

### THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

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state opponents. The reason we have two houses in Washington and in most states is to give equitable representation to areas whose interests are vital to the general welfare but whose population would make them important minorities on a per-population basis alone.

Farmers, especially, are gravely concerned and, through the Michigan and local Farm Bureaus, are fighting to defeat the CIO plan. In 1900, 60.7% of the state's inhabitants lived in rural areas. Today, 64.3% live in urban areas, incorporated places of 2,500 or more.

Part of the shift was the emergence of industry as the biggest economic factor in the state. Part was due to mechanization of farm work so that fewer and fewer farmers could feed more and more city cousins.

There are four methods of determining representation. Population only, the plan the CIO sponsors, which is used by five states; voting participation, with representation determined by turnout at the polls, which is not used by any state; Functional representation, with occupational or economic interest groupings determining legislative makeup, which is used only by Arizona; and geographical only, a plan used nowhere in the United States.

Thirty-three of the 47 states which have two houses use a combination, a different base for each house. This is the present Michigan set-up which is threatened by the CIO attack.

Amendment No. 3 maintains the current system, has the House chosen by population and the Senate by areas. The only difference between Plan No. 3 and the present plan is minor. It would raise the House from 100 to 107 Representatives and provide 34 instead of 32 Senators.

So, the outstate battlecry is "No on No. 2; Yes on No. 3."

Privately, some leaders would be very content if both questions were defeated. "It's better to carry the slight handicap of the present system than to have the whole state under the thumb of Walter Reuther," they philosophize.

With two strong groups fighting over two questions on the ballot, it's good for the peace of mind of the average voter to know

that everyone agrees on Question No. 1.

Without any recorded dissent, all parties are agreed that passage of No. 1 will strengthen the law in its fight against narcotic peddlers. It revises rules of evidence so that the scam that pushes dope to teenagers will find fewer loopholes to escape their just desserts.

Michigan had its first snowfall last week.

There wasn't enough to whiten the landscape but there was enough to start state-wide planning. Highways, police, conservation and parks are affected by weather.

Plans were started before last winter's snow had melted. Now comes last-minute detailing. Execution depends on when the weatherman really cuts loose!

Shades of Paul Revere!

A Michigan city has a chain-telephone-call system that alerts merchants against bad-check peddlers. In the first 90 days of operation the alarmers went into action four times... and since then not a bad check has been passed.

While the community is proud of its record, it isn't taking any public bows. It isn't giving advance warnings to any slick crook by revealing its identity.

#### Farmington G. I. Serves In Korea

Serving with the Headquarters Squadron of one of the Marine Air Control Groups in Korea is Russell F. Spencer, hospital corpsman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer of Farmington and husband of Mrs. Dorothy Spencer of Detroit.

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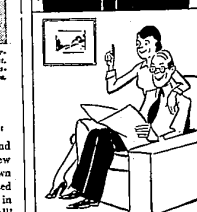
#### Seaman John Spezia With Sixth Fleet

After six months' duty in the Mediterranean area, John C. Spezia, seaman, USN, of 19610 Brentwood, has returned to the United States this week aboard the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore.

While serving with the Sixth Fleet, the crew of the Baltimore visited such foreign countries as Algeria, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Malta and North Africa.

This tour of duty was concluded by a visit to Split, Yugoslavia.

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#### LOCAL GRIDDER SPARKS FINDLAY COLLEGE TEAM

John Kargetta, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kargetta, of 21403 Albion, provided the defensive play on Saturday, October 4, against Ashland College that Coach Don Renninger of Findlay College (Ohio) has needed. Kargetta, a 6' 2", 195 pound sophomore, stopped the drives of the Ashland team many times during the afternoon, and, according to his coach, the only time Ashland was able to score was when John was taken out of the game to allow reserve players to see some action.

Findlay won the game 31 - 20 for the second Mid-Ohio League victory and it put them in the lead for the title they held last year.

#### Farmington Student At Grand Rapids Hospital

Word has been received from Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids that Estelle Marshall, 2121 Hamilton, is enrolled at the hospital as a student nurse. Miss Marshall's three year course will also include training at Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit and at the State Hospital in Traverse City.

#### MEET IN KOREA

Army Corporal Henry and Marine Corporal Norman Johnson, brothers, met recently at Masan, Korea, after not seeing one another for over a year. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of 22020 Springbrook Drive.

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