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COUNTY POLITICAL SLATE IS ALL FILLED FOR SEPT. PRIMARY

Last Saturday Witnesses Flood of Petitions Filed With County Clerk in Pontiac

REPUBLICANS STRONG

Nine County Offices Sought By One or More Republicans; Democrats Tame

The grand scramble for offices, ranging from Governor of Michigan to coroner of Oakland county, is on!

Last Saturday witnessed the closing time for filing petitions in Oakland county for the various offices to be filled. Republican candidates for nine county offices will have opposition in the party primaries to be held September 9.

Candidates for but four offices are unopposed within their own party, while in but three cases will a candidate be unopposed in both the primary and election.

Ross Stockwell, Republican candidate for probate judge, and Clyde D. Underwood, Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney, are two of the candidates who are unopposed either in the primaries or election. For them the voting will be but a formality.

Ralph T. Keeling of Pontiac and George B. Hartrick of Royal Oak, the two Republican candidates for circuit court commissioner, also are unopposed for nomination or election, there being two offices to fill and but two candidates in the field.

In practically every case the Democrats have concentrated their strength so that there will be no primary contests on this ticket in Oakland county. The Republicans will provide contests for many offices, however.

There will be no contests in the primary for coroner, but each party will be represented in the election in November. Two Republicans will contest for the nomination for surveyor, but the winner will be unopposed in the election.

For register of deeds there will be no primary contests, Lucile Avery, of Pontiac, Republican, and Nora Lessiter, of Orion, Democrat, being opposing candidates for this office in November.

Republican candidates for sheriff number five, this being the largest number running for any office in the primary.

Candidates who filed petitions with the county clerk before the time for filing petitions closed Saturday afternoon are:

State representative—First District—Charles W. Melick (R), Avon; James E. Lawson (R), Royal Oak; Charles H. Richmond (D), Pontiac.

Second District—F. F. DeLong (R), Groveland; Lee Noble (R), Oxford; Philemon J. Miller (R), Walled Lake; John D. Haddon (D), Holly.

Sheriff—Frank Schram (R), Pontiac; Leonard R. Schnell (R), Ferndale; A. J. Cornell (R), Pontiac; Fred Schrader (R), Pontiac; Frank Dunston (D), Clarkston.

Prosecuting attorney—Clyde D. Underwood (R), Pontiac.

County clerk—W. Harry Cryderman (R), Pontiac; Burton Daugherty (R), Holly; Marion Jackson (D), Pontiac.

Treasurer—Floyd H. Losee (R), Pontiac; Fred Dernberger (R), Leonard; Arthur A. May (D), Royal Oak.

Register-of-deeds—Lucile Avery (R), Pontiac; Nora Lessiter (D), Orion.

Probate judge—Ross Stockwell (R), Pontiac.

Drain commissioner—Cassius J. Crawford (R), Pontiac; Arthur W. Spencer (R), Rochester; George H. Richardson (D), Waterford.

Road commissioner—John W. Adams (R), Addison Twp.; Luther D. Allen (R), Bloomfield; George B. Dewey (R), Oxford; Peter E. Backer (R), Royal Oak; Edward Ormond (D), White Lake.

County surveyor—Franklin A. Slater (R), Pontiac; Maurice Baldwin (R), Pontiac.

Circuit court commissioners (2)—Ralph T. Keeling (R), Pontiac; George B. Hartrick (R), Royal Oak.

Coroners (2)—C. F. Verner (D), Pontiac; Earl Gordon (R), Pontiac; Orrin P. Huntoon (D), Pontiac; John D. Monroe (D), Pontiac.

MAY REGISTER FOR PRIMARIES TO AUG. 30

Fifteen Days Left For Residents of Bloomfield Township to Qualify

MANY NAMES ADDED

Dozens of Bloomfield township's residents have registered within the past week at the township offices, room 5, First State Savings Bank building, Birmingham, according to deputy clerk James V. Bayley.

"We will accept names for registration any week day up to August 30, between the hours of eight and five o'clock," said Mr. Bayley. "On August 16 and 30, the legal registration days, the office will be open from nine o'clock until eight o'clock. Persons who are already registered on the township books need not re-register. We are chiefly desirous of getting the new residents to be eligible to vote at the September 9 primaries."

Qualifications necessary to register are that the individual be a resident of Michigan for six months and of the precinct in which he votes for at least 20 days preceding September 9.

3% per-cent Mortgage Money on improved property. First National Bank. adv48tf

FOUR KILLED IN TRAFFIC SUNDAY

Oakland County Scene of Usual Fatalities Over Past Week-End

Traffic accidents Sunday took four lives in Oakland county. Two women, one man and a boy were killed.

Crossing the D. U. R. tracks north of Birmingham at Quarton road, the car driven by Arthur Clothier, Detroit, turned over, killing his mother, Mrs. Belle Clothier, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Arthur Clothier and four children, also in the car, were slightly cut. The body of the dead woman was taken to an undertaking parlor in Pontiac, and later to Detroit for burial.

Others killed in other parts of the county were Mrs. Mary Loeffelbin, 48 years old, Detroit; Louis Montross, Pontiac; and the four-year-old son of Frank Smith of Royal Oak.

VOTING MONDAY WILL BE HELD IN 4 BOOTHS

Polls Will Open at 8 O'clock and Close at 9 O'clock August 18th

MAJORITY IS NEEDED

The polls for voting at the special annexation election next Monday, August 18, will be open in four places in Bloomfield township, starting at eight o'clock a. m. and closing at nine o'clock p. m., fast local time. Bloomfield township, including Birmingham, is divided into four precincts; each voter must cast his ballot in the precinct specified for his territory.

Following are the four precincts, with the voting place for each: (1) includes the territory west of Woodward and south of the Long Pine road, election booth at Room 6, First State Savings Bank building, corner of Woodward and West Maple avenues, Birmingham.

(3) north of the Long Pine road and south of the Square Lake road, the entire width of Bloomfield township, election booth in the Bloomfield Center schoolhouse, Long Lake road.

(4) north of the Square Lake road to the township line at the south Pontiac city limits, the entire width of Bloomfield township, election booth in the schoolhouse on the Franklin road.

In counting the ballots after the polls close, Birmingham will be included with the township at large; the votes cast in the territory to be annexed will be counted separately. A majority vote favoring the annexation proposition in both places must be asserted for the issue to carry.

BALDWIN CLOSES FOR 2 WEEKS FOR REPAIRS

Popular Royal Oak Play-House To Undergo Extensive Alterations and Repairs

OPEN AGAIN AUGUST 31

Announcement was made this week by Ray Eberhard, manager, that the popular Baldwin Theatre will close Sunday night, Aug. 17th, for extensive alterations, re-decorations and repairs. This is the first time in the history of this beautiful play-house that it has been necessary to close the doors, but it was found impossible to do all the many things required and not close or cause the patrons of the theatre inconvenience while the work was being done.

All new and up-to-date electrical equipment has been installed under the supervision of Edward Linton and Harold Gratton, the stage electrician. New scenery has also been installed and the regular house scenery has all been entirely re-touched and re-decorated. The dressing rooms have already been renovated and painted. New lighting fixtures have been installed backstage as well as new electrical signal devices which go to make for better presentation of both vaudeville and other attractions.

The front of the theatre will receive special attention. The mezzanine floor will be entirely re-decorated as will the lobby and other parts of the house.

New lobby frames and floral decorations will greet the eyes of the patrons of the Baldwin when the theatre again re-opens on Sunday, Aug. 31st, with the season's regular policy of high-class motion pictures and supreme vaudeville of five stellar acts, with a complete change of program every Sunday, Monday and Thursday. A slight revision of admission prices will be necessary to carry out the presentation of the program already laid out for the season. The occasional showing of the bigger super-features will make it necessary to eliminate the vaudeville, but in its place will be offered an augmented orchestra and special prologue presentations.

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FRANKLIN OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Nearby Village Scene of Gala Festivities as Crowd Gathered Last Saturday

OVER 400 PRESENT

Last Saturday, for the first time in history, Franklin's main street and every avenue leading to it for several blocks, were bordered on either side with parked cars. License plates from numerous states were represented on the machines which arrived all morning and in the early part of the afternoon to witness the Reunion and 100th Anniversary of the founding of Franklin. More than 400 arrived for the celebration that day. Three hundred and fifty of them were dinner guests of the Auxiliary Society at noon.

Life presented a thrill to Franklin folks, Saturday, as they watched old friends return, and shook hands with them or invited some former neighbor "home for supper to see the wife and kiddies." Everything came off per schedule, except that James Lynch, who was to be chief speaker of the afternoon, found it impossible to be there. Mr. Lynch had the small bone of his leg broken in an automobile accident shortly before. Otherwise everything was splendid.

People listened to the old fashioned fiddlers and remembered things of long ago; watched the old time dancers and imagined themselves square dancing, or doing the Virginia Reel as they had in years gone by; grew misty eyed at the singing of old-fashioned songs, and applauded uproariously when the program was finished.

Later in the afternoon Franklin Reunion Association officers for 1925 were elected. Leroy Currin of Franklin was made president; Dr. John Rainey of Birmingham, vice-president; Mrs. Frank German of Pontiac, secretary, and Mrs. Burt Wood of Franklin, treasurer.

Among the guests at the homecoming Saturday, that came from other states, were Mr. and Mrs. Luke Stannard of Taylor's Falls, Minnesota, arrived from the greatest distance. Mrs. Stannard was, before her marriage, Miss Lottie Sly, and spent her girlhood on the Sly Fruit Farm on West Maple road.

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FRANKLIN MAY USE THE G. T. RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR WOODWARD PROJECT

Thad Seeley Makes Known State's Position in Pontiac-Detroit Road

TAXATION PROBLEM

Amount of Taxes Birmingham Willing to Stand Will Govern Action

Within a short time Birmingham will know just what the State Highway Department intends to do relative to the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham. This fact was made known when a letter, addressed to the village commission, was read at the meeting Monday night. Supplementing the letter, further information from Thad Seeley, who is obtaining the right-of-way for the State, was obtained by the Eccentric in a personal interview Wednesday in Pontiac.

"There is no question but what Governor Groesbeck intends that Woodward avenue through Birmingham shall conform in width to the 200 foot highway that leads up to it from the north and south," said Mr. Seeley, "and the only reason we have not taken up the Birmingham situation is because we have not yet disposed of the Grand Trunk problem. We are nearly finished obtaining a right-of-way to move the Grand Trunk east of its present route. This will allow for the speedier completion of Woodward avenue itself, especially where it is now paralleled by the Grand Trunk.

"But the removal of the Grand Trunk tracks opens up new possibilities in Birmingham for the widening of Woodward avenue. I will say that the State, which is bearing the greatest portion of the cost of widening Woodward avenue from Detroit to Pontiac, is interested in doing the job as cheaply as possible. Will it be less expensive to use the old Grand Trunk roadbed through Birmingham as a new right-of-way, or will it be better to remove the present buildings from the east side of Woodward avenue in Birmingham for the widening process? I am frank to say that this question can only be solved by knowing how much Birmingham will allow itself to be taxed for the project. In the last analysis, it will be up to the people of Birmingham whether the 200-foot highway is put through Birmingham on the present Woodward avenue, or on the Grand Trunk roadbed."

In his letter to the village commission, Mr. Seeley said, "I may assure you that, before any policy is adopted as to the Birmingham district, the people of Birmingham will be given ample opportunity to discuss the matter with those in charge."

FACTS ABOUT THE LORAIN DISASTER.

They didn't expect a windstorm at Lorain that section was supposedly outside the "Tornado Belt." Gov. Doharey of Ohio has given out the following picture of the results of the disaster:

Real Estate damaged, $15,000,000.
Personal Property Loss, $10,000,000.
NOT MORE THAN ONE-TENTH OF THE HOMES IN LORAIN WERE INSURED AGAINST WINDSTORM DAMAGE.
Sixty per cent of homes destroyed or damaged are mortgaged.
The damage to three city schools was $500,000.
Eight churches were destroyed or damaged so that they have to be rebuilt.
NO COMMUNITY IS EXEMPT FROM SUCH CATASTROPHIES!
The insurance rate is low, $1.33 per $1,000 per THREE YEARS.
WHY NEGLECT INSURING AGAINST THIS RISK.
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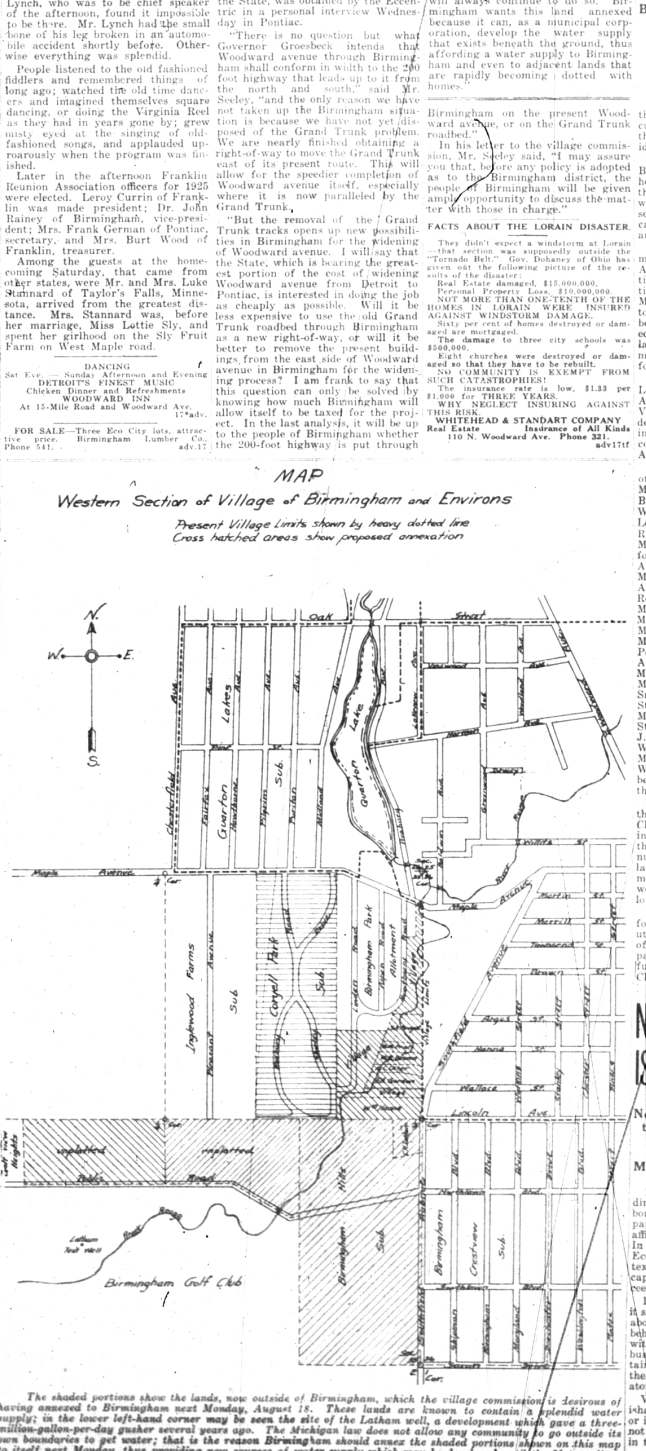
MAP
Western Section of Village of Birmingham and Environs
Present Village Limits shown by heavy dotted line
Cross hatched areas show proposed annexation



The shaded portions show the lands, now outside of Birmingham, which the village commission is desirous of having annexed to Birmingham next Monday, August 18. These lands are known to contain a splendid water supply; in the lower left-hand corner may be seen the site of the Lathrop well, a development which gave a three-million-gallon-per-day gusher several years ago. The Michigan law does not allow any community to go outside its own boundaries to get water; that is the reason Birmingham should annex the shaded portions shown on this map to itself next Monday, thus providing new sources of water supply which may be developed until the Metropolitan Water District is actually working. Woodward avenue may be seen in the upper right-hand corner of the map.

NO CHANGE OUTSIDE FROM ANNEXATION

Commissioner Bell Replies to Question Raised In Bloomfield Township

STILL IN TOWNSHIP

"A few people who live outside of Birmingham in Bloomfield township, and who are eligible to vote on the annexation of certain lands to Birmingham next Monday, have been of the belief that a hardship will be worked upon themselves if the land is annexed," stated S. O. Wiley Bell, village commissioner, this week. "This is not the case. The land will be just as it is in Birmingham now, a part of Bloomfield township and will be assessed on the township books for taxation purposes the same as in the past.

"There will be absolutely no change in the matter, as far as the township is concerned," continued commissioner Bell. "The village of Birmingham has always played fair with the rest of the township and will always continue to do so. Birmingham wants this land annexed because it can, as a municipal corporation, develop the water supply that exists beneath the ground, thus affording a water supply to Birmingham and even to adjacent lands that are rapidly becoming dotted with homes."

MAY IMPOSE BIG FINE

Effective today, the new village ordinance prohibiting the making of bonfires, or burning rubbish, waste paper, etc., within the fire limits, is affixed to Birmingham's official books. In another part of this issue of the Eccentric will be found a complete text of the new legislation, under the caption, "Village Commission Proceedings."

Briefly, the ordinance declares that it shall be unlawful to burn any of the above articles in any street or alley or behind or in front of any building within the village fire limits. All combustible material must be kept in containers, to prevent scattering, and then removed to the village incinerator, where it may be burned.

Violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine not exceeding $100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three months, or both in the discretion of the court.

HEMSTITCHING, 418 Merrill St. Phone 360. Mrs. H. P. Doving. adv16tf

No, it wasn't Paul Revere reincarnated—nor yet Barnum and Bailey themselves, who staged the tiny parade here yesterday just before noon. The line of six fellows, wearing dilapidated straw hats of red, blue and green and making more noise than the modern jazz orchestra were led by Birmingham's esteemed citizen, David H. Ladd of Madison avenue. He and his gang were out rallying folks to go to the Oakland County Fair at Milford, August 14 was "Birmingham Day." And to help along, Mr. Ladd had even provided automobiles for everyone who would go.

Did they turn out? They certainly did, and in carloads. It may have been "Birmingham's Day" at Milford, but in Birmingham it was Mr. Ladd's day!

1924-25 PROGRAM OF LITERARY CLUB OUT

Birmingham Women Start Meetings October 7, Close April 28

46 ACTIVE MEMBERS

By Phyllis E. Myhrs

Ever before them as a beacon light, they have held their motto: "Studious cultivation of the best within us and the ultimate attainment of lofty ideals."

Since their organization in 1890, the Birmingham Woman's Literary Club here have striven to touch and know the great common woman heart, which is without pettiness, or self-seeking, free from prejudice, always calm and gentle, but straightforward and unafraid, withal.

Beginning on October 7, the Club meets on alternate Tuesdays until April 28. Several Detroit Federation meetings also come during this time. The State Federation Annual meeting this year will be held at Petoskey in the latter part of September. Phases of art, literature, home economics, history, civil service, legislature, industry, education, civics, and music will furnish interesting topics for the meetings this winter.

Officers for 1924 and '25 are Mrs. Leeta Schlaack, president; Mrs. Agnes Ross, first vice-president; Mrs. Virginia Hewitt, second vice-president; Mrs. Racheal Bunyan, recording secretary; Mrs. Inez G. Stewart, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Anna Hebblewhite, treasurer.

Besides the officers there are 46 other active members. They are: Mrs. Retta M. Barr, Mrs. Harry R. Bayley, Mrs. C. A. Bingham, Mrs. William E. Boughner, Mrs. Sophia Lee Cee, Mrs. Frank B. Clement, Mrs. R. W. Chissus, Mrs. W. D. Clarke, Mrs. James Cobb, Mrs. F. G. Crawford, Miss Isabel E. Curtis, Mrs. Arthur Crowell, Mrs. Louis Driscoll, Mrs. Arthur King, Mrs. W. W. McAlpine, Mrs. J. H. McBride, Mrs. Robert K. McClellan, Mrs. J. W. C. McKnight, Mrs. John H. Mariotte, Mrs. Frank J. Miller, Mrs. L. W. Mix, Mrs. C. C. Osborne, Mrs. A. R. Parks, Mrs. James W. Parry, Mrs. E. G. Potter, Mrs. Philip B. Price, Mrs. A. E. Rosso, Mrs. John Harvey Ross, Mrs. J. B. Schneider, Mrs. C. J. Shain, Mrs. George Singers, Mrs. Floyd E. Smith, Mrs. T. B. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Stephans, Mrs. Francis H. Stirling, Mrs. W. B. Stewart, Mrs. Jasper E. Stewart, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. R. J. Taylor, Mrs. Charles A. Todd, Mrs. W. H. Uptegraff, Mrs. E. C. Vahey, Mrs. Clarance Vliet, and Mrs. L. G. Welsh. Twenty-two associate members and three life members complete the roll of the club.

It is interesting to remember that the Birmingham Woman's Literary Club was organized with six members in the old Presbyterian Manse, now the Community House, in which a number of their meetings were held last year. Only two of the charter members are still active in the Club's work, Nellie Clarke and Belle Bigelow have that distinction.

Last week Literary Club programs for 1924-25 were printed and distributed. The booklets are an indication of the successful organization in the past and splendid projects in the future of the local Woman's Literary Club.

NEW FIRE ORDINANCE IS EFFECTIVE TODAY

No Burning of Combustible Material Will Be Allowed Within Village Fire Limits

MAY IMPOSE BIG FINE

BALLOT ON PLAN TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO B'HAM NEXT MONDAY

Proposition to Provide Additional Service of Water Supply Up to Voters

ARGUMENTS ARE SOUND

Village Commission Proves Necessity of Annexation for Local Water Supply

During the past three weeks there have appeared in this newspaper articles dealing with the reasons why Birmingham should annex certain lands at the special election to be held next Monday, August 18, the chief purpose of which is to obtain a future water supply for local and nearby residents. The arguments set forth may be divided into three kinds:

Fully Developed Here.

(1) It has been definitely and authoritatively stated that the full development of all the water beneath the surface of Birmingham's present boundaries will not last more than three years. With the recent completion of the two electrically driven centrifugal pumps at the water works station, it may be said that Birmingham is getting all the water possible to obtain in its corporate limits. That there will be a great growth in population in the next two or three years is not doubted by anyone. This increase will result in users of water with no growth in the water works development possible will bear out the statement that, unless a new supply of water is found, people who depend upon the Birmingham water works for water will find themselves facing a shortage in two or three years.

Metropolitan District.

(2) Birmingham, along with dozens of other inland communities in southeastern Michigan, must ultimately look to a water supply from the Great Lakes. In order to do this a Metropolitan Water District must be formed. Such an organization, already under way, will be enabled to join all the communities to Detroit with the idea of bearing together the cost of installing a water system that shall serve each and every town. But the actual functioning of such an organization cannot be realized for at least ten years. This means that Birmingham must do something to obtain water from another source to take care of that period between three years and ten years from now. A solution for this is offered by the village commission in the annexation proposition to be voted on next Monday.

Need New Supply.

(3) Knowing that no more underground supplies of water can be found in Birmingham, the village commission sought elsewhere for a new source. They knew, of course, that any new wells drilled to increase Birmingham's water supply must be located within the corporate limits of the village. For there is a state law preventing any city or town from tapping a water source outside its own boundaries. Four years ago a test well was drilled by the village on the Latham farm, which brought forth about three million gallons of water per day. The village was subsequently enjoined by an injunction which restrained them from piping water from this well because the well was outside the village limits. The lawsuit which followed cost more than $6,000.00 to local taxpayers.

But the Latham well proved that a large quantity of water was available in that vicinity—a greater quantity than could be found anywhere in Birmingham. With this idea in view, the village commission has sought to annex lands that lie in the vicinity of the Latham well and other well known flowing wells in the nearby territory. Once these lands are annexed the village may go ahead and develop them for additional water supply, because they will then be within the municipal boundaries.

Go To Polls Monday.

"The people of Birmingham and vicinity who depend upon the village water system for water must seriously consider next Monday's election," stated village president Chas. J. Shain this week. "There can be no logical argument against the proposition of annexing the lands which we desire to take in. We want water here; we have shown that all the sources within the present limits of the village are fully developed and will not last for more than the next three years; we have said that the Metropolitan Water District will not be completely organized and functioning for at least ten years, and that Birmingham must provide a water supply for itself for that period between three years and ten years from now; we have absolute proof that a great deal of water exists beneath the surface of the lands which we want to annex. Therefore, upon these sound arguments, we seek the approval of every qualified voter in Birmingham, in Bloomfield township, and in the affected territory, when the polls are at the polls next Monday, August 18."

BASS AND PIKE FOUND AT BIG FISH LAKE

One Hour's Drive From Birmingham

Big Fish Lake is a spring fed lake at the head of Rose-bud Creek. It has an abundance of bass, blue gills and pike. The shore line is heavily wooded and has a hard, sandy bathing beach. It is located in a quiet secluded spot away from the crowd and an ideal spot for a picnic. The shore line has recently been platted into large lots with careful restrictions. Big Fish Lake is but one hour's drive for Birmingham and about the best river spot where a lake has not developed moderate prices.

To get there take Dodge Road to and Orford, follow north to first cross road going west. Follow arrows to Lake. Take your lunch for a picnic and drive out Sunday.

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