While "the Sunny South" is quite alluring when one is enduring a cold winter in Michigan, or other northern states, from an economic standpoint I'd rather live where the seasons come and go in alternate sunshine and snow. It's hard to "get along" for the average family in the South.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

This is written in the finest location in America, otherwise known as Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. A week ago Monday of this week our autotrailer party left St. Augustine, Fla., 15 minutes to noon; at 6:30 that evening we had travelled 242 miles to Cordele, Ga.; the next day found us 350 miles further, just 17 miles south of Knoxville, Tenn.; the next day 347 miles to Franklin, O.; and Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock I stopped car and trailer in our yard, having that day driven 242 miles. While this mileage is not great for any one day, when you remember that we were pulling a 14½ foot, 1700-pound trailer with at least a thousand pounds of luggage stowed away in its spacious inside, and travelling many of those miles over little and big hills, including the edge of the Cumberland Mountains, you must admit that little time was lost en route. And right here let me again say that my own experience with a trailer (it was my first, and I alone drove both ways), was entirely satisfactory. While you do sort of "feel" that you are pulling a trailer, and of course allow for it in starting and stopping, while travelling over the road it lends a feeling of comfort and security to your motor car—at least that is my reaction. Indeed, again and again in the future I hope to travel trailer-way.

One of the great attractions of Florida is the Bok Singing Tower and Sanctuary at Lake Wales. We chose our route for home from St. Petersburg on Friday, Mar. 9, it was by way of a route leading to Lake Wales, Orlando, Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, thence to Lake City and return over the same route that brought us down. We arrived at Lake Wales late in the afternoon, stopping at a tourist camp on the outskirts of that beautiful area, the highest in Florida. That evening I looked up Aston Brees, the famous carilleneur of the Bok Tower, who a few years ago played the Christ Church carillon here in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Brees was very cordial, asked about various local and Hills people, and then invited our party to meet him the next morning to visit the great memorial—sanctuary to all who love beauty in birds, flowers, trees, carillon bells, and architecture.

Mountain Lake Club is the corporate name of five thousand acres of Florida's loveliest land, adjoining the city of Lake Wales. This club operates a beautiful golf course, the fairways of which are green as shamrock, and whose greens are shimmery as emerald. Sixty-seven cottages, mansions, owned by members, are situated on this property, in whose midst nestles a clear, blue lake. In one of these homes Edward W. Willard Bok, once a poor immigrant boy from The Netherlands, or Holland, spent many of his winters, away from his labors as editor-in-chief of The Ladies Home Journal. (Mr. Bok married a daughter of Cyrus K. Curtis, late owner of Curtis Publishing Company, etc.) Mr. Bok, from the struggle against poverty, acquired not only much of this world's goods, but an enobled mind as well. From sturdy and honest forebears these words rang in his ears from his earliest life's recollections: "Make you the world a bit more beautiful and better because you have lived in it." This theme, ever present in the mind and heart of young Bok, unceasingly sang its melody—and as fortune shone upon him throughout a self-disciplined and hard-working life, the tune became ever more harmonic, finally given to the world in the Singing Tower and sanctuary at Mountain Lake. Comprising 50 acres of land on the highest portion of Mountain Lake, the area was purchased and developed by this builder of Dreams has been dedicated to all who wish to seek sanctuary within its Eden-like borders. Its loveliness and its appeal to the human heart are set forth in the little verse on a small slab near the Exedra, or marble seat, a token of appreciation to Mr. Bok from his neighbors at Mountain Lake:

"The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth—
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth."

It was the rare privilege of our little party to be taken by Mr. Brees, considered the world's master carilleneur, through and up to the top of the Singing Tower. Since Mr. Bok's passing in January, 1930, just 11 months after Calvin Coolidge formally dedicated the Tower and sanctuary, few people have been allowed to enter the Tower itself. The large room at its base was Mr. Bok's own study. Today it is just as he left it—sadly and suddenly, upon his desk are the pens, the bottle of ink, and other writing materials he used; Mrs. Bok wishes them to remain so. A huge fireplace decorates the south side of the room; standing with your back to this fireplace, and gazing northward through the Gothic

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BANK REPORT DELAY STIRS COMMISSION

Brandt Promises Personal Inquiry In Washington Concerning Statement

HULBERT URGES ACTION

Impatience with the alleged tardiness of the receiver of the First National Bank in posting the promised report of the expenses of his receivership and the progress of liquidation was expressed at the City Commission meeting Monday night, and resulted in the assurance that the office of comptroller of the currency would be asked personally the reason for the delay.

Several weeks ago the Commission adopted a resolution requesting the receiver, Thad D. Seeley, to furnish details of his operating costs, together with a report on the liquidation to date. He replied that he had no authority to release this information and the request was forwarded to the comptroller in Washington.

The comptroller's reply, received approximately a month ago, was to the effect that the receivers of closed national banks are to be authorized to post form reports, containing "practically all of the information requested," at the close of each quarter.

No Report Yet

No such report has yet been posted, pending completion of an audit of the bank's books from the time the bank closed last March until the receiver took office, succeeding the conservator, on Oct. 14. A report based on this audit is also to be posted.

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert, who sponsored the Commission's first resolution, at Monday's meeting suggested that "a good hot letter" be sent to the comptroller, requesting an answer to the question of "what's wrong with the bank that we can't get a statement inside of 10 days?"

His suggestion was made after City Manager James W. Parry had told the Commission he had been informed that the report based on the audit would contain data regarding the bank's operations only from the time it closed until the new Birmingham National Bank, which succeeded it, opened June 29.

The only requirements for making out a statement on the receivership, Mr. Hulbert declared, "should be an adding machine and 48 hours."

Brandt's Friend To Inquire

His suggestion that another letter be forwarded to the comptroller, however, was tabled when Commissioner Arthur J. Brandt said that a friend of his was scheduled to be in Washington the following night, and that he would assign the friend to make personal inquiries concerning the promised report. He did not disclose the identity of the friend.

In contrast to Mr. Parry's information that the report based on the audit would contain data up to the period ending June 29, Mr. Seeley said yesterday that it would concern operations of the bank up to the time he took office in October. The audit is expected to be completed this week, and the report will be posted almost immediately thereafter, he inferred.

As to when the first report on the receivership itself will be posted, he said he did not know.

"The comptroller may order the report on the first quarter of the receivership along with the other," he said, "or he may wait until the second quarterly report is due and ask that the two be lumped together." The first quarter of Mr. Seeley's receivership expired Jan. 14, and the second quarter will have ended April 14.

Late Rush Expected Here For Auto Tags

Only 250 Motorists Have Secured 1934 Plates, With Deadline Set For Saturday

A heavy last-minute rush for the cut-priced 1934 automobile license plates at police headquarters here was on yesterday, with only about 250 pairs of plates having been purchased to date.

Although Saturday is the last day for driving with 1933 plates, not more than 25 motorists daily have been applying for their new tags here, according to Miss Carrie Stoddard, police clerk. Most of the applications here have been for the full-year plates, although half-year stickers are also available.

Applications made here are filled the next day at the Secretary of State's branch office in Royal Oak, and are returned to Birmingham for the applicant the next day. A service fee of 25 cents is charged.

Veterans' licenses are also available here on the presentation of ex-servicemen's discharge certificates, Miss Stoddard said.

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TREES—Young bearing apple trees are to be cut down, persons may have trees for the moving. Call 1051. The information Dormant spraying soon should be applied. EMIL G. OLIN
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Schools Need $15,000 To Finish 9-Month Term

Delinquent Tax Payments, Bank Dividend Or State Aid Must Provide Funds

How long will the Birmingham schools be able to operate this spring?

That question was raised by the Board of Education last Thursday night, and although the present financial condition of the system was found to be encouraging when compared with that at this time last year, there is still lacking about $15,000 to assure completion of a full nine-months term, it was estimated.

The district this year has collected about 36 per cent of its tax levy, Louis M. Randall, business manager, reported. This includes $36,629.83 for operating expenses, and $25,177.94 for debt service. Although the rolls for the City of Birmingham are closed, some units are still collecting 1934 state, county and school taxes.

Has $16,000 Left

With its tax collections, together with $2,690 received last week from the state primary supplement fund, the school had a cash balance of $16,086.74 after last Friday's payroll had been met, Mr. Randall said. Expenses for the remainder of the year to June 8, when the second semester of the nine-months term is scheduled to close, were estimated at $44,000 for salaries and $5,000 for supplies and miscellaneous.

Should the present ratio of 60 per cent cash and 40 per cent scrip be continued to the end of the year for teacher' and employes' payrolls, the cash requirement for salaries would be reduced to about $26,400, leaving the Board's present resources about $15,000 short of the needs for the full term.

Whether this amount will be forthcoming will depend partly on whether another depositors' dividend is paid by the First National Bank, and partly on payments made on delinquent taxes between now and the end of the year, members of the Board agreed. In the event of failure of either of these sources, further state aid will be necessary.

Scrip To Be Redeemed

On the whole, the situation is vastly improved over that of a year ago, when the banking holiday was forcing the Board to pay its teachers only $10 a month in cash, the remainder in scrip, and when bills payable were mounting rapidly.

The status of the scrip is also improved to the point where it is now more easily negotiable than at any time since it was first issued, and where provision has been taken for redemption of that now outstanding when it is due.

At the meeting last Thursday, the Board voted to call in for immediate redemption payment all scrip of Series A, B, C and D-1, leaving only $9,884 in Series D-2 still outstanding. The amount called for redemption totaled $9,475, and all interest on this scrip will cease April 1.

Funds Voted For Scrip

About $2,000 still remaining in the scrip fund after deducting an amount sufficient for the redemption was transferred to the Series D-2 account, and the Board also voted to set aside 75 per cent of all unpledged delinquent tax receipts, exclusive of 1933 taxes, and 75 per cent of all other available revenue, in this same fund.

The $2,690 received by the Birmingham district last week from the state primary supplement was the second payment Birmingham has received from this fund, the first payment, amounting to $10,000, having been paid in February.

Hart Sees School Open To Middle Of May Or Later

Melvin C. Hart, for 13 years principal of Baldwin High School, hit straight out in a frank and constructive discussion of local school problems when he addressed the Birmingham Rotary Club Tuesday noon at the Community House. His words registered on his audience with overwhelming approval, and much praise was given him at the conclusion of his talk.

Starting out with a recital of the financial condition of the schools and their probability of remaining open until the middle or last of May, Mr. Hart revealed some of the teacher-parent relation problems, criticized the movement that seeks to strip the public school of many of its functions, and wound up with a defense of the morals of today's children who, "although living in a highly sophisticated age, are representatively decent in their conduct in spite of much of their environment."

Statistics given by Mr. Hart show that of the entire school budget of $147,000.00, $44,000 comes from state primary, rental, and tuition sources, so that $103,000.00 is expected from direct local property taxes. Of this amount, only $36,000 has been collected, while approximately $12,000 has been received from the state primary supplement fund, part of which is derived from the sale of liquor.

$42,000 In Closed Banks

To date, delinquent taxes in the school district total $64,000, a staggering sum of $557,000 and there is also $42,000 in closed banks, Mr. Hart said. Bonds in default by

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STARR'S REPORT GETS CITY'S OKAY

Birmingham Officials Express Satisfaction With Details of Proposed Settlement

General satisfaction over the details of the proposed division of the joint assets of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township was expressed at a meeting in the Municipal Building Tuesday night of Birmingham city officials and Harry S. Starr, author of the proposal.

Mr. Starr, who represents Bloomfield Hills in the settlement, had been called in to answer questions and clear up obscure points in the report. Inasmuch as there were no serious objections still standing when the meeting closed at about 11 P. M., the next step in the settlement probably will be the drafting of formal legal agreements and the signing of contracts by representatives of the three units. Mayor Harry Allen, Commissioners Lawrence Hulbert and E. W. Osborne, and City Manager James W. Parry represented Birmingham at the meeting.

The Bloomfield Hills Commission and the Bloomfield Township Board held a joint meeting on the settlement Monday night for the express purpose of determining whether there still remains any opposition to the provision in the proposal by which Bloomfield Hills would take possession of the township garage.

Floyd A. Blakeslee, township attorney, told the group that in his opinion the resolution passed by the Township Board a few weeks ago, approving the general method of the proposal, is binding and could not be rescinded or altered without the mutual consent of the other two units, which have adopted similar resolutions. The resolutions constitute definite assurance, he said, that Bloomfield Hills will take over the garage and that Birmingham will come into possession of the Township Park, as is also provided in the settlement.

Board Submits '34-'35 Expense Estimate

A tax spread of $222,118.25 is recommended for the Birmingham school district for 1934-35 in the estimate of operating expenses which has been submitted by the Board of Education to the Oakland County Tax Allocation Commission. The Commission determines the operating tax rate to be levied by school districts, townships and villages throughout the county under the 15-mill limitation amendment.

Total expenses in the estimate are placed at $393,18.25, including $197,125.25 for operating costs, and $105,993 for debt service. Anticipated revenues are estimated at $81,000.

Last year the Board estimated its operating costs at $220,469.99, but was allowed to raise only about $103,000 by taxation for that purpose. In the completed 1933-34 budget, operating expenses were placed at $147,703.44, and anticipated revenues at about $45,000. In addition, the Board levied $71,058 for debt service. The operating tax rate last year was 6.5 mills, and the debt service rate was 4.46 mills. The tax Commission places a limit only on the former.

This year's Commission is composed of George B. Hartrick, Royal Oak, president; David Levinson, Birmingham, treasurer; Seymour D. Adams, chairman of the County Board of Auditors; County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks, and E. J. Lederle, county school commissioner.

The Commission met Monday, but adjourned pending the receipt of information concerning a new state statute moving the performance of its duties to a later date.

HAVE YOU MET?—
Mr. and Mr. Amos F. Gregory, 1216 Dorchester road, who moved to Birmingham recently from Detroit. They have three children, Buddy, six years old; Dickie, three, and Mary Lou, six months.
Mr. Gregory is secretary of the Kresge Foundation, in Detroit.

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Moore To Address Troy Republicans

Senator Moore

State Senator A. L. Moore of Pontiac will be the chief speaker at a banquet sponsored by Troy Republicans, to be held in the Troy Presbyterian Church, Main street north of Seventeen Mile road, at 6:30 P. M. Tuesday.

The Rev. H. V. Johnson of Oxford will be the toastmaster, and Republican candidates for township offices in the April 2 election will be introduced. Entertainment will be furnished by radio artists and other performers.

Tickets must be secured in advance from any Republican candidate in the township. The reception and entertainment committee is composed of Mrs. Elmer Ford, Mrs. Edward Buehler and Mrs. Richard Warren.

COURT CROWN WON BY B. A. C.

Athletic Club Five Trims Misfits, 24-14, For Y. M. C. A. League Title

By DEAN BRIER

The Birmingham Athletic Club swept its way to the 1934 Y. M. C. A. Basketball league championship last night in the Barnum School gym by defeating the Misfits, 24 to 14, in the final round of the title playoffs. The B. A. C. team had advanced to the final round by downing the Bergman Drug five Tuesday evening, 34 to 27.

Led by Rod Cox, who scored eight of the club's 24 points, the B. A. C. played rings around the Misfit team. At no time during the fray did the losers have the lead, a 5-all score at the end of the first period being the closest they came.

"Red" Hallock, who in the past has been the chief gun of the Misfits' offense, was unable to find the hoop last night. Despite the many shots he took from all positions on the floor, he accounted for only two field goals.

The third period was the slowest of the game. In this chapter the Misfits made only one point, a foul throw by Moore, and the B. A. C. found the hoop for only four points, a free toss and a field goal by Engel and a foul throw by Lada. The period ended with the count 16 to 10 for the B. A. C.

Schwarze opened the final quarter with a long shot, shoving the B. A. C. score to 18. Moore replied for the Misfits with a neat "pop" shot from the foul line. Then Cox did his heavy scoring. In rapid succession he swished the nets with two short throws and a follow-up shot, giving the B. A. C.

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Drive Against Fraternities At Baldwin Brings Results

Members of the Alpha Omega Fraternity, an organization of boys which draws its membership from Baldwin High School and which sponsored the last New Years' Eve party at the Community House, have notified Principal Melvin C. Hart that they intend to open membership in their club to any boy in Baldwin and to elect a member of the high school faculty as their advisor, thereby making the club legal in the eyes of the state law.

Bob Savage, president of Alpha Omega, sometimes called the Black and White Club, told Mr. Hart of the group's plans early this week. He said the action was taken voluntarily by the club members, and not because any pressure had been brought to bear by school officials.

Invitations Not Needed

Formerly the club took in new members only on the approval of the group itself, and a candidate had to be invited to join. Now, however, any boy who is able to meet the requirements will be eligible. Just what the requirements will be, members are undecided, but Savage stated that they will be identical for each candidate.

"We are not going to say our membership is open and then not admit any boy we do not want on the pretext that he has not passed the tests," the president declared. "We are trying and we know what it. We are doing this to make our organization legal."

Members also are undecided whether they will abandon the initiation fee. In the past this charge has been $5.

The group has asked Eugene Hubbard, chemistry teacher at

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INTEREST SUIT AGAINST CITY IS DISCONTINUED

A bondholders' suit filed against the City of Birmingham last December by Murel J. Sancrant of Detroit was discontinued last Thursday in Circuit Court.

The action followed the authorization by the City Commission of payment of $12,309 in interest on bonds and tax anticipation notes to bond and noteholders represented by the plaintiff. The payment was made with the understanding the suit would be discontinued. Total interest claims in the suit amounted to $31,208.04.

Discontinuance of a suit implies that it can be re-opened at any time, and does not mean that it has been dismissed.

CITIES ATTACK 1933 VALUATION IN JOINT SUIT

Birmingham, Hills Action Seeks Reassessment Of County Tax

CALL PONTIAC EVADER

The long-delayed suit of the Cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, attacking the 1933 equalized Oakland County property valuations, was filed Tuesday in Circuit Court at Pontiac.

The suit, which the two cities agreed last fall to enter as joint plaintiffs, names the Board of Supervisors, the State Tax Commission, and County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks as defendants.

Charging that the City of Pontiac deliberately reduced its property valuations last spring in order that part of its share of the tax burden would be shifted to other units of the county, the suit asks that the 1933 valuations for Pontiac, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills be held null and void, that the taxes already spread on those valuations be declared illegal, that the collection of state and county taxes for 1933-34 be restrained, and that the Board of Supervisors be compelled to reconvene to reequalize the assessments and respread the tax.

Although thousands of taxpayers have already paid their 1933 taxes, Frank W. Atkinson, Bloomfield Hills attorney who is representing the two cities in the suit, is of the opinion that if the contention of the plaintiffs is upheld, refunds can be made to those who have paid more than their share on the basis of the re-equalized valuations, and that additional amounts can be charged to those who have not paid enough.

The State Tax Commission revalued the county last year after Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills had taken appeals from the valuation of the county board of equalization. The revaluation failed, however, to change Birmingham's valuation from the original figure of $16,432,000, and reduced Bloomfield Hills' only $200,000, placing it at $6,292,135.

Both of these valuations were higher than they were in the respective municipalities last year, although the county as a whole was reduced to $217,000,000 from its 1932 valuation of $275,000,000.

ROLL CALL QUOTA IS SET AT $7,500

Chairman Announces Partial Committee List For Community House Campaign

A partial list of committee members who will help direct the annual Community House roll call which is scheduled to begin April 16 was announced yesterday by H. Kenneth Bingham, general chairman. The goal in the campaign has been set at $7,500, Mr. Bingham said.

The men's steering committee will be composed of Donald S. Bell, 210 Elm street, Charles S. Kinsman, 348 Hawthorne drive, and Charles E. Lewis, 272 Hawthorne road. Mrs. Norman Lyle will serve as one member of the women's committee, with other members to be announced later.

Meantime, arrangements are being made to precede the roll call with a benefit style show and entertainment program sponsored by the Exchange Club. The program will be given at the Community House Friday, April 13, and will include, besides the style show, a one-act play by the St. Dunstan's Guild and several musical numbers.

Candidates Invited To Public Meeting

Aspirants For City Offices To Address Gathering Called By Women Voters League

A public meeting at which candidates for all city offices in the April 2 elections will be invited to state their platforms has been called for 8 P. M. Wednesday in the Community House by the Birmingham Branch of the League of Women Voters.

Candidates for City Commission, Baldwin Public Library Board and constable will all be invited to address the meeting. They will be asked to discuss issues in which the League is interested, and may also talk on subjects of their own choosing.

CWA STATUS PUZZLES CITY

Will April 1 Discontinuance Order Prevent Completion Of Projects?

With the Federal Government having ordered discontinuance of CWA projects on April 1, city officials were puzzled today to know whether the edict will prevent completion of the sewer and park improvement projects which were begun here in December.

City Manager James W. Parry told the Commission Monday night that S. S. Skelton, county CWA administrator, had informed him that in his opinion government paid labor would be available even after April 1 for the completion of projects already begun, although even he was uncertain that this would be true.

If labor is available, the city's three projects stand a fair chance of being finished, since practically all of the materials have been purchased and delivered.

Pipe Nearly Finished

This is especially true of the two sewer jobs, manufacture of pipe for which will be completed at the city's own improvised plant next week, Mr. Parry said. Laying of the pipe and completion of the remainder of the projects will take the work well into May, however, he estimated.

Anywhere from 4,000 to 11,000 man hours of labor can still be used to advantage on the park project, Mr. Parry said. Four thousand man hours would be a minimum for bringing the River Rouge Valley and the second block of the Civic Center into presentable shape, he said, whereas the maximum requirement for completing the project as it was originally planned would be 11,000 hours. This would include tree planting on Woodward avenue which has not been started, and which now appears to be out of the question under the present CWA program.

At present, 196 men are being employed 24 hours a week on the two sewer jobs, and from 12 to 15 men on the park project, Mr. Parry said. If regulations would permit, he told the Commission, he would prefer to have the park project completed first, with the Adams road sewer second in importance and the Woodward avenue sewer third. Work on either sewer job could be ended at any manhole, he pointed out, whereas the park project, especially in the Civic Cen-

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Boy, 12, Recovering From Gun Wound

Leon Sawyer, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sawyer of Quarton road, is recovering today from injuries received Sunday afternoon when he was shot in the right hand by the accidental discharge of a .22-caliber rifle.

Leon was standing on the back porch of his home with a playmate, James Frazer, visiting from Flint. The boys were looking around for something to shoot at when the gun, the barrel of which was covered by Leon's hand, discharged, although the safety catch was believed to be on.

The bullet pierced the side of the hand and emerged between the ring and little fingers without inflicting serious injury, according to Dr. C. F. Lawler, who attended the patient.

BISHOP WILL CONDUCT CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Rt. Rev. Herman Page, Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, will conduct the annual confirmation service of St. James' Episcopal Church, to be held at 7:30 P. M. Friday. The class this year will include about 25 members, according to the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector.

CRASH BRINGS ARREST FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING

Arrested for drunk driving after his car had skidded on Woodward avenue at Landon street and crashed into a wrecking car, Stanley K. Tyrrell, 1271 Princeton avenue, Berkley, paid a $50 fine and $10 costs after pleading guilty to the charge Monday morning before Justice Forbes S. Hascall. He was given 90 days in which to pay for the damage to the wrecker. The accident occurred Saturday afternoon, after Tyrrell, a factory employe, had admittedly drunk six glasses of beer.

COMMISSION RACE DRAWS 7 CANDIDATES

All But Baker, O'Brien Qualify; Tuggey Opposes Hulbert, Kane

FOUR VIE FOR VACANCY

With seven candidates definitely in the running for the three places to be filled, activity which promises to develop into a warm campaign was begun this week preparatory to the City Commission election April 2.

The two nominees who had previously been undecided about entering the race, Arthur J. Tuggey and Donald C. Mann, both accepted their petitions before the deadline Saturday, thus assuring a three-cornered contest for the two three-year terms, and a four-way race for the two-year vacancy.

Two men for whom petitions had been filed failed to qualify, as they had previously announced. They were R. E. O'Brien, 743 Southfield avenue, and R. D. Baker, 648 Southfield avenue.

Although there are only three candidates, major interest promises to center around the contest for the two full terms, with Commissioners Lawrence Hulbert and Arthur J. Kane attempting to retain their seats, opposed by Arthur J. Tuggey, former Bloomfield Township justice of the peace and an avowed foe of the incumbent city administration.

Candidates who have qualified for the two-year vacancy, besides Mr. Mann, include Floyd S. Buck, also a former township justice; Luther Heacock, 652 Ann street, and Fred S. Ross, 504 Willits street. The successful candidate will replace Commissioner E. W. Osborne, who has submitted his resignation, to become effective with the election.

To become eligible for a ballot in this election, voters who are not permanently registered, or who have moved from one precinct to another since the last election, must register on or before Saturday in the city clerk's office.

CANDIDATES QUERIED

The Eccentric this week is mailing questionnaires to all of the candidates for the City Commission. The replies will be published next Thursday, and must be returned by Monday night.

Southfield To Vote On Zone Act Apr. 2

Township Board Calls Referendum On Law Designed To Regulate Building Activities

Voters of Southfield Township will pass on a state zoning act as well as elect a township officer when they go to the polls April 2.

A referendum on the act was called Tuesday night by the Township Board in response to petitions presented by George Wellington Smith, realtor, and Bruce Buchanan, engineer.

The act, which may be adopted by a majority vote of any municipality in the state, would permit that municipality to establish zones "within which the use of land and structures, the height, the area, the size and location of buildings may be regulated by ordinance."

Regulations under the act would be designed to limit the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue congestion of population, to facilitate adequate provision for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, water, education, recreation and other public requirements, and to promote public health, safety and general welfare."

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