REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

Citizens May Sign At Township Office For Presidential Vote

Books for registration for the presidential election Nov. 6 are open in the Bloomfield Township office today, for persons who did not register previous to the primaries Sept. 4, it is announced by James V. Bayley, township clerk.

Persons may register any day between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. However, on Oct. 13 and Oct. 20, the registration hours are between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Registration are also being held in Troy and Southfield townships.

TREE PLANTING PLAN TO BOARD

Realty Board to Submit Woodward Suggestion To Commission

Presentation of plans for the beautification of Woodward avenue through the planting of trees and the placing of baskets of evergreen or flowers from the new ornamental light posts, will take place within the next two weeks, according to Charles A. Bingham, president of the Birmingham real estate board, backers of the movement that originated in Village Manager Perry's office. Mr. Bingham said today that the plans will be given to the village commission at its meeting a week from next Monday.

Approval to the plan was given by the local Rotary club Monday noon, when Mr. Bingham spoke briefly before its members. Clare H. Ogden, chairman of the club's public affairs committee, was named to the committee at large which already has representatives from the Exchange and Lions clubs, and the local branch of the American Association of University Women. Other groups, Mr. Bingham stated, have given their approval to the beautification plan.

About 250 trees, to be set at intervals of 25 feet each side of the proposed new ornamental lighting system, will be planted on Woodward avenue, while baskets, containing evergreen or flowers, will be hung from special brackets on the light posts. This plan is an effort to bring back some of the beauty that existed along Woodward avenue before the trees were cut this spring for the wider pavement.

PIANO TEACHER OPENS STUDIO

Miss Suheyl Siame Mouhidden, a graduate of the University School of Music, at Ann Arbor, who received the honor of an artist's diploma, is opening a studio for the teaching of piano, in Birmingham this fall. Miss Mouhidden, whose home is in Constantinople, is the daughter of General M. H. Mouhidden of the Turkish Army, and is the fifth one of her family to receive her education in Michigan.

While at the University of Michigan, Prof. Albert Lockwood, head of the paino department, wrote of her in an article published in the Music News, Jan. 29, 1926, "She not only plays the Occidental music very well, but has original ideas of interpretation which are foreign to most music students. Her vivacious and graceful personality, combined with her eagerness to learn, will make her an eminently successful teacher and player."

Guy Miar, the internationally famous American concert pianist, was her instructor in interpretation, at the university.

Miss Mouhidden is a member of Sigma Alpha Lota, the national honorary musical sorority.

3,500 INSPECT NEW PRIZE RESIDENCE

The Free Press prize design home, whirch was opened last Sunday by John Ward Howland, Inc., on its Pembrook Manor development in Birmingham, drew more than 3,500 visitors on the opening day, it was estimated by A. F. Saur, president.

Pembrook Manor lies two miles east of Woodward avenue out Maple road at Coolidge Highway. The prize home was designed by David D. Demmy, architect, and won a $500 reward in the National Architectural contest held last spring by the Free Press. It is located two block north of east Maple road on Coolidge Highway.

In the 69 years of the Howland company's experience in Detroit real estate development, the company prizes its Pembrook Manor subdivision above all others, officials say. Birmingham, in Mr. Saur's opinion, is the finest suburban residential center around Detroit.

"That is why we determined to concentrate our activity at Birmingham," Mr. Saur said yesterday. "If we have been able in a small way to advertise this fine residential village through the name we chose for the Free Press home, it is but a small return for the honor we feel has been accorded our property by its inclusion in the village limits and its choice for the erection of the prize home.

"Residents of Birmingham are invited to inspect this prize home while it is on exhibition. I can assure them that they will find it a revelation of beauty and utility in keeping with the high standards of home building in Birmingham. It is a strictly modern home into which have been incorporated all the latest advances in the home building art. Its furnishings by Crowley-Millner & company are in excellent taste and should continue to be so for many years to come.

"There are now two homes in Pembrook Manor, "The Birmingham" and "The Pembrook" and work was started last week on a third. A recent questionnaire to buyers of lots in Pembrook Manor revealed that 23 per cent intend to build. The subdivision's development program is being arranged to permit building by prospective home-owners as quickly as they are ready to start. The subdivision has Birmingham water and is being improved throughout. It should be a splendid addition to Birmingham's fine suburban home area."

TWO FINED

Two $100 fines were paid to Justice Floyd S. Buck on indecent exposure charges preferred by Deputy Rue Van Avery against Fred Stokes and Lillian Miller, both of Detroit. They were arraigned, Friday, and pleaded guilty following their arrest on the Thirteen Mile road west of Southfield avenue.

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'CURB CRIME IN YOUTH' PLEA OF PROBATE JUDGE McGAFFEY

Declaring that criminals are made and not born, and that the creation of correct environment for youth is the best solution for the growing problem of crime in America, Judge Dan A. McGaffey, of probate court for Oakland County, was the speaker at the Monday noon meeting of the Birmingham Rotary club. Judge McGaffey was born in Holly, Oakland County, and as a boy spent three years in Birmingham; he has been conected with the probate court for seven years, the last year as judge.

"More than 90 per cent of the adult criminals, a survey through ten of America's largest prisons reveals, started on their lawless careers before they were 15 years old," stated Judge McGaffey. "In the face of these facts where should we start our corrective work to reduce crime? Why, with the juveniles of the country, of course. Yet society is doing very little to tackle the real trouble with crime. It pays little attention to the home conditions of our youth, and pays too much attention and spends too much money on expensive prisons where criminals are treated better than the dependents that the prisoner leaves at home."

Delinquency Ignored

Judge McGaffey said that the Michigan Legislature in 1925 voted several millions of dollars to enlarge and improve Jackson prison, but did not give a peny toward the solution of the juvenile delinquency problem—the very root of all crime, he believes.

"Give youth better home conditions, give it schooling and some religious training, and you will go a long, long way toward eliminating crime—for criminals are the result of mis-directed mentality," declared the speaker. "Less than 10 per cent of the inmates of our prisons today had any degree of schooling, and very few of them ever went to any Sunday school."

He told the Rotarians that Gerald Chapman, the notorious bandit executed in Connecticut two years ago, started on his career of crime at the age of 15 by stealing some jewelry. Had Chapman been turned over to a proper governmental agency at that time, instead of being sent to a reformatory to learn more of crime, Chapman might have been straightened out morally and taxpayers of this country saved several hundreds of thousands of dollars, he said.

Judge McGaffey, in handling juvenile cases in Oakland County, uses corrective, rather than punitive, methods in treating juvenile offenders. "I don't believe a juvenile court is a place for conviction and sentence of boy or girl offenders of the law; rather do I consider it as an agency where investigations into the causes of their misdirected mentality may be made, and remedies prescribed to turn their steps toward good living," he said.

Hits Divorce Law

"Divorces, especially where there are children, are too easily obtained in America," he said. "In my own law practice, I have always refused to obtain a divorce for a person; I recommended reconciliation for families that are on the verge of divorce.

"A great majority of our youthful offenders have had very little, if any, religious training; many of them don't know whether Jesus Christ or Christopher Columbus is the Saviour of the world."

The judge made a plea for more schools similar to the Cranbrook School, institutions that seek to bring character values into the lives of the young.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FUTILE, JUDGE DECLARES

"Capital punishment for criminals is a futile means of solving the problem of major crime," believes Judge McGaffey. "Unthinking people, carried away by the instinct of the jungle, perhaps, cry for the electric chair or the gallows to end murder; but you will find that after a person has really studied the reasons for crime, he is opposed to legalized murder by the state. Capital punishment sets a good example for the potential murder—it never stops or even reduces major crime."

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BOARD ARGUES JURISDICTION

Maplecrest School Settlement Seen At Monday Meeting

Terms of settlement are expected to be reached at the school board meeting at Baldwin High School next Monday night on the question of Royal Oak annexing the Maplecrest school district.

George A. Dondero, attorney for the Royal Oak board, will help decide the terms for secession of the school district from Birmingham's possession.

Royal Oak consolidated its five school districts in one unit under an act passed by the state legislature which created the possibility of a city uniting into one school district, if, within its boundaries, five districts existed. This consolidation of the fractional school districts in Royal Oak was met by protests of many residents but Judge Glenn C. Gillespie set aside their complaint saying the election held to unite the districts was valid, despite the revision of the state acts which established a new code for Michigan schools. The case was appealed to supreme court and is expected to be decided in January or February.

In an annexation of territory to its city, Royal Oak included several portions of the Birmingham school district which extends below the Hunt road and includes the Manlecrest subdivision. In adding this territory to the graded school district, Royal Oak did not seek the consent of the Birmingham board.

Decision is to be made on how much of the village's bonded school debt of $1,198,000 will be included in the transfer, and on what portion of both assets and liabilities in library funds, general resources and uncollected taxes must be adjusted. The fraction of the Birmingham school district which will be lost is 1.4 per cent.

Dr. Arvid Reuterdhal, a St. Paul scientist and writer, has perfected an alphabet which he believes is adaptable for a universal language.

OFFICIALS AT PONTIAC MEET

Birmingham Represented In Sessions For State Municipalities

Five village officials attended the thirtieth annual convention of the League of Michigan Municipalities at Pontiac, Tuesday and yesterday.

Those who were present from Birmingham, one of the two days are Myrtle Carson, village clerk; Charhles Plumstead, treasurer; Mrs. Hope Haigren, commissioner; and Mrs. Pauline Marson, health nurse. James W. Parry, village manager attended the convention both days.

Preparation for the convention was supervised by Harold D. Smith, executive secretary. More than 100 city officials from all parts of state were present at the business sessions which were held at the First Congregational church in Pontiac.

Principal topics which the Birmingham delegates heard discussed include air transport operation, airport design and development, garbage collection, and disposal, salvaging of municipal wastes, municipal health, municipal finance, recreation, zoning ordinance administration and state legislative proposals. Experts in the different departments from all over the country as well as many prominent city officials of Michigan were on the program.

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