

# Proposed New Constitution Realigns Administrative Offices

Four presently elective state administrative offices would become appointive positions if the proposed new Michigan constitution is approved by the voters at the April 1, 1963, election.

Four other principal state officers would remain elective. They are: governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

These offices which would become appointive are: state treasurer, auditor general, superintendent of public instruction and state highway commissioner.

**THE TREASURER** would be named by the governor and the auditor general by the state legislature. The state school chief would be chosen by an entered eight-member state board of education. The highway commissioner's appointment would be the responsibility of a new four-man bipartisan state highway commission.

This equal division between appointive and elective state officials was adopted by the Constitutional Convention after lengthy hearings, committee sessions and floor debate. It represents a compromise between those who favored popular election of only one or two officials—the governor and lieutenant governor—and those who were of the opinion that all state administrative officials should continue to be elective officers.

In their testimony before committees, former governors of Michigan of both political faiths appeared to favor a system which would provide fewer elected state administrative officials. It was their contention that this would result in a stronger, more effective and better coordinated executive department of state government.

The auditor general would be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in the state and that he be appointed for a term of eight years. He would be ineligible for appointment or election to any other paid public office in the state while serving as auditor general and for two years thereafter.

**IN CHANGING** the method of selection of the auditor general, the proposed constitution makes him primarily responsible to the legislative rather than to the executive branch of state government. The convention viewed his principal function as one of seeing to it that legislative appropriations are spent in the manner intended by the legislature.

The superintendent of public instruction would continue to be the principal executive officer of the state department of education, but would be appointed by and have his term of office fixed by the

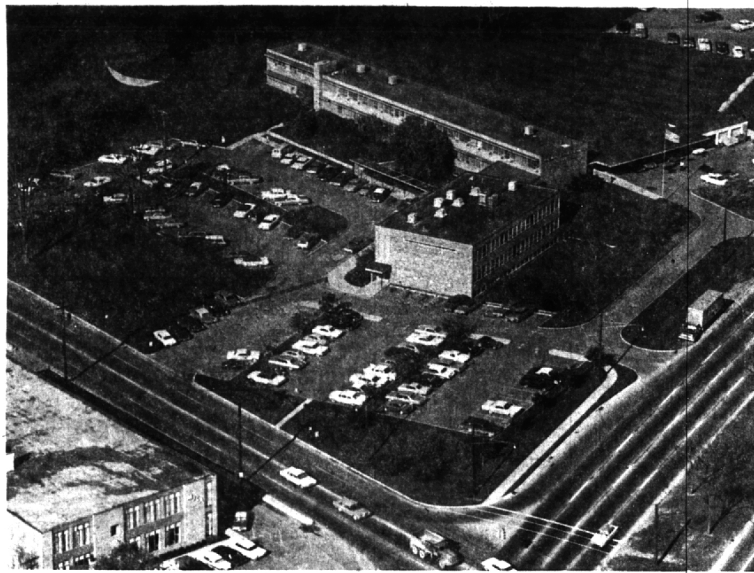
new state board of education. The board's eight members would be elected by popular vote for overlapping eight-year terms.

The new constitution provides that the state board of education be the unifying and coordinating force for education within the state and receive information from all of the various levels of public education. Such information would be considered by the board in determining advice to local school boards, governing boards of colleges and universities and the legislature as to the total needs of education in the state.

**IN RECOMMENDING** the change in the elective status of the state highway commissioner, the Constitutional Convention recognized that Michigan is the only one of the 50 U.S. states which elects its highway chief.

The new constitution provides that he be named by a four-member commission appointed by the governor. No more than two members of the commission may belong to the same political party. They are to be chosen for four-year overlapping terms.

The governor's appointments of the state treasurer and members of the state highway commission will be subject to the advice and consent of the state senate, according to the terms of the new constitution.



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## Citizens' Curriculum Group Meets

A series of organizational meetings have been held by the citizens' elementary curriculum committee. Chairman of the committee is William Lyman, 5395 Hickory Bend.

The committee has been organized similarly to the citizens secondary curriculum committee which was appointed in 1958 and presented its final report in June, 1961.

A great many of the secondary committee's recommendations have been already carried out by other recommendations under study. Implementing of the secondary program was made possible by the added financial support voted by the community in November, 1961.

The purpose of the elementary committee is to evaluate the elementary curriculum and to develop recommendations for strengthening and enriching the program. The committee points out that it is necessary to compare continually

what our schools are doing with other outstanding school systems.

**THE PRELIMINARY** committee meetings have involved organizing a study committee and getting underway with the study; areas of study include how to map out curriculum research; getting the most out of school visitation; communication with and visitation of other school districts; evaluating our own schools; development of recommendations; and organizing and writing the report.

Members of the steering committee and chairman of the study committees have been appointed. The committees represent a cross section in backgrounds and interests of the Birmingham Public Schools. The steering committee has two representatives from each school attendance area. All are deeply concerned with improving the quality of the local elementary

educational program.

**THOSE SERVING** on the steering committee from Adams School are Mrs. Dwight Brooks, 810 Shopard and Edward A. Bartel, 579 Ridgedale; Baldwin, Mrs. Gordon Hoyen, 564 Oak and William E. Reddy, 688 S. Chester; Beverly, Mrs. Dalton Lamb, 32370 Norchester and Sidney Borden, 18880 Bedford Drive; Bloomfield Village, Mrs. Frederick Adams, 325 Overhill and John C. Siegemund, Jr., 315 Hupp Cross; Franklin, Mrs. Lloyd McKinney, 32501 Romey, and Ralph G. Smith, 24711 Tudor Lane, both of Franklin.

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## State Starts Federal Plan For Shelters

The federal accelerated plan to expand the fallout shelter program on an interim basis and otherwise strengthen civil defense is now being placed in effect in Michigan, according to State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs, who also is state civil defense director.

The shelter program is being expanded by relaxing present protection requirements of suitable areas in buildings. Standard requirements have a protection factor of 100. The interim program provides for the use of buildings which would cut the radiation 40 times or more up to 99. This lower standard, it is stated, would save lives in large areas not exposed to the most intense radiation.

To further expedite the program, although signed licenses are required for both types of shelters, so that the buildings can be immediately marked as shelters local civil defense directors need only obtain the verbal consent of the owners with the signed licenses being processed later.

As now planned, only licensed permanent shelters will be stocked with supplies.

**THE FEDERAL PROGRAM** relies largely on home shelters for the rural population, and in cooperation with the federal department of agriculture there will be an intensified effort to provide technical help in constructing them, particularly of the inoperative type, and on methods of protecting livestock and crops against fallout.

Workshops have just been completed in five locations in Michigan to train architects, engineers and contractors in shelter protection.

Distribution of materials for the medical self-help training program also is to be hastened.

**FEDERAL SURPLUS** property in the local civil defense program likewise will receive priority treatment.

The federal office of civil defense has authorized the immediate expenditure of matching funds for the purchase of supplies and equipment for local government emergency operating centers in shelter space.

To strengthen local civil defense organizations the department of defense will give retirement-point credit to reservists who perform voluntary civil defense service.