is a sales manager for Walker Manufacturing Company.

## 1950's Special Events Shatter Rules We Learned Regarding the Calendar

By Alice E. Morgan

The calendar has gone into a tailspin. They used to tell us that there were 365 days, 52 weeks or 12 months in each year. Of course, they admitted the exception, Leap Year, when they sneak in an extra day, but never changed the weeks and months count.

Now, however, along comes a brass which after careful perusal, shows 163 days, 136 weeks and 24 months. To top it, they are all "special."

These "specials" cover just about the whole alphabet, too. The days start out with "Admission" and end with "Yom Kippur." The weeks go from "American Art" to "Youth," while the months take off at a point marked "American Red Cross" and land again at "Reformation."

**BOILED DOWN**, the whole thing shows we are just about the "celebratingest" country on earth. We haven't missed much in our "specials."

Since most "things" depend on "people," let's start out by seeing how people are treated.

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national in their observance, a long with several other "holidays." Some holidays are observed by certain types of business houses and schools, while other industries ignore them.

**RELIGIOUS DAYS** are also national in their scope, some observed by all creeds, some by Catholics and others by the Jewish groups alone. Nearly every special day reminds us of gifts and cards to close friends and members of our family. Several others, including Sweetest and Valentine days, are "above and beyond" this scope. They, like national letter week, are purely to remind us to contact others, and have no special significance beyond that.

Any number of special days remind us of the things which America offers her citizens more than any other country in the world. We have weeks devoted to our prosperity, freedom, radio and television, newspapers, books, national security and a host of others. The groups backing these weeks bring out and impress us the manner in which we enjoy these things as compared to other nations.

A cynic will tell you, "Sure, we have 'em all, but they're all commercial—even Christmas."

We will grant that, to a degree, he is right. However, silly as some of them may sound, we sit back and feel rather proud of living in a country that can take time out to be silly about some things. After all, we'd eat just as many peanut butter if they gave up national peanut week!

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## Wives' Night Out When Men of Lutheran Church Cook Dinner



Shown practicing for the dinner to be served by the Men's Council at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m., are (left to right) Adolph Zehnder, Richard Miller, Sherwood Sweeting and Clayton Wilson.

as soon as possible on the first recommendation of the survey report which calls for the establishment of an administrative code which would define powers, duties and responsibilities of officers and prescribe procedures for the administration of county activities.

The groups also urged a more modern financial set-up for the county and the consideration of the advisability of making the Board of Auditors the administrative head of county government.

**THE STUDY GROUPS** found that at present the county has no administrative head, no coordinated method of budgeting and no committee or group which considers the relative importance of competing projects and programs for which expenditures are made from county tax monies.

Group discussion leaders explained the survey report of Oakland county government resulted from a dilemma in which the ways and means committee recommended borrowing \$250,000 against 1949 taxes to finance 1948 operating expenses.

After authorizing such a step, the supervisors voted to set up a

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**ALL OF THESE**, the letter said, had requested it from the League, which had to borrow copies for their study and the preparation of the University of Michigan summary.

This request for a reprint was referred to the appropriations committee.

In preparation for next Monday's meeting, three study and discussion meetings of Birmingham League of Women Voters members and others interested in county government were held Monday.

All three groups voted to ask the League to recommend action

special committee on costs and government to study problems.

**LATER IT AUTHORIZED** the special committee to have the Chicago firm give technical advice in the form of a survey report, which cost \$4000 out of a \$10,000 appropriation given the committee.

The special committee presented the report to the supervisors last June without recommendations and the board of supervisors has taken no action on it so far.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

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**SKY SEARCHER**—Photographs of the sky about 12 times the moon's diameter will be taken at this new University of Michigan observatory seating completion at Portage Lake, Mich. The observatory, equipped with a 24-inch reflecting telescope, will expand teaching facilities of the university and will be used in research.