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When you go to vote next Tuesday, November 5, you will be asked to approve or disapprove two proposed amendments to the State Constitution.

A Few Thoughts On Those Four State Amendments

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CIVIL SERVICE QUESTION

"Proposal No. 2" relates to Civil Service. This problem has been before two Legislatures, neither of which seem to have perfected a workable solution.

While we admit that the so-called "spoils system," maintained by politicians without regard to party, is coaly and highly inefficient, we also believe that there is much ground for assuming that the proposed amendment makes possible the creation of a huge political machine.

So, you may ask, "what is the answer?" Not being blessed with Socratic-Solomun wisdom, we won't venture a final answer. But this we do say: we believe that an amendment, not too detailed in nature, can be presented for the people's approval, requiring that a certain number of people can define some of the general limitations and rules to govern such a machine.

This latter provision would become a miniature "Hatch Act," and would do about all that can be done to prevent Civil Service from becoming a political machine in Michigan.

"Proposal No. 2" is a fair and workable Civil Service law that will give our taxpayers more of their taxes.

"Proposal No. 3" is a controversial attempt by private motor bus operators to prevent the City of Detroit from operating its municipally owned vehicles beyond a two-mile limit of Detroit itself.

legislation passed by the last Legislature; the statute, lobbied for by the private bus companies, seeks to place Detroit's buses under the same taxation and regulatory restrictions that private bus companies work under.

Deciding just how to vote on this question may be influenced by where you live, as well as your fundamental philosophy relative to public and private ownership of transportation facilities.

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THE DENTAL BILL

Now we come to an interesting item, "Proposal No. 3." This referendum statute was passed by the last Legislature through high-pressure lobbying activities of the Michigan Dental Society.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric's pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Detroit Reader Hits Third Term

Editor, The Eccentric: I have been very much interested in your editorials in the Eccentric about your comments on the candidates for the coming election.

When politics are allowed to take precedence over statemanship in the cabinet and cabinet members are picked out for other reasons than their state-manship or their ability to work with other people, one would question the value of a cabinet.

In the business world, in seeking someone to manage a business of any kind, either large or small, one would not seek anyone knowing everything he had done in failure in the past.

For remember, folks, that Michigan already has on its books what is known as a "false advertising law"; under this law the dentists, as well as any other group, now have the right to prosecute competitors who falsely advertise wares or services to the public.

HURON-CLINTON PARKWAY

Another proposition that local editors will vote on is that concerning the Huron-Clinton Parkway Project. We have gone into this plan and agree with its splendid objectives. It is that the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Washtenaw, need safer high-way and more recreational centers; this plan would allow for more of these counties to band together in levying and collecting and more than one-quarter of one mill on all assessed property, to be spent under the supervision of a Board of citizens appointed by the Supervisors of each of the approving counties.

Finally, of course, do not fail to vote next Tuesday, November 5.

U. S. Recovery Slower in World

Editor, The Eccentric: The depression of 1930-1932 has been slower and more incomplete than recovery from any previous depression in our history.

This past decade, 1929-1939, is the only one since the Civil War when the real per capita income of the United States people failed to rise.

Not will the average hold water that the United States is now a "medium" economy unable to meet "medium" international life.

The United States Lags Behind In 1937, best year since 1930, (See LETTERS, Page 5, Part 3)

WILLIAM HOW THIS Presidential campaign is warming up these last few days before November 5. For the first time Mr. Roosevelt appears to be on the defensive as challenger Wendell L. Willkie loses his verbal bombs against the weak defenses of the present White House incumbent.

JOHN L. LEWIS' SPEECH of last week, in which he came out for Wendell L. Willkie, was a masterpiece of scholarly presentation. We believe it to be one of the most important statements in this 1936 campaign. Mr. Lewis certainly must have profound convictions upon the impertinence of the New Deal, or he would not have risked his leadership as head of the CIO.

PERSONALLY, WE THINK that HONEY A. WALLACE, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, is a man of great personal integrity. That is why we find it so hard to reconcile his fearful thundering for the coal and oil days before this heated campaign made you a defender of one who seeks to break the third term tradition?

Knocking on Wood with JOHN H. HARWOOD

A NEW CONSERVATIVE LIBERALISM JOHN L. LEWIS' speech last Friday night was without a doubt the most important single speech made in the campaign. It may be thought that the election which is already showing a trend toward the direction of Willkie. But, the general Johnson, and the general election is elected next Tuesday—Roosevelt or Willkie—we must remember that not its president, is the truly important consideration.

Two Important Facts But to get back to the Lewis "magnificent philippic," as Mr. Roosevelt once termed Lewis' oration—we gather two significant facts from it. These Lewis were written Saturday morning—and a 12-hour perspective is not a particularly good vantage point; of a thousand editorials in the Saturday Evening Post, this is not merely a regulation, cut-and-dried political campaign, with everything you say the truth, and everything the other fellow says lies.

But this column must not argue further with its Democratic readers. The election is next Tuesday, and the situation is like that described in a song, and of some local Presbyterian youth and sang at the Men's (Ch. annual "political" rally last Thursday night:

But after all the shouting and the arguing right and wrong, we have doubts following the election they meant to right along.

This Is for Republicans The Lewis speech, however, does not deal with the "New Deal" as such. It is a speech for Republicans.

So, in conclusion, if you are worried about the financial future of this country because of the great expense of defending ourselves in a hostile world, we would advise a "No" vote. If, on the other hand, you are not concerned, vote "Yes."

It is said in Catalonia, Spain, that a man has five ways. We are positive we are not in this chop case, at a boarding house.—Detroit News.

Utopia, says a Georgia paper, is where the women folks don't change the linens around in the room every month or two.

TRIOLET Now I must reckon with the winter. For in a little while it will be here. If only autumn could stay on until the spring returns, —a winter of bleak and chill. Larks just beyond the nearest gold tipper bill. Sun shine and autumn colors are so few. But I must reckon with the winter's chill. For, very quickly winter will be here. —BEATRICE McDONALD.

THE PARKWAY PROPOSAL Besides the four state questions on the ballot next Tuesday, there will also be three other propositions for the City of Birmingham, and also for the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Washtenaw. The first has to do with changing the city charter very slightly for the regulation of sign-boards. The

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