

# New Governor's First Speech Urges Fair Legislative Pay

In his first public address since taking office a month ago, Governor Frank Murphy, speaking to 150 Michigan newspaper publishers at the Michigan Press Association convention at East Lansing Thursday evening placed before the press and the people of the state an earnest, effective plea that "in the public interest and for the fu-



ture well-being of Michigan," our legislators should be accorded the "just and reasonable independence" which would be afforded by more adequate compensation for their work.

Disposing in a thoroughly convincing way of the notion expressed in some quarters that he harbored the thought of increasing compensation for the governor during his own term of office, the chief executive nevertheless drew clearly for his audience two sharply contrasting pictures: the first, that of members of the legislature so poorly paid that their continuing difficulty in meeting expenses provides just the situation which is welcomed by predatory interests for the advancement of their selfish ends; the other, that of a legislature that would not be so lavishly paid as to make it inconsistent with the American ideal of modesty in public life, but sufficiently compensated so that they might be rigidly independent of those selfish elements always present on the edge of political affairs.

**Unusual Significance**  
Much more than ordinary significance is attached to the fact that Governor Murphy made this the chief topic of his address, for it is probably the first time in Michigan's history that nearly the entire first month of a chief executive's term has passed before he has made a public address. This circumstance, brought about by the all-absorbing problem of the General Motors strike, made more than usually meaningful the question of what would be the outstanding theme of the talk by the new governor, who on this occasion was also making his first direct, personal contact with such a large proportion of the press of the State.

The new Chief Executive's remarks were seen as further evidence of his often reiterated aim that Michigan government and public life be put upon a plane of highest probity and integrity, in order that the public interest be served.

**Speaks Frankly**  
"I am not talking about luxury for any of our officials," said the Governor. Then, with a disarming frankness, he told his listeners: "What I have to say has no reference whatever to your present Governor. He has no complaint whatever regarding public life. It has undoubtedly enabled me to live in a manner far beyond what I might have attained through any other course. Your present Governor is alone in this world and well-taken provided for. But I am deeply con-

## State's Weariest Man Still Can Laugh

The weariest man in Michigan still is not too weary to laugh—or even to provide a chuckle for others. Members of the Michigan Press Association who Thursday evening were the first audience to hear Governor Murphy in a public address since he became chief executive, saw and listened to a man obviously so fagged with the cares of a State torn with industrial strife that he had left only hope and earnestness.

But as the Governor left the dining table at East Lansing, while the audience stood and applauded, he, with his secretary, Norman H. Hill, turned to a door at the end of the table. The Governor pushed and pulled. Secretary Hill pushed and tugged. The door would not open, and as they turned to seek another, the Governor remarked to a publisher standing by: "This looks like a Republican convention—the doors are locked!"

Lavish display, large expense, and ostentation of any kind on the part of officials is repugnant to the American ideal.

**Urges Broad View**  
"But, on the other hand, let us not be craven in this respect," said the Governor. "Let us not defeat the public interest through a narrow viewpoint. Let us not make the legislative post 'a rich man's job!'"

While thus disposing of any thought of more adequate compensation for the governor during his own incumbency, Governor Murphy pointed out that along with adequate pay for the legislators there should be a similar consideration

for future governors. "The same principles apply," he said, "and in this regard I shall be well satisfied if I can provide for my successor that he shall have no more but the public interest of our State."

**Points Example**  
Governor Murphy pointed out that in the newest democratic commonwealth on earth, and one which closely follows American ideals, the Philippine Islands, legislators have been provided compensation adequate to enable them to live and work on behalf of the people comfortably but not lavishly. The pay is equivalent to \$5,000 a year in American money. Michigan leg-

islators are paid \$3 a day, or less than \$1,100 a year, far from adequate to maintain them during a session of several months in Lansing. The rate of pay is fixed in the State Constitution, adopted generations ago.

A resolution was passed by the House almost at the time the Governor was speaking, providing for expense money of \$5 for each day of attendance in session, but it was passed in an atmosphere of doubt as to legality in view of the constitutional provision.

Gov. Murphy spoke briefly and hopefully to the publishers about the strike situation, during his address. He was introduced to the

publishers by Secretary of State Leon D. Case, who is publisher of the Watervliet Record and has for years been one of the most active members of the Michigan Press Association.

## TWO CARS DAMAGED

Two cars were damaged in an accident on Grand River avenue Monday night when the automobile driven by Gerald Murphy of 319 North Saginaw street, Pontiac, crashed into the one belonging to Mrs. Rose Charlebois, 30510 Breton Road, which was parked on the north side of the street.

Riding with Murphy were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Racine, 336 Whit-

tmore street, Pontiac, and Jack Waters, Huron Hotel, Pontiac. No one was injured.

If you never give a thought to the welfare of your home town, how do you expect the home town to give a thought to you?

A woman looks on a secret in two ways: Either it is not worth keeping, or it is too good to be kept.—Readers Digest.

The darkest hour of a man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.—Horace Greeley.



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**FLOUR**  
24½-lb. sack **79¢**  
**FRIDAY ONLY**

REGENT, LIGHT MEAT  
**TUNA**  
10 cans **99¢**  
**Saturday 9 to 12 a.m.**

PURE, GRANULATED  
**SUGAR** . . . 20 lb. bag **99¢**

AVALON, HARDWATER  
**SOAP CHIPS** 3 boxes **29¢**

COUNTRY CLUB, GOLDEN BANTAM  
**CORN** whole kernel or cream style 2 cans **25¢**

AVONDALE  
**PEAS** . . . fancy sifted . . . 2 cans **25¢**

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**PEACHES** halves or sliced 2 No. 2½ cans **29¢**

COUNTRY CLUB, NEW PACK  
**GRAPEFRUIT** . . . 3 cans **29¢**

COUNTRY CLUB, GRAPEFRUIT  
**JUICE** . . . new pack . . . 6 cans **47¢**

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**COFFEE** . . . . . lb. **20¢**

WESCO EGG MASH OR  
**SCRATCH FEED** 100-lb. bag **\$2.55**

TEXAS, SEEDLESS  
**GRAPEFRUIT** . . . . . doz. **39¢**

LARGE SIZE, FLORIDA  
**ORANGES** . . . . . doz. **25¢**

LARGE, SOLID, ICEBERG  
**LETTUCE** . . . . . 2 heads **15¢**



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**PORK LOIN** . . 4-lb. piece . lb. **19¢**

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY—SMOKED  
**PICNICS** . . 4 to 6-lb. average . . lb. **17 ½¢**

EATMORE  
**OLEO**  
2 LBS. **25¢**  
**Friday and Saturday Only**

3 TO 4-LB., STEWING  
**CHICKENS** . . . . . lb. **19¢**

ROUND, SIRLOIN OR T-BONE  
**STEAK** . . . . . lb. **29¢**

TENDER, GENUINE  
**LEG-O-LAMB** . . . . . lb. **23¢**

FANCY, YELLOW  
**BANANAS**  
4 LBS. **19¢**  
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