

Romney Comments On New Constitution

George Romney, Con-Con vice president predicted last week that delegates will write a Michigan constitution that will be unexcelled among the states.

He bases his opinion on substantial improvements made and proposed in the areas of civil rights, apportionment, education, the executive branch, local government, finance and taxation.

ROMNEY CONCEDES the document does not achieve his highest expectations, but comes within an eye lash of filling the bill.

The people of Michigan can expect a constitution which makes it possible to return government to their control," asserted Mr. Romney. "Delegates are providing for a reversal of the flow of power to the federal government by strengthening township, city, village, county and state government. This is the area where government must be strengthened in order to serve the people.

THE CON-CON vice president hailed the apportionment proposal as a significant feature in the proposed constitution. The provision, in a nutshell, calls for:

—A House of Representatives apportioned within a hairline of straight population. The House would number 110 representatives.

—An immediate addition of four seats to the Senate, bringing the total up to 38. New seats go to Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Genesee counties. In 1970 districts will be reapportioned on a formula which gives 80 percent credit for population, 20 percent for area.

CURRENTLY, 57 percent of Michigan's population is centered in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee and Kent counties. Under 100 percent population apportionment those counties would get 63 1/2 seats in the House.

The proposal plan gives these five big counties 62 seats, explains Romney. The lightly populated Upper Peninsula and Northern lower peninsula counties are entitled to 11 seats and receive 13. The balance of the state should get 55 1/2 seats, but receive 35.

ROMNEY HAILED county home rule as another important improvement in the constitution. "This provision," he says, "grants counties an option to change their form of government, or retain it, as voters prefer. It is equal to city home rule granted in the 1908 constitution, considered by some to be the biggest single improvement in that document.

The Con-Con vice president predicts notable improvement will be made in reducing the unwieldy 123 executive branch agencies into not more than 20 manageable departments. Such a move is bound to save taxpayers money, improve efficiency, discourage the build up of separate political machines, and make the governor more accountable to the people.

TO SHORTEN the ballot and provide for the selection of men of the highest professional competence, delegates propose appointment of the Treasurer, Highway Commissioner and Superintendent of Public Instruction. They suggest the Auditor General be appointed by the legislature. The Secretary of State and Attorney General will continue to be elected.

Delegates also recommend the Lt. Governor and Governor run for election as a team. The political parties will select their gubernatorial candidate through primary election, and choose the Lt. Governor at convention.

ROMNEY POINTED out that Con-Con studies and experience show it is better to have the State Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed by a Board of Education, rather than elected.

The Con-Con vice president is confident a strong Board of Education will save the state "more money annually than the entire cost of the convention." He added that elimination of spring elections will also save the state a million dollars every other year.

The Board of Education, under the proposed plan, has coordinating and planning authority over all education — kindergarten through university. However, the proposal assures continued operating autonomy of the state's higher institutions of learning, Romney reported.

"DELEGATES have given the legislature and local units of government the tools for resolving the revenue needs of state and local government on a basis that will revive economic growth and eliminate unemployment," added the former business executive. "At the same time, delegates have formulated the framework for an overall tax program which is more equitable to all citizens."

Earmarking has been reduced and eased. It appears that two hundred and seventy million dollars will be removed from earmarking, the Con-Con spokesman said.

He disclosed that funds for highways and local government will continue to be earmarked because "Con-Con studies show this ear-

marking does not play a significant role in the state fiscal and tax problems."

ROMNEY PRAISED the work of the convention in improving the method of electing Supreme Court Justices and unifying the court system—particularly the necessity of Supreme Court Justices going back to party conventions for re-nomination. This latter provision should do much to free incumbent Justices from political pressures, he said.

The civil rights section vigorously guarantees equal employment opportunity, regardless of race, creed or religion. Referendum and initiative are retained in satisfactory shape.

ROMNEY FIRMLY believes that delegates, if they continue along their present course, will provide Michigan with a constitution which will be a model of excellence for many states to follow.

"Such a document will greatly improve the national impression of Michigan," he asserted. "And it will develop greater unity within our state."

The Con-Con vice president revealed that if the final document retains its present preliminary shape, he will energetically support it "and make my reasons clear to everyone who is interested or willing to listen."



Elect Resident President of Detroit Rotary

At the annual election of the Detroit Rotary Club, March 28, John W. Fauver was elected president to serve the Club for the 1962-63 Rotary year, commencing July 1.

Fauver is executive vice-president of the J. N. Fauver Co., Inc.; president of Newton Manufacturing Co.; and a director of the Boys Clubs of Detroit. Memberships include Detroit Athletic Club, Orchard Lake Country Club, and Engineering Society of Detroit.

Fauver resides at 670 Fairfax, Birmingham.

IN ADDITION, Richard W. Brown, co-owner of the Wright-Brown Roofing Co., was elected First Vice-President; Joseph H. Dimond, assistant secretary of Byrnes-McCaffrey, Inc., was elected to the office of second vice-president.

Additional officers and directors elected are as follows: board secretary, Hale A. Clark, treasurer, Harry M. Irwin, Directors: John F. Cude, Jr., Edwin O. George, Robert E. Kenney, Wayne Stettbecher, and Jerry C. Webb. Outgoing president John N. Hookstanz will remain as a director for one year.

'61 Income Tax Refunds Delayed

Commissioner Mortimer M. Caplin of the Internal Revenue Service has announced that the allowance of a substantial number of 1961 income tax refunds will be delayed because taxpayers reporting income from rents, royalties, pensions, etc., or dividends and interest of \$200 or more on line 5 of their Forms 1040 are not submitting with their returns a Schedule B giving details relating to such items of income as required by the instruction.

THIS DELAY can be held to an absolute minimum, the commissioner said, if taxpayers will act promptly when they receive the necessary forms and instructions from the district directors' offices.

He went on to say that those who must recall having failed to submit the required schedules with their returns should do nothing until they hear from the district office, since it is only in this manner that the returns and schedules can be promptly associated.

The commissioner urged that taxpayers who have not yet filed their returns examine them carefully and see that they are accurate and complete in every detail before sending them to the internal revenue district office.



New Bingham Politics

BINGHAM FARMS — Bingham Farms Village President Haskull Wright (left) welcomed Dr. Paul Bartlett and other new faces of 1962 on the village council. They are Raymond Scheuer (standing) and Vern Vesper and Mrs. Evelyn Whybrew (seated).

GOP Adds Jane Morgan To 'Go-Party'

Jane Morgan, "The Fascination Girl," will be joining Tony Martin and the Mills Brothers in a "Holly-wood Spectacular GO-Party" in Oakland County on May 26, according to Charles L. Lyle, Oakland County Republican chairman.

Miss Morgan, Martin and the Mills Brothers will appear at the Groves High School in Birmingham under the sponsorship of the county Republican organization.

Recording star of the million seller "Fascination," an American born Jane Morgan had to become the toast of France before being recognized in her own country as a star.

A GRADUATE OF the famed Juilliard School of Music in New York, Jane originally embarked on a show business career with the intent of becoming "serious" lyric soprano. She worked her way through school singing as a hand vocalist at a New York night club. As a matter of fact, it was this showbusiness that brought her to the attention of the well-known French impresario, Bernard Hilda, and changed entirely the course of her career.

Noted as one of the best-dressed women in show business, Miss Morgan's wardrobe represents an investment that runs into five figures. Her gowns are representative of the finest work of the top French couturiers, people such as Balmain and Dior, to name but a few. Her hats—she has over 200—which are used both off and on stage, are also from the finest source available with such well-known milliners as Mr. John, John Frederics and Jean Barthe being heavily represented in her collection.

Miss Morgan's appearance in Oakland County makes her the third headliner to be signed by the local Republican organization for appearance in their May "Hollywood Spectacular GO-Party."

SINGING STAR Tony Martin and all-time recording artists The Mills Brothers have already been booked to appear in the show, according to Lyle.

"So far," Lyle said, "we have signed up three of the top names in

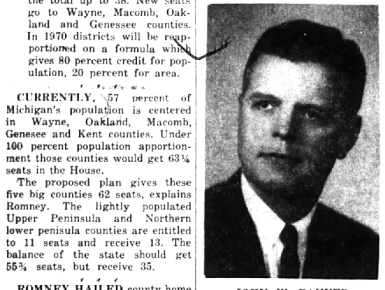
show business to appear on a single program. With all of them singing greats, we are now looking for some other form of talent that will help us to produce a show that features entertainment in all popular forms."

"We feel that we need at least one comedy routine that is nationally known as well as maybe a dancing team," he concluded.

Tickets for the show are available at Republican Headquarters, 144 S. Adams Rd., Birmingham.

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