

It won't be many weeks now until you'll see the bud start from the naked branches in a modest effort to cover up the bareness of the trees. Then, again, next fall the trees will blush into leafless muddiness.

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Water Beats Wattles For Troy Supervisor

Mrs. Thomas Wins In Bloomfield And Bingham In S'field

Township Elections Offer Three Widely Different Contests; Local Candidate Is Victor By Almost 3 To 1; Heavy Vote In Southfield

Voters at the Troy, Bloomfield and Southfield primary elections Monday provided the usual paradox of expected surprises. In Troy Township, Garner M. Miller, for many years township clerk, defeated Morris Wattles for supervisor, in probably the hottest contest in the three districts, receiving a 531 vote to Wattles' 175.

In Southfield Township, a political battle over proposed purchase of fire-fighting equipment ended fever heat and resulted in the defeat of William C. Clark for Township Clerk and the election of Albert Jacobs. In Bloomfield Township, Mrs. R. Margaret Thomas overwhelmingly defeated Mrs. Mabel C. Anderson, or township clerk, by a vote of almost three to one.

40-DAY SEASON OPENS AT CHURCHES

Village Religious Groups Begin Observance In Penance And Prayer

LITANIES RECITED

A season of self-denial, penance, and prayer for the communicants of four of Birmingham's churches was inaugurated yesterday with the solemn observance of Ash Wednesday in the St. James Episcopal church, the Holy Name church, the Redeemer Lutheran church, and Christ Church.

A series of Wednesday evening services will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the Redeemer Lutheran church throughout Lent, the Rev. R. B. Scaer said. At these services, Mr. Scaer will discuss Pilate's question, "Shall I Mock Him?" "Shall I Crucify Him?" "Shall I Release Him?" "Shall I Release Him?"

Special Holy Week Services. On Palm Sunday, there will be an examination of the Confirmation classes. Special services will be held on the evening of Good Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at two o'clock for James Melvin Clement, in his home at 436 Maple road. Clement died at the age of 65 in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Monday at 1:30 p. m. after an operation which was performed as a result of a stroke suffered in a bath house at 1224 Library Park avenue, Detroit, Feb. 22.

Mr. Clement, an expert blacksmith, who shod numerous horses in days gone by, has lived in the village for 60 years. He was at first in partnership with Richard C. Brown, who later bought out the business. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Clement, to whom he had been married for 42 years; a sister, Mrs. Can Strickland, of Pontiac; a brother, George, of Canada; and an uncle, James Brown, of Flint.

The Rev. W. C. McKnight, of the Grace Pointe Presbyterian church, will officiate at the services, which will be conducted by the Rev. S. O. Wylie, of the First Baptist church. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Laid to Rest
Glen W. Ladd, former treasurer of the village, died at his home at 638 votes as compared with the 532 polled by John Truesdale.

Out of a field of five candidates for township treasurer, Henry B. Eseman was an easy victor with 521 votes, his nearest opponent, Lewis J. Stump, receiving 242. Other candidates for the same office, received the following votes: Floyd E. Lawrence, 133; Dorris, 132 and Leonard N. Sargent, 60.

Elmer G. Ford, with 770 votes, defeated Glen Haddon for township highway commissioner. Haddon received 401 votes.

Robert Porritt, unopposed candidate for justice of the peace, received 821 votes. Jay Chastaine, candidate for justice of the peace (to fill vacancy), received 822 votes. Anthony Lodato, unopposed, was elected constable with 700 votes.

Southfield Township the only one of the three in which Democratic candidates were entered, provided one of the most intense primary elections in its history. The Rev. B. C. Bilkovsky, Democrat incumbent, received only 14 votes while George E. Bilkovsky, Republican, received 428.

Albert Jacobs, a former justice of the peace, secured 397 votes. Clark as township clerk, polling 290 votes to Clark's 276, while Osa M. Miller, Democrat, the only other candidate, obtained 111 votes. Clark's defeat is attributed to the circulation of pamphlets denouncing his action in supporting a petition for fire fighting equipment as extravagant. For the same reason, political observers in the township declare, can be attributed the defeat of D. E. Hughes for highway commissioner. James Kirkcosh, his opponent, received 305 to Hughes' 285, winning in all of the three precincts.

Albert B. Baynes, with a total of 250 votes, was returned to the office of township treasurer by 35 vote majority.

William Rodenhous, unopposed candidate for justice of the peace, full term, received 397 votes. Fred J. Rohl, Jr., defeated S. D. McCord, 256 to 209, for justice of the peace, to fill vacancy.

Other candidates who had no opposition were Howard Kennedy, who received 321 votes for a term member of the board of review, and Joseph E. McClelland, who received 311 votes for a vacancy on the board. William Elmwood, with 224 votes, and Walter G. Kent, with 209, were elected constables.

Fifteen automobiles were said to have been used in the election. Votes to defeat Hughes and Clark. With almost a three to one majority, the Rev. W. C. McKnight, of the First Presbyterian church, defeated Mrs. Thomas, the only office contested at the election.

Thomas received 275 votes and the six precincts to the 120 polled by Mr. Anderson.

In the third precinct, the heavy vote for Mr. Anderson.

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Face Each Other Again

H. T. ELLERY

Candidates for the Village Presidency are familiar opponents, having faced each other for election to the same office in 1928. At that time Mr. Allen entered the race on short notice at the request of his friends and lost by only a few votes.

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THIEF ENTERS TWP. OFFICES IN SOUTHFIELD

Documents Disturbed, But No Money Taken By Information Seeker

LEAVES FINGERPRINTS

Forcing his way through the back door of the Southfield Township School at the Ten-Mile and Berg roads Tuesday night, a thief, evidently in search of political information or documents, broke into the Township office on the second floor of the buildings and ransacked the desks and a filing cabinet in the room. No money was discovered missing, but the thief left numerous fingerprints which were obtained by Oakland County deputy sheriffs investigating the break-in.

According to Arthur B. Haynes, re-elected township treasurer on Monday, the break-in was discovered by Lloyd W. Jones, township clerk, at 7:30 a. m. After forcing the back door open the intruder evidently jimmied the door to the township offices and searched the desk of Charles Bilkovsky, township clerk.

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Choose President And 4 Members For Commission

Voters To Decide Between Harry Allen And H. T. Ellery; Six Candidates In Field For Commission; Two Bond Issues And Charter Change On Ballot

In five precincts Monday, Birmingham's electors will go to the polls to elect a village president, four members to the village commission, three for the full term and one for the term ending in May.

In addition to the election of Harry Allen, who is a candidate for the Village Presidency, will be a contest for the village clerk and a candidate to succeed himself, is unopposed as are Mrs. Helena James and Mr. J. L. Howarth, candidates for re-election to the Village Library Board.

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