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# SENATE HEARS OPPOSITION TO DEATH BILL

Mrs. George T. Hendrie, President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and her mother, Mrs. William A. McGraw, of Detroit, were among those speaking in opposition to the death bill.

## SENATORS IN CONFLICT

A heated conflict between Sen. E. Wood, of Detroit, and Sen. Peter B. Lennon, of Detroit, over the death penalty bill in the Senate at Lansing, marked the opening hearing witnessed there Tuesday by villagers.

Mrs. George T. Hendrie, of the Hills, president of the Twentieth Century club of Detroit and active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and her mother Mrs. William A. McGraw, of Detroit, were among those speaking in opposition to the death bill.

Wood's bill is denounced by the Lennon advocates on the grounds that it is an unworkable device, requiring juries to come to an agreement in the imposition of death penalties.

## Senators Debate

Advocates of the Lennon bill have their own reasons for opposition to the provision for electrocution of only those murderers who have been convicted of a capital offense in the presence of witnesses. According to Lennon, neither the judge nor the jury have authority to impose a death penalty.

The Wood-Lennon debate on the death penalty bill dominated the open hearing. Aside from members of the Senate, the only advocates of the death penalty were police chiefs or officers of police or prosecutors' organizations.

Mrs. Hendrie cited the adoption of the \$20,000 hospital bond issue amendment as a precedent for the death penalty bill.

"Almost every case that has been referred to by advocates of capital punishment, from failure to segregate the insane, the feeble-minded and the degenerate. When (Concluded on Page 2)

# SMOKE WAR IS STARTED

Inspector Starts Check-up on Heating Plants in Village

A check-up on the heating equipment in various buildings in the village is under way today by the Detroit fire chief, J. McCabe, chief inspector of the bureau of smoke inspection and detection in Detroit.

Mr. McCabe has been at work in the village this week surveying the smoke conditions and starting on an official check-up of all public and business buildings.

The inspection comes as a direct result of the recently adopted amendment to the village charter, which gives McCabe authority to begin work to relieve the smoke congestion. Manager Parry said.

There is no record of the smoke condition prevalent in the village," Mr. McCabe said. "Smoke is a problem for every village. It is the incomplete burning of the fuel is the cause of most smoke," he said.

"The inadequate air admitted and the failure of the air duct with the coal gas, are responsible for the smoke," he said. "Smoke is injurious to health, and it is a waste of money. It is an economic loss to the fuel burner. The soot fall causes a property deterioration."

Mr. McCabe has been actively employed in smoke abatement work in Detroit for eight years. He will submit a report of his investigation in the village, and suggestions for improvement will be carried out by the village engineering department, Manager Parry said.

## COUZENS GRANDCHILD BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED

Announcement is made of the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Yaw (Madelaine Cousins) of Detroit of a seven-pound baby, a daughter.

Mrs. Yaw is the daughter of Sen. and Mrs. James Couzens of Detroit and the Hills. Mrs. James Couzens came from Washington to welcome the baby which is the fifth grandchild of Sen. and Mrs. Couzens. The other four are children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Couzens of Birmingham.

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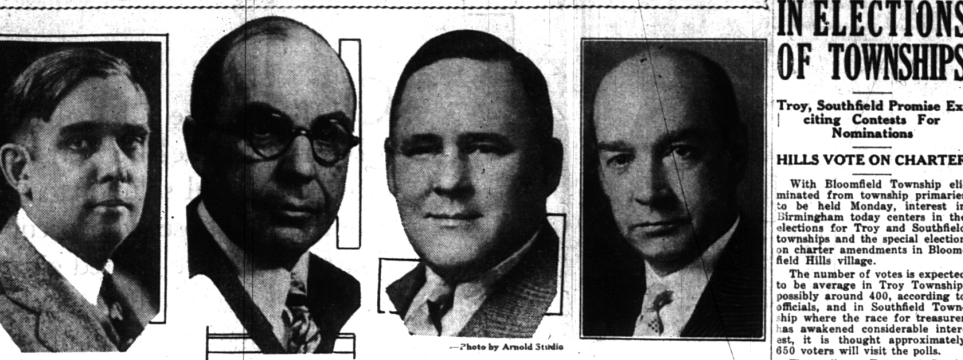
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## CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION IN MARCH 11 ELECTIONS



—Photo by Arnold Studio  
HARRY ALLEN ARTHUR J. TUGGEY ROBERT R. ALLEN LAURENCE HULBERT  
Above are the four candidates for the village commission in the elections of March 11. Statements issued by the

### Harry Allen's Statement:

"I consented to become a candidate for Village Commissioner after considerable deliberation, and this solely because of my feeling that one owes to the public such service as actual administration in public, as well as in private affairs, the great majority of matters required to be done are comparatively simple and extremely ordinary, in this respect, being like most of us. The success or lack of success in administration in both fields depends entirely upon how and when we attend to such matters. If I can be of any material assistance to the Village in such respect I shall feel entirely repaid."

### About all a candidate for public office, or political parties, can do, is to lay down correct principles. The actual administration involves the utmost integrity and the soundest judgment of which we are capable. I should like to see the Village kept a quiet, peaceful and decent place in which the people wish to live and to continue to live, and I should, above all other things, like to see the Village conducted with a proper respect for the rights and convenience of the people who live in the Village. It is no particular secret, so far as my personal wishes are concerned, that I wish the Village retain as much of its present character as may be consistent with changing conditions and circumstances.

### Touching the three propositions upon which the voters are asked to vote at the coming election, I am in favor of both of the bonding propositions. I do not think it wise to adopt the proposed amendment to the Charter. Its adoption would involve an un-

### Arthur J. Tuggey's Statement:

"Friends have prevailed upon me to be a candidate for the village commission in Birmingham, although at first I was undecided whether I could spare the time from my private business. Since I came to Birmingham 16 years ago I have taken a keen interest in all about Village problems, and I have watched the rapid growth of Birmingham, which fulfilled my expectations, and I firmly believe that in the next two years the growth will be greater than at any other time in its history."

"I believe my policy is a progressive one and that if I were elected a member of the commission I could aid in providing for this expected growth. It is a serious task and one that must be given considerable study; but in my business I have always had to consider the Birmingham of the future and provide for it, hence to serve on the board would be in line with a long schooling I have had."

"I may say at this time I approve both bond issues on the ballot March 11 and that I heartily disapprove of the proposed amendment to the charter regulating taxation for street improvements. The amendment is antiquated beyond belief, and as the report of the special investigating committee so aptly showed, it would be unfair to the people who make Birmingham their home."

"Finally, if I am elected I shall do everything within my power for the progress of Birmingham and for the interest of its people."

"I have no objection to the proposed amendment for the progress of Birmingham, but the objection of being so uncertain in some particulars, as to invite litigation, so far as I am concerned, I shall vote against it."

### Robert R. Allen's Statement:

"If elected by the people of Birmingham to the office of village commissioner, I shall go to the commission with no preconceived ideas on what to do, no pre-determined views on any village problems, but rather I will make an earnest effort to learn all I can about Village problems and after careful study and serious consideration of each and every one that comes before the commission, will act according to the dictates of my best judgment."

"I am unalterably opposed to the charter amendment, believing it unfair, pre-judicial and also dangerous to our financial security, and heartily endorse the report of the committee as given in last week's Centric. Every voter should read that report carefully and thoroughly before election day."

"There is no doubt in my mind that the purchase of the few remaining parcels in the civic center should be completed, thereby assuring against the danger of having our library and municipal building separated by improvements other than municipal."

"I earnestly urge every voter who has not already registered to do so at the earliest possible moment, thereby assuring himself of his own vote at the election on March 11. The registration books are open until 9:30 p. m. March 11."

"Any benefits that would be received by the public generally, even though the principal involved in the proposed amendment were correct, its text is open to the objection of being so uncertain in some particulars, as to invite litigation, so far as I am concerned, I shall vote against it."

### Laurence Hulbert's Statement:

"In announcing my candidacy to serve again on the village commission I do so on the request of the members of the board who will hold over through the March 11 elections."

"Making a pre-election statement is difficult as one cannot say definitely what program he will advocate because of the constant change and the unforeseen problems which constantly arise to the proposed charter amendment."

"However I am in favor of the two bond issues and against the proposed charter amendment."

"Although my policy has been to save village money rather than to spend it, I feel both bond issues are necessary at this time."

"It is advisable for the village to obtain the remaining property in what is known as the second block of the civic center and I strongly advocate the purchase of the same for the construction of a municipal warehouse, believing this will be a saving to Birmingham."

"At present, equipment is scattered in various places throughout the village. Centralizing its location would enable a constant check on materials used and they could be handled in the same manner as the village funds. It would further make easier the adoption of a time clock system for the village labor which is needed more and more as Birmingham grows. This latter is a sound business practice that should be employed."

"One of the great dangers of the proposed charter amendment is that it would take from the people the option of going through with street improvements and place it before the public at a general election."

## INTEREST IN ELECTIONS OF TOWNSHIPS

Troy, Southfield Promise Exciting Contests For Nominations

### HILLS VOTE ON CHARTER

With Bloomfield Township eliminated from township primaries to be held Monday, interest in Birmingham today centers in the elections for Troy and Southfield townships and the special election on charter amendments in Bloomfield Hills Village.

The number of votes is expected to be average in Troy Township, possibly around 400, according to officials, and in Southfield Township where the race for treasurer is expected to be the most exciting. It is thought approximately 650 voters will visit the polls.

The polls in Troy and Southfield will be open from 12 noon until 8 p. m. Monday. Voting places in Troy Township are Precinct one, Township Hall; Precinct two, Clawson High School; precinct three, Ruffer and Adams, Birmingham.

### Contests in Troy

In Troy Township there is opposition for offices of supervisor and highway commissioner. Lynn Richman has served for three years as justice of the peace, resigned in that capacity to get in the race for supervisor.

Wattles, present incumbent, has held the office three terms, and is (Concluded on Page 2)

## Parry Tells Of Issues

Acting on the request of the village commission, a manager James W. Parry today issued an explanation of the charter amendment and the two bond issues to be voted on by villagers. The explanation sets forth the reasons of the commission in disapproving the amendment and in favoring the bond issues for purchase of remaining land in the civic center, and the construction of a municipal warehouse on the site of the new Grand Trunk right of way.

"The proposed amendment to the charter, covering the assessment in street pavings, is an important issue in the voting on March 11."

Cites Disadvantages  
"In the first place, the determination with regard to street improvements would be impossible if the amendment is adopted. The amendment, to be passed, must be passed by the electorate. It is possible there would have to be a special election for every street improvement that was petitioned. It takes the option from the voters and places it in the hands of the voters' general election."

Last year there were 41 improvement districts in Birmingham. If there should be the same number after such an amendment were passed, it might mean 41 special elections in a year, although the village Charter provides for only one a year, a maximum."

This is all said from the fact that it would be necessary to the village at large which now is being paid in the main by the taxpayers of the village at large."

"The bond issue for the completion of the civic center is divided into two parts. The major portion, or \$60,000, is for the purchase of four lots. Eighty feet of portion fronts on Merrill street, and 80 feet on the street. The village now owns eight lots in the block, which constitutes the major portion."

"If the land is not purchased at this time, there is every indication that the price of the land will increase. In the past two years, the price has doubled."

"The remaining portion of the block for the razing of the buildings in the block and for its landscaping."

"This bond issue would cost the taxpayers about fourteen and one-half cents per one thousand dollars for the first part of a period of 30 years, on the present basis of assessment. This amount will decrease."

"The village also proposes to purchase about three and one-half acres of the site of the new Grand Trunk right of way for use as a site for the new municipal warehouse and garage issue of \$62,000 for this will be divided between the cost of the land and the construction of the buildings in line with the present village need."

"The present quarters for the village equipment are inadequate. It is costing the village considerable money to maintain them under this system."

"The present quarters are partly on the site of the new Grand Trunk right of way. The land is condemned, the village will receive compensation from the state. This will help pay for the new site."

"As the plans are laid, they call for the construction of a general garage type building. This will house equipment which is now being stored on a basis."

Buy Cheaper New  
"It will also enable the village to purchase new equipment at a lower cost. There will be adequate room for storage. Aside from this, it will save considerable time and labor and will place the entire public works department on a more business basis."

"In the project will be included a garage, a dog pond, gas station, rubbish and disposal plant, auto pound and space for a garage incinerator."

"The village is now paying \$1,200 a year rental for its equipment and if it approves the bond issue, it will pay \$3,300 a year to purchase the new and better buildings."

MANAGER'S REPORT REVEALS 1928 SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR VILLAGE

Notes: This is the first of a series of articles on the annual report of the village manager. The second will appear in the next edition.

A review of the activities of the past year in the village was made public today in the annual report drawn up by James W. Parry, manager of the village, and recorded by the village commission Monday evening.

The report shows 1928 to have been one of the most significant years in the history of the village with many improvements.

In citing the highlights of progress in the village during the year 1928-29, Manager Parry mentions the following: The village commission, the study for a comprehensive village plan, a village health laboratory, a public health laboratory, an

## BOARDS URGES REJECTION OF AMENDMENT

Resolution Recommends Defeat Of Charter Change

### BOND ISSUES BACKED

Vote NO on the charter amendment. This is the recommendation of the village commission today following unanimous endorsement of President H. T. Ellery's resolution.

The commission formally accepted and approved the report of the charter committee which condemned the amendment regulating the method of assessment for street improvements to be voted on March 11.

The board also expressed approval of the two bond issues on the resolution. (Concluded on Page 2)

## Four in Race

Meanwhile campaigning is mildly under way for the four candidates in the race for three places on the village commission. Two members of the board for two years, would succeed himself and Arthur J. Tuggey are in the running for the places to be vacated by Mr. McCabe and W. W. Henry.

Effort on the part of officials to get a more brief registration as a general registration day, most of the estimated 8,000 voters in Birmingham are expected to be eligible to cast a ballot on March 11.

Defeat Sent  
From early indications it is believed the charter amendment will be decisively defeated. The report of the committee is generally regarded as complete and fair and little has been heard from the source whence the petition for the amendment arose.

The amendment would have the village at large pay 75 percent of the street improvement costs and the estimated 8,000 voters in Birmingham are expected to be eligible to cast a ballot on March 11.

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## HILLS FIREMEN TO ORGANIZE

Chief To Assemble Personnel Of New Department

Russell V. Moore today assumed his new duties as chief of the Hills Village fire department and will begin organization of the department immediately. It is understood that the Hills fire department, which has been in existence since its start in 1926, is in command since its start in 1926.

Equipment ordered by the village is expected to arrive early next week and the department will begin work immediately. It will be in a garage at Woodward and the Long Lake road and members of the department are expected to be housed near the garage.

Donald D. James, head of the fire commission in the Hills, said definite plans for the department were being worked out. It is expected to have a combined volunteer and full time personnel. The secretary to be selected at a meeting of the commission whether the protection will be extended to Bloomfield Township or kept in Bloomfield Hills village which contains a range of five square miles.

A new fire truck, ordered for the Hills, is said to be of the most modern type available.

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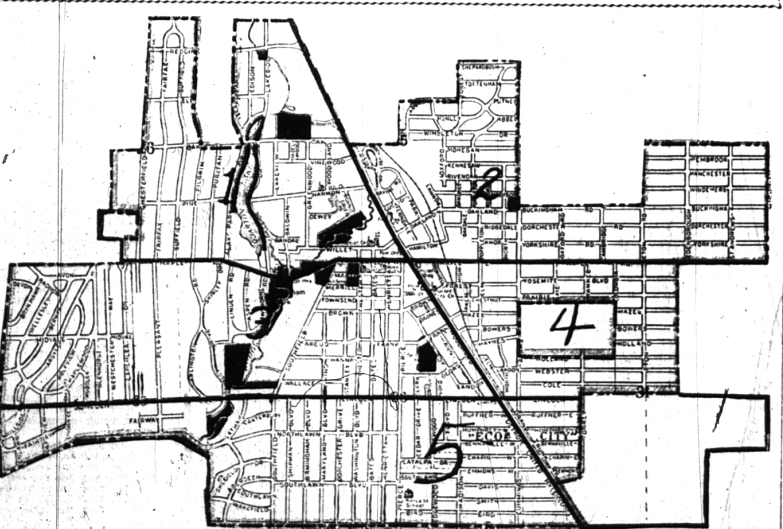
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## MANY TO REGISTER IN FIVE PRECINCTS



Approximately 4,000 persons are expected to register all day Saturday—registration day—in the five precincts in Birmingham shown in the above map. The precincts have been enlarged to one from three by order of the village commission. All persons who have not registered since June 1, 1928 may do so today at the village clerk's office at the office of the village clerk in the municipal building or all day Saturday in the voting booths of their precincts. Descriptions of the new precincts are: Precinct one, bounded on the north by the village limits, on the east by Woodward, on the south by Precinct three, bounded on the north by Maple avenue, on the east by Woodward, on the south by Lincoln, which is needed by the village limits. Voting booth is at the municipal building. Precinct four, bounded on the north by Maple avenue, on the east by the village limits, on the south by Woodward avenue. Voting booth is at the Adams School. Precinct three, bounded on the north by Maple avenue, on the east by Woodward, on the south by Lincoln, which is needed by the village limits. Voting booth is at the municipal building. Precinct two, bounded on the north by the village limits, on the east by Woodward avenue, on the south by Woodward avenue. Voting booth is at the Adams School. Precinct five, bounded on the north by the village limits, on the east by Woodward avenue, on the south by Woodward avenue. Voting booth is at the Adams School.

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