

# 'BLUE LAW' IS DECISIVELY DEFEATED BY VOTERS

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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1927

### Quarton Maintains Lead In Board of Review Recount

# ELLERBY IS NEW VILLAGE PRESIDENT

### Woodward Ave. Hearing Postponed 2 Weeks By Plaintiff

### New Official Leads By 259 Majority

Sweeping through Birmingham and taking two precincts, H. T. Ellerby was elected village president over W. W. Henry in today's election by a vote of 1,168 to 909. It was the largest vote in the history of the village, surpassing even the vote cast at the election on the zoning ordinance in October. The total vote cast was 2,122.

Ellerby took Precincts 1 and 3 but lost to Henry in Precinct 2.

In Precinct 1 Henry had 266 votes and Ellerby had 572. In the second precinct Henry had 523 and Ellerby had 413. Ellerby had 183 in the third precinct against 120 for Henry.

The total vote cast was a record one for Birmingham. Citizens to the number of 2,122 cast their ballots. A cool, dry day and the many important questions brought up at this time were given as the cause for the large turnout.

The new president will hold office for but one year, filling the unoccupied office of Charles J. Shain who tendered his resignation after he defeated the recall election in December.

Mr. Ellerby, when advised at his home of his election, said: "Thank the voters of Birmingham for their expression of confidence in me. Ask for their patience and co-operation in a program for a bigger and better Birmingham. Let us forget past differences of opinion and work together for the good of the community as a whole."

"I deeply appreciate the personal sacrifice of time and effort of those who have conducted this campaign of publicity and I ask for the whole-hearted support of all the people in an open-minded, enthusiastic, business-like administration of village affairs."

The new president and commissioners will take their oath of office at the last meeting of the present commission to be held next Thursday night.

During the first hour and a half of voting today, more than 200 cast their ballots at the three booths in the village. This is a record for Birmingham. At 2 p. m. today, it was estimated that 700 votes had been cast. Cars which were put at the service of citizens by the opposers of the blue law ordinance and supporters of candidates aided materially in bringing such a large early vote, it is said.

A majority vote is all that this election requires. All campaigning on both sides has been clean. Citizens of the village have been congratulating both candidates and their friends in keeping the electioneering beyond reproach throughout.

Some idea of the comparative importance of today's election from the number who voted may be gained from the recollection that the zoning ordinance vote in October brought 2,082 persons to the polls. At the recall election 1,404 voted.

After dinner tonight there were long lines at all the voting booths and police were present to keep the citizens in line. The biggest crowds were at the polls in the evening. By 3 p. m. today, however, there had been 800 votes cast. Precinct No. 2 had the largest number recorded all through the day.

Constant vigilance on the part of those interested in the election resulted in the registration of 3,375 voters. This is the largest number on record in the village. The largest vote of 2,122 was the result.

Under the direction of Louis C. Hascall, a group of people worked in the Community House all day keeping track of the persons registered to aid them in getting to the polls to cast their ballot. This was the official headquarters for Ellerby.

When reached at his home by telephone Mr. Henry said, "Congratulations to Mr. Ellerby and best wishes to our community during his administration. With me life has been serious but right now I will be a good sport."

### ELECTION EXTRA

### Women Aid Fight In Sunday Shows

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
<b>VILLAGE PRESIDENT—</b>				
Ellerby	572	413	183	1168
W. W. Henry	266	523	120	909
<b>'BLUE LAW' Movie Ordinance—</b>				
No	657	679	280	1616
Yes	157	276	32	465
<b>VILLAGE CLERK—</b>				
Lawler	581	624	191	1396
Majoribanks	234	294	93	621
<b>COMMISSIONERS—</b>				
Coryell	569	455	162	1186
McBride	377	618	155	1150
Bell	441	301	125	867
Hulbert	252	462	112	826
<b>7-MAN COMMISSION—</b>				
Yes	700	720	248	1668
No	101	176	43	320
<b>RECALL AMENDMENT—</b>				
Yes	707	718	238	1663
No	90	178	50	318
<b>PROPOSITION No. 4—</b>				
No	333	577	192	1102
Yes	465	315	101	881
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>2,122</b>
Result of Board of Review Recount (Bloomfield Twp.) Quarton, 468; Campbell, 466.				

### Wins In Village President Race



H. T. ELLERBY

Led by its womenfolk Birmingham today decidedly defeated the proposed Sunday motion picture ordinance by a vote of 1616 to 465.

Every precinct in the village voted overwhelmingly against the adoption of the ordinance which would prohibit "commercialized Sunday amusements" in Birmingham and which specifically mentioned the showing of motion pictures.

The defeat was one of the most pronounced in the history of elections in the village. Campaign headquarters against the ordinance were filled with women, prominent in club activities here, who kept in touch with voters throughout the day, urged them to cast their ballot early and, when it was necessary, furnished the machines to carry them to the polls.

It was Birmingham's manner of saying she wanted to be a village where one could relax on Sunday without breaking a law, and Birmingham said it in no uncertain manner.

Enthusiasm among villagers since the ordinance was first proposed by the Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and the Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, showed itself in concentrated form today.

It is the proposed motion picture ordinance which villagers today believe responsible for getting out the large vote cast. A summary of the comparative vote today with the record vote of the zoning ordinance follows: (The first vote noted is today's) Precinct 1—850 today; Precinct 2—957 and 1024; Precinct 3—315 and 290. Total—2,121 and 2,082.

The ordinance took its greatest defeat in Precinct 1 where it was swamped by a 500 majority. The vote here was against the ordinance 657; 157 for it.

In Precinct 2 there were 679 against it while 276 favored the ordinance.

In the third precinct 280 opposed the ordinance while 32 favored it.

This was a complete victory and those who worked against the ordinance say they believe the win was great enough so that the proposition never will appear on a ballot here again.

### Governor Will Visit Affected Territory

Circuit Judge Frank L. Covert in Pontiac today granted a two weeks postponement on the hearing of the Woodward avenue widening injunction suit at the request of Alfred F. Saur, Detroit real estate dealer, who said he wanted to wait until Gov. Fred W. Green had made a tour of the district before the hearing was called.

Gov. Green told Rep. James E. Lawson of Royal Oak he would visit the territory within the next two weeks. No definite date for the trip has been set, however. Saur seeks to force the state to build a highway wider than 100 feet through Birmingham.

Saur also said he wanted the new commission, named in today's election, to express the wishes of the community on the matter. The question of establishing a 150-foot building line will be brought to their attention.

It is generally believed that the technicality which Saur first intended to bring to the court—that a former State Administrative Board approved a wider street—would not hold. A board always has the right to rescind the action of their predecessors, it is understood. The board, under former Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck, approved a 150-foot width. The present board approved a width of 100 feet.

### COURT THREATENED IN QUARTON WIN

Fred V. Quarton retained his 20 days from the time the petition for the township board nomination for the township board was received.

The court will be petitioned to rule Mr. Quarton's name from the ballot in the regular election, April 5 and place Mr. Campbell on as a candidate, according to indications.

Both men lost votes in the election. Today's count was, Quarton, 477; Campbell, 466. The original count had him five votes ahead of his opponent, James Campbell, who called for the recount.

Indication that the matter would be taken to Circuit Court were made by Earl D. Burke, Jr., attorney, representing Mr. Campbell who claims that Mr. Quarton's name was not placed upon the ballot legally.

According to Mr. Burke, the township advertised Feb. 15 that the election was to be held on March 5, less than the required 20 days before counting was done by members of the township board, who are, Robert V. Moore, James

### Citizens Here Approve Seven Commissioners

The village commission will be increased to seven members from its present quota of three, it was decided by voters of Birmingham at today's elections. A special election to be held within two months will name the other four members of the commission.

It was decided also to change the village ordinance relative to recall elections to coincide with the state law on this matter. Heretofore the two had been in conflict.

Proposition 4, of the addition to the present building code was defeated. The proposed code would make it mandatory for the commercial structures in residential districts to comply with the same regulations as the houses. Votes on these issues follow: Increased commission, yes, 1668; no, 324. Recall change, yes, 1663; no, 318. The building ordinance, yes, 881; no, 1102.

### Women Leave Home Long Enough To Play Part In Today's Voting

By CLARICE TAPSON  
Women's place may be in the home, but today she stepped out for a few minutes, and taking advantage of the new suffrage laws, some came to the polls in town, seven-twentieth amendment, morning, after the children were cast her ballot with all the ease and decision and display of taste a woman more than 20 years old, which she normally used in the selection of a hat and gown. And from experience, that rare and decision and taste have become expert.

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### Name Commissioners and Village Clerk

Ralph I. Coryell and J. H. McBride were elected village commissioners over Lawrence Hulbert and David A. Bell in today's election.

Coryell had a total of 1,186 votes and McBride had 1,150 votes. The others were Bell, 867 and Hulbert 826.

Coryell fills the vacancy created by the resignation of S. O. Wiley Bell and McBride will serve in the place of David Ladd whose term expires at this election.

Coryell drew the biggest poll of the election in Precinct 1 where he gathered 569 votes.

Mrs. Hazel Lawler gained an overwhelming victory in today's elections over her opponent, William Majoribanks, for the office of village clerk. The count was, Mrs. Lawler, 1396; Mr. Majoribanks, 621. Mrs. Lawler has served for six years as clerk.

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