

### Romney: Key to Our Future

The beginning of a new year holds the promise of the beginning of a new era for Michigan.

And the key to that promise is a local man.

He is a man of high moral character, of strong integrity, of great intelligence and of proven executive ability. He is a man dedicated to the people of his state, who has pledged to lead them onto a path of progress.

He is the man who came along and said that what this state needs is a citizens' man as its governor. He is that man.

He is the man who convinced the greater majority of the voters of this state that although he carries the label of Republican he actually is a man of strong nonpartisanship.

He is the home town boy who unseated the Democrats after 15 years in the state's chief executive office.

**HE IS GEORGE W. ROMNEY**, Bloomfield Hills resident, former American Motors president, former Constitutional Convention delegate and vice president, former chairman (and the founder of) Citizens for Michigan—and now the 44th governor of the State of Michigan.

Romney will take the oath of office in brief ceremonies Tuesday.

We wish him well.

We are extremely proud of this local resident who has climbed to such heights and who offers the promise of better things ahead for our state.

We are pleased that the voters elected him to high office.

**WE BELIEVE** he has the leadership, the needed abilities, to start this state back onto the road of sound fiscal responsibility. In guiding the resurgence of American Mo-

tors, he has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of fiscal matters.

Romney possesses the ability to compromise when necessary to achieve worthwhile goals. Though dedicated in purpose, he is flexible in thought—this he has demonstrated in the Constitutional Convention where the problems of the entire state were reviewed.

Here is a man who gets a job done through persuasion, through logic, through his own dynamic force of personality—not by being the boss.

**WHAT WE** like the most in Romney is his dedication to the citizens as a whole. This all-inclusiveness in his thinking, in his planning for the future of this state, is one of his finest attributes.

He has spoken of a need to inspire more citizens to participate in governmental affairs. We believe he will be the main inspiration in this respect for years to come.

One capability any executive must possess if he wishes to be successful is that of choosing top-quality leaders to work with him.

We believe that Romney has amply demonstrated this talent in his selections to date for state administrative offices.

**GEORGE ROMNEY**, the local man for whom we have great respect, asked for an opportunity to put our state back on its feet, to return government participation to all of its people.

He now has the opportunity. We are confident that he will fulfill his responsibilities capably and efficiently, that he will successfully tackle most of the challenges that confront him.

We are glad that our voters and those of the rest of the state put him in office for two years, and believe that they will want him for another two.

### Why Freedom, Liberty Disappear!

It has been said that during the history of mankind 19 nations, of a variety of so-called democratic-self-governing patterns, have fallen. Of this number, 16 have declined because of a deterioration of the morals and civic virtue of their citizens; only three have fallen at the hands of an invading enemy.

What are the basic reasons for a nation losing its liberty, its freedom? Way back in 1788 Edward Gibbon finished his great work: "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

**HE GAVE** the five most important reasons for that fall. They were:

1. The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and

sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.

2. Higher and higher taxes and spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.

3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

4. The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, the decadence of the people.

5. The decay of religion—faith fading into mere form—losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide the people.

Do you recognize any of these five as being evident in the contemporary life of what we are pleased to call "The Western World," which includes the United States?

### One More Illusion

Another cherished illusion about male superiority has been dealt a severe blow. This is a serious matter, because women are getting enough of an edge over men as it is. Men need all the illusions of superiority that can muster.

The one most recently clobbered is that darling of the masculine ego: Men are more logical—more rational, if you will—than women.

They are clearly not as pleasing to the eye, they may not control the family purse strings, they may not in truth be the stronger sex except when it comes to crass muscle power, but logical and rational they are.

Thus the illusion.

**THE FACT**, says a research outfit which studied reaction to commercials on television, it otherwise. Conclusion Number One is that "men do not respond well to logical presentations." There is more, but that is enough.

To clinch it, this blunt observation from the report: "In the folklore of western civilization men are traditionally responsive to logic, practicality and the nuts-and-

bolts explanation. Our evidence suggests quite otherwise."

We're sorry to have to provide this kind of argument ammunition for the ladies. But the truth must out.

### From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Jan. 1 the U.S.A. will get its fourth consecutive feminine treasurer, a Mrs. Kathryn E. Granahan. Nothing peculiar or strange about such an appointment... after all, aren't U.S. women presumed to possess most of the nation's wealth, and certainly they help to spend most of it. Good luck, Mrs. Granahan!

See where Governor-elect Romney has been invited to address the AFL-CIO annual legislative conference Feb. 15. Invitation from Gus Scholle, Romney's arch enemy during recent campaign. Be interesting to hear Scholle's introduction to the new governor. Bet it will be courteous and dignified, too.

### 'I Firmly Resolve That . . .'



### PEOPLE'S COLUMN

#### Go Slow on Portugal, Writer Advises U. S.

To The Editor:

Many citizens must be alarmed at the new and louder rumblings in Washington over interference in Portuguese affairs. For quite a few months now—even before the Congo, statements have been coming out of Washington indicating the State Department is projecting itself into the affairs of Portugal ostensibly in the interest of stimulating another independence movement in their overseas possessions of Angola and Mozambique.

Let me remind our government that our position at the time of the Congo affair and one year ago today, when India "blitzed" little Goa and a little more than a year ago at the time of the ill-fated Santa Maria hijacking, did little to hold together the very friendly and mutually beneficial ties that have bound Portugal and the United States together for nearly the full history of our country.

**SPECIFICALLY**, what I would urge upon our State Department is the "Go slow, keep our nose out of Portuguese affairs" policy. I recommend this kind of thinking simply because Angola and Mozambique are not ready for independence. As for being trained and educated for self-rule, like the Congo, neither of these territories is even well on the road in the

process of being ripened for independence.

It is a fact, however, that the Portuguese government in its own way and within its financial resources is now making progress in the matter of letting their African citizens have more to say in the running of their own affairs.

**AS IN** the Congo where premature and too ambitious a foreign policy brought about the strife and high-cost operation we now have loaded upon the backs of the American taxpayer (and the end is not in sight), if the Kennedy administration pursues its indicated Portuguese policy we not only are going to wind up losing one of our staunchest allies loved by all Americans but will undoubtedly create instead another massive strife-ridden, high-cost operation that will add still more to the load the American people are carrying in the interest of world peace.

It is so easy to avoid this. Just leave Portugal alone.

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**Letters from readers always are welcome. But they MUST be signed, although identities will not be divulged if the writer so requests.**

#### Yesteryear Happenings

From the Files of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1912

Major James H. Cole is the surviving veteran of the company of American Evangelists who moved to nation-wide revivalism, the British Isles and the United States in the '70's, and of whom D. L. Moody was the conspicuous leader. A personal friend of pastor Wakefield of the Methodist church, he is expected here to assist in the Union Watch-night meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 31.

There is every reason to believe that the next legislature will enact a civil service law for all state departments and that an effort will be made to eliminate politics to a large extent in determining the class of men and women who will transact the business of the commonwealth. Ever since he came into office two years ago Governor Osborn has stood for a civil service law for all state employees, in recognition of meritorious service.

An attempt was made in Tokyo to assassinate Prince Arima Yamagata, the president of the Japanese privy council and supreme military counselor of Japan. His assailant ended his own life. Prince Yamagata was attacked in his home in Sieshiyuchi, Kushikawa, by the assassin and was stabbed in two places, but not seriously injured.

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### Once Over Lightly

by IRMA N. DAVIS



Santa Claus took a new route to one boy's heart this year, directing his render to "travel as the crow flies."

They took him quite literally and, when he wasn't looking, stuffed his bag with this year's weirdest gift—a real, live crow.

The bird resides in a dog house—or at least in quarters that the American Airlines considers fit for a peep.

The lucky owner is a local teen-ager who got the bird, figuratively speaking, from his girl friend.

Finding the feathered creature took some doing. After innumerable phone calls to pet store owners, B'Wana Don, the prize was finally unearthed.

**THE NEXT PROBLEM** was a cage. Anything big enough to house the crow cost a price far beyond the means of the young purchaser; but, nothing daunted, she recalled that her French noodle had once made a flying trip home in a meshed affair fit for a king.

And that's where her gift is perched, snug as a bug in a rug.

**ANOTHER WILD** gift, though not for Christmas, was one given to artist Betty Conn and thereby hangs a tale.

Coming home from a rehearsal of the Harry Belafonte show last summer, Betty and Belafonte's guitar accompanist, Ernest Calabria, had car trouble. Fortunately, the vehicle broke down in

front of a pet store and anyone who knows Betty knows this was a heavenly breakdown.

She idly admired a Nubian (African) goat who grazed the shop and you can guess what arrived at her home the next day—in a taxi, mind you.

**PROMPTLY DUBBED** Martha, the animal joined the Conns with hearty gusto and turned their lives upside down. She started off by attending art classes with them, usually winding up with a swim at any handy waterhole or pool.

She was quite a dancer, too, the Conns note. Her diet was traditionally goat and she especially savored the perennial border in the Conns' garden. Her idea of pheasant under glass was obviously roses and petunias, with a dash of green grocer cover as an appetizer.

**BUT EVENTUALLY** Martha quit kidding around and grew up. She also grew lonesome for one of her kind.

The Conns did the best they could under the circumstances and gave her to a lonely horse.

Far from having a beastly time of it, the two enjoyed each other's company thoroughly.

**MARTHA IS** sorely missed by the Conn family but they are presently solacing themselves with three other animal friends—a Mexican iguana and two green snakes.

So, if you didn't get your pet desire for Christmas this year, take heart. There's plenty more where these came from.

### Eccentricities

By HANK HOGAN



With the pro football season over except for the championship game Sunday and the runner-up bowl next week, local spectators can sit back and relax for a while.

Well, Lions fans, can say "wait till next year," knowing in our hearts that we will win the championship if we don't pass on third downs with seconds left to play and if our field goal kickers spend the summer practicing.

Pro football, itself, really isn't over for the year, though. It is just starting for coaches and general managers who now have to go out and get the new herd of college prospects signed up before rival employers lure them into that "other" league or to that "foreign" league.

**THE FACT** that there is now more competition for raw college talent has led to higher price tags, based on the old supply and demand theory. Whereas a college boy in the old days would be overpaid with \$5,000 a year, the better ones now want \$150,000 for 5 years with "no cut" clauses in their contracts.

Not only does this mean that it costs more to run a football club, which might be the undoing of the new American Football League, but also it means a lot more young men will be hired into professional football because other jobs cannot compete price-wise.

It also leads to an injustice to some of the young gentlemen, themselves.

**THESE ARE** many people who are all brown and intelligent, lightweight who can find a spot in the community at an adequate salary level, and live happily ever after.

If these same people start life off earning \$30,000 a year and establish a standard of living based on that salary, what happens to them when they reach the ripe old age of 32 and are no longer able to chase the pigskin around?

**SINCE THEY** have by-passed the time when most people are working their way up, they find themselves without experience to compete in business.

They must find a job that can satisfy the champagne appetite they have built up during the rosy years. In many cases they were never meant to earn more than a basic living, yet they cannot take on this type of job now because it is hard to step down.

So they must live out the rest of their lives with this frustration. Many professional athletes die in poverty because they spent the money when they had it, and then never were able to reach a high income position again.

So maybe this competition, which is hard on the ball clubs, but supposedly is great for the young athletes, is really a disservice to these youngsters after all.

By KEVIN WEAVER

### City Beat

When does a treat cease to be a treat? Through the years, it has been a treat for this individual to follow via newspaper, radio and television the New Year's Day football games.

Since learning of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame as a kid, I have been a football fan. I love the game. I love to play it. I love to watch it.

After the regular season ended, it was always a pleasure to reflect on the up-coming bowl games. This period in-between was one of exciting anticipation.

**TODAY, HOWEVER**, there are so many games from the time the season ends through the middle of January that a person hardly has time to get excited about any one of them.

There are the Liberty Bowl and the Gotham bowl, the NFL and the AFL playoff games, the Blue-Grey and the North-South games, the East-West game and the bowls of the Roses, Oranges, Seniors, Cotton, Sugar, Sun, Hula and Gator.

The NFL and AFL have their respective all-pro game and the NFL has gone so far as to have a runners-up play-off.

**WHERE WILL** it end? When the football season runs their long?

Oh, I enjoy these games. I watch as many of them on television as the family will permit. I read avidly the newspaper accounts of them.

But how long will this go on? When will there be too much to hold my interest?

For how many more years will the public accept so many televised football games? How much longer will wives tolerate this week-end spectacle of their husbands glued to the TV set?

And, by the way, who called the TV set an idiot box? It's not the idiot; it's the TV addict.

**IN SHORT**, it comes down to the question of when does a good thing end?

It has been a treat for me to have these bowl games at the very end of the old year and at the very beginning of the new.

But to see this ever-increasing plentitude of games as a real threat to this treat.

And it's one treat I would regret to see discontinued.

### Exchange Clubs Await Conference

Walter C. Morgan, member of the Birmingham Exchange Club and state Exchange president, will preside over the Michigan State Exchange club's mid-winter conference in Jackson on Jan. 12.

Theme of the meeting is "Operation Upswing," the national slogan of Exchange clubs for 1962-63.

The conference will include a general assembly, panel discussions, a luncheon and a speech on the subject "What Do You Mean? Up Is Up!"

### Early Deadlines In Effect for Jan. 3 Issue

So that our employes may enjoy the New Year's holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric offices will be closed all day Tuesday.

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