

SOUTHFIELD ELECTS WOOD SUPERVISOR

Franklin Man Succeeds Joseph Brooks Who Held Post 24 Years

ELECTION ON APRIL 2

In its first township primary election, resulting in the greatest number of votes ever cast in Southfield Township, James B. Wood headed the Republicans' ticket for supervisor in balloting that virtually swept into office every Republican candidate on the ticket. Of a total of 324 votes cast during the election Monday of this week, only nine of them were for the Democrats. Election on the Republican ticket at a township primary in Southfield, as in Bloomfield Township, is the same as election to the office, as the general election following on April 2 generally means but the confirmation of the primary.

Mr. Wood succeeds Supervisor Joseph Brooks, who has held that position at varying intervals over 24 years. Mr. Wood lives in Franklin Village.

Other successful Republican candidates are: L. J. Hamill, clerk; John E. Ferguson, treasurer; E. E. Hughes, highway commissioner; Bingham, justice of the peace; and Howard B. Kennedy, board of review. Mr. Wood received 274 votes; Mr. Hamill, 110 votes; Mr. Hughes, 202 votes; Mr. Bingham, 159 votes; Mr. Kennedy, 145 votes.

The following Democrats each received nine votes: Charles B. Kowksi, for supervisor; Ona Eley, clerk; William Davis, treasurer; and Irving Johnson, highway commissioner.

Prior to this year, Southfield Township has always nominated its township candidates at a caucus.

The two and a half year old baby daughter of Mrs. Mary Bourbais of Fort James, Michigan, was first when the family home caught fire at night and aroused her mother and five brothers and sisters in time for all to escape.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

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

43 YEARS AGO

A birthday party and a surprise was gotten up by the friend of Mr. E. H. White on the grave. Numerous friends gathered around to wish the good man many happy returns of the occasion, and his daughter presented him with a large red rocker with which to while his hours away.

Deputy Sheriff J. O. Beattie was very sick last week. Dr. Charles Hester, local and fad him so well that Joe is ready to do the Pezovsky act on skates.

We understand there is a new firm and a new business to be started in town soon, the principal partners in the venture are: Frank Mart Masters, Bert Nixon and H. A. Poppleton. The commodities in which the firm will deal consist of extracts and perfumery. We judge that they have been manufacturing stock the past week by the aroma which we have detected about the person of H. A. Poppleton, and Frank Durker says if he can't quit hunting skunks in his woodchuck holes he will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

Those of our farmer friends who contemplate building fences on their farms will do well to peruse the following: The courts have decreed that no boundary fence can be made of barbed wire without the consent of persons owning the land adjacent, and any man that puts a barbed wire fence along the highway renders himself liable for injuries to stock passing along the highway.

Some of our exchanges are warning people of a swindler who goes around the country with a portable safe and offers to set it up at some farmer's, taking a receipt from the farmer who will accept in a short time proves to be a note of several times the value of the sheller and in the hands of an innocent purchaser he becomes good. If he pokes his nose in your door throw the cook stove or a parlor mat at him.

25 YEARS AGO

Lost—a white kid glove, somewhere on Maple avenue. Finder will kindly leave it at the Exchange bank and oblige the looser.

Mrs. Sealey Peck and son Lloyd, accompanied by Mrs. Peck's sister, Mrs. E. C. Frank of Fort Huron, have returned from their trip to Lebanon, Ky.

If you are fond of good reading, go to the library for your books. It only costs five cents a week. The "Gaffney" which has just been added, is very popular.

The swish, swish of the new spring petticoat is heard in the land. It sounds like the rubbing together of two sheets of gaudy paper at the knee joint. Those who cannot afford the genuine article can imitate the sound perfectly by adopting the above hint.

Pontiac had a "Can't Be Pedro" club. (See what?) They sought to come down here just once and they would go home and change the "Can't Be Can."

"I would like to find a pleasant home on a farm near Birmingham with some good family with young children. Would prefer a place where there is a large flock of good fowls and buildings for same, with a view of raising a lot of chickens on shares as a matter of amusement and to occupy a portion of my time. Will pay a moderate price for my board.—an ad in The Eccentric."

Did you ever see so many spring birds as are here at present? The town is full of robins, blue birds and several other kinds of birds.

The dear birds are going to have cold feet or else we are going to have the very earliest spring known in years. We just wish that Mattie Baldwin was here to see the robins and other home birds we have with us, as we believe it is to her fight against killing birds and the robbing of so many nests by bad boys that has brought about this happy state of affairs. "Boys don't kill the birds, the birds that sing about your door."

BUILDING ON INCREASE HERE

Month's Total Surpasses Previous 30 Days By Over \$10,000

Money expended for building during February jumped last month's figures by \$10,185, the records of Hazel Lawler, village clerk, show today. Last month a total of \$50,200 was spent.

The following permits for residence and garage were issued: J. H. O'Hara, Larcher drive; E. E. Buckner, 1005 Dorchester road; Angus McRay, Waukesha drive; H. L. Lauer, Puritan road.

Permits to build garages were issued to the following: Mrs. B. Cunningham, 121 east Humphry avenue; J. H. Wilson, Frank street, garage \$280; H. Berger, 207 Smith street, garage \$129; E. Blacker, 111 Humphry avenue, garage \$400.

A permit was issued to the Sinclair Refining company, Bow street to build a warehouse costing \$500; to Frank Webb, 215 Bow street, to build an addition to his home costing \$380; to Leitch-Humphrey company to erect a temporary wooden office building on Woodward avenue, no cost.

Permits to install water were issued to the Ann Arbor Construction company, Holland and Wood streets; William McCullum, 207 South Woodward avenue and the Richmond building company, Lakeside street.

HEALTH SERVICE KEPT ACTIVE

Department Records Show Health Conditions Normal Here

The number of cases of contagious diseases for the month of January, although increased slightly over December, is not above the average, according to the monthly report of the Health Department under Dr. A. W. Newitt, released today.

A total of 26 cases is reported by Dr. Newitt. Of these there are 2 pneumonia, 1 of scarlet fever, 1 pneumonia, and 1 of measles.

Work done by the Oakland County Laboratory includes 67 tuberculin and milk and 12 miscellaneous, totaling 79.

Visits of the nurse, Mrs. Pauline S. Marston, numbered 82. The health department for the first 10 days of January was very light, reports Mrs. Marston, since that time there has been sufficient field work to keep me out of the office most of the day. Some days I have been unable to keep regular office hours, I have been so busy.

Ernest E. Morrow, sanitary inspector, states that 160 stores were inspected. There were 24 milk inspections and 23 miscellaneous inspections.

Orchid Enshrined At Flower Show

The orchid—queen of flowers—will be enshrined once more when the North American Flower Show opens in Detroit, March 17.

The orchid is royalty among flowers. There are those who profess the orchid as the perfect rose, America's own flower. Others look to the chaste lily, the demure violet-like carnation. The orchid, however, is the pampered pet of flower lovers the world over.

And what an exacting pet is the fragile orchid! Only an expert can grow them successfully and their cultivation is a serious and exacting task that requires years of work. They are hard to handle, to market, and to transport. One firm exhibiting at the National Flower Show last spring, was compelled to use an airplane for carrying off its orchids because of their extreme perishability.

Despite the handicap, perfect orchids are raised and considered by fanciers the most coveted of flowers. They blossom in new and more beautiful hues, so that a master painter could spend a life time in pursuit of their elusive loveliness and never capture it.

Like the royalty that they are, moreover, the orchids run mainly to purple and gold. In its native haunts, the orchid lives high in the sequestered crevices of steep rocks, amidst the wild tropic storms. Its sustenance is drawn from the damp ground and the cool nights, breeding an aerial wonder that shames the mundane earth below. The orchid in its native surroundings is an engaging adventure for flower lovers and many have lost their lives in futile jungle quests.

An especially large exhibition of orchids is planned for the North American Flower Show. The exhibition will be held in Convention Hall and will continue until March 25.

Gripes

at and about BIRMINGHAM By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Friday morning, arrived at the office to find they had kicked out a wall and covered my desk with plaster, paint and a few old catalogues for flower shows. It is called expansion. So I went down to the bus station to watch the drivers strike. It was the most colorless affair of the kind I have ever attended. There weren't even speeches. The drivers sat around with the policemen and told jokes. Inside the glass panes of the trucks, the drivers nervously with occasional glances toward the laughing men.

The drivers were a bit worried last night. They had kicked out a case and when they found the cases accurate, in violation of all they had heard about newspapers, they acted more friendly to the swarm of reporters present. One Detroit paper sent four men out on the story, one at four times each arrived long important until he would get back to work when terms were recorded.

One big fellow asked me what it was all about and because he was long I took the liberty to explain the little I knew of the specific situation of labor and capital and unions with a few parenthetical remarks on the importance of public utilities and the absence of man from the chain of life. Finally he interrupted to say he knew all that, since he wanted to know what was what. When the company or the men would win.

When I returned to the office they had my desk in the window of what used to be the Braun moment. I was sitting at the window of the cant hook who wrestled with logs in this name window since November.

Sometimes the passersby look started when they see me in the woods at that time as if they expect me to start flipping the flapjacks a la Childs or to demonstrate a safety razor blade sharpener in Monroe avenue.

A certain is to be hung on the hammering around here is discontinued, and then maybe I won't mind expansion so much.

So far as I know this has not been said and is I launch into it. I feel at those who have gone before.

I merely want the honor to observe that the people who spend their time reading books and worrying over the worth of the books and the relative place in the general category of literature are particularly simple.

It arrive at this conclusion after reflecting that we have not the slightest idea of what the scheme or scope or literary actually is. True, in the contemporary field we know that the golden Harold Bell Wright is the golden-crowned god and the best of the best in a vulgar fellow whose exegesis are sacrilegious. We know that O. Henry is the best of all that is art and that Sherwood Anderson is a national anthem.

And thus, surveying the field, I get back to the simple question in the feeling that question marks after all, easy to answer.

But before we are allowed to consider a piece of writing, it must first go through the publisher. And I have never heard of a publisher who accepted or rejected a manuscript on literary grounds. Hence many a worthwhile tale is tossed into the gutter and the dust of the gutter arrayed in the mode of the time, ride by on a goldleafed chariot.

Granted that a book does get into circulation and has merit, it is brought before the eye of the publisher's man who, after all, holds the fate in the palm of his hand. I can't recall a time that she shows in her daily contact with her darling little puppets.

The book in question must comply with all the standards of Puritania; it must please her smothered intellect; it must offer solace to her soul; it must be both bread and water to her tired and rheumatic body; it must be a simple requisite, the book must be a strictly censored edition of an author's life and times.

If it is not, what happens? The simply refuses to consider it in her phases, that's all, and the book fades into the dark corner of the publisher's basement.

If this sounds absurd, reflect for a moment on the reading you do and see how much of it has been influenced by standardized education. I don't care what the author you care to talk with me, I will wager that a pedant's influence can be traced in the selection or rejection.

There must be something wrong with this morning, you must be cause after all, there are some books in circulation that have American Flower Show. The school marks and the Watch and Ward Society and the Lord's Day Alliance and the other de-

ECCENTRIC IN NEW QUARTERS

Floor Space Almost Doubled By Addition Of New Woodward Bldg.

Enlarging its floor space to almost double the former capacity, The Birmingham Eccentric today is using the building adjacent to its former offices on north Woodward avenue which was occupied by the Braun Lumber company.

The editorial and display advertising departments have been moved into the new building which is being remodeled. The business offices and the greater part of the composing room are in the old building.

Constant growth of the newspaper made the additional space necessary.

The offices of the lumber company are now in the Birmingham Theater building.

It is like the billingsgate of a pair of south Chicago political opponents in pre-election discussion.

And if... Oh, what's the use?

We talked of a particularly brutal murder in Chicago and my friend said that while he opposed capital punishment, here was one case where it was justified.

I wanted to know what, in the pathological arrangement of man, causes him to say such a fool thing.

I told my friend that it is impossible to "disbelieve in capital punishment except in certain cases." I said it is like disbelieving in God—except at certain times. Or in evolution before the Paleolithic Age. (One either believes or one disbelieves. They are no exceptions in a matter of this kind.)

Personally I believe it is the height of barbarism for the state to inflict murder because I can not believe that such a thing as freedom of the will exists. Hence I fail to attach responsibility for the commission and omission of acts which our present mores are as fickle as the smile of a traveling salesman—delegate into a category labeled "bad." Such wanderings from reason as that indulged in by my friend nau-

JUSTICE MAKES MONTH'S REPORT

State and Village Law Violations Here Few, Buck Reports

Violations of state law occupied a good portion of the time of Justice, Floyd S. Buck, according to the monthly report. Eleven persons were arrested and \$202 was collected in fines.

Six disorderly charges were disposed of under the state law. There were two game-law violations and two of speeding. One man was arrested for driving while drunk.

A distinct falling off from the previous month in village cases was reported for February. Only six cases, five for speeding and one for failure to possess operator's license, appear on record. Fines and costs amounted to \$65.

One case of reckless driving, one case of failure to possess operator's license, and seven cases of disorderly conduct are reported for Bloomfield Hills village. The amount of fines was \$192.50.

An Honest Old Builder once said:

"It's not the amount of mud you throw that counts. It's the number of bricks you lay and the way you lay them."

We laid 150,000 last month in Pontiac alone.



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