

MICHIGAN'S
PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTIONNumber of State Departments
To Be Reduced for Efficiency

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of editorials on the subject of Michigan's proposed new constitution. The purpose of this series is to provide information and to encourage discussion of the proposed changes. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the Farmington Enterprise.

An important provision in the proposed new constitution requires that the present 130 state agencies must be reduced to not more than 20 principal departments. The office of governor will continue to have colleges and universities, and temporary agencies are not included in this total.

The change will increase efficiency, since it will be much easier for the chief executive to keep track of 20 departments than 130 agencies. Financial savings will also be made possible.

THE INITIAL grouping of the departments is to be done by the legislature. From that time, the responsibility of the governor, subject to a veto of the legislature, will be to place the departments in the hands of the legislature.

The principal departments are to be headed by single executives unless otherwise specified in the constitution.

These executives will be appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure, to insure that they will carry out the policies of the administration.

Members of boards and commissions, with certain exceptions, will be appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure.

Terms will generally be for four years. This provides continuity in a hitherto confusing situation.

Senate "advice and consent" presents difficulties under the old constitution. At present, appointments of the governor are often not confirmed at all or are confirmed many months after appointment.

These difficulties will be avoided by the new constitution. Appointments will be confirmed at the time of appointment.

Delegates to the constitutional convention wanted to preserve the situation, but at the same time retain advice and consent, which is one of our valued checks and balances.

It is also provided that a person whose appointment has been rejected cannot thereafter be appointed to that position while the legislature is not in session.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT change is the addition of provisions for an executive veto. This will require the governor to submit a budget to the legislature at a time fixed by law to make possible early action on the budget.

The legislature must be balanced, showing both proposed expenditures and proposed tax revenues, and taking into consideration the surplus or deficit of the previous year.

The revised constitution further provides that if tax revenues fall below those anticipated, the governor must, in accordance with law and with the approval of the appropriate committees of both houses, reduce expenditures. Alternatively, he could call the legislature back into session to raise tax revenues.

In any case, expenditures in the legislative or judicial branches or in dedicated funds may not be reduced.

As at present, the governor may veto individual items in the budget passed by the legislature.

The old constitution gives the governor no investigative or removal powers while the legislature is in session; the new document provides that the governor may make investigations and remove or suspend executive branch officials. He is to report reasons for such actions to the legislature.

Public
Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed. No letters will be published without a signature. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the position of the Farmington Enterprise.

Club Would Keep Hall

To Whom It May Concern:

We note that various local groups have gone on record to support the Farmington Historical Society's motion in favor of preserving the Old Township Hall at Grand River and Farmington roads as representative of the heritage of Farmington.

Our local group, known as The Quakers, feel that the preservation of this building is concurrent with their objectives and the furtherance of historical learning, and we would like to give our moral support to this issue. Since we are a small, non-profit organization, it would be impossible for us to contribute financially, but our verbal and moral support are unanimous.

So few villages and cities have any standing reminders of their humble beginnings, and we strongly feel it is up to us as citizens and parents to preserve this heritage for future generations. Demolishing the building would be a final, drastic cut to Farmington's link to the past, and once done, could not be undone. It is our feeling that no amount of business pressure and financial backing should be allowed to induce a decision to tear down the old Township Hall, as this heritage cannot be judged with respect to money or business considerations.

So, please add our plea to your growing list of interested people.

Let's preserve the Township Hall as a significant reminder of Farmington's heritage, and for the perspective it will give us as we continue to live and progress in this area.

Yours sincerely,
The Quakers
Quakertown Chap. No. 115

FOR THIS HE was named an Honorable Mention winner, placing third for Grade 6 entries.

Tim's drawing, one of 158 submitted in this year's contest, was of the Christmas Star with separate drawings between the points illustrating his ideas of Christmas.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrigan, 3321 Argonne Street, Tim has received a certificate from the telephone company for his winning entry. He is at Pen Mile Elementary school.

This annual contest is open to children in the first through sixth grades throughout the state who are related to Michigan Bell employees.

Unhappy Car Buyer
Learns Hard Lesson

The Enterprise has long stood behind the slogan "Shop locally first," you will see it frequently repeated throughout the paper.

Recently Uehline of 21309 Colquhoun in Farmington is one who found out the hard way it pays to do just that.

In Uehline's case it was an automobile that he purchased from an out-of-town car dealer that gave him cause to regret.

The product was fine. Just what he wanted. But the service on his warranty left much to be desired and he is a very unhappy young man, having spent much time away from work in unsuccessful attempts to have his problems handled.

Uehline says he'll know better next time and "shop locally first."

A woman's idea of keeping a secret is refusing to tell who told it to her.

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Please inform us how best we might support this community effort.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alastair McGraw

Holiday Greetings

To Our Friends:

The Christmas season always will be a time for the expression of good will and the exchange of friendly greetings.

In this spirit of friendship and with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed with you, we extend the season's greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
The Classified Ad Department
and The Subscription Department.

Dunckel Junior High
Honor Roll Students

SEVENTH GRADE
Carolyn Accioli, Gary Adams, Richard Abzug, Norman Allen, Norman Anderson, David Armstrong, James Baker, Robert Barkdull, Gary Barlow, James Beatty, Howard Broadman, Mary Jane Burr, and Linda Chalfant.

Wendy Chambers, Keith Coe, James Davis, Norman DeCoursey, Debbie Dolan, Gay Donovan, and Mark Fuller.

DAVID FLEMING, Barbara Frankel, Albert Garner, Robert Giassie, Kirk Griffith, Jim Grum, Marcia Hales, Gordon Harrower, Paul Heavenridge, Mary Ann Heinzen, Mary Rich, Richard Horbach, and Nancy Hornack.

Sharon Huth, Beverly Kinn, Wendy Kollins, Lee Kornfield, April Kornmiller, and Doug

Landberg, Larry LeBlang, Nancy Levine, Linda Lozen, Linda Lueker, Marsha MacDowell, Craig Mackay, John MacLeod, Joyce Mallon, Elise Marcus, and Peggy Mathers.

Mike McCoy, Andrew Mitchell, Christine Nickel, Mary O'Connor, Robert Odum, Donna Olson, Sue Palmer, Deborah Peel, John Ratchford, William Reader, and Jackelyn Richard.

Suzanna Roberts, Donna Rodeaver, Cheryl Rollings, Sue Rundle, Kathleen Ryan, Tim Schaffer, Claudia Schooley, Janice Schreiber, Teresa Schwartz, and Gregory Sznack.

TM SHAW, Nancy Sheldon, Terry Simmons, Diane Smith, Dan Steinway, Barbara Suher, Carol Swank, Doug Tabor, and Roma Wadensetter.

Ann Walker, Pam Walton, Ann Warner, Judy Watson, John Weller, Jim Wile, Tom Williams, Janice Young, and Shira Young.

EIGHTH GRADE
Debra Anle, James Arnold, Douglas Barth, Thomas Berard, Lawrence Buggis, Robert Carlisle, Leslie Coates, and Brenda Davidson.

GEORGE DUKE, Frances Engelbrecht, Patrick Foley, Thomas Gayler, Barbara Gales, Mark Godwin, Nancy Green, Martha Hanna, Marsha Harlan, and John Harris.

Jim Hostler, Robert Kopp, John Kopp, Judy Kubiszewski, John Lanzetta, Patricia Lazo, Diane Lau, Gail Little, Karen Lovett, Susan Malloy, and Donald May.

Brad Mazo, David McCaig, Brian McCullough, Darby McGlennen, Paul Mingo, Kathleen Murphy, Richard Nielsen, and Eric Nutter.

Marjory Oake, William Orr, Susan Roble, Steven Sager, Anne Salisbury, Sheri Scott, Margaret Sell, Peter Sevin, Mary Shaw, and Dawn Shipley.

Tamara Tabb, Robert Taylor, Susan Thomas, Michael Thompson, Patricia Wagner, Thomas Walker, Walter Wiloughby, Jim Wilmer, and Nadene Yovanovich.

NINTH GRADE
Richard Allen, Jerre Bachman, Karen Barry, Richard Bayer, Bonnie Breese, Karen Burns, Mark Campbell, and Robert Carly.

Stephen Clogg, Barbara Collins, Martha Davidson, Jonathan Dempster, Geraldine Doolan, Robert Dragan, James Dugan, John Eckhold, and Robert Edsall.

Randy Fluty, Mary Foley, Linda Gatzke, Bruce Griffin, Ronald Griffin, Mary Lynn, Griswold, Kathleen Groff, and James Hales.

DIANE HALL, Rich Harris, Karen Hillard, Ann Hodge, Susan Innes, Robert Kainz, Carol Kanka, Mary Kelly, Carolyn Kikka, and Leonard King.

John Kirk, Linda Konicki,

Thomas Larry, Beverly Lord, Ted Martin, Dylan Mathews, and Barbara May.

Jo Meyers, Nancy Middleton, Kathleen Miller, William Miller, David Moffett, Dennis Moore, Phila Morse, and Richard North.

MICHAEL NUTTER, Larry Pederson, Rickie Pender, Theora Piech, Wendy Prussian, Don Noble, Sarah Scott, Jill Seely, David Shuster, Sherry Smolek, Ruth Steinko, Richard Streng, and Rita Svadeba.

Linda Taylor, Ken Terrill, Katherine Thomas, Ellen Thompson, Dan Valerius, Charles Viane, Sherry Wood, and Linda Warriner.

Tim Harrigan's
Yule Picture
Places Third

What does Christmas mean to 11-year-old Tim Harrigan? It means five things:

"To me Christmas means: (1) The three kings who came to see Jesus upon His birth. (2) Santa Claus in his sleigh and his reindeer. (3) The happy sight of seeing a room filled with presents, a Christmas tree, a fireplace, and happy children. (4) Santa Claus and his sleigh and his reindeer. (5) Finally, last minute shopping. Christmas means different things to different people."

Colorfully illustrating his meaning of Christmas, Tim entered his drawing, and the above note of explanation, in the eighth annual Christmas art contest sponsored by Michigan Bell Telephone Company for the children of its employees.

For the NEW YEAR

As we seek the formula for future happiness, let us also direct our efforts toward the greater good of world peace. May the New Year bring you every opportunity for fulfillment.

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As time runs out for the old year, we wish you the best, in the new. Thanks for letting us serve you!

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