

BALDWIN WINS WARM DEBATE

Birmingham Students Defeat Plymouth And Vie For State Title

By defeating the Plymouth debating trio by a close decision the Baldwin High School argumers remained today in the state-wide race for honors in the Michigan debating league.

The judges for the contest were Miss Olga Hiller, instructor of English at Pontiac High School, Mrs. Isabel Vandever, debating coach at Northern High School, and Superintendent Johnson of Clawson High School.

The members of the two teams who contest at the School-masters club in Ann Arbor, April 27, will receive gold watches in addition to having all expenses paid.

Coach Earle Corviant's team defeated the affirmative of the question: "Resolved that the direct primary system of nominating candidates for public office in the United States should be abolished."

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dred Patterson, Ruth Root and Franklin Atkinson of the negative, the debate seemed even and many conceded the visiting team a slight edge.

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BROOKS MAKES WORLD RECORD

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thermometer registered 4 below zero, his mother, Mrs. Joseph Brooks, said. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks wished him good luck when he left, not journeying to the airport for the official take-off.

Because of the severe cold, Brooks wore the regulation flying coat instead of an ordinary street clothes which he wore on his first trip, Jan. 24, when he was forced down near Asheville, N. C., after setting a new American record for his type of plane, with 720 miles.

Will Visit Edison Edsel Ford and P. Martin, vice-president of the Ford Motor Car company saw Brooks off, and the latter was the guest of Thomas A. Edison in Fort Myers, Fla., where Brooks plans to visit him before his return.

The flyer followed a different route from the one he kept to on his first attempt, in order to avoid ice forming on his wings over the mountains, which forced him down in January.

Tuesday he passed over Dayton, O., Delmar, Tenn., Lexington, Ky., Macon, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. Because he carried no radio in his little plane, Brooks was unable to take advantage of a 40-mile an hour tail-wind which weather bureau officials reported shortly after the take-off.

The plane in which Brooks made his record breaking trip, the same "flier" plane in which he made his first attempt, was specially designed by him and an associate as the Ford plane. It is five feet high and sixteen feet long, with a 25-foot wing-spread. Equipped with 52 gallons of gasoline, and with the pilot in his place, it weighs slightly more than 1,000 pounds.

The flight Tuesday stands as an official record, having been conducted under the supervision of the National Aeronautic association. The recording barograph for the hop was placed in the plane by Floyd Cooper, Michigan governor of the association.

Joseph M. Henninger, boy usher in a New York theater, was won an art scholarship which will give him four years of study in Europe.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE OPPOSES CITY

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in assessed valuations in the township outside of Birmingham had been put upon the school district, a large proportion of that increase upon territory in the school district contiguous to Birmingham which might, and has been subject to subsequent annexation.

4. We believe that "equalization of assessed valuations in the immediate future might be effected as between Birmingham and the rest of the township with fairness to all, which would result in: (a) The amount of state and county taxes paid by Birmingham being reduced;

(b) The amount of township taxes paid by Birmingham being reduced; (c) Some reduction in the amount of school taxes paid by Birmingham.

An exhibit attached to the report of the sub-committee on taxation may be taken as an illustration of such proposed equalization, which would result in a reduction of \$131,976.00 in state, county, township and school taxes paid by Birmingham.

5. While it is true that if Birmingham were a city a portion of \$63,888.00 in present township taxes would be saved, this saving would be offset by the following: (a) Proposed equalization as between Birmingham and the rest of the township, on basis of illustration above referred to—\$131,976.00.

(b) Increase in school taxes as a city to possible detachment of township area from the school district—\$100,000.00 (approximate).

(c) Reduction in township taxes due to growth and expansion of Village of Bloomfield and the city of Pontiac.

6. The village assessment roll, which at present is used only for village taxes, is higher than the township assessment roll covering property within the village, which is the present basis for the assessment of state and county taxes. It is the opinion of the committee that if Birmingham becomes a city the present village roll, with some possible reduction, would be used for the apportionment of state and county taxes against the city.

7. If Birmingham becomes a city it would be entitled to several representatives on the Board of Supervisors, it being then a separate legal entity within the territory of the township. As a village it is part of the political unit known as the township and is represented by the Township Supervisor. The committee feels that the added representation on the Board of Supervisors, which would number about fifty, is of no material advantage to Birmingham. It is to be noted, however, in the fact that, having about 80% of the voting strength of the township, it could control the election of the Township Board and the Board of Review, and retain its voice in the government and affairs of the township of which it is an integral part. This provides a much more effective and positive remedy for correcting any inequalities in assessments between Birmingham and the rest of the township than a small representation on a large Board of Supervisors.

8. What has been said on the school tax situation applies with equal force to that portion of Birmingham lying within Troy Township. Whatever township taxes that city may pay to Troy Township and which might be saved as a city would be offset by the increased school taxes which the City of Birmingham might be compelled to pay.

9. No satisfactory comparison can be made between the expenses of operation under the village form of government and the city form. Under the Home Rule Act they have substantially the same legal powers and the expense line in the number of governmental departmental departments and employees necessary to serve the community properly, be it city or village.

10. By strict application of the law as it now stands the state might be prevented from contributing to the construction and maintenance costs of that part, if any, of the old Woodward Avenue pavement prior to 1919, if Birmingham becomes a city, but in view of legislation passed by the 1927 Session of the Legislature and the established policy of the state authorities with reference to the costs of improving and maintaining greater Woodward (including the new Grand trunk highway, so-called), it seems probable that construction and maintenance costs will be fully assumed by the state, whether Birmingham remains a village or becomes a city.

'SMILING BILLY' STILL DRIVES, DESPITE ILLNESS

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being offered for those guessing the mileage most nearly, ranging from a man's clothing outfit to an inner tube or a tire. The speedometer was sealed up before the drive, by James Anderson, chief of police.

As the hood of the car is sealed, no one may be put into it until the drive is finished. Billy takes on gasoline with the motor running and the car moving backward and forward, never stopping.

REALLY DEAL TOPS \$100,000 (Concluded from Page 1) to four different firms, one parcel for \$20,000, one for \$12,500 and two for \$18,000 each.

THOMAS S. PARKER, Chairman. JOHN J. GAFFEL, L. E. HULBERT, CLARENCE VLIET, LEE A. WHITE, CHARLES E. LEWIS, HOPE F. HALGREN, SCOTT A. HERSEY, J. H. McBRIDE, H. T. ELLERBY, JAMES V. BAYLEY.

MANY SEEKING TWP. OFFICES (Concluded from Page 1) the township office: Mrs. Iva Marlette, of Pierce street, active in various community organizations; and Cassius H. Carter, of George street.

Robert R. Allen, present member of the township board of review and a candidate to succeed himself, is being opposed by James Campbell, local realtor, who was defeated for the same office a year ago.

R. J. Coryell is an unopposed candidate to succeed himself as justice of the peace, and John W. Wilson is unopposed to succeed himself as highway commissioner.

All of the above candidates are running on the Republican ticket, in view of the fact that Bloomfield Township has but few Democrats in it, the winner at the Republican primary election is generally the victor at the succeeding general township election.

'WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?' ASKS REV. WOODWARD

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using what he can get for victory." Mr. Woodward concluded: "The fifth and last of the personal question series will be given at 7:30 p. m. Sunday in the Baptist church, the subject to be 'What Are You Doing Here?'"

CORRECTION In the issue of February 20th, the copy of the Birmingham Savings Bank in one part should have been: SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES ONE DOLLAR AND UP

Advertisement for 'The House that Jack Built' by J. E. Burris, Builder, Birmingham. Includes address: 655 Pierce St., Phone: 1814-132.

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