

# REGISTRATION LAW OUTLINED

**Perry Cites Advantages of New Permanent Regulations For Voters**  
(This is another of a series of articles prepared by the village warden, in connection with the municipal administration in Birmingham.)

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The 1931 Legislature adopted a so-called permanent registration law for cities, villages and townships of over 5,000 people. Like many other laws it was designed to improve conditions and correct evils in the large cities, but there are also benefits to be derived by the small municipalities.

Under the law any citizen who registers once is perpetually registered as long as his residence continues in that city. He may move from one precinct to another without loss of his registration. If he falls out for two consecutive years he is suspended and notified and may be reinstated by mail.

Formerly he had to re-register every four years and in any case he had to appear in person before the registration board. The new law identifies the voter by signature, which is on his registration card and which he puts on his application for ballot at the polls.

**Three Advantages**  
The new law has three distinct advantages. It is more convenient for the voter, it eliminates fraud, and it is an expense of the village alone. In the village alone the expense of holding registration days as required by law, only to find that many of the new registrants, it has cost the village five or six dollars just to name to get them on the rolls. While the right of franchise must be protected, it would seem that it can be done at less cost to the taxpayer.

The election system is still too complicated to work well in this village and results in so much confusion in the voter's mind that he is apt to think it is too much trouble. He has three kinds of elections—the village, the township-county, and the federal, and the school district. The school district does not re-

## Razorback Beauty



Another freshman "co-ed" has walked off with her alma mater's beauty honors. She is Margaret Ann Ward of Little Rock, Ark., who has been chosen as the most beautiful of the hundreds of girls at the University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville.

quire a registration and the qualifications are different than in the other two. The voter who registers in the village and township, which later includes the county, state and federal.

This year for the first time arrangements were made to deputize the several clerks to accept registrations for all units, and the voter may register in both village and township at one time.

**Not a Major Expense**  
Should the village vote to incorporate as a city, one registration will be eliminated and a voter may then register in the city and be sure he is eligible for all voting purposes.

Registration and election expenses does not constitute a major item in the annual budget—normally about \$400—but it is only by watching every item of expense that the grand total may be kept down.

## Reflections of A Freshman

(Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles by a resident of Birmingham who has just finished his freshman year at the University of Michigan. Michigan is being a typical large American co-educational college, and the author, who prefers to remain anonymous, was asked to discuss his impressions of his first year.)

In continuing the remarks made in the first of these two articles in deference to student drinking, I might venture to comment (albeit in a somewhat negative ground) that there are few or no blind pigs in Ann Arbor. I have had contacts repeatedly with students who ought to have known where there were blind pigs if there were any, and they all stoutly avow they must get their liquor from bootleggers. This I believe is due to two causes: the university's watchful eye, and the proximity of Ann Arbor to Detroit's blind pigs and to the Border Cities. The predominant alcoholic beverage, incidentally, is beer. Beer is consumed individually and collectively in much more copious quantities than are the hard liquors.

So many of my friends who went to college with me and others who were about to begin that adventure this fall hold to the ancient belief that a large co-educational university is too big a place for them. They cherish all the old fears of "being lost in the crowd."

A recent rooming-house "bull session" of several freshmen men brought out the expression of a mutual annoyance at their belief.

We commented that we knew more people and had formed more friendships in the freshmen year than in the entire four years of high school. None of us felt, at the end of a year, that we were in the least "lost" or immersed in an individually-destroying crowd. Our "bull session" voted unanimously for both co-education and for the large university, on the grounds that the conditions in a large university from the nearest duplication to those found in real life after college and consequently make for the best preparation.

I went to Michigan with the idea (which many of my friends regarded as peculiar) that I was going to find that an institution which had not lost its inherent patriotism and interest in its own affairs. In this respect, to my surprise, I may say that I was right. If Michigan is a typical American university, we have yet little to fear from the empty statements of those who say that college students have become schismatic and indifferent to the era of the flag-waving, neo-conservative, "whoopee"-hated college student and frowns in any such demonstrations.

Social life at Michigan is prominent, but not predominant. Through, of course, it is by no means true everywhere in the country, it is true at Michigan and many other major institutions that studies are taken very far more seriously than would appear from the outside. Every student except the "free" will more gladly about the quality of his work and will conscientiously seek "pipe" courses, but under his exterior veneer he will be found to be a much more ambitious student after a degree. However, social functions (and such events as the annual 4-10) are brilliant affairs, draw a large percentage of the student body and are by no means a minor part of the average education.

Figures show that less than half of the men at Michigan belong to social fraternities. I cannot quote figures for the sororities (which the women's pages of the Michigan Daily student publication, persists in calling "women's fraternities"). However, it is my observation that the same which exists at the larger smaller institutions between fraternity and independent men is a very narrow one.

In the smaller colleges there is frequently a definite distinction between fraternity men and independents, and this line is drawn to the exclusion of independents from participation in many campus functions. But so at the larger universities, I believe, there may doubtless be a line drawn in the honorary societies and in similar groups, but it seems that in the choosing of students for class officers and positions on student publications and in other non-elective student organizations there is no distinction whatever.

One of the greatest advantages of college life, and this is particularly true of a large institution, is the cultural phase. Among my most pleasurable moments in the past year have been those spent listening to great artists and great musical organizations, as well as to political and economic lectures of the day, and to the most brilliant men of the nation and the world discussing problems and aspects of everyday life.

**DRIVERS UNHURT IN CRASH ON WOODWARD**  
Although both cars were damaged, no one was injured in a collision Sunday afternoon at Woodward and Lincoln avenues. The crash occurred, police reported, when a car traveling north, driven by Herbert Fowler, 146 years old, of 7599 Jordan street, Detroit, skidded on the car tracks and was hit by a second car driven by Jack A. Spitzer, 27 years old, 487 North Saginaw street, Pontiac.

**Why Worried?**  
"Tommy," said the teacher, "What is one-fifth of three-sevenths?"  
"I don't know exactly," replied Tommy, "but it isn't enough to worry about."

"This year," sighed Sandy MacPherson, "I guess I'll just stay at home and let my mind wander."

**Brown and White**

This itching summer skin-itcher is in the popular brown and white color scheme. It is trimmed with white pique. The pony also is white pique, also the jaunty little hat. Grace Brinkley, actress of the war, also became one of the smart new monogram bracelets on her right wrist.



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