

Don't Forget To Vote Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, Nov. 4, is YOUR DAY, Mr. and Mrs. American voter!

For on that day you are privileged, as a citizen of a great and wonderful nation, to "have your say" regarding the various candidates who seek to represent you in national, state and local governmental offices.

The polls will be open at seven o'clock in the morning and will close at eight o'clock that evening.

On other pages of this issue of The Eccentric you will find stories touching on next Tuesday's biennial election. You will be informed of the names of the Democratic and Republican candidates for the various offices, plus information about the proposition to call a State Constitutional Convention.

WE SUGGEST that you clip desired stories as a convenience when actually voting. If you wish to vote for candidates in more than one political party, (but only one for a given office) you may do so, too.

You realize, of course, that the most important legislative-administrative offices are those of U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressman, Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

All other offices are basically administrative, although it is in the nature of practical politics that every office bears an influence on each political party concerned.

Only the two major parties, Republican and Democrat, will have a chance to win at the polls. Others, Socialist Labor, Socialist Workers and Prohibition, will receive only token votes, of course.

How will you vote?

IF YOU ARE a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, you will vote that ticket; if Republican, then that will be your choice. If you are one of that quite large group of "independents", no doubt you will either completely shift your current alliance, or perhaps select candidates from more than one

party. You may do this in a general election, such as next Tuesday's.

Our basic choice is going to be made on the basis of what we believe, after considerable study and thought on the subject, to be the best for ALL of our State and nation. That we may be wrong in some cases, freely we'll admit. At least any errors in that direction (and only future history can determine that for us or for you) will come from the head, not the heart.

HOWEVER, WE do think that the "record of the past is the promise of the future"—especially in practical politics. In that respect we recall that "modern Democratic programming" does subscribe to the idea of high taxes, centralization of government in Washington, D.C. (to the detriment of the historical principles of "States Rights"), a definite subservience to the "power-hungry-labor-leader-groups", a drift into a too loosely operated welfareism, and a foreign policy that allowed Soviet Russia to take Berlin and its total contiguous territory, and numerous other historically proved foreign policy mistakes of the Democratic leaders.

This is not to say that the Republicans, under President Eisenhower, also have not made both domestic and foreign policy mistakes. They have. But, as we review both sides, we honestly believe the Republicans are at least more careful than are the Democrats.

This comment, we remind you, relates only to those offices of a top legislative-administrative nature, on federal and State levels.

INDEED, WERE some of the Democratic candidates less in favor of "tax and tax, spend and spend" programs, we could be swayed to vote for some of them as we have in past years.

In conclusion, though, as one who for many years has been close to the Ameri-

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State Constitution Proposal

When you vote next Tuesday you will have the opportunity to vote for or against this proposition:

"Shall a convention be held to consider revision or amendment of the Michigan Constitution for subsequent submission to the electors of this State for their approval?"

Once every 16 years Michigan voters are granted, by the State's present Constitution, the chance to vote on this proposition.

The present Constitution was adopted in 1908. Since then Michigan's political, social and economic conditions have changed. At various times amendments have been proposed, some of them were approved, some of them voted down.

PERSONALLY, WE believe that a Constitutional Convention should be approved. Whether or not a finally revised Constitution would be dis-approved does not mean that the program would be a civic loss. Indeed, it would provide the opportunity for wider public discussion of the manifold current problems confronting our State, together with suggested remedies for them.

On the other hand, a Convention whose delegates are intelligent, informed, capable of give-and-take compromises, could improve the Constitutional document—could bring it some closer to meeting the various requirements that today demands.

So we suggest that you vote "Yes" on this proposition.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

The party dialed the Midwest number, waited for the answer.

"Hello?" a voice said after the 4th ring.
"Hello, is this the Chicken Shack?" asked the caller.

"No, it isn't. This is the Dove Residence," came the reply.

Then: "Oh, sorry. Wrong number."
The answering party was William Dove, 640 Wallace, Birmingham.

When you mention your "spread" to a Westerner, he thinks you are talking about your land you are living off the

fat of. To an Easterner, it means the fat that has landed around your middle.

Michigan's state police have come up with what seems to be a reasonable compromise to this unmarked vs. easily identifiable patrol car business.

The department has proven the unmarked car is successful in checking the willful type violator who observes the law only when a marked patrol car is in sight.

However, oftentimes these unmarked cars had occasion to pull over to the roadside a motorist who was observing the law. At night especially, such police action too often scared the other driver. He had no idea it was a police car.

SO THE COMPROMISE: the willful violator will not be able to identify the semi-marked car from front or rear. But when it pulls alongside, any motorist will see the reflectorized shield on the door panels and the spotlight on the hood.

Thus the police still keep the lawbreakers at a disadvantage, but don't throw a dangerous scare into the law abider.

About as near as we can come to having our cake and eating it, too.

Suburban Sentiment

OUTDOOR EXHIBITION

The nip in the air
Goes to her head,
Michaelangelo Autumn
Paints the town red,
—Mary Jane Palmer

That's It Smile



NATURE NOW Biography Recalls T.R. As Naturalist

This year on October 27th the nation commemorates the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt with the opening of a centennial celebration.

Among his recent biographies is one "Theodore Roosevelt: The Naturalist" by Paul C. Utter. A naturalist recalls his observation and study of birds and his friendship with such naturalists as Frank Chapman and John Burroughs.

I quote: "The study of T. R.'s coo partnership with birds during the years of his presidency is without parallel."

However, his nature interests extended to various branches of natural history. Many remember him as an out-of-doors "big game" hunter and fishing while he camped in some secluded spot.

DISPLAYED at the Smithsonian institute are the trophies of Roosevelt's African safari which make it one of the finest collections in the world. This expedition, which was shared by his son, Kermit, yielded some 4,000 mammals, 4,000 birds, 2,300 amphibians and reptiles and thousands of fish, insects and plants, many of them new species.

Mr. Roosevelt's second expedition in 1913 was a journey down a remote and unexplored tributary of the Amazon. It was carried out in dug-out canoes and was so perilous that it nearly cost him his life. Malaria, dysentery, weighty impossible portages and hostile natives plagued the party's progress.

His expedition, which was sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, enriched the museum's collection by some 25,000 birds, 500 mammals plus many amphibians, reptiles, fish and insects. Some of these species are displayed in the museum's memorial hall, named in his honor.

Roosevelt delighted in the individual ways of all animals and shot "Big-game" only as needed for museum specimens.

HIS ADVENTURES were fur-

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
October 30, 1918
"Farmers do you want an open season for killing of quail and partridge? You feed these birds from your grains all the summer and when this season comes, your farms are overrun with strangers who kill the birds, tramp down your

newly sown wheat and often injure your stock with stray shot. Talk to the men you send to Lansing about it."
"What do you think of this? F. G. Pennington presented The Eccentric office with a beautiful full-brown rose picked in his garden Oct. 26. It was as nice as any June rose you ever saw."

15 YEARS AGO
October 28, 1943
"Pvt. Justin O. Buckneridge of the air-borne infantry is back at Maxson Army Air Base in North Carolina, after a three week tour. About 100 relatives and friends attended an open house his parents gave for him on Oct. 13."
"William Spence of Greenfield told The Eccentric that he saw a big buck deer in the Millard area the other day while hunting birds. The animal was very close to Birmingham, so, you'd better build a fence around your victory garden next year. A high fence."

The Buttons on Men's Coat Sleeves?

In days when sword play was sporting among gentlemen, they had to be able to unbuckle and roll up their sleeves for greater freedom in handling their blades.

Ever since, the genuineness of button holes on coat sleeves has been a mark of distinguished tailoring in men's clothing.

And because swords were worn on the left side, to be drawn readily with the right hand, women, in the company of men walked on their right and still do so.

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Medical Mirror
WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT
Diets
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Q: "What type of weight-reduction diet is least harmful?"
A: Most authorities say that a diet for reducing should provide all essential food elements but be low in calories.

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