

Birmingham Holds Elections Monday

Four Commissioners, Clerk, Bond Issues To Be Voted On; Enthusiasm Runs High In Village

The problem of selecting four village commissioners, one clerk, of voting on five bond issues, and of determining whether the form of government here changes to that of a city, faces voters of Birmingham when they go to the polls next Monday, March 12, at the annual elections.

Campaigning is expected to be more heated after the conclusion of the township elections and the prospect of nine commissioners in the field promises a hard fight in this section.

Four candidates for the commission are members of the present board who are seeking reelection: W. Scott Hersey, and Leo A. White. Harry Allen is opposing Mr. Ellerby, and the others in the commission are Arthur Tuggey, William H. Majoribanks, Ernest S. Petty, Petceppey and William McBride. For clerk, Hazel E. Lawler, the present office holder, is being opposed by Myrtle E. Car-

In voting for the city form of government the voter also will select nine of ten candidates for the charter commission. If the issue carries the members of this commission will be authorized to start work on forming a charter for the city. Those in the field are: T. E. Allen, J. H. Hascall, Frederick H. Holt, Guy W. Jensen, David H. Ladd, John W. Jensen, Fred W. Quisenberry, Charles J. Shain, Harry Starr and John A. Wendorph.

There is a call for the borrowing of \$86,000 for the completion of the municipal building, \$50,000 for buying land and \$67,000 to complete the water works project, \$20,000 to reconstruct and modify the sewer and water system on Woodward avenue, \$20,000 for the village; share of the cost of water main extensions and additions.

There will be no meeting of the village commission next Monday night because of village elections. Mr. Ellerby today. The Monday meeting will be held on Thursday March 15 when the election rolls will be confirmed.

Commissioners Make Statement

To the Citizens of Birmingham:

An active campaign for our re-election to the Village Commission seems to us improper and we are content to have you, the voters, approve, if you wish, by your vote, the activities of the Commission during the past year. Every effort has been made to carry out the wishes of the majority of the people and with sufficient care and success as to warrant, we believe, your further confidence.

Street and sidewalk improvements, water and sewer extensions, the sale of the Woodward avenue property and the development of the Civic Center and Municipal Building have been approved by the majority of the voters. The work of the past year has been done well under the estimated cost and, even with rather large developments, the taxes for 1928 can be decreased.

We recognize the necessity for development in Birmingham, but we wish to keep the village conservative in its development and to retain for it the wholesome, homelike atmosphere of a residential community.

The Commission, by a unanimous vote, has placed certain bond issues upon the ballot and your approval of these is recommended for their cover developments of a permanent nature for which future taxpayers should help to pay rather than burden only the present property owners for improvements to be enjoyed over a period of many years.

The Commission meetings have been open at all times for public attendance and discussion with every effort made to co-operate with the public in their problems; there have been few complaints and much commendation. Birmingham, in its further growth, must have that spirit of co-operation between its citizens and the Commission, with a hearty willingness on the part of the Commission to carry out the wishes and desires, expressed or implied, of the majority of the citizens.

It is on such a basis that we have permitted our names to be placed upon the ballot for re-election.

H. T. ELLERBY HOPE HALGREN
SCOTT HERSEY LEE A. WHITE

BIRMINGHAM TO PAY BROOKS LAST TRIBUTE

Churches Unite For Memorial Service To Lost Flier Today

Birmingham is to pay its last tribute to Harry J. Brooks the pilot who lost his life off the coast of Melbourne, Fla., Feb. 25, at a memorial service in the Kunsky Birmingham theater at 1:30 p. m. today, according to plans announced by H. T. Ellerby, village president and Charles A. Bing, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Stores and offices in Birmingham are to be closed from 1:30 p. m. to 2:00 p. m. and flags will be at half mast.

Factories of village churches are to take part in the memorial service. The general public of Birmingham and the surrounding territories is invited.

The services are being held in the theater, several army planes, manned by friends of the flier from Selfridge field, are expected to fly over the village. Arrangements for this detail were being made yesterday.

The Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church is to deliver the main address at the service. The subject of the address is "A Safe Landing." Mr. Ellerby is to provide and prayer will be offered by the Rev. W. T. Armstrong, pastor of the Methodist Church. The Rev. C. G. Jackson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooks attended in his childhood.

Invocation is to be given by the Rev. Father William W. Ryan, pastor of the Chapel of the Holy Name and the Rev. Floyd E. Loege, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church will read from the scriptures.

The Hudson male quartet will sing and E. E. Edwards, organist of the First Methodist Church, will play solos.

Representatives from all Birmingham schools will be in attendance and county officials will be invited. It is planned, Invitations also were sent to Mrs. Evangeline L. Landrum, who is president of the Ford Motor company of which Brooks was chief test pilot.

Five thousand employees of the Ford Motor company stood bareheaded Friday afternoon for 10 minutes in homage to the memory of Brooks. The pause in their work was made in honor of his being held on the beach of Melbourne, Fla. All factory operations ceased at 1:30 p. m. and 11:30 a. m. and William B. Stout, general manager of the company, addressed the workers praising the feats of Brooks.

Rev. Armstrong announces that service at the First Methodist church will be in remembrance of Brooks. Birmingham pastors are to attend the service.

Meantime search has been continued for traces of the flier off the coast of Melbourne, Fla. The plane plunged into the Atlantic ocean but hope is waning.

The search plane has been returned to Detroit but a complete inspection failed to shed light on the mystery. A fatal plunge and villagers clung to the beach in memory of the flier. The St. Cloud band played hymns that Harry's parents had requested sung were beautifully rendered and, just before the Legion boys fired the final "taps," many flowers were thrown out onto the sea.

Howard Bell had wired me that he would like to have me appreciate my getting flowers for them and I did so, from the Indianapolis office.

All business houses in Melbourne closed during the services and the school children attended in a body, as did lodges and members of the American Legion.

Harry's remains may still be given up by the sea. It is only six days today since the tragedy.

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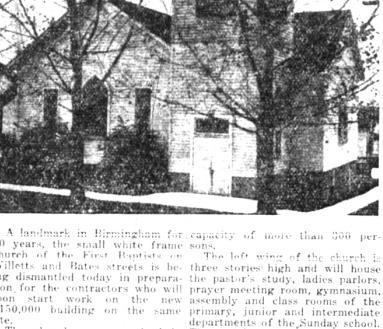
Earle Tells of Ceremonies Held on Beach for Brooks

Herbert R. Earle of Bloomfield Hills, who witnessed the plunging of the plane piloted by Harry Brooks into the Atlantic Ocean Feb. 25, tells of the impressive memorial services held on the beach last Friday in honor of the flier who lived in Southfield Township near Birmingham. Mr. Earle also gives more details of the tragedy from the standpoint of an eye-witness. The following article was written by Mr. Earle for The Birmingham Eclectic.

McLure, Fla., March 7.—It was estimated that about 4,000 people attended the impressive services held today on the Ocean beach in memory of the flier who was killed today on the Ocean beach. Appropriate words were said by ministers of Melbourne, the St. Cloud band played hymns that Harry's parents had requested sung were beautifully rendered and, just before the Legion boys fired the final "taps," many flowers were thrown out onto the sea.

OLD LANDMARK RAZED

SIXTY-YEAR-OLD CHURCH TORN DOWN



A landmark in Birmingham for capacity of more than 500 persons, the small white frame church of the First Baptist Church in Willets and Bates streets is being dismantled today in preparation for the new building. The new church is to be of the Henry Stephens, C. G. Jackson, George Jackson, George Dawkins, and will be made of Indiana limestone. The main part of the building will contain the church auditorium which will seat 600 persons. Immediately below the auditorium will be the men's room, a large kitchen and dining room with a dining room.

LIBRARIANS MAN SAVED BY FIREMEN

Southeastern Cities To Send Representatives To Birmingham Conference

Baldwin Public Library has been selected as the seat of the annual library round table conference to be held April 18 and participated in by all the librarians of the southeastern portion of the state. Mrs. Nancy Thomas, librarian announces today.

The program for this day has been placed in charge of Miss Ethel Kellow of the George Ossis Branch, Detroit Public Library. No definite plans are yet formulated for the program but it is understood that discussions on rural work, co-operation with Parent-Teacher associations and the application of library work in library problems may be taken up by the assembled librarians.

Librarians from Pontiac, Flint, Royal Oak, Mt. Clemens, Detroit and other villages and cities in the southern part of the state are expected to convene here.

Because Baldwin Public Library was so recently built and because it is considered one of the most beautiful libraries for a community of this size in the state, it was chosen to house this important conference. Mrs. Thomas said.

MAN SAVED BY FIREMEN

Battle Flames Headed For Gas Tank After Rescuing Employee

Timely arrival of firemen probably saved the life of Cecil Mitchell, 18 years old, 12743 Sussex street, Detroit, who was sleeping on the second floor of the building when fire broke out in the Roadway Tire Shop south Woodward avenue, early Sunday morning.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 gallons of gasoline in a large tank in the rear of the building offered a constant menace and firemen kept their efforts in preventing an explosion. All the gasoline was saved. The damage to the building is estimated at \$1,000.

Sparks from a defective chimney falling on the roof started the fire, according to neighbors who called out the firemen at 4:30 a. m. Mitchell, an employe at the shop, was sound asleep and knew nothing of his danger until firemen awakened him.

With the aid of a kind, the flames had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the fire department and a fight of more than an hour's duration was required before they were controlled.

The building is owned by H. W. Baxter of Ann Street who said the loss was not covered by insurance.

Supervisor Swept In On Landslide

All Winners Have Great Majority Over Opponents; Fair Weather Brings Out Heavy Vote

Robert Y. Moore was reelected supervisor of Bloomfield Township at yesterday's primary elections by a vote of more than three to one. He defeated his opponent, Maurice Lowman by a 1060 to 329 vote.

Others elected are Robert R. Allen to the board of review; Harriet C. Mudge, treasurer; and James V. Bayley was reelected clerk.

The so-called Campbell machine was completely snowed under by one of the greatest majorities in the history of the township.

Moore carried every precinct except the fifth where Lowman won by a four to one vote.

Bayley carried every precinct as did Mudge and Allen.

The total votes follow: Supervisor: Moore, 1060; Lowman, 329. Clerk: James Bayley, 878; Blanche Z. White, 263; Gordon L. Tuggey, 213. Treasurer: Harriet C. Mudge, 661; Iva Marlotte, 370; Cassius H. Carter, 322. Board of Review: Robert R. Allen, 1047; James Campbell, 357.

Rolla J. Coryell was reelected without opposition to the post of justice of the peace and John Wilson was reelected to the highway commissioner's office without opposition.

Voting all day was noticeably heavy for a Tuesday. The weather brought out the voters soon after the polls had opened and by 4 p. m. 450 had cast their ballots.

BOND ISSUES ARE EXPLAINED

Uses Of Appropriations On Ballot Monday Considered By Manager

The following discussion of the bond issues to face voters at the election Monday in Birmingham was prepared by Manager James W. Parry for The Eclectic. This information is designed to inform voters on the issues in their entirety. The village commission unanimously approved the placing of the issues on the ballot.

Notes on the Bond Issues to be Voted March 12, 1928

Your Commission is submitting to the March 12 election the question of borrowing money for permanent improvement under five different propositions. The following questions and answers are prepared to give voters some more detailed knowledge of what the issues are for.

The submission of a bond issue to vote is not the same as asking the question "shall we make these improvements?" It is rather the same as asking the question "shall we borrow money for these improvements?"

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LADD, FORD WIN IN TROY VOTING

Glenn W. Ladd was elected treasurer and Elmer G. Ford, highway commissioner at the primaries yesterday in Troy Township. These were the only two contests on the ballot. Morris Wattles was reelected supervisor and Garner Miller, clerk without opposition. Ladd led Margaret Esman by 34 votes and Ford won by 182 votes.

Successful experiments in nourishing patients by absorption of fats and sugar through the skin are reported by Dr. Stejskal of Vienna.

AT A GLANCE

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SUPERVISOR						
MAURICE LOWMAN	129	72	8	79	41	329
ROBERT Y. MOORE	351	273	218	181	37	1060
CLERK						
GORDON L. BAILEY	82	60	17	35	19	213
JAMES V. BAYLEY	284	233	195	133	35	878
BLANCHE Z. WHITE	95	51	3	89	23	263
TREASURER						
CASSIUS H. CARTER	155	68	27	48	24	322
IVA MARLOTTE	136	90	29	94	20	379
HARRIET C. MUDGE	186	182	156	109	28	661
BOARD OF REVIEW						
ROBERT R. ALLEN	297	241	208	170	40	956
JAMES CAMPBELL	177	92	6	84	38	397
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE						
R. J. CORYELL	(Unopposed)					
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER						
JOHN E. WILSON	(Unopposed)					

PIERCE STREET FRONTAGE SOLD

Two Tracts of Downtown Property Bring \$50,000 in Week's Deal

Announcement is made today of the sale of two pieces of Pierce street frontage by Arthur J. Tuggey, Sr., realtor. The sales involved amounts of \$30,000 and \$20,000.

The land owned by Washington N. Berger at 201 Pierce street was sold to J. H. McBride for \$30,000. The frontage is 57 1/2 feet.

Property owned by Leon Mix at 607 Pierce street was purchased by a group of Detroit men whose names are being made public. The amount of money involved, said to be \$12,500.