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### THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

By GENE ALLEMAN

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convention would be Michigan's first and politicians' second.

Sen. Harold M. Ryan (D-Detroit) while favoring reapportionment — and what Detroiters don't — felt that the integrity of the con-con delegates would transcend the tawdry skirts of political maneuvering. "I certainly would like to see reapportionment first," he said, "but not if it's going to take a long time." Senator Ryan's district with half a million people would have three delegates to the convention the same as Sen. Leo H. Roy's UP district which has only 65,000 population.

Rep. Howard R. Estes (R-Birmingham), whose opinions usually are heard with a good deal of attention, says he feels a constitutional convention would avoid politics as such. "First," he points out, "delegates to such a convention would not be career politicians. Most districts would turn to their lawyers, their bankers and men who know and understand the problems of the state. Pressure groups? Sure they'll be rife around the fringes, but I feel the caliber of men who would be sent to the convention precludes any more discussion of that subject."

What are the possibilities of a constitutional convention? The governor could veto the bill. He's over a barrel the size of Briggs stadium. A veto hints at distrust of the people — a fatal attitude for a "grass roots governor".

But there is another gimmick. A constitutional convention must be approved by a majority of the people voting. Balloting history offers a pessimistic side to con-con backers. Rarely — or never — has a majority of the voters put the "X" mark on any issue requiring a separate ballot sheet. Not even the veterans' bonus bill in 1946.

Reapportionment? Dead as a door nail, to all appearances. The last reapportionment bill before the legislature has been tabled and a motion to remove it from the table also has been tabled — if that makes sense. The house of representatives was taking no chances on that hot potato.

Democrats are circulating petitions to get reapportionment on the November ballot. They want 250,000 signatures. That means they must get some 6,000 signers per day to get the petitions filed in a B-36 bomber.

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Now assuming there will be a constitutional convention called on the first Tuesday of September of the year succeeding, what will be discussed?

"No one is making any predictions — overall. Taxes, to be sure, will be the primary object. To revise the taxing system and put the state back in the black. Reapportionment surely would be on the agenda and some means of releasing funds now tied up by being earmarked would come up — but that's as far as anyone will go.

"Perhaps the people don't want a constitutional convention," says Rep. Knox. "But if they don't we have to assume they expect new taxes. They should at least have a choice."

### WAYNE COUNTY TO OFFER PROGRAM FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

Couples expecting to become parents soon will have a chance to discuss their hopes and their worries in a program sponsored by the Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health.

The series of meetings to be held on Tuesday evenings beginning April 22 at 8 p.m. in the Red Cross building at 133 East Elizabeth, is the seventh such program undertaken by the Mental Health Society in cooperation with the Detroit Chapter of the American Red Cross. Success of the previous sessions has led the Society to plan this new one as a service to husbands and wives wanting to think ahead and avoid problems.

In the current series there will be seven meetings. Attendance will be limited to 100 individuals. All speakers are qualified physicians or nurses. The chairman of the meetings will be Mrs. Ruth V. Flom, in charge of Family Life Education at the Grosse Pointe Schools. She will be assisted by Dan J. Wineman of the Merrill Palmer School. Included in the series are moving picture presentations and a demonstration of how to bathe the baby.

For further information persons are requested to get in touch with the Michigan Society for Mental Health, Woodward 1-4005.

Two hundred tons of bituminous coal are used to provide the aluminum day to get the petitions filed in a B-36 bomber.

### CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE TO CELEBRATE 57th BIRTHDAY

Chi Omega, largest national sorority for college women, celebrates its 57th birthday Saturday, April 5. Chi Omega was founded in 1895 at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

The traditional gala luncheon, called the Spring Eleusian, will be given locally in the Devon Gables tea room by the North Suburban Alumnae group. Guests will include the Detroit Alumnae club, also representatives of alumnae chapters in Flint, Toledo, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Hillsdale, and of the college chapters at the University of Michigan, Hillsdale College and Michigan State College.

Mrs. Chester E. Dowling of Farmington, president of North Suburban Chi Omegas, will introduce the speaker, Mrs. Philip Gentle, lecturer from the University of Michigan's Extension service. Her topic will be "Women in a Changing World". Mrs. Gentle is a well known figure in civic and educational circles, and is serving on the Michigan committee for UNESCO and on the United Nations committee of Greater Detroit. She is past president of Detroit Women's International Education Council.

### Named Valetictorian At Walled Lake High

Ted Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Oliver of 591 Union Lake Road, has been named valetictorian of the 1952 graduating class at Walled Lake High School, according to a report from school authorities. Jennie Van Lewen gained salutatorian honors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Van Lewen of 454 Grandview Avenue, Walled Lake.

### ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. John Timmons of 21140 Randall announce the marriage of their daughter Marjorie to James R. White on March 15. The bride is a 1949 graduate of Clarensville High School while the groom graduated from Farmington High School in 1948. The groom's mother is Mrs. Alan B. Elkin of 22109 Haynes.

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