

State Economy, Appointments Studied by Gov.-elect Romney

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To be sure, today's people do seem to put much emphasis on the materialistic phases of Christmas... with the usual hustle and bustle of buying presents, often accompanied by a sense of irritation because of the "hustle and bustle." Acceptable as gift-giving and receiving is, if this phase of Yuletide is leavened with a constant thought of the spiritual values Christmas brings, it can be less "irritating."

'62 Income Tax Forms Ready for Monday Pickup

R. I. Nixon, Detroit district director of Internal Revenue Service, has announced that copies of the 1962 federal income tax forms will be available at the Detroit Internal Revenue Office and at Michigan's 35 local offices on Monday.

Tax practitioners and other bulk users of tax forms can pick up forms at all offices on Monday and when mail delivery has been requested, the bulk shipments will be received shortly thereafter.

Nixon said that the release date might keep their posts under the new administration and said he is not considering any wholesale removal.

Nevertheless, he said party affiliation would be a consideration although not the controlling one in making appointments.

was two weeks later than normal because of the late adjournment of congress. Printing of the tax forms could not begin until the middle of October rather than the end of September, starting date of 1961.

SOME OF THE FORMS are printed on the same presses that print the top-priority congressional record with the remainder being printed in commercial printing houses throughout the country. Despite the three weeks delay in the printing start-up, delivery dates are only two weeks late.

When printing is completed on the 1962 tax forms, a total of more than one billion pieces of paper will have been produced and approximately eight million pounds of paper plus 60,000 pounds of ink will have been used.

Nixon emphasized that there will be no delay in the delivery of forms to individuals in the regular mail program. Taxpayers will receive their forms Jan. 2 as usual.

Reduction of the state debt, economic prosperity and political appointments will command the attention of Gov.-elect George Romney in the weeks remaining before his inauguration.

On the more personal side, the governor-elect and Mrs. Romney are already looking for a house to rent in Lansing. The Romneys hope to move before he takes office Jan. 1. Their Bloomfield Hills home will be maintained, they said, as they do not plan to buy a home in the state's capital.

ROMNEY HAS indicated that he plans no radical change from present state spending patterns but said his main objective will be demonstration that the financial situation is under control.

Romney indicated that the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 will reflect current spending due to lack of time to institute major changes.

The budget must be submitted to the legislature within 10 days after the beginning of the 1963 session on Jan. 9. Budget requests from state agencies are about \$202 million above the current \$512 million budget.

ALTHOUGH Romney can trim these requests in his recommendations to the legislature, he said the next budget would still be \$18 million higher than the current one. The new school aid formula

and planned increases in the capital outlay program account for the increase, Romney explained.

A \$30 million surplus which Gov. John B. Swainson said recently looked likely, will be applied to reduction of the \$85 million general fund deficit of last June 30. The surplus would come from increased tax revenue due to improvement in business, Swainson indicated.

FOUR MEN are under consideration by Romney for the post of state controller to succeed Ira Polley who has resigned. Romney did not give the names of the four men but said they did not include Walter D. Devries, his campaign research director, nor L. William Seidman, defeated GOP candidate for auditor general.

Romney said he plans to act on the appointment this month because he considers it important from a time standpoint.

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ROMNEY HOPES to get bipartisan support in rebuilding the state's economy and plans to talk to leaders in labor, industry and other fields.

Key concerns will be the location in Michigan of new industry and expansion of present industry aimed at finding the 100,000 new jobs needed by the state, according to Romney's estimates stated during the campaign.

He has indicated that he feels the state should accept any federal aid available.

BACK FROM a post-election vacation, Romney has begun a series of meetings with top aides. A source close to the governor-elect said Romney has pretty well formed the inner circle of executive government.

Envisioned is a "brain trust" of four or five aides, all directly responsible to him and each with a certain function.

Leading contenders for the "brain trust" of top aides are six members of his "interim cabinet," who were named shortly after the election.

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Elliott formerly was Oakland County GOP chairman. Van Dusen, Elliott and Devries were delegates to the Constitutional Convention. All except Seidman, an unsuccessful candidate for state auditor general, were Romney campaign aides.

The governor-elect said that competence, character and capacity will be the criteria used in filling appointments. He also indicated that some Democratic appointees



Like Father Like Son

A father and son team of heroes—that's the record held by Harold (left) and Eugene (center) Cauk, of 863 Troywood, Troy—after Eugene, a safety patrol boy, was presented with Automobile Club of Michigan's life-saving medal by Robert Cullen (right), Auto Club safety education consultant. Eugene, 12, received his gold medal last week and a trip to the National A.A. Safety Patrol Rally in Washington, D. C.,

next May for snatching two children out of the path of a speeding, swerving car in October. Thirty years ago Eugene's father, Harold, received a hero's medal from the Prairie Farmer Newspaper when he saved a boy from drowning during a picnic near his home in Fillmore, Illinois. Eugene is a sixth grade student at Big Beaver Elementary School in Troy.

Muscular Dystrophy Drive Completed in B'ham-B'field Area

The Muscular Dystrophy Association's door-to-door drive for funds in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area was completed last week.

The association extended a thank you to all volunteers in the campaign and to all those who contributed.

If anyone wishes to contribute and has not already done so, they may contact the association, 205 Fine Arts Building, 58 W. Adams, Detroit 26.

Make a list of those "don't needs" today, Dial MI 4-1100 and a Classi Lassi will help you.

Area PTA's Ponder Use of Groups' Funds

Twenty-two of 23 member schools of the Birmingham PTA Council turned out last week to discuss appropriate uses of PTA funds, according to George Whitehead, council president. The meeting also saw Marian High School represented for the first time.

Leading the discussion on the old, received a hero's medal from the Prairie Farmer Newspaper when he saved a boy from drowning during a picnic near his home in Fillmore, Illinois. Eugene is a sixth grade student at Big Beaver Elementary School in Troy.

had voted additional operating millage last year, many of the equipment needs of the schools were being more nearly met, adding to the timeliness of the meeting.

ACCORDING to a recent survey conducted by Miner, an estimated \$17,000 is budgeted annually by member PTAs. Most popular ways of raising funds have been fairs and similar events in the elementary schools. All junior and senior high schools and two elementary schools use the donation method.

Members reported a wide variation in items for which the money was expended. Library books topped the list. Other items included file cabinets for teachers, typewriters, duplicating equipment, audio-visual equipment, landscaping, playground equipment and various teaching aids.

MINER EMPHASIZED throughout the meeting that each local has complete autonomy for spending its funds. It was suggested, however, that the PTAs may want to consider more projects which are in accordance with the PTA objectives but also benefit the community as a whole.

Council projects in this category, cited by President Whitehead, included curriculum studies, Parent-teen activities and a suggested study of community-wide library facilities.

At Whitehead's suggestion, Albert MacCleery indicated a pressing need existed for more student scholarship funds. The Birmingham student loan and scholarship fund board currently administers the earnings of an investment of only about \$17,000. Various community groups also contribute other earmarked scholarship funds.

THE TOTAL OF all funds currently administered annually by the board totals only about \$1,300 of which about \$600 is derived from earnings. More capital funds are urgently needed to meet the sharply rising costs of higher education and an increasing number of loan requests.

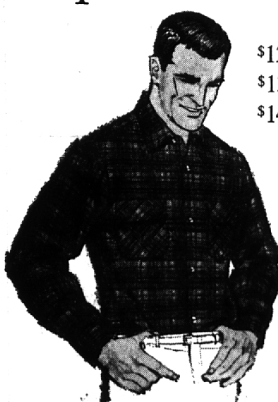
Other suggestions included more scholarships for teachers and grants to students to attend summer workshops on university campuses in such areas as science, mathematics, journalism and others.

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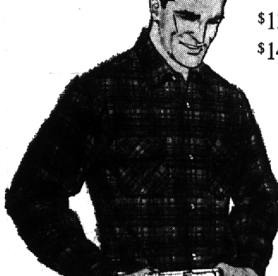
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