

# Birmingham Eccentric

ELECTION EXTRA

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## ALLEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

### CLERK FACES LIFE SENTENCE

**Medinger Admits Guilt; Has Served 3 Prison Terms**

Paul Medinger has confessed to police and prosecuting authorities that he embezzled funds from the David Fitch men's shop on West Maple avenue where he formerly worked as a clerk, and faces life imprisonment under the terms of the habitual criminal act, it was announced today by Chief of Police John P. Hackett.

Medinger, 32 years old, has been convicted of three previous offenses and has served prison terms totalling 64 months, Chief Hackett said. The habitual criminal act specifies life imprisonment for a fourth offender.

Medinger's record includes a 10-month term in Maryland State Penitentiary in 1921 for obtaining money under false pretenses, 27 months in the same institution when convicted for embezzlement two years later, and 27 months in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for using the mails to defraud, for which he was convicted in 1926.

He is to be examined before Justice Floyd S. Buck Tuesday afternoon on a charge of embezzling between \$2,500 and \$3,000 from the Fitch store, for which he was arrested in Jersey City on Feb. 24, a week after he had disappeared from Birmingham.

He has admitted the theft to Detective Joseph F. MacGregor and has signed a statement of confession for the county prosecutor's office, according to Chief Hackett.

### ZEIGLER PUT ON 2-YEAR PROBATION

**Former Bank Teller Spared Prison Term For Confessed Embezzlement**

Irving Zeigler, former teller in the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, was placed on probation for two years by Judge Frank L. Covert in Circuit Court this afternoon for embezzling \$2,900 in Christmas Savings money from the bank.

Zeigler, who is crippled and the father of five children, was indicted in Judge Frank L. Doty's one-man grand jury investigation of the bank's affairs, even though Zeigler's father had previously made full restitution of the stolen funds.

### WOMAN FAILS IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

**Given Fair Chance To Recover From Self-Inflicted Bullet Wound**

Mrs. Jack Hart, 833 Henrietta street, tonight was given a fair chance to recover from the effects of a self-inflicted gun wound, resulting from an attempt to end her own life as she lay in bed Sunday morning.

Ill health was believed to be the motive for the act. Mrs. Hart, 40 years old, had been practically an invalid for the past 10 years, police said, and had been forced to undergo several operations during that time.

Mrs. Hart's seven-year-old daughter and housekeeper were eating breakfast downstairs when the mother, lying in an upstairs bedroom, pressed a .38 caliber revolver beneath her right temple and fired. The bullet penetrated the skull and entered the pillow on the other side. Mrs. Hart's husband, a travelling man, was away on business at the time.

The woman was rushed to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, where her condition was reported "fair" tonight.

### Heads Winning Slate



Harry Allen

## Osborne, Connelly, Smith Win Commission Posts

**Most Intensive Campaigning Since 1927 Marks Village Election**

Rolling up substantial majorities in the first, second and third precincts, Harry Allen, the incumbent, was re-elected village president over Harold T. Ellerby in today's election, one of the most heated in recent years.

Allen polled 916 votes to 764 for Ellerby. The loser led by good majorities in the small fourth and fifth precincts.

E. W. Osborne, Walter L. Connelly and T. B. Smith led the field for Commissioners. Osborne, running for his first public office, was given 936 votes.

Smith, a former member of the Commission and one-time village president, was second with 858. Connelly, the only incumbent member of the present Commission to be returned with the exception of Allen, polled 849.

Other candidates ran as follows: Charles E. Lewis, 804; J. Harry McBride, 788; and Dr. Fred L. Tucker, 687. Lewis and Tucker were incumbents.

#### Miss Hanley Re-elected

Miss Irene E. Hanley was re-elected village clerk without opposition. Rumors, current all morning, that a sticker candidate was to be in the running against her, proved to be without foundation.

Mrs. L. N. Pyle and Russell Gore were also unopposed in their candidacies for re-election to two-year terms on the Library Board.

Campaign activity centering around the village president and Commission elections reached its highest peak in years, rivalling in intensity the interest and feeling which prevailed when the "blue sky" ordinance which would have prohibited Sunday motion pictures in Birmingham was defeated in 1927.

Relatively disorganized until the last three days, the campaign eventually developed into a battle between the four incumbents on one side and the four opponents on the other.

#### Literature Floods Village

Campaign cards with the names of Allen, Lewis, Connelly and Tucker linked together were distributed about the village Saturday, followed shortly afterwards with campaign literature for the opposition slate of Ellerby, Osborne, McBride and Smith.

Friends of both parties were especially active Sunday and today, soliciting votes by telephone and personal visit. This afternoon, a committee of 11 girls of high school and post high school age boarded north-bound Grand Trunk commuter trains at Royal Oak to campaign for the incumbents.

Friends of the opposition party were on hand at the Grand Trunk station to meet the passengers as they alighted.

#### Tuggey Active

Women as well as men were active in behalf of both groups. Factions which worked for the election of Earl G. Potter, F. F. McKinney and John E. Martz in the School Board balloting last summer were in evidence again today, said to be identified principally with the incumbents.

Opposition to the present administration was based primarily on an economy platform. Justice of the Peace Arthur J. Tuggey, who last fall charged Village Manager James W. Parry with waste and mismanagement in village affairs and who circulated petitions for his removal, was known to be actively engaged in campaigning for the opposition ticket.

### Tabulation Of Votes By Precincts

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Totals
<b>Village President</b>						
Harry Allen	226	227	368	34	61	<b>916</b>
Harold Ellerby	89	183	265	92	135	<b>764</b>
<b>Commissioners</b>						
Walter L. Connelly	198	240	315	40	56	<b>849</b>
Charles E. Lewis	213	208	311	34	38	<b>804</b>
J. Harry McBride	102	165	302	76	143	<b>788</b>
E. W. Osborne	133	220	353	95	135	<b>936</b>
Theron B. Smith	116	204	309	98	131	<b>858</b>
Dr. Fred L. Tucker	162	183	276	33	33	<b>687</b>

### Winning Candidates For Village Commission



Theron B. Smith



E. W. Osborne



Walter L. Connelly