

State GOP Chairman Suggests Improvements in Party System

Says Primaries Are Too Close to General Election

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—"If anything wrong with the Michigan party system?" James Thomson, chairman of the Republican State Central committee has concluded that while the system is good, it could be improved. In fact, he proposes specific suggestions for changes in the state laws governing the selection of committee delegates and nominees. These changes he believes would obviate the need of large campaign contributions or assessment of political employees.

"Jim," the general for-chairman of the Michigan Republican party, draws a line between party organizations and government. His philosophy is the whole matter is old-fashioned.

"Our American system of government is based on the concept of political parties," he said. "History has proved that we should have at least two major parties. It is all based on the theory that a public office is an employee of the unit of government in which he is to perform his public duty. It is to reflect public opinion in the conduct of public affairs."

Selecting Delegates

"It must be understood that party organization is a distinct and separate function from government, although a public official may be a member of the party."

"As the function of a party organization is to win elections, it is the duty of the party to administer the public affairs by the party in power is an absolute necessity. My conception of government is that the best party policy is to do the job well while the party is in power."

"Consequently the selection of ward and precinct delegates who attend the county convention should be given close scrutiny. Likewise, the selection of delegates from the counties to the state convention should be approached with a view of selecting persons who are at heart."

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Who Picks Committees? Who selects the ward and precinct committee members are selected ordinarily by county chairmen and ward committee members, but the Republican leader explained.

"After the primary election, the party nominates and selects the county chairman."

"This method results in a loss of interest after the November election is over and the nominees for office who have selected the county chairman have either won or lost. I feel that if the township and ward committee members could be elected in the same manner as is used for election of delegates to the county convention, it would promote a wider interest in party affairs and result in a more whole-some attitude looking toward a better public opinion."

Campaign Contributions

"The fact of a campaign conducted in 30 days quite obviously makes it necessary that campaign contributions be forthcoming in sizeable amounts. Could the campaign be spread over a longer period of time it would not only make numerous contributions could be made available. These smaller contributions cause the contributor to take the attitude that he is a stockholder in the party organization and thus the party will receive the moral as well as financial support. Large campaign contributions sometimes prove embarrassing after the campaign has been won. The most notable example is the case of the Democratic National committee which precipitated introduction of the Hatch bill and the new amendment now pending before Congress."

"The most desirable method of financing a political party would be small contributions by individuals without the odium attached to assessment of political employees. This could be accomplished in sufficient time elapsed between the primary election and the November election enable enough approaches for individual contributions."

"The work of soliciting party contributions could then be largely entrusted to local party organizations. They committee members would not feel that if they were elected for a term of two years their value to the party was ended after the November election."

Convention Reform?

"As for county and state conventions, many suggestions have been advanced to insure responsive action. Among these are:—to elect the county chairman preside as chairman of the county convention; to elect the state central committee four to each congressional district—does not afford enough personal contacts in each district to promote proper organization work."

Party Responsibility

"The central committee of political organization has been to decentralize party responsibility—get it as close to the people as possible. With that objective in mind, the state central committee organized the Republican county officers association consisting of all county officers who were elected on the Republican ticket."

In addition to this a more recent organization has been the Republican county committee officiating association which comprises the chairman, vice-chairmen, and vice-chairwomen, secretaries and treasurers of Republican county committees.

At present time the chairman of the Republican state central committee is serving as president of the county committee officers' association. These additional organizations have resulted, Thomson reported, in correlation of organizational activity, "the effectiveness of which has been shown in results of recent elections."

"No Dictatorship"

"It is my opinion," concluded the Republican state chairman, "that among people of Michigan and other states of the Middle West there is a desire for return of some sort of party responsibility."

Individualists are bound to become provincial in their administration of public affairs.

Individuality in executive capacity leads to dictatorship and we wish nothing of this sort in our United States of America."

Postscript

"In the near future this column, owing to the policy of non-partisanship, will present interview with Charles S. Purritt, Chairman of the Democratic state central committee."

Marshes and swamps, far from being undesirable and needing draining, act as feeders to underground water supplies and nearby streams.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a hearing held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1949.

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

For the purpose of administration of said estate having died in said Court heretofore, I, the undersigned, Trustee, do hereby certify and petition praying for the execution of said will.

It is ordered that the 22nd day of April, 1949, be and the same is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham, Pontiac, a newspaper printed and circulated in Michigan.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

(A True Copy.)

W. H. SINNING, Deputy Probate Registrar.

JOHN R. MARTZ, Attorney for administratrix.

27, French Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

Sign of Spring: Greens on Table

When it comes to food, early vegetables are among the first harbingers of spring, explain home economics staff members at Michigan State College.

First among these vegetables are the wild greens, dandelion and sorrel in many places. In other sections there are water cress and cowslip, or pokeweed and milkweed. Lambquarters, purslane, field cress and many others appear on the list of greens in some localities.

When you get the greens into the kitchen, cut off the roots and wilted leaves, if they have any. Then wash the greens thoroughly through several changes of water.

Always lift the greens from the water, to let the sand fall to the bottom.

When the greens are used raw in a salad, most of the food values are retained, but be sure to wash them quickly and put them in a cold place to become crisp. Don't soak out the food values by letting the greens stand in water.

If the greens are to be cooked, put them in a covered saucepan. If the pan is thick enough for them to cook slowly, use just the water that clings to the leaves and have a very low fire under the pan.

Cook until just tender. Otherwise, cook the greens quickly in a small quantity of salted boiling water. Leave the cover on the pan until the greens are wilted, and then remove the cover to finish cooking. Season the greens lightly, and dress them with butter or other fat, bacon, or bits of salt pork, fried crisp.

Fanning is another good way to cook greens, especially those with a pungent flavor. Melt some fat in a skillet and add the chopped greens. Cover the pan to keep in the steam, and cook slowly until tender. A little flour and milk or cream may be added, if desired.

Flint Man Fined For Ignoring Ticket

Owen H. Harter, of Flint, neglected to take care of a traffic ticket issued to him here March 11 for speeding, and after nearly 11 months was arrested Monday.

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Spring Spearfishing Law On Non-Trout Waters Outlined by Dept.

LANSING—The spring spearfishing season of non-trout streams beginning now in lower Michigan permits the taking of six species of rough fish—carp, suckers, redhorse, mullet, dogfish and garpike.

In lower Michigan the season runs until May 15. Stream spearfishing of the six species is permitted in the upper peninsula during the month of May.

Spearfishermen taking these fish during their upstream spawning runs should consult their local conservation officers to learn which streams and parts of streams are open to spearfishing and on which of the open streams jacks or other artificial lights may be used.

The netters for suckers, mullet, small carp, dogfish and garpike also may learn from conservation officers which local streams are open to dip netting and what other regulations prevail. Dip netting has been legal since March 1, and continues in season until May 15, except in designated small waters, where it is permitted until May 31, for small only.

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