

# Just Chattin'

## Governor Romney Shows His 'Achilles' Heel' to Nation

By W. W. EDGAR

If Governor George Romney should lose his bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1968 (and don't think he isn't running) it wouldn't be the stretching the truth to say that his failure was due to an encounter with a woman member of the press corps on his recent trip through the west.

After going gayly on his way for several days—and enjoying the presence of more than 40 members of the press who watched his every move and noted his every word—he encountered a woman member of the press who just wouldn't let him slip out of her trap.

And right there, Governor Romney learned the truth of the old adage "Never underestimate the power of a woman."

Before she was finished asking him questions at a news conference he, allegedly, lost his temper, and showed his "Achilles heel" to the entire world. In those few moments the nation's press, considered by many to be the most difficult group to conquer, learned one of the Governor's shortcomings. And it is this short temper that, eventually could keep him from getting on the right track to the White House.

Until he met up with this group on his recent western tour, he said was nothing more than an exploratory trip to judge the pulse of the people and should not be considered a bid for the nomination, Governor Romney never had faced such a firing line.

True, he has been a guest on the national TV screens and has been the target for many questions. But in each case he has spent several days with a group of experts "boning up" on the possible questions he would be asked and the answers he would give.

He was utterly unprepared for the catch-as-catch-can role he played against these journalistic marksmen he faced in the west.

When asked for specific information regarding his criticism of the conduct of the war in Vietnam, he fell into the trap his advisors had warned him to avoid.

But "Loneome" George took on the sharpshooters and came away much the worse for wear. He lost his temper when being pruned with question after question by a woman and now the nation's journals are wondering what he would do under the pressure that comes to the man in the White House.

To those of us who knew and have worked with "Loneome" George through the years, the flareup in the west was no surprise.

The Governor is one of those hard-working individuals found in the rough-and-ready world of automobile industry—and is not accustomed to being crossed.

He has earned a reputation for "getting things done," because he is a driver.

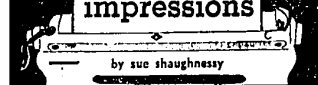
But, as so often happens, he can't stand being driven. He can't be a simple "worker in the vineyards." He is the type of person who must dominate.

It is no secret that, during his early days in the Governor's chair in Lansing, when he was surrounded with a board composed of Democrats, they took great delight in lighting his short fuse.

As a matter of fact the Democrats took turns in "getting his goat," and they looked forward to each meeting with a great degree of anticipation. They always were eager to see how he would react. There were times when he cleared the room of all but the Board members—and he could not chase.

So, you see, he always has had this "Achilles heel"—a short temper. And there are many who claim they wouldn't want a man like that in the White House where one fit of his short temper could throw the world into chaos.

So, if he loves his bid, you can put most of the blame on the woman who upset him at a press conference.



The Wayne County Federation of Young Republicans publishes a monthly newsletter.

In the most current issue the chairman of the federation, Don Hammond, discusses the political revolution in the country. He notes that the age group encompassed by the YR movement (18 to 35) "includes nearly a majority of the voters, and the strength of this group is growing continually."

"Our role in this political revolution is up to us. The YRs can lead or follow; they can provide and select the leadership that others have to have; we can go to Republican conventions and represent the young voter, or we can go and give the Pledge of Allegiance; we can attract the voters of tomorrow or we can grudge because the Kennedys have won the young voters by default."

"The future can be influenced by the YRs if they will work toward that end, but it will take work. By you, by your club, and by the YR Federation. No other approach can achieve these ends except work."

"The choice is to lead, or you will lead, or you will follow. If your choice is to lead, do something about it—NOW."

Hammond's words apply not only to the Young Republican organization and the political structure of the country, but to every segment of society.

The opportunity and the amount of work to be done is staggering. It doesn't really matter whether you want to become a successful businessman, save the world from destruction through social welfare work, politics or religion the work is there to be done.

It won't be accomplished by sitting in the armchair thinking about it. It won't be accomplished by grumbling and criticizing.

Sydney Harris wrote a column in January which is posted on the office bulletin board. One of the comments in the column is "A winner makes commitments; a loser makes promises."

That says pretty much the same thing, doesn't it? It all seems to come down to the individual. Do you want to roll up your sleeves and take a chance on getting your hands dirty to accomplish something? Or would you rather take the easy route and complain?

# You Don't Look Familiar



THE OBSERVER will pay five dollars for picture. Barb explained, "I was about to be used on its feature page. This take the picture of this horse on a farm week Barb Sobbe, 13 years old from Whit- on Eight Mile Road and it moved up for man Junior High in Livonia caught this a closer look at me."

# SENSE and NONSENSE

At the State Republican Convention Saturday in the Convention Arena of Cobo Hall, Detroit, the prepared list of resolutions adopted by the delegates included the following comment:

"The Republican Party commends the outstanding leadership and representation" of the U.S. Senator and Congressman from Michigan. Those listed, of course, were all Republicans, and half of those were in office for the first time for less than two months. What they did to deserve such praise escapes the public's attention.

The resolution, needless to say, doesn't specify what the Republican Senator and Congressman actually did.

In addition, the resolution concludes with the comment, "We commend the role of our Michigan men and women in the Armed Forces who are performing in all areas of the world."

Very glibly. Guy named Jim Garrison, who is DA down in New Orleans, has been making a lot of noise lately with an investigation which, he says, will uncover a plot behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The same guy got into a lot of bad press a while ago for conniving the Louisiana Governor into giving a full pardon to the wife of a friend when she was convicted on a charge of lewd and obscene dancing.

No one really knows if there's anything to the investigation. Lots of people, especially politicians, have publicity from an investigation into an elected office.

But the curious thing about this story is that there's a report out of New Orleans that Garrison was egged on in his investigation by Life Magazine, which is suffering a publicity gap itself, after losing the William Manchester series on the death of President Kennedy to Look Magazine.

If this report is true, Life deserves all the bad press it can get.

Most newspapermen have

# Mirror Furor

Only two buildings in the entire Livonia School District have installation of two-way mirrors, Business Asst. Bill Bedell advised The Observer this week.

"To the best of our knowledge, such mirrors are located only in Franklin High and Whitman Junior High Schools," he said.

The installation at Franklin is only in the boys' locker room, he advised.

Such a device is not used in the girls' locker room.

Two-way mirrors at Whitman point the instructors to look from their offices into the gymnasium. There are none in the locker rooms.

Some parents became disturbed, after hearing complaints Feb. 17 on radio and Bedell issued his comments to answer their questions.

The original purpose of such mirrors—permitting observation of a group without the group's knowledge, under certain lighting conditions—has not proved to be a practical device and they are no longer being installed.

# Professional Corner

## Engineering: How Does One Choose One's Career?

by Fred W. Bradley, P.E.

In last week's column we touched on the various fields of engineering and on qualities which make a good engineer. Actually, this bypassed a major question, "Just how do people choose their careers in the first place?" A more important question would be: "How SHOULD they choose their careers?"

Choice of a career is often made on a strictly glamour basis. The student knows and admires someone who has been a success in a major field. Or, he has read exciting stories about the astronauts. Or about new developments in surgery, or in bridge design. Perhaps a relative has been a doctor, lawyer, engineer, teacher. No special thought is given to "Am I qualified to enter this profession?"

Choice of a profession (vocation) is highly important. It is worth the student's very best thought, with all the help he can get. He should study both the professions and his own abilities.

First decision: Just what is his ultimate goal? What does the student want to make for get out of life?

Most high school students have never thought of this. Is money his goal — to make a million? Is it honor — power — personal security? Personal contentment, a decent living? Service to his fellow men? Perhaps a combination of several of these.

Want to make a million? Then do not choose any of the "service" professions — teaching, preaching, social work, etc. A chance to serve your fellow men? Some professions are better than others, but all can serve in one way or another.

Which brings us to Engineering, the profession which we are now studying in this column. There are better (quicker) ways to 'Make A Million' than via Engineering. Some of the other goals may also be questionable in Engineering. But—for a decent living, for challenging work, for contribution to the wellbeing of mankind—Engineering is right up there with the best of them. One can even find dull, routine spots in Engineering, with guaranteed security, if that is one's goal; it is not the goal of the average engineer.

Even after selecting a profession (assuming suitable ability), a choice of goal must still be made. Each profession has areas or branches conducive to the several goals mentioned above. Here, again, choice of goal will help to choose between the many branches of one's chosen profession. Typical choices: to aim for the \$100,000 job away up on high, or to adopt a lower monetary goal with some of the other satisfying rewards.

Enough preaching for this week. Want to pursue any further? Call or write the OBSERVER, ask for more information or for someone to talk to.

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