

## THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

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Provided the resolution is approved at this session, the November ballot will ask Michigan voters to elect candidates for each office and whether or not the next term served shall be for two or four years in duration. Gov. Williams would be eligible to serve two more terms if he were elected.

Charges of "steamroller" not Republican maneuvers to amend the proposed 409 page election code with a provision that state and federal ballots be combined under party labels.

GOP members in both House and Senate agreed to limit by parliamentary procedure the proposing of additional amendments to the new Michigan election law. Since President Eisenhower has some support of his own, Republicans in the legislature favor going back to the old system.

pass in this form. Governor Williams will be faced with a choice of letting the entire act become law or signing his name on the veto line. Republicans are not sure of enough votes to override a veto. But they seem willing to risk it.

Advantage of the combined ballot falls to the party which elects the President. It makes it easier for state politicians to "ride in on the coattails" of a popular national candidate.

State and federal ballots were combined for many years. In 1943 they were separated to prevent Democrats from cashing in on the appeal of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Since President Eisenhower has some support of his own, Republicans in the legislature favor going back to the old system.

(Cries of politics by the Democrats were met with the same charge by Republican Senator Joseph Cloom of Wakefield.

Cloom made no bones about favoring the switch because it benefits the GOP, and made a strong point of Democratic opposition to the bill now he reminded opponents that they supported the single ballot system when PDR provided a big election advantage.

Improving the lot of Michigan working people is a prime consideration of the session of the legislature.

At least 30 bills have been introduced aimed to better working conditions, increase unemployment or disability payments, provide broader coverage of present laws, etc.

How much, and if, is the question to be decided.

It is generally agreed that unemployment insurance will be increased, as will workmen's compensation benefits. One bill proposes a maximum of \$14 per week for a person with four dependents and increasing the effective period from 27 to 39 weeks. Another bill, proposed jointly by 34 representative representatives, requires unemployment payments figured from a fixed percentage of an average weekly wage, plus dependents.

It is generally agreed among legislators that the proportion of increase agreed upon for unemployment benefits will be applied to workman's compensation.

Other proposals include: broadening workman's compensation to include employers of one or more (present law requires that employers of less than four need not be covered); establishing higher safety standards; creation of an accident prevention fund; a minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour.

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## Champion Marksman To Appear



John Kinkler, prominent man of magic, and Johnnie "Slingshot" Milligan, world champion slingshot artist, will share the entertainment spotlight at the Father and Son Night sponsored by the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of Farmington on Friday evening, February 26.

Mr. Kinkler has thrilled audiences of all ages with his large repertoire of magic and mysticism for a number of years. Included in his array of legendaries are complicated feats of spectacular deception as well as many sleight of hand tricks. A master of prestidigitation, he is well known for his facility of keeping the attention of his audience.

John Milligan, better known as Johnnie "Slingshot" Milligan, is the world's champion slingshot artist. Star of stage, screen and TV, he was recently selected as one of the past year's best performers on "You Asked For It," popular national network TV program. With the assistance of his lovely wife, he demonstrates the deadly accuracy of this weapon of antiquity... the slingshot.

Toasts to the fathers and sons will be made by Fred Miller and Walter Galt, respectively. Vocal selections will be rendered by the Mullin Trio, made up of the father and son combinations of John, George, Jr. and George, Sr. Miller and his Men of Melody will round out the program musically while Clarence Juhnke, director of music, will lead the singing. Food prepared by the women of the church will be served at 6:15 p.m.

## Minister Tells P.T.A. Group About Youth Plan

The Clareneville High School band, under the direction of William Stanton, opened the program at the February meeting of the Clareneville Parent Teachers Association, and was followed by three selections by the youth chorus directed by Cecelia Corefield.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. Claire Wolfe of the Hazel Park First Methodist Church discussed "How One Community is Trying to Solve Its Youth Problem." He explained in detail how the plan for controlling youth problems originated with Wilfred Webb, a teacher in the Hazel Park Schools, who solicited the aid of other interested persons in organizing a non-political committee of nine professional men and women to meet with Judge Arthur E. Moore.

This committee drew up an ordinance that was later passed by the City Council to give their plan legality. It is now working effectively and the juvenile problems have lessened greatly.

The one point Reverend Wolfe stressed to stress most is the need for parents to be interested in their children and to know where, how and with whom they spend their leisure time. At the conclusion of his talk, the speaker answered questions of the audience.

A business meeting and social hour concluded the evening.

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## Russell Coles Spend Vacation In Mexico

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The Coles visited many spots in southern Mexico and returned through the northern district.

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