

CON-CON REPORT

Romney Strongly Advocates Proposed New Constitution

During his first month in office, Gov. George Romney of Bloomfield Hills has made himself the most emphatic spokesman for the proposed new constitution which Michigan voters will pass judgment upon at the April 1 election.

Romney served as a vice president of the convention which framed the new document last year. He also played a prominent part in the petition drive which led to the calling of the Constitutional Convention.

He is convinced that Michigan needs the new document as a vehicle for progress in state and local government, and he seldom misses an opportunity to plead for it.

"Other states are begging for just such an experience as we have completed in our Constitutional Convention," he said. "It shows the way for others to follow with the many model provisions of our new constitution."

"In his State of the State message to the legislature, the governor mentioned the proposed constitution several times. One section of the message, devoted specifically to the document, declared that its adoption would help achieve state fiscal stability, improve the administration of government and effect savings."

"human justice" brought reference to the new constitution a gain. Romney noted that it would create constitutional civil rights commission, the only one of its kind in the nation.

"Adoption of the new constitution would give Michigan the strongest civil rights guarantee of any state, and I am confident that the legislature would give full support, moral and financial, to such a civil rights commission," he said.

Freeways Cause State Tourist Boom

Michigan's freeways played a major role in the best tourist year in the state's history during 1962, the Michigan Tourist Council reported recently. Director Robert J. Furlong said Michigan's new freeways gave a "tremendous boost" to the state's tourist potential.

"Our excellent system of freeways and other state highways permits tourists to reach their vacation destinations quickly and safely," Furlong said, adding they "will continue to encourage even more recreational travel."

Legal Notices

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

In the Matter of the Estate of DE WITT W. SHEROY, Deceased.

As a season of said court, hold at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 5th day of February A.D. 1963.

Present: Honorable Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on the claim against the above estate shall be the 22nd day of April, 1963, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, Michigan.

Persons claiming against the above estate are further notified and ordered to file their claims with the court and with the fiduciary of this estate, not later than the 19th day of March, 1963, and to file with the fiduciary of the estate a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate. (59-27)



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THE GOVERNOR'S policy on Con-Con statements is simple. If the issue before him has a relation to the new constitution, he discusses both. If the issue stands by itself, he does his speech.

"All I've done is discuss the new constitution to the extent it relates to the subject under discussion," he says. "This I will do in the future."

"As I discuss any field, I ought to discuss it fully and adequately. To do that, it is sometimes necessary to discuss the new constitution and the application it will have a problem," he said.

Romney had barely taken his oath of office when he made his first reference to the new constitution. It was a broad and positive stand.

Happenings

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nary expenditures and transaction business during the eight-day bank holiday.

Birmingham, after remaining a village for 68 years, during the last several of which it held the distinction of being the largest village in Oakland County, had been graduated today to the status and title of a city. The transformation took place Tuesday morning when City Attorney Clare H. Ogden filed with Lynn D. Allen, county clerk, the necessary papers.

Barring the possibility of the appearance of sticker candidates, six offices in Bloomfield Township will go by default in the coming spring elections, four of them to incumbents running for re-election. The deadline for the filing of petitions, which fell at 5 p.m. Tuesday, found only 10 candidates in the field for eight offices.

15 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1948

Location cards on street shut-off valves for all gas service connections in the City of Birmingham are now immediately available to the city fire department. The Consumers Power Company service men are also stationed here on 24-hour duty in order to handle emergencies.

Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the PTA Council's eleventh annual joint meeting, to which the public is invited, next Monday evening, Feb. 18, at Baldwin High School at 8 o'clock. Subject of his talk will be "The Relation of Home and School."

In a rip raring nip-and-tuck battle that was never decided till the last whistle, Birmingham fought Ferradale to a standstill to share second place in the league standings in the Baldwin gym Friday night, the final tale showing the Maples out front, 30-29. Capitalizing on their free throws, the first stanza lead and maintained the advantage to lead 12-10 as the half ended.

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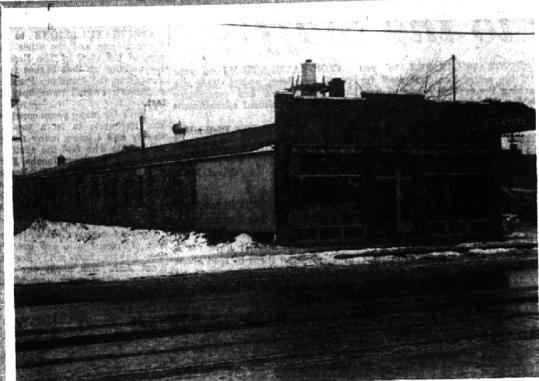
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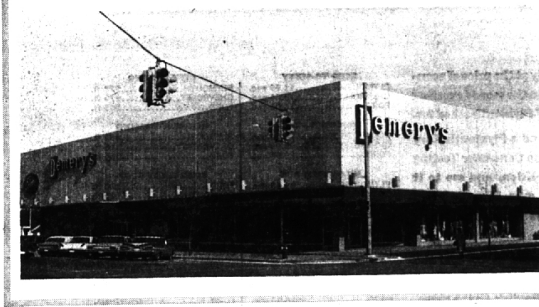
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Community Values

Call it progress. Call it the change that comes naturally through the years. Anyway, it was in 1922 that The Birmingham Eccentric and Averill Press moved into the building at 220 N. Woodward. The two businesses remained there for 38 years. Then, in May, 1960, they moved into a modern plant at 1225 E. Bowers. In April, 1961, Demery's opened its new, streamlined, modernistic department store on the old site of The Eccentric. Today, both The Eccentric-Averill Press and Demery's buildings serve as excellent examples of high community values.



School Teachers Earn \$5,735

The nation's public school teachers this year will earn an average annual salary of \$5,735, or \$220 more than last school year.

The figures are estimates compiled from all 50 states and the District of Columbia by the Research Division of the National Education Association. The figures issued annually by the NEA, are contained in Estimates of School Statistics, 1962-63, published last week. The estimates are only for public elementary and secondary schools.

Although the estimated average salary hike represents a four-percent increase over the average salary of \$5,515 paid in the 1961-62 school year, it is the smallest pay hike in the last eight years.

Road Information To Be Mailed to Village Residents

BEVERLY HILLS—The council agreed Feb. 4 to spend up to \$500 for the preparation and mailing of explanatory information to all village residents and property owners relative to the road paving propositions to appear on the March 11 ballot.

The letter should be in the mail by Friday. The propositions call for voter permission to sell the bonds.

Three propositions cover the program. The first two concern village participation in county programs and the last is a straight village program.

Proposition I concerns Greenfield, Southfield, 14 Mile Road and Evergreen for a cost of \$145,000. Proposition II for another section of 14 Mile, will cost \$44,000.

Proposition III is for paving sections of Pierce, Evergreen, 14 Mile Road and Riverside. It will cost \$1,032,700 but this will be reduced to \$709,100 if the first two propositions pass.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL teachers are still being paid less than teachers in the high schools, according to the report, but the gap is narrowing. While elementary school teachers 10 years ago earned just 85 percent of what the high school teachers did, this year the percentage is up to 93.

The reason for the gap, the researchers say, is that high school teachers normally have spent more time in college preparing for their teaching roles, and their salaries have reflected this. But more and more elementary school teachers are now also getting extra preparation, and so the salary gap is closing.

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