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No. 4—JUDGE OF PROBATE, DAN A. MCGAFFEY

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The appropriation for operation, omitting instruction costs, has decreased 57 per cent. The year 1930-31 is used as a basis of comparison, since that was the year prior to the severe curtailment.

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Defends Case Here

"This Board can well challenge the presentation of data which will show that any other Board in any district of any section of the state, comparable with Birmingham, has made an equal or greater percentage of decrease in instruction, actual operational salaries, or operating costs than has been made by this Board," the report maintains.

The report emphasizes the fact that a 48 percent collection of taxes is necessary this winter for the welfare of the schools. The total appropriation for expenditures for the year is estimated at \$301,705.05, and a 48 percent collection would mean that the Board would be in the course of the year as refunded.

The same members of the Board who will confer with the Advisory Council next week were authorized to constitute a committee to map out a campaign for the early collection of school taxes, the nature of the campaign to depend at least in part on the outcome of the conference.

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The defeated candidate was Samuel J. Patterson, the late Thomas Patterson, who himself presided over Oakland County Probate Court for many years, was so admired by a young nephew in Holly nearly 50 years ago that the boy patterned his life after the venerable judge and grew up to defeat the latter's nephew for the probate office, which he sought last month.

Appointed By Green

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