

Guess Our Problem Is Pretty Old, Fellas

ANN ARBOR—Single men who must try to avoid getting "hooked" this Leap Year can blame Julius Caesar and Pope Gregory for their predicament, according to a University of Michigan astronomer.

Assoc. Prof. Hazel M. Losh (Ph. D.) says "Our year is so nearly a quarter of a day over 365 days that Julius Caesar in 46 B.C., on the advice of an official astronomer, overlooked the discrepancy that would result from adding an extra day once in four years, and decreed that each year should have 365 days except those years evenly divisible by four."

THE FOURTH YEAR had 366 days, Professor Losh points out, making an average length of 365 1/4 days for each year of the four-year period.

"This, of course, was fairly close for one year, but actually was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long since the year's true length is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds, instead of an even 365 days and 6 hours," she explains.

"Sixteen hundred years later this error of a few minutes each year had grown into one of days, so a reform of the calendar had to be considered. It was in 1582 that our present system, known as the Gregorian Calendar, was proposed by Pope Gregory."

POPE GREGORY decided that any year ending in two ciphers, such as 1600, should not have the extra day dropped unless it was evenly divisible by 400.

"This reform makes the calendar off by only one day in about 3000," the astronomer says. "If one leap year were dropped every 128 years instead of 133, the error would be much less—only one day in 100,000 years."

However, the dropping of one day in 128 years would be more difficult to remember and to use than the present system. "Therefore, 1600, evenly divisible by four, is a leap year. When 2000 rolls around, it also will be a leap year according to the Gregorian reform, for it will be evenly divisible by 400."

"The extra day was added to February," she concludes, "because in the development of the calendar February was the short month."

Hill Will Address Jaycees at Award Dinner in Tecumseh

A full day of tours and entertainments will be climaxed Saturday by the selection of Michigan's most outstanding young farmer at Tecumseh on March 5. Dyke Helms is chairman of local arrangements for the annual award banquet of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet speaker will be Merwin D. Hill, vice president and general manager of Ford's tractor and implement division. Dick Eyerson, past president of Michigan Jaycees will be master of ceremonies.

The top four young farmer entrants submitted by local Jaycee chapters will be feasted at the banquet, said Herman Dick, in charge of nominees. "The winner will be announced at the banquet, and will represent Michigan in the national contest in California in April," he added.

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Cancer Foundation's April Campaign Goal—Understanding

Plans for the April educational crusade of the Michigan cancer foundation were discussed at a Tuesday dinner meeting of unit crusade chairmen from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties at the Detroit cancer center.

The crusade chairmen and heads of the various units' women's committees met the Crusade's general chairman, Ben D. Mills, of 780 Vaughan, Bloomfield Hills, who is also general manager of Ford Motor Company's Lincoln - Mercury division.

THE MONTH - LONG crusade will be directed at every adult in Southeastern Michigan, urging them to have a cancer checkup by their personal physicians.

Dr. Howard P. Doub, the MCF president, said that the crusade will be strictly educational and is not designed to raise funds. The Michigan Cancer Foundation is a United Fund agency in the tri-county area and receives its main financial support through the regular fall campaigns.

Phi Delta Theta 112th Birthday Party at OHCC

Phi Delta Theta alumni members will gather at Oakland Hills Country club March 11 at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate their Founders Day banquet marking the 112th anniversary of the fraternity.

Jack Sheehan, director of sales training for Norge Corporation and a member of the fraternity's General Council, will speak.

Guy Ireland, a partner of Watling, Gerchen & Co., will be the master of ceremonies.

More than 200 members are expected to attend.

Justice of the Peace Elmer C. Dieterle field township hall on Orchard lake road hears a case in the office at West Bloom— where he presides.

Dieterle Is 21-Year Veteran Of Justice Court in Oakland

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

Administration of justice of the peace courts in West Bloomfield township is the responsibility of two men—Justice Elmer C. Dieterle and Robert Scott.

Justice Dieterle, a 54-year-old lawyer, is a dean of Oakland county justices of the peace. In his 21 years of service, he has held court in many parts of the country, and has been the examining justice in many of the widely publicized criminal cases in Oakland county.

Justice Scott, 49, has held office since 1937. He has achieved prominence among his colleagues through service on the rules and

legislative committee of the Oakland county judicial association. Last fall he was elected secretary of the organization.

BOTH MEN hold court at the township hall on Orchard Lake road, Justice Dieterle's day is Tuesday, while Justice Scott varies his court days. Both hold arrangement hearings at their individual offices.

"Hunting" is a mission which led Justice Scott to his job. But it was hunting with a helicopter, Scott, a veteran of two wars, and a major in the national guard, flew a traffic control helicopter for the state police. This aroused his interest in law enforcement. The interest increased when, as a deputy sheriff for his subdivision, he had to enforce boating regulations of a nearby lake.

Now, as Justice of the peace, he hears cases regularly, on violations of both sorts.

JUSTICE SCOTT had found, to his amazement, that people think of a JP court as a traffic bureau. He finds they have no concept of its judicial processes or of their own rights in court.

In the whole, he finds most violators cooperative in their attitudes. "They admit breaking the law," he declares, "but never to the degree of the summons."

Both Justices Scott and Dieterle believe a teen-age problem exists. Scott finds most traffic violators are under 20, and that they are more belligerent in their attitude than adults.

JUSTICE DIETERLE has seen a decided increase in juvenile delinquency during his years on the bench.

"Parents," he says "have a lot to answer for. Most parents seem to neglect their children's misdeeds when they appear before me by assuming an attitude of 'What do you mean by holding my child?'"

Both justices use suspended sentences when there is a possibility of reclamation. Both hand out jail sentences to consistent traffic violators. Both are loathe to cause suffering to innocent members of a family by sending its breadwinners to jail.

"EXPERIENCE has taught me whether a person is sincere in wanting to change," says Justice Dieterle, "I have been very satisfied with the results in cases where I have suspended jail sentences."

of Judge Dieterle, who believes that the police department should be supported by local taxes.

"Why," he asks, "should a Detroit resident, caught for a violation in West Bloomfield, contribute to the support of the West Bloomfield police department? Our own residents want, and should pay, for their own police protection."

Justice Scott believes the legislators who passed the "direct and indirect cost" clause intended that the indirect costs of police operation should be included.

In the past two years, Justice Dieterle has held examinations in three prominent murder cases.

When the examination of Richard Shirk and Gerald Mackay for the Vitale murder was held recently in Bloomfield township, Justice Dieterle's services were borrowed by the township.

He served Commerce township in the examination of Dorothea Baumgardner for murder, and last year he presided at the examination of Anne Gull for the murder of her 12-year-old daughter in his own halibut of West Bloomfield.

WITH JUSTICE Dieterle, hunting is a pleasant antidote to the unpleasantness he must face, at times, in court. His blue eyes sparkle when relating duck-hunting experiences in Arkansas.

BOTH MEN are sincere in their convictions, and the impasse remains.

Justice and Mrs. Dieterle live at Orchard Lake. He has practiced law for 25 years in Keego Harbor. A graduate of Detroit College of Law, he specializes in probate cases. His law partner is J. Robert Scott, of Walled Lake.

Justice and Mrs. Scott live with their three children at 2301 Mapleview, West Bloomfield. A two year chemistry major at U of D, he is plant manager of Mills Products in Walled Lake.

Next week, "Your Court Report" will cover the courts of the cities of Southfield and Troy.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES E. TOMPKINS, Dec'd.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

After appointing time for hearing and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public hearing on this cause shall be held on the 2nd day of May, 1960, at 10:00 a.m. at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1960.

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