

Next Tuesday's Election Requires YOUR Vote, Too!

In stories on pages one of sections one and five, The Eccentric this week outlines next Tuesday's biennial state election—the candidates and propositions each voter will find at state, county and local levels.

As for the state candidates, this election will find most voters casting their ballots along party lines. However, this fall Gov. Williams may lose out to GOP newcomer Donald S. Leonard.

IF LEONARD wins, it will be because he has behind him the solid backing of the Republican vote. In the past three state elections, enough GOP voters crossed party lines to give Soapy the chief executive's office.

ON THE STATE level, voters will be asked to decide the advisability of: 1) making it possible for voters who have moved to another community within 30 days of an election to vote in his former community;

2) REVISION OF STATE sales tax distribution to put it on a current year's basis;

3) Issuance of not more than \$80 million in bonds to finance a state bonus for Korean veterans; and 4) Legalizing of so-called "charity bingo".

PROPOSITION No. 1, regarding voting requirements, should be approved and thus remove a constitutional inequality.

No. 2—the sales tax revision—also should be recommended for passage, we believe.

NO. 3—THE KOREAN BONUS—undoubtedly will pass. How to vote on this proposition is a matter for the individual.

A bonus was paid to World War II veterans, but many of the veterans themselves voted against it because of the principle involved—a few hundred dollars would not begin to measure the tribute to a limited number of heroes, was over-

payment to many for the war services performed, and would be just another debt for Michigan citizens to pay off.

While we understand the motives underlying bingo for charitable purposes, even a fast reading of the wording of the proposition would show the danger in this particular amendment.

It would permit the state legislature to define who was a non-profit organization, and under what terms lottery tickets would be sold.

WE BELIEVE the amendment is worded much too generally, does not really limit lotteries to bingo, would give too much discretion to the legislature at the time, and provides too much opportunity for certain pressure groups to obtain ulterior advantages.

FOR THESE REASONS, we believe Proposition No. 4 should be turned down. The Oakland County proposition concerns issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in bonds to finance construction of a new court house and county building on Telegraph road in Pontiac.

AT THE AUG. 3 primary, voters approved the construction, but failed by a small majority to provide for payment of the bond issue. The board of supervisors has re-submitted this proposal for a vote next Tuesday.

THE Eccentric previously endorsed this new county building, and does so again.

OF THE LOCAL propositions, Birmingham voters will be asked to approve the sale of several city-owned lots on the north side of Lincoln, east of Eton. Not required for the physical development of Eton park on the east side of the street, a good share of the proceeds from the sale of the lots would be used for the park's development, city commissioners have agreed.

WE RECOMMEND that the lots be sold. Southfield has before it a 20-year millage increase which would finance the township's participation in the badly needed Evergreen interceptor sewer.

TO SOLVE ITS DRAINAGE problems in concert with adjoining municipalities, there is little Southfield can do but approve the millage request.

LATHRUP Villagers will decide whether to pay one dollar and thus acquire the present private water system and to join the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

Like Southfield and its sewer problems, there is not much Lathrup Village can do but approve the purchase of the water system and join the water authority to answer a serious water shortage in the Village.

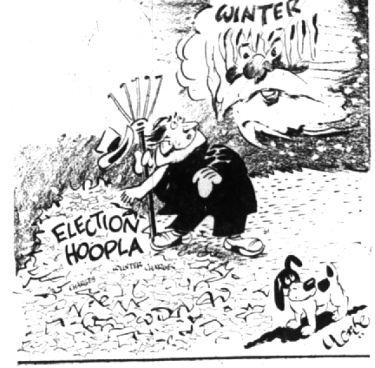
IN ANY event, regardless of how you vote, be sure you vote!

money, of course; with an ever-increasing federal deficit, and an ever-growing bureaucracy to lord it over American citizens.

WE DON'T ARGUE THAT ALL the Republicans are better than many of the good Democrats. But we are constrained to say that as we gaze over the current campaign thus far, we are disappointed in the manner that so many Democrats have performed.

So we guess we'll just have to vote for "those nasty Republicans" who, after all, don't believe in Socialism, One-Worldism, and who are led on the national level by a man whose patriotic stature is as far above cheap politics as the Washington Monument is above the floor of Death Valley.

Some of President Eisenhower's close aides want him to go all-out in campaigning for the election and re-election of Republicans in Congress, and other aides want him not to. Thus like is torn between the wishes of those upon whom he depends for much information. Incidentally, it may be reported that, due to the President's political innocence, many are taking advantage of him.



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

There's a touch of frost in the air these mornings and a hurrying about of housewives whipping protective covers off plants.

A certain dread of winter or a love for plants we have nurtured all summer keeps us in the fall routine of draping them at night against the frost and uncovering them in the morning so that last unopened bud may receive the sun.

Some people have this down to a science, using regular "tailored" covers for the plants. A little frame of sticks is driven into the ground to keep the weight of covers off the plant when it is snuggled down for the cold night.

Whatever the cover, it stands as mute evidence of man's love for the beauty of flowers.

There's a brave little geranium in our yard which spends these cold nights wearing an old piano scarf or a piece of drapery material. Uncovered next morning, the bright scarlet blooms are there to greet one on every trip past the kitchen window.

Sooner or later these plants will come into the house, of course, but the object now is to cling jealously to every outdoor bud—looking back the cold, as it were.

IT MAY BE "kidding" ourselves, feeling the cold, dreary days of winter—but who cares? So long as the flowers hold the blooms and their beauty before us, so we can keep close the joys and pleasures of our garden.

Such hard work and effort has gone into every bloom and who can deny us the payment for this labor? Winter will be a long time coming and a long time going. We shall steadfastly cling to the old-fashioned days of beauty as long as we can.

50 YEARS AGO October 28, 1904 "A great mass of ashes dumped into an old building adjoining the residence of E. Darling on Merrill street, caused fire alarms to be sounded last Friday."

Joe Lovell on the Leonard farm in Troy Township harvested 666 bushels of marketable potatoes from one and seven-eighths acres, and left at least 50 bushels on the ground which were specked or not up to required grade.

30 YEARS AGO October 21, 1924 A Bloomfield Hills girl, Miss Eleanor Handy, was the first debutante to make her formal bow to Detroit society this season at a ball at the Bloomfield Hills Country club last Friday night.

Mrs. T. R. Donovan is expected back at her home, Vallonia, about the first of November. She is arriving in New York this week on board the Mauretania, and will be greeted at a bridge luncheon on England.

Mrs. Frank A. Gordon of Southfield last Friday, given by her husband, a new automobile, a 1954 Ford West Maple road motorized to Windsor last Friday, where they were guests at a bridge luncheon.

One method which might work would be a series of one-way streets, which usually are much safer than the two-way kind. It very possibly could be that this might be the pattern which resulted: Eton and St. Andrews one-way south between Derby and Maple, Etonborough one-way north. Yorkshire, Buckingham and Manchester one-way east; Dorchester, Windmere and Pembroke one-way west.

A closed door committee session is being planned by Birmingham city commissioners to discuss local civil defense problems. Special guests of the session will be former mayor Ralph A. Main and Acting Postmaster Rollie Reese, both of whom resigned recently from the city's CD program because there was no definite program to work on.

If the state supreme court sustains the circuit court decision—and thus would permit construction of a large shopping center on Eton road north of Maple, it might result in so much traffic through the adjoining residential neighborhood that the city would find it advisable to alleviate the hazard to residents and their children.

Board Reviews Finance Statement Private Sewer Causing Trouble. A financial statement of the Birmingham school district for the first three months of operation (July 1 to Oct. 1) revealed \$363,524.34 cash on hand in the construction account and only \$104,405.62 remaining in the general fund.

Advertisement for Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, featuring a woman holding a check and text about retirement benefits.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

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Constructive Criticism Needs Foundation of Fact

The Birmingham Eccentric regrets that the Democrats have failed to base most of their current criticism of the Republican party on sound, honest facts.

From Adlai Stevenson down to state candidates, most of the Democratic politicians have resorted to about every trick in the basket of quackery to win votes.

Stevenson orates against Ike's foreign and domestic policies in spite of the fact that our country is not now losing lives in Korea, a "police action" begun and carried on by Harry Truman.

Stevenson complains about unemployment, forgetting that a change from war to peace economy always results in a period of readjustment, and that in Truman's post-war days unemployment was a problem.

IN BRIEF, ADLAI OFFERS only one solution to our economic problems—he would require the federal government to solve every problem (with the taxpayer's money, of course).

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