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THE ELECTION IS OVER

By a vote of over two to one, the citizens of Birmingham Tuesday expressed themselves as opposed to the Zoning Ordinance; for a time, at least, it is hardly likely that any group of local citizens will seek to propose a similar piece of legislation for this community.

The defeat of the bond issue for a new well, although receiving a favorable majority vote, did not obtain the necessary 60 per cent majority to put it over; this was a disappointment to most of the community, but it appears, from the final results of the special election, that most voters had "No" at the end of their pencils, and so the bond issue lost along with the Zoning Ordinance.

One of the finest things about the election was the great number of citizens who went to the polls; Birmingham's registration list is 2940, and, since 2082 votes were cast, it is easily seen that a great majority of local residents were interested in voting.

The election is now over; it was heated while it lasted, and it is to be hoped that any wounds created in our body politic will heal over rapidly, to the end that we all may work toward the goal of a better community.

A COMMON LAMENT

The following verse is symbolical of the thought of many local citizens with regard to Birmingham. In these days of rapid physical progress, in a somewhat hasty transformation from the quiet little village to a throbbing suburban community, many lament the passing of the quaintness and quietude that once marked Birmingham.

MY LITTLE TOWN

By Anne Blackwell Payne
My little town, that has not yet attained
The height and breadth of cities, oh, stay small!
What profit is the vastness they have gained,
Their strength of stone and steel; when, growing tall,

No lure have cities to entice a thrush,
Nor yards for children, carpeted and sweet;
With all their pride and gaiety and rush,
They bear the burden of a million feet.
You have your gardens, friendliness, and trees—
My little town, be satisfied with these.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR FIVE DOLLARS

Have you, Mr. Birmingham (and this may include the Missus, too), sent in your subscription of membership to the Old Scouts of Birmingham? Here is a chance for you to spend five dollars on a project that is as deserving of your support as any that will ever be afforded you.

WHY THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL FAILED

Further substantiation of the truth that the American public always stands for law and order may be found in the statistics given out by officials of Philadelphia's Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, which has held forth there during the past summer months and which closes December 1.

Why did not more people take the opportunity to witness an event that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the United States? Our own guess is just this: because it was held in a city that has been widely advertised, during the past few years, as a place where violations of the law are even smiled upon by public officials sworn to enforce them.

Philadelphia may possess the famed and cracked Liberty Bell; it may boast of its Independence Hall and other historic landmarks—but Philadelphia, to attract the traveler, must produce a civic consciousness that belongs not only to the pioneers of Colony days, but to the times in which we now live.

Laugh that off, Philadelphia!
When a spinster at last gives up hope, she has one consolation. She is free to eat onions.

Because the summer days have fled,
Because the flowers had to die,
Shall we in tears bemoan our fate,
And with dispassioned hearts avow
The sunny days of bye and bye?

Because the grass is brown and dead,
And autumn's chill now fills the air,
Because the birds have gone away,
In fainter climes to chant their lay,
Shall we bow down in mute despair?

The glorious colors of the dawn
Set all the eastern sky aflame,
And sunset's glory does enfold
The earth, and tints the clouds with gold
To put our murmurings to shame.

The moon and stars wear silver sheen.
The trees are garbed in beauty fair.
The sun shines on, the rain and wind
Keep pace. Oh may we not be blind
To all October's beauty rare!

—Beatrice McDonald.

DIG DEEP

Dig deep if you would have the richest treasures. One may wash gold dust from the shallow stream, but the coveted nugget of gold is found buried deep in the bowels of the earth.

The profoundest beauty in a great painting, or the work of sculpture, and the rarest jewel of wisdom on the printed page will not be found on the surface.

One may wear gold and jewels without descending to "unfathomed caves" or burrowing underground, but for the richest treasures in literature, painting, music and sculpture one must do his own prospecting.

What applies in the field of art and treasure-hunting is equally applicable to more workaday affairs. Deep digging pays in business, industry, labor, housekeeping, farming or study.

A FRIEND—WRONG OR RIGHT

There is an old judge of the supreme court in New York who recently in private conversation was heard to vigorously defend one of his friends who had fallen by the wayside.

"That was only one failure," said the old judge, "consider the fine things about him—"

"But," objected one of the critics, "I don't see how you can stand up for this fellow even if he is a friend. He certainly was wrong."

"Any man will stand up for you when you are right," replied the old judge. "But it takes a friend to stand up for you when you are wrong."

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO. Married at this place by the Rev. T. Middlemis, Wednesday, Oct. 24th, Mr. Elmer Gleason, of Richmond, Mich., to Miss Frankie Rainey. A small number of invited friends were present to witness the ceremony.

25 YEARS AGO. Miss Carrie VanEvery is spending the week with relatives at North Farmington.

John H. Patterson has been appointed attorney for the P. O. & N. R. R. in place of Judge Baldwin, resigned.

The Lady Maccabees will hold their next tea meeting at the K. O. T. M. Hall on Friday afternoon, Nov. 5th. Everyone come and have a good time. Supper 10 cents. Flora Mudge, Sec.

Mr. John J. Tompkins recently presented with the handsome basket of apples we have yet seen. They are of the King of Tompkins county and are something to be proud of. Thank you.

Mr. George White and Miss Lettie Barr, both of Troy, were married Oct. 17th, and went on a wedding tour among friends in Genesee county. We wish the young couple a full measure of success in life.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Oakland Co. Board of Supervisors, Thursday, Oct. 19, 1888.

Resolved: That out of respect for the memory of the deceased and in consideration of his eminent abilities as a former member of this board, and of his upright character as a citizen, this board stands adjourned until 4 p. m. of this day.

Being a little careless in our local notices we omitted mentioning the important fact of two new business ventures in our midst, E. E. Blackstone & Co. unfurled their banner over the

cupy the Randall house of Maple avenue, lately vacated by Rev. Bartram, who moved into the new parsonage despite all Bro'r Bookham could do to oppose him. And he got in, too, about giving bonds, either.

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Chesterfield Gardens are located on Chesterfield Road—west of Maple Avenue. Directly to the east, on the opposite side of Chesterfield Road, is the Quorton Lake Estates. On the west, Chesterfield Gardens adjoins the eastern boundary of Bloomfield Village.

Chesterfield Gardens are thoroughly protected with the usual Saunders-Colgrove-Buck rigid restrictions.

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These sites vary in size from 63x117 to 50x134. They are within a few hundred yards of the new school site at Chesterfield and Oak.

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