

# WOMEN LAUD MRS. FARRAR

## ON SALES FORCE

Mrs. H. J. Stringham, Mrs. J. C. Huston Support Candidate



Mrs. Harrison J. Stringham, vice-president of the Village Players and Mrs. Joseph C. Huston today have issued endorsements of Mrs. Fred D. Farrar, candidate for a place on the Birmingham board of education in the election of June 10.

Mrs. Huston's statement follows: "It was with much pleasure that I read of Mrs. Farrar's candidacy for membership on the board of education. "Many of us have felt the need of a woman on the board and are very glad that one of her qualifications and ability is willing to undertake so large a responsibility. "Clara M. Huston"

Mrs. Stringham said: "In as much as all forward moving communities have appreciated the value of women members of their school boards it seems high time that Birmingham, the village in which women are so successful in all other activities, should realize this necessity. Especially is this true at this particular time, when there is available a candidate with the breadth of experience of Mrs. Cora Farrar. "It would be extremely difficult to find a woman

THOMAS A. MAXWELL Announcement is made that Thomas A. Maxwell, of 766 Henrietta street, is now selling the new Chevrolet six for the Gehring Chevrolet Sales company. Mr. Maxwell started his automobile career in Birmingham, but has been away from the village for a number of years.

with a greater variety of successful accomplishments. The many activities into which Mrs. Farrar has entered have been successful because of

# LIBRARIAN TELLS CHANGING FASHIONS AMONG BOOKS

Birmingham Rotarians, at their meeting here Monday noon, not only were given a splendid talk on the value of books and "the changing styles of books," by Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, Baldwin Public Library librarian, but were also required to take home with them single volumes of books that were selected for their individual tastes. The books are to be returned to the library within two weeks, according to custom.

Mrs. Thomas, recognized as one of the best librarians in this section of the country, compared the changing styles of books with the changing styles of clothing, and said that "just as no one can account for the changing fashions in wearing apparel, it is equally

the tireless enthusiasm, with which she always attacks her "job,"—her motto being "if a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well," and she will stick to it until it is well done. "She is the mother of two splendid little girls whose health, happiness and spiritual as well as intellectual development are her first thought always, and in them may be ascribed the main spur to her activity in the educational fields and study groups. Birmingham needs no reminder of her intellectual activities. She is held in high esteem by the educational groups of the state and nation and her executive work in the various study groups, A. A. U. W. Parent Teacher's clubs and in all of the other educational activities of Birmingham is in a large measure responsible for the success of those organizations, many of which she herself brought to Birmingham.

"Finally she enjoys social popularity and has hosts of loyal and appreciative friends, and is a welcome guest at social functions. "Few women combine the rare attributes of motherhood, active educational enthusiasm and social popularity. Such a variety of interest could not help but broaden her viewpoint and as a member of the school board she will be able to bring to the solution of all problems this very wisdom gained from experience in all these fields. We are lucky to find a woman who is willing to give to us the benefit of her experience and to sacrifice her personal interests for the benefit of the community.

"I have known Mrs. Farrar all my life, and have never known anyone whose conscientiousness, enthusiasm, unselfishness and utter sincerity could surpass hers. "Margaret Ford Stringham."

difficult to account for the public's changing taste for books. "Not so long ago the popular demand for fiction was for the cavalier type of novel, such as the Graustark series by McCutcheon; we then passed to the Wild West type of fiction, probably made popular by the late Theodore Roosevelt; and now we are in the midst of the mystery type of novel—and it sometimes seems that the more murderous the novel is, the better it is liked by the general public," stated Mrs. Thomas.

The World War stimulated the reading of more history, while the important personages developed from and during the war have turned people to reading more psychology and biographical books, explained Mrs. Thomas. Last year 7,000 different books were published in the United States, aside from technical and

scientific volumes, said Mrs. Thomas, thus giving an idea of how hard it is to easily and properly select one's reading. To remedy this she said that book-of-the-month clubs have sprung up, some of them rendering a fine service; yet she believes that such clubs, because of their financial interest in the matter, will not live long.

"Read good book reviews in several of our leading periodicals and you will find your reading problems greatly eliminated; or come to your public library and look over our book lists, or allow us to assist in keeping you posted on current volumes," is the advice of Mrs. Thomas.

Every person should read something entirely different from the business or profession in which one is engaged, believes Mrs. Thomas, who also suggested to the Rotarians that they "read books that oppose their own ideas about a thing; thus will your thinking be stimulated."

Miss Ruth Phelps, assistant librarian, was also a guest with Mrs. Thomas of the Rotarians.

# SHAIN TALKS ON HAWAII

An interesting and educational talk on the Hawaiian Islands was made Tuesday noon before Birmingham Exchanges at Lone Pine Inn, by Charles J. Shain, local druggist, who, with Mrs. Shain, visited the Pacific Ocean Islands last winter. He was introduced by Eddie Edwards, Exchange club member, who was in charge of the program for the day.

Mr. Shain described the Islands, giving a comprehensive and vivid picture of its background, both historical and geological, its people, early and present, its climate, crops, and places of interest to the traveler.

Prior to Mr. Shain's talk vice-president Robert Y. Moore announced that John Wilson, Bloomfield Township highway commissioner, had been elected to membership in the club.

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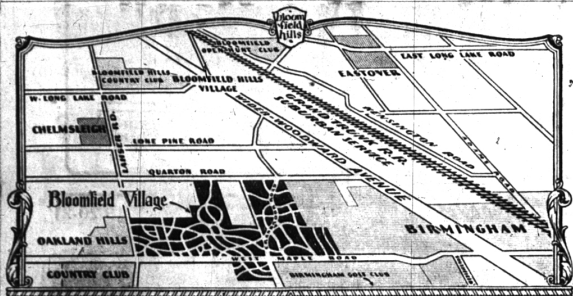
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