

MSU Prof Details Michigan Politics

Fifteen years of political history, including a constitutional convention and reappointment of the legislature, are analyzed by a Michigan State University professor in her new book "The Politics of Change in Michigan."

From "Soapy" and the meteoric rise of Democratic party strength to the passing of Romney and the age of the "old-fashioned" politician, Mrs. Carolyn Stieber traces

the recent fortunes of the two major parties and their key personalities.

Mrs. Stieber, an instructor of political science at MSU, teaches courses in American urban government and Michigan government.

IN HER BOOK, she also looks at the future—the problems Michigan and its lawmakers will face, the impact of the black electorate, the chances for a democratic governor.

Of the Dems' hopes, she says: "Reappointment of the legislature, long a goal of the Democrats, is now a reality. It has brought many new faces to the legislature in both parties, but it has not assured control by the Democrats."

"Several Democrats are expected to make a bid for the governor's office—but not one has, as yet, been able to demonstrate that he can fill the power vacuum that the Demo-

cratic leadership faces and become the outstanding political leader of stature and drive that the party is seeking."

Added to her own incisive analysis, this 138-page book from the Michigan State University Press (\$1.50) contains many candid comments from 21 key state political leaders. The comments, all anonymous, add depth and sometimes shed new light on recent political history.

Revealed here, for example, is the opinion of a Romney associate that the governor really wanted MSU President John A. Hammah—not Robert Griffin—to take the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Pat McNamara's death.

In brief, the book chronicles the rise and decline of Democratic party strength in the state, the return of the Republican party led by Romney,

and the effects on Con-Con and reappointment.

ACCORDING TO Dr. Charles Press, chairman of the MSU's political science department, this book brings the political history of Michigan up-to-date.

"There has been a great change in Michigan politics," Dr. Press says. "The effects of reappointment and the new constitution are just beginning to be felt."

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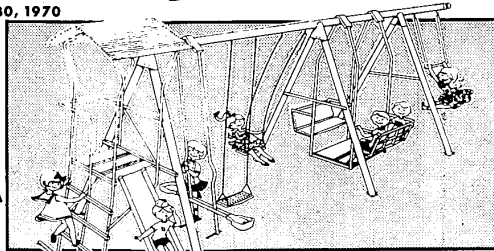
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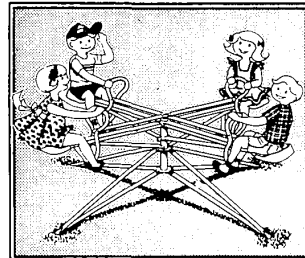


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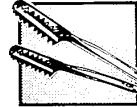
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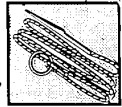
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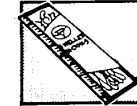
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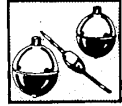
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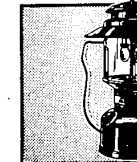
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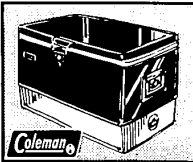
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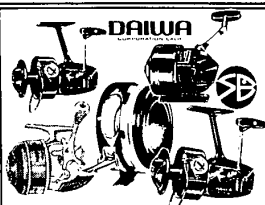


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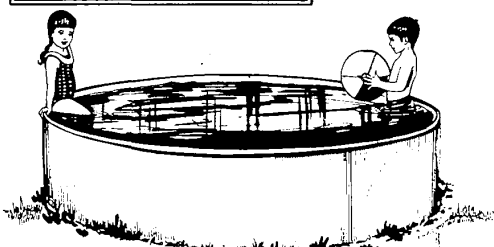
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