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In the unceasing fight to retain and improve the conditions of human beings in the self-governing practice of freedom, not all the engagements are carried out on the field of battle.

Indeed, the most important phases of this warfare against the tyranny of despotism are fought during election campaigns, culminating in the easting of your vote, in secret, at the ballot box.

Next Tuesday, Nov. 4, is the great day in these United States when our citizens will determine who is to govern them on the federal and state levels. County officials, too, are to be voted for.

As we have previously pointed out in these columns, The Eccentric believes that the best interests of self-government would be served by the selection of, on the whole. Republican candidates. You, of course, make your own individual decisions course, make your own individual decisions on this subject.

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ASIDE FROM YOUR CHOICE of candidates, you are requested to vote for or against three propositions to amend the Michigan State Constitution.

No. I relates to the problem of wipingout the illegal traffic in narcotics.

Under prepent faw, police must obtain a search warrant before they can use as evidence in court any narcotics found illegally in the possession of an individual. This proposed amendment No. 1 would perigal such narcotics to be used as evipering teach narcotics to be used as evipering teach are to the control of This proposed amendment No. 1 would permit such narcotics to be used as evidence without a warrant having to be obtained. It would not, however, permit the search of one's home without a warrant.

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This proposal is copied from the present constitutional provision permitting illegal possession of concealed firearms to be admissible court evidence without a search

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Propositions No. 2 and No. 3, already
widely publicized, relate to changing the
State Constitution for re-apportioning the Legislature.
At present, the 1908 State Constitution,

which we now operate, sets up a e of Representatives of not less than more than 100 members. For years 100 members have sat in this House in Lansing. The State Senate consists of 32 members.

WHEN THE PRESENT Constitution was adopted, Michigan was more of an agricultural State. Since then it has become greatly industrialized, and a majority of its people now live in urban areas.

jority of its people now live in urban areas. It is the claim of supporters of proposition No. 2, which includes labor organizations, that members of both Legislative Houses should be elected on a population basis. So No. 2 would create 33 Senatorial districts, plus three Representative districts within each Senatorial area. This results in 33 State Senators (instead of the present 32) and 99 Representatives (instead of the present 100).

Proponents of No. 2 argue that representation by population only is the best

Along with millions of other Americans, we hold Chen. George C. Marshall in great regard as a military leader. As a statesman, we merely point to his record of inpetitude and numerous failures in this unfamiliar area of activity.

As a mere, plain citizen of the United States, however, we hold the General in States, however, we hold the General in Very little sestem at all . that is, if a recent news story is correct that quotes him as saying: "My father was a Democrat, my mother was a Republican, I'm an Episcopalian. I never voted and I'm not voting this time."

So sayeth George Catlin Marshall!

"A new day is dawning . . ." begins a speech by Adlai Stevenson. Now do you suppose these Democrats are really going to claim production for the wonders of daylight?

See where Jordan exported 1,321 camels last year, most of them going to Egypt. Humph!

Gen. Marshall Won't Vote!

way to govern. Their proposition No. 2, if passed, will require the Secretary of State, beginning with 1953 and every 10 years thereafter, to re-apportion Michigan according to the then current population figures. The present Constitution places this responsibility upon the Legislature sties! . . and the Legislature, you know, has always failed to live up to the Constitution particular the study of the constitution's requirements. stitution's requirements.

THE STATE SUPREME COURT has THE STATE SUPREME COURT has held that the Legislature cannot be mandamused into court and made to live up to the Constitution, so No. 2 would give this responsibility to an elected single official, who can be made to re-apportion. The entire emphasis of No. 2, then, is to use population statistics as the basis of apportioning Legislative seats in both State Houses.

State Houses.

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No. 3 proposition agrees with No. 2 insofar as Representatives are concerned, except that it would increase the number from 100 to 110. No. 3 accepts the population statistics as the basis for apportioning House seats only.

IT DIFFERS, HOWEVER, in the case of membership in the State Senate. The proponents of No. 3, which include many urban as well as out-state citizens, reason that population, alone, is not the wisest-dedice with which to balance a people's Legislative machinery. So they argue that not only people, but geographic areas and diversity of economic interests of its citizens should be considered in making up the Senate.

They point to the federal government as an example. The House of Representatives in Washington as apportioned on a population basis; the U.S. Senate is comprised of two Senators from each State, regardless of the size or population of the States.

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(This formula for the U.S. Senate was (This formula for the U.S. Senate was created by the Constitutional Convention as a compromise measure, for unless it had been agreed upon historians doubt if the United States would have been born in 1787, or even for many years later.)

NO. 3 PROPOSITION would freeze the present 32 Senatorial districts, except Oakland County would become separated from Washtenaw, and would get its own Sénator, and Macomb County would separate from St. Clair and Lapser Counties, thus getting its own Senator—so the addition of two Senators would bring the bedien the country of two Senators would bring the bedien the country of the Senators would bring the state. of two Senators would bring that body's roster up to 34; instead of the present 32.

If you believe that population alone is sufficient to re-apportion both the Michigan House and Senate, you will vote for No. 2.

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If you believe in following the course of the U.S. Constitution in selecting members of the House and Senate, you will vote for No. 3.

Personally, we believe the No. 3 proposition will best serve the needs and interests of the vast majority of Michigan citizens.

SUCH AN EXAMPLE of non-voting, if

Man of Distinction-1952

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Becenting
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background
Of The Huminaham Of Taday.

50 YEARS AGO
October 31, 1902
Mr. and Mrs. William Erity
outhfield will celebrate th
iden wedding anniversary
tesday and guests from all o
e state are expected to be pr
t for the auspicious event.

Tonight is Halloween and we dvise all our friends to take leir front steps and other move-let objects into the house and eep with one eye opened.

Those who did not see the magician at Liberty hall last week missed a treat. Those who did did it. Mr. a wondering how he did it. Mr. a wondering how he did it. Mr. a wondering man, but those who have seen Hermann and Keller never saw anything better.

Miss Blanche Hoy started for the Alahani, her sunny southern nome last week Tuesday, southing nany sad hearts behind. But wait while and perhaps she will urn some day to again brighten s with her presence.

A new special delivery postage stamp of the ten cent warter will soon be ready for writer will want their missives delivered in a hurry. The familiar boy on a trot has been replaced by a picture of a boy on a wheel, still denot-ure extra speed for the letter but tances.

20 YEARS AGO
November 3, 1932
W. A. P. John of Tooting lane, as been appointed a member of e sub-commission on industry of a Michigan commission which the sub-commission with the sub-commission with

company.

City Commissioner Clarence Otter of Bloomfield Hills was appointed commissioner in charge of the police and fire departments at a meeting of the body Tuesday night. Commissioner Luther D. Allen was put in charge of roads.

or needy persons. The post pokesman said the drive would e in the nature of a house-to-ouse canvass.

5 YEARS AGO
November 6, 1947
A record crowd of 3,500 attending the annual Halloween party last Thursday brought a Mardi
Gras air to Birmingham's business
district. Costumes of, every type
were seen as boys and girls paradel through the section en route to

Hill school and the purpecuse.

Floyd White 18, of Detroit, was
shot in an unsuccessful try at robbery here Monday morning The
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White's condition is "good."

The Rev. James Keller, founder of the Christopher movement in this country, addressed Holy Name parish Wednesday evening, telling them that more unity is needed if we are to successfully combat communism in the United States.

Robert H. Watts has been named sport editor of the Torch, newspaper publication for Ferris Ingitute at Big Rapids. Watts has already been out for football and basketball and plans to report for baseball when the spring training opens.

Trucks, directed by members of betaken Thursday evening at a Charles Edwards post, American Legion, will cover Birmigham members of the Retail Retails Bloomfield Hills areas Saturday to group for discussion of the proceed

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

universally followed in our nation, would result in a dictatorship taking over. Such an example of poor citizenship, insofar as civic responsibility goes for the individual, removes plenty of lustre from the military genius whose hand helped guide us through World War II. So General Marshall doesn't value his American heritage enough to defend it at the ballot box, eh?

A telephone call Weinesday rolls around. They want their parmorning set us thinking about 17, of course, but they certainly this Hallowen program when the head of the head of

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FROM THIS decision grew their idea of a community-wide party, with entertainment, prizes and refreshments. Each year it has been bigger than the year be-tere. Each year more people have cach year more planning of it and each year may be been seen year. Today it is actually "big business."

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Hundreds donate their time of see ready for the party which get ready for the party which the little guys march it which the little guys march it which rade, relatives and neighbors line the curbs to watch. The town takes on a holiday air, equalled only at Christmas.

Birmingham youngsters have a double-header on their handa each year when Halloween

the sun goes down the youngsters will start their rounds.

IN FULL Halloween regalia they take to the streets, full of importance, full of fun and with a secret hope that before long they will have sacks full of treats, the secret was the secret the secret full of the secret which is the time when they are permitted to stay up later, to take part in such a the center of attraction. There's a great deal of secrecy about what's going to be carried to the center of attraction. There's a great deal of secrecy about what's going to be giggling goes on behind they are secret about the secret was the kids try to keep from speaking and giving their dientity away. They guard those is an army guards its plans for the hig attac.

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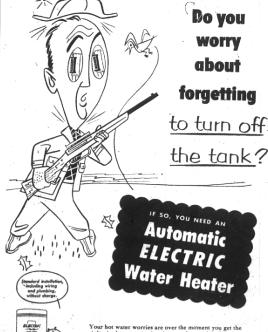


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• It is apparent from the manner in which Messrs. Truman, Stevenson, Sparkman, et al, are campaigning these days that they are much concerned about the chances of victory for Gen. Eisenhower, et al. A calm appraisal of what these Democratic New-Fair Dealers are saying suggests, that they are bordering their Democratic New-Fair Dealers are saying suggests that they are bordering their talks on the lines of political hysteria— which is just a polite way of referring to half-truths and downright falsifications. This especially is true of that famous

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In the perpetual defense of human freedom, is not the ballot box as important as the battlefield?

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