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## HENRY, HULBERT, HALGREN, HERSEY ARE ELECTED

### 150 Foot Woodward Avenue Width Again Looms New Commission State Board Members Will Visit Village

#### Definite Decision Due after Matter is Reviewed; Gov. Green Changes Views

What the ultimate decision on the width of Woodward avenue through Birmingham is to be and what effect that will have on the building construction now being done facing the highway will be known following the visit to Birmingham today of the road commission of the administrative board. Three members are to make a tour of inspection during the afternoon and report their findings back to the board this week.

This action follows the recommendation Monday by Gov. Fred W. Green to the state administrative board that the decision on a 100-foot width with a parallel road, be changed to a pavement 150 feet wide.

Meanwhile work on the new Kunsky theater, Woodward avenue, south of Maple avenue, continues with more than 50 men working daily. An additional 14 men were put to work there Monday. If the decision of the 150-foot highway is made the entire amount of work now completed will have to be torn up to comply with a building line 150 feet wide.

**\$100,000 Already Invested**  
The Briggs Commercial & Development company of Detroit, builders of the theater and stores, resumed their work this spring, allowing for a 100-foot building line after the administrative board announced a definite stand on that point.

Approximately \$100,000 has already been invested in the construction, according to James Q. Goudie of the company. Mr. Goudie explained that since work has been resumed, approximately \$75,000 has been invested in the construction. The steel work on the theater is raised to the roof. Flooring was to be completed this week and the brick walls next week. The theater was to have been completed by September and indications were that the stores in front would be ready for occupancy by August.

The company, when the building was first started last fall, had been advised to proceed on a 100-foot building line. They had invested \$25,000 for work that had to be torn up when the change in the building line was announced the change in the building line.

Mr. Goudie said they would continue the work until some definite word announcing another change in plans came from Lansing. The village will not be liable for damages from the company, Mr. Goudie explained. He said, however, that there would be a comeback if the plans had to be changed again. He pointed out that in addition to the investment already made there is the extra loss of money caused by the many changes in the building line.

**Official Joint Committee**  
The road commission from the state, which was to arrive today to review the situation is made up of the following: William W. Potter, attorney general; John S. Hagerty, secretary of state; and Frank D. McKay, state treasurer. Village officials are planning to accompany the committee on the tour.

**Re-opening of the Woodward**  
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W. W. HENRY, LAURENCE HULBERT, MRS. HOPE HALGREN, SCOTT HERSEY  
Above are the pictures of the four successful candidates for the village commission selected by voters at yesterday's election. The two who received the highest number of votes for two years and the others will serve for one year. There were 15 candidates in the race.

#### W. W. Henry Leads Field By 129 Ballots; Total Vote Cast Is 1143

W. W. Henry, north Woodward avenue, Laurence Hulbert, 908 Brown street, Mrs. Hope Halgren, 518 Lakeview avenue, and Scott Hersey, 557 west Maple avenue, were named to the village commission at the special election held yesterday. The first two named received the highest number of votes and will serve two years. The others will serve one year. The election was designed to enlarge the commission from three to seven members.

**Totals of the winning candidates follow:**  
Henry, 570; Hulbert, 441; Halgren, 431, and Hersey, 406. James Campbell and David A. Bell ran fifth and sixth respectively. Campbell had 387 votes and Bell 385. The total number of votes cast was 1,143.

The proposal to give the commission the power to sell the municipal building at Maple and Woodward avenues to the highest bidder was overwhelmingly approved by a vote of 953 to 150. This proposal won in every precinct.

**Henry High In Second**  
Henry drew his biggest vote in the second precinct where he had 308 votes.

The election will be confirmed at a special commission meeting Thursday night.

Mrs. Halgren was elected because of the large vote she received in Precinct 1. She trailed many of the other candidates in the other two precincts, but in No. 1 drew 232 votes. She is the first woman to be elected to the commission.

The enthusiasm of the women of the village for Mrs. Halgren to be elected was shown in the amount of campaigning they did for her. Several groups, besides appearing on the streets, spent considerable time telephoning on election day, encouraging the women of Birmingham to cast their ballot.

Other political machines were working, but on the whole there was little excitement over the election, in marked contrast to the recent elections in the village. Few signs of campaigning were noticeable on the streets and even the number of telephone calls that came to The Eccentric office for information regarding the election results was smaller than in the recent elections.

The weather throughout the day was ideal for an election. The extreme warmth of Monday vanished after a rain that started yesterday offered every inducement for voters to go to the polls.

The total vote in Precinct 3 in southern Birmingham of 214 was especially high. This is attributed to the fact that there were five candidates from that part of the village in the race. Voting there did not become at all heavy until evening. During the day there were less than 50 ballots cast.

Bretfield led this precinct with 125 votes.

Total registration for the village was 3,456. This number, it was believed, indicated a larger vote than was cast. The largest number of votes cast in the history of Birmingham was at the presidential election March 14 of this year when there were 2,212.

Precinct 2 polled 475 votes with Henry leading. Precinct 1 had 454 votes. Mrs. Halgren led the field.

**Biographies of Commissioners**  
Mr. Henry, educated in the Detroit business and law schools, was born in Ontario, Canada, and has been a builder and subdivider in the village. (Continued on Page 3)

#### PRESIDENT WOULD FORM COMMITTEES OF COMMISSIONERS

Elberly Plans To Propose Specialization Of 7-Man Board

#### DECISION ON MONDAY

Village commissioners are expected to take action at their meeting next Monday night on the proposal to be made by H. T. Elberly, village president, to organize the new board into three major committees which will devote their attention to three groups of civic functions.

Each group would have two commissioners on it. One member would be a two-year commissioner and the other would be elected from the men with one year to serve on the board. In this way Mr. Elberly explained that the groups could be kept functioning throughout the different elections.

One group would have sewer, water, street and alley, the second would have sidewalks, fire, public health and police, the third group would have to do the police, fire, public health and police. The success of the seven-man commission depends on an arrangement of this nature, Mr. Elberly said. The enlarged board would be practically no increase in the number of commissioners. (Continued on Page 2)

#### POLICE OFFICERS' SALARY IS RAISED

All Members Of Department To Have Increase Beginning This Month

An increase in the salary of every member of the police department was approved this week. The recommendations were made by Chief James Anderson and J. W. Parry, village manager, after they held a consultation on the new budget for the department which allows approximately \$22,000 for the year.

The new scale will raise the salary of the chief from \$2,200 to \$2,500 a year. Sergeants will get an annual increase of \$120. They now receive \$2,100. Patrolmen will be raised from \$10 to \$11.5 a month. The raise is to become effective May 15.

A new patrolman will be added to the force June 1, according to Chief Anderson. The new man has not been selected yet but there are several applications already received, he said.

The department is also to have a new automobile for its own use, it is decided.

#### Modern St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to Specialize in Diagnostic Work

A hospital devoted primarily to able and free from everything suggesting that it is a St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, south Saginaw street, Pontiac, which opened formally Monday afternoon, is to be. "We have installed diagnostic facilities which will enable us to diagnose most every case. It is on diagnosis that we will have our greatest strength here, in the course of our work," Rev. Fr. Michael P. Bourke, superintendent of Catholic hospitals for the diocese of Detroit, said.

Complete bacteriological and pathological laboratories are provided in the hospital as well as the most modern X-ray equipment and a complete pharmacy department, where all but every special prescription may be filled. There is also a special incubator in the room.

St. Joseph's hospital, completed at a cost of \$51,000, replaced an old hospital in the state, Father Bourke said. "Our equipment is the latest and most complete in the state, with the effect in the rooms, as comfortable as a home," he said. (Continued on page 2)

#### PLANS COMPLETED FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK

Contract Let By Commissioners; Work Starts Tuesday

Several residents of Birmingham are already prepared for the annual Clean Up Week to be observed here starting next Tuesday, according to a report made to commissioners at their meeting Monday night. Contracts for the work were let at that time to Victor McKinley of Birmingham.

It was decided by commissioners that they would encourage citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to rid their homes of belongings for which they have no further use. The contract states that all material within reason which is piled up at the curb in front of the houses will be collected and removed to a dumping ground by McKinley's firm for \$500 for the work. The remainder of the contract will be let later. (Continued on Page 2)

#### STARR IN CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING

Harry S. Starr, former village manager, will be employed for engineering consulting work for the village, according to a decision made by village commissioners at their meeting Monday night. His salary will be \$200 a month and the contract is for six months. Mr. Starr was formerly village manager for five years and was recently succeeded by James W. Parry.

#### WORK WILL START ON WIDENING OF TOWNSHIP ROADS

Five Bloomfield Highways Will Be Enlarged To 25-Foot Widths

#### COST IS NOT SETTLED

Work is to begin within a few days on the widening of five roads in Bloomfield township, according to John E. Wilson, township highway commissioner. The roads will be made 26 ft. wide, according to present plans. This will necessitate in some cases, adding 10 or 12 feet to the present width of the roads.

The roads to be widened are Town Line, from Maple avenue north to Lone Pine road; Lone Pine, from Town Line road east to Telegraph road; Quanton, from Town Line road east to Franklin road; Square Lake, from Franklin road west one mile; and Squirted, from Square Lake road south two miles.

Although no definite estimate has been given as to the cost of widening the roads, Commissioner Wilson believes that it will be comparable to work with. In putting on gravel on Quanton road Friday, the cost per yard was estimated at \$100, including the cost of the gravel and depreciation on three trucks, one steam shovel, labor, gas and oil. The depreciation on the trucks and shovel was figured at \$15.

#### MISSISSIPPI FUND MOUNTS TO \$1000

Red Cross, American Legion Continue Drive to Aid Victims

With the drive not yet completed, Birmingham has contributed more than \$1,000 for relief for the Mississippi flood sufferers, according to announcement made by Charles J. Shain, director of the Oakland County Red Cross. The quota for the county is \$13,000. This was raised as the suffering became more intense, from an original quota of \$6,000.

The American Legion of Birmingham has been working in conjunction with the Red Cross in raising the money. Boxes have been placed in taverns, drug stores and the Legion has solicited from most of the organizations in the village. No canvass has been made. (Continued on Page 2)

#### TO RENT

Five country home, Maple and Franklin roads, near the village, 12 acres, large lot, big garage, \$100 month. Lease, six-room house, well located, large lot, 12 acres, \$100 month. Lease, six-room house, 12 acres, well located, \$100 month. Lease, six-room house, 12 acres, well located, \$100 month. Lease, six-room house, 12 acres, well located, \$100 month. (Continued on Page 2)

#### HOW ABOUT IT?

(Answers on Page 1, Part 2)

1. How many books will the new Baldwin Public Library house?
2. Who is chief of the fire department? Of the police department?
3. Who is in charge of the pumping station on west Maple avenue?
4. When was the Birmingham high school erected?
5. Who is postmaster of Birmingham and where is the proposed new postoffice to be erected?
6. What part of Birmingham can be said to have the most pronounced recent development so far as house building is concerned?
7. In case of an emergency, where too great for the Birmingham police department to cope with what outside police agencies would be available to give immediate help?
8. Where is the telephone office located?
9. Approximately how many telephones in Birmingham?
10. What is the purpose of this series of questions and answers?

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#### HOW THEY VOTED

	Precincts			
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Walter E. Barton	46	56	95	197
David A. Bell	179	168	38	385
Otto Breitfield	30	158	19	197
James Campbell	124	236	27	387
Hope F. Halgren	252	146	33	431
W. W. Henry	202	308	60	570
Scott Hersey	175	214	17	406
Laurence Hulbert	168	244	22	434
Myron W. Hyland	14	6	30	37
William H. Majorbanks	14	23	22	69
John R. Moss	166	117	34	317
Hal G. Trump	218	102	5	325
William Ward	99	126	37	262
PROPOSAL TO SELL MUNICIPAL SITE				
Yes	386	403	164	953
No	57	56	37	150
Total vote cast—1143.				