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Villagers and the Village
By THE WANDERER

Birmingham Rotarians, together with other clubs in the district, are beginning to plan for the annual district convention to be held April 11-12 in Ann Arbor. E. J. Ottoway, Fort Huron newspaper man, will preside over the meeting as district governor. President, appointed George R. Averill, Dan Schwartz and John McKee as a committee to advise in obtaining a large local representation at the convention.

Over at the Birmingham Exchange Club meeting Tuesday noon a great deal of friendly bantering was given to James W. Taylor, who the night before was elected a justice of the peace for Bloomfield Township. "Judge" was a word used with more frequency than any other during the hour allotted to the "githerin". This Wanderer was obliged to relate an experience of the evening before when John B. Taylor, a brother, telephoned into the Eccentric office for election returns. He was informed at that time that Perry A. Vaughan had been re-nominated supervisor, and that James

W. Bayley was running ahead for the clerkship. "Anything else?" he asked. "No, nothing," replied the brother, not knowing that this reporter recognized a voice. "Not yet, Jack," this Wanderer replied, "you see they haven't got down to the riff-raff in their counting yet." Whereupon the younger brother of the newly elected justice replied, "Well, about all I can say is that I'm glad to see you here. Say, George, that's a good one—I'll have to tell Joe."

What can the modern church offer on a modern Dollar Day—such as Birmingham will celebrate tomorrow and Saturday? This Wanderer, upon being asked that question by a friend of the church, replied, "Well, about all I can say is that Dollar Day might suggest to all those who subscribe less than \$25 per year for church affiliations that they step up their weekly offerings to at least one dollar per Sunday. After all, a dollar is about the price of two movie tickets—and if God doesn't mean for us to be rich, why then Hollywood, then we'd better go off the Golden Street standard and take up the Silver Screen."

George B. Boutwell, president of the Birmingham Rotary club, got a trifle mixed up in his zoology Monday noon when he referred to some guest Gyrophytes as "Gyrophages", of course, he caught himself when somebody asked what would you call Don Jordan, guest also, and member of the local Lions Club. Mr. Boutwell's slip of the tongue was a goodly laugh on the basis that when Rotarians, Lions, Gyrophytes get together, there is likely to be an exchange of words and their literal meanings.

Telephone users in Birmingham receive no phone bill this month. Save the cheer, though, because they'll go out the first of next month with charges for both March and the last 30 days of February included. Formerly, telephone bills were sent out around the 12th of each month. From now on, however, they'll be sent out on the first, according to Mr. M. Ritchie, local manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, who explains the change came about at the request of telephone users who make a habit of paying their accounts between the first and fifth of the month, and who found the receipt of the telephone bill around the 12th inconvenient.

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partment for the Village of Birmingham. Wilson led in the third, fifth and sixth precincts.

Taylor is High
James W. Taylor scored the largest majority in the election by polling 1,101 votes for justice of the peace, full term. He won every precinct against his one opponent, Roy D. Montgomery, who received a total of 883 votes.

Levinson, defeating A. A. Clark, present justice of the peace, for the third year, was given 1,082 votes in his opponent's 761, winning in every precinct and the sixth. He will take his seat on the Township

Board immediately after the regular election on April 5. Scott Hersey, unopposed for election as a member of the Township Board of Review, polled 1,675 votes.

A total of 2,031 votes were cast in the election, as compared with over 2,400 the year before. The extremely cold weather kept scores of voters away from the polls.

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lions in salaries or teaching staff be allowed any further possibilities of relief had been exhausted.

John K. Martz, treasurer of the board, was instructed to open negotiations for a loan if possible, and to sound out the opinion of Detroit bankers on the issuance of further scrip if the loan could not be made.

"It is the duty and business of this Board to furnish educational facilities to the children of this community," said Dr. W. G. Hutchinson, secretary of the Board, in explaining the general sentiment of all the members, "and we do not propose to impair those facilities until they are absolutely incapable of keeping them intact. We feel that the children should not be made to suffer for this reason."

Several of the members spoke favorably of the scrip plan, which would involve the posting of a present \$254,000 credit on unpaid 1931 taxes as security for the notes, payable in six months from date of issuance. The opinion was general that tax collections between now and the end of the fiscal year are expected of a few months ago.

The letter read to the Board by the Property Owners Committee follows:

"Mr. Ray Palmer, President of Birmingham School Board, Birmingham, Mich.
"Dear Mr. Palmer:
"It is becoming increasingly evident that with the cessation of the penalty date for county taxes, additional collections are being made. The School Board is therefore faced with a more serious shortage of funds than seemed likely a month or so ago."
"Regrets" inaction
"In the face of this shortage the School Committee of the Birmingham Property Owners Division regrets that no action was taken at its recommendation made at a meeting of the Board held early in February that a drastic cut in the school payroll be instituted."

To Birmingham Citizens

The present year, no less than the last, will be a critical one in the history of Birmingham. Next Monday, the character of government which the Village of Birmingham will have during this crucial period will be determined. And we all have reason to know that the things done, and the things left undone, in one year, may vitally affect the interests of the community over a very much longer time.

As a taxpayer, I am very much disturbed over the apparent unconcern of the public as election day approaches, with its obligation to elect four of the seven men who will legislate for the village. As a member of the Village Commission whose term has another year to run, I am not involved in the outcome of the election one whit more than any other citizen and taxpayer. Nevertheless, I am anxious about public indifference because, whether old commissioners are returned to service or new ones are elected to fill their seats, an election determined by a scattering vote of a minority of the electors must leave the Commission confused and uncertain as to the will of the public, and the significance of the election returns.

You may not be very fearful of the results of the election so far as the persons of the Commission is concerned. The field of candidates is a worthy one from which to choose; and the public is privileged to make its choice either on grounds of experience or potentiality. But the men who are put in office are entitled to know that they represent the reasoned preference of a majority.

It is a desperate handicap not to have that assurance. A commissioner must inevitably exercise his own best judgment when issues arise on which the public has had no opportunity to express its views. He can do so with confidence when he knows that he represents and is trusted by the majority; otherwise he votes in a perpetual quandary—unless he is callous to the wishes of the people, as no commissioner should be.

If our citizens, in representative groups, were habitual attendants at Commission meetings, there would be no occasion for anxiety over a poor showing of public opinion at the polls. But they are not. Almost invariably, those who attend Commission meetings (and of these there are none save the commissioners) are there to plead special causes, as is their right. But the more numerous public spends its Monday evenings elsewhere and otherwise, unless by chance some action of the Commission threatens to run counter to its wishes. Everyone who has served the community in a legislative capacity is well aware of this fact.

The Birmingham Commission fell heir to many and grave problems arising from the depression. They were not peculiar to Birmingham, but to municipal units of government; they were the problems of commissions, boards, legislatures and congresses everywhere in the world, differing more in degree than in kind. The village must judge the results achieved by a body whose every energy has been devoted to a program of continuous economy and of striving to find the way out of financial difficulties it inherited.

It has had a year of hard, unremitting toil, free of politics, and quiet without glory. True, having little in hand and less in prospect, the 1931 Commission had no opportunity to spend; but neither had it any other purpose than to minimize the tax burden on the citizen's purse. Presumably, such a policy conformed to the desires of the people; but we shall know better when they have spoken with their ballots.

I think I dare claim to speak, not only for my colleagues but for the candidates not now members of the Commission when I plead for the fullest exercise of the obligations and privileges of citizenship. No one in Birmingham wishes the Commission to be unresponsive to the wishes of the community; but no one in Birmingham is wise enough to say what those wishes are, excepting as they are expressed on election day. The taxpayer cannot afford to jeopardize his property and hazard his future along with the village's by failing to vote on Monday, Mar. 14.

L. HULBERT

SHAIN'S DRUGS
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"The committee, however, was not primarily concerned with the amount of money to be collected, but with the fact that such a reduction was necessary and should have been put in force at that time."

\$80,000 Needed
"At present we understand the School Board has \$47,000 of cash on hand with relatively little additional money likely to be forthcoming from tax collections between now and the 15th of March when the penalty for non-payment of taxes becomes effective."

Nevertheless, as for this committee, it feels that the step is inevitable. The schools are continuing to function at all and we recommend that it be taken at once with delay.

"In closing, the School Committee of the Property Owners Association wishes to express to the members of the School Board its appreciation for the fine spirit of co-operation which they have shown towards it in its efforts to share with them their financial problems and in their willingness to lay before it all the facts freely and frankly."

"Sincerely,
"HAROLD S. GRAY,
"CHARLES B. RANDALL,
"WILLIAMS C. HARRIS,
"DR. JOHN K. ORMOND."

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Former classmates, serving as pallbearers at the services which were held from the residence at 11 Adams Street, Tuesday, with Rev. B. M. Atkinson and Rev. David L. Woodward officiating. The body was sent immediately to the Oak Park cemetery, where further services were held at 2 P. M. yesterday from the Oak Park Baptist Church. The burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill.

WATER OVER THE DAM

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"The committee fears that the School Board is counting too heavily on the possibility of borrowing to meet the above interest charges, to pay off scrip still outstanding, and to meet necessary payroll and expenses. While this committee cannot of course predict what the banks may be willing to loan, in view of the wrong character of loans based on delinquent taxes, it is obviously dangerous to count on the same as security for new loans."

"Drastic cuts in the total payroll seems to this committee to afford the only possible way out and should be taken immediately and not deferred until the School Board itself under present stringent credit conditions in the position of having exhausted all available cash on hand."

"In pressing this action upon the School Board, the committee is fully aware of the difficulty and embarrassment the School Board faces in taking such a step and of the heavy sacrifice imposed upon the school teachers and other involved."

Cites Other Cases
"However, in view of the fact that private business has been forced to cut wages and salaries so extensively that many a municipality and school district has been forced to do the same, and that even our own Village of Birmingham has seen fit to cut the total public payroll very materially, such a procedure on the part of the School Board is not out of line."

"This committee regrets the necessity of urging such a cut and would rejoice if the School Board could find some way of avoiding it."

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of the Baldwin Public Library Board, although there are no three posts.

Miss Irene Hanley, president of the L. N. Y. Club, and Russell Gore, present members of the Library Board, were the only candidates to file petitions for the offices.

The polls will be open from 7:30 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. The booths will be located as follows: Precinct 1, corner Harmon and Woodward avenues; precinct 2, Adams School; precinct 3, Municipal Building; precinct 4, S. O. Wiggie Bell's garage, 169 Elm Street; precinct 5, corner Lincoln and Woodward avenues.

McBride is a hardware merchant, Smith is a member of the real estate firm of Smith and Poppleton, and Osborne is the local food distributor.

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An American singer actress has been married three times to the same man. Any one who is absent-minded as that really should keep a diary.—The Humorist, Louisville, Ky.

There are more students for the military in Chicago than in any other city in the world.

Ought to
How, with two political conventions, A disarmament conference, and an Asiatic war in prospect, at least the gap-writing business ought to pick up somewhat in 1932.—Judge.

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