

17 FIGHT FOR SEATS ON COMMISSION

7 Incumbents, 10 Others Qualify For April 3 Election

What is wrong in Lansing? That and that given to us next to some pertinent information in the following question, as written by L. Marshall, publisher of the Michigan Journal, a newspaper owned by J. St. John, a veteran paper man who has done a career's work in this business and who has done some highly interesting work in the past.

One of the most intense and spirited campaigns in the history of local elections was fought today as the 17 candidates for Birmingham's first Commission under the proposed new city charter, and the four candidates for Justice of the Municipal Court, prepared to meet in opposition to each other in the April 3 balloting.

All talk of a possible revision of the Commission charter faded completely Saturday afternoon when the deadline for filing petitions found 17 names on the ballot. The present Commission back in the running for re-election, and 10 others in opposition to them.

Elery Enters Race
The greatest last-minute surprise was furnished by Harold T. Elery, a former city official who qualified for nomination late Saturday, despite previous repeated declarations that he would not be a candidate. Mr. Elery has been an opponent of Harry Allen for village president in every election since 1929. In that year, Mr. Elery was elected by a majority of 38 votes, but was defeated by Mr. Allen in both 1930 and 1932, the former year by three votes and the latter by 10.

Another candidate whose inclusion in the list of nominees was revealed until Saturday was Wesley A. Gibson, proprietor of the Birmingham Hardware and Building Supply Company, and president of the Birmingham Fellowship Club.

City Candidates To Be Heard At Public Meeting
Candidates for all municipal offices in the April 3 election have been invited to attend a public meeting to be held at the community house at 8 P. M. Tuesday, sponsored by the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

Harry Allen, city president and candidate for mayor, will speak at the proposed new charter. The audience will be given an opportunity to hear the candidates from the floor and to make inquiries concerning the charter at the close of the meeting. Sample election ballots will be distributed to each person present.

Anderson To Resign From Police Department April 1
James Anderson, oldest man in point of service on the Birmingham Police Department, will resign his office, which he has held for 32 years, on April 1. He will be succeeded by Chief John P. Hackett, to become effective April 1.

Anderson now 42, was born in London, Mich. He had been contemplating the move for some time, he said, and was induced to make his decision at this time in the advice of doctors who have recommended it for some time.

CONFESSED BANDIT

Detroit Police Hold Who Robbed Coal Exchange

Arraignment of the three who have confessed to the hold-up which opened last week in the coal exchange, was deferred until Monday. The three are: John D. ...

TIME-CLOCK OUSTER FALLS

'Politics' Charged In Attempt To Fire Assessor For Tardiness

A resolution calling for the immediate dismissal of Albert W. Noonan as city assessor because he has been in the habit of punching the Municipal Building time clock from 15 minutes to an hour and a quarter late every morning, was voted down by the Commission Monday night, 5 to 2.

The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Maurice Lowman and supported by Commissioner F. B. Smith. None of the other members sympathized with Mr. Noonan's tardiness in coming to work after the regular morning hour of 8 o'clock for city employees, but opposed his dismissal on the grounds that appointment of a new assessor at this time, in the midst of work on the 1933 assessment rolls, would constitute a serious handicap to the city.

Charges 'Politics'
The resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Frank S. Packard, was called for Mr. Noonan's services to be "discontinued at once, wholly on the grounds that he has been guilty of political activities in connection with his office."

Length of Job Cited
"First," he said, "because he has only a short time left to work in the office before he is to be replaced by a five-months' job, dating from Feb. 1 to July 1; second, because his absence at a time like this would put up the wax as far as tax assessing is concerned; and third, because it is a matter of public policy to speak plainly about it, is a bunch of politics, and politics should be kept out of the city."

DeMolay Conclave Is Shifted To Royal Oak
Because of the temporary closing of the Michigan Masonic Temple, the annual DeMolay Conclave which was to have been held here March 28, will now be held in the Royal Oak Masonic Temple, beginning with sessions at 8:30 P. M.

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LITTLE SYMPHONY WHICH PLAYS HERE FRIDAY

School Scrip Nets \$3,500 In First Week of Sales

Paper, Backed By \$255,000 In 1932 Taxes, To Be Accepted By County Treasurer
Approximately \$3,500 worth of Birmingham school scrip has been sold or pledged to date in the drive which opened last week to keep the Birmingham schools open.

HOUSE CLOSING FEARED NEAR

Immediate Financial Aid Is Imperative, Directors Declare

The school board has authorized the sale of \$40,000 of scrip, which is within \$8,000 of the appropriate sum that will be needed to keep the schools open until June 3, close of the regular term.

Will Judge Bulls In Yard Contest
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WANTS APPROVAL OF COMPTROLLER

Officers and Directors Return From Trip To Federal Reserve Office

Word from Washington, by way of Chicago, paving way for a definite and secure future for the proposed Bank of Birmingham, which was closed by President Roosevelt's proclamation March 5, is momentarily expected here following the return to Chicago this week by five of the institution's officers and directors.

Enough of Waiting
After two or three days from the time of filing out application for a license to reopen, with no word yet from the Federal Reserve office, it was decided that waiting had ceased to be longer a virtue.

Local Resident
The conductor, a resident of Birmingham, has been directed in their own city and thoroughly tested in successful appearances in numerous other communities throughout the state.

Central Committee
A central committee, concentrating its efforts on the Birmingham branch of the National Ypsilon Chapter, is composed of James W. Taylor, Louis Hascall, H. Kenneth Correll and Arthur Gillespie.

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