

# Registration NOTICE

## for City of Birmingham Mon., April 4, 1938

To vote at this election all persons must be registered in the City by Tuesday, March 15th, 1938, at 8 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the state of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham twenty days at the time of voting are eligible.

TO REGISTER, call at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building on or before Tuesday, March 15th.

If you have moved since you last voted, you must transfer your registration to your new address by notifying the city clerk of such change before March 15th.

IRENE E. HANLEY, Clerk

# ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Birmingham, in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on

## Mon., April 4, 1938

from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

"Shall the following described territory be detached from the Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, to-wit:

Part of the Northeast quarter Section 26, Town 2 North, Range 10 East, Bloomfield Twp., Oakland County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 701 Quanton Lake Estates Subdivision,

thence South 0° 54' West on the East line of said Lot 204.76 feet to the north line of Redding Road;

thence South 1° 12' West along centerline of Lake Park Drive (formerly known as Midland Ave.) 1010.48 feet;

thence on a curve to the left with radius of 987.49 feet along centerline of said Lake Park Drive (formerly known as Midland Ave.) 582.25 feet;

thence on a curve to the right with radius of 509.9 feet along centerline of said Lake Park Drive (formerly known as Midland Ave.) 295.76 feet;

thence South 0° 39' West along centerline of Lake Park Drive (formerly known as Midland Ave.) 31.72 feet to the centerline of Oak Street or the East and West Quarter section line;

thence South 88° 08' 30" West along centerline of Pilgrim Ave.;

thence North 4° 49' East along centerline of Pilgrim Ave. 29.72 feet;

thence on a curve to the left with radius of 1172.8 feet along centerline of Pilgrim Ave. 515.48 feet;

thence on a curve to the right with radius of 766.30 feet along centerline of Pilgrim Ave. 336.81 feet;

thence North 4° 49' East along centerline of Pilgrim Ave. 1248.50 feet;

thence South 89° 51' East 724.58 feet to the point of beginning.

The above is all that property included within the plat known as "The Heights, a replat of Lots 421 to 508 incl., and Lots 693 to 701 incl., of Quanton Lake Estates."

Part of the N. E. 1/4 of Section 26, T. 2 N., R. 10 E. Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

# Michigan Mirror

LANSING, March 10.—The astuteness of Michigan's state highway commissioner, Murray D. Van Wagoner, is evidenced again in the about face attitude recently taken at the White House regarding highway expenditures.

Two months ago President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress urging drastic curtailment of federal funds for highways—funds already allocated to match state road expenditures.

In the face of a budget storm, Van Wagoner rushed to Washington and entered a vigorous protest, terminating the presidential request tantamount to diversion of motorist-paid taxes.

Headlines now carry the news that the White House is looking with favor on a gigantic road-building spree to build 66 super-highways, mostly on transcontinental routes. Eleven of these would traverse Michigan.

Just how the new highway program fits into the railroad financial picture is not easy to see—if it does. The tax-ridden railroads, near bankruptcy, are asking the I. C. C. to authorize a 15 per cent rate increase.

Van Wagoner, president of the American Road Builders' association, is already a national figure. Keep your eye on "Pat."

Michigan public schools received \$28,042,886 from the state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937.

This sum was in addition to funds set aside for state schools.

For the present fiscal year the legislature authorized an increase of five million dollars. The budget director, Harold Smith, acting in behalf of the governor trimmed this to \$4,000,000.

State school aid seeks to equalize educational opportunity throughout Michigan. At Washington today Congress is considering authorization of a federal grant of \$85,000,000 for distribution to states for general aid to elementary and secondary schools, chiefly in rural areas; construction of new school buildings; adult education programs; rural libraries and improvement of teacher training.

As the one-way highway scheme, costing many billions, would benefit eleven routes in Michigan, the new federal school scheme would benefit schools in the state.

Call this state socialist? Well, write out your own ticket. We're on our way.

**Socialism**  
Michigan audiences on the same night heard two socialist leaders—Norman Thomas in Lansing and Senator Robert LaFollette in Detroit—quote from reports of the Brookings Institution, the fact-finding organization at Washington, D. C.

Said Thomas: America in 1929 had the capacity to produce 19 to 20 per cent more national income. This increase in the national income would have meant a \$2,000 or more a year for every wage-earner.

Said LaFollette: America in 1929 had \$10,000,000,000 in savings, yet only \$5,000,000,000 found its way as investments into work-producing enterprises. Public spending must supply the need.

The Brookings Institution crashed its front pages and legislative hearings several years ago when it recommended, after exhaustive studies, that what America needed was more production of goods, not less; lower prices of goods, not higher; and that the way to stimulate both consumption and production was to make a better product, increase wages of labor and lower prices for the consumer.

In Michigan world's capital of automobiles, this is an old, old story. In fact, it is the history of the motor industry.

**LaGuardia on Guard**  
Thomas and LaFollette both followed Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, one-time socialist congressman, who said that civil service was good only as long as its administration was good.

Recalling how boss rule in New York City had been overthrown by coalition civic forces, LaGuardia declared that government had become a science. "Taxpayers

can't afford the luxury of incompetent government any more," he said.

And to speech-minded Governor Murphy who has journeyed frequently to the East and New England, LaGuardia added significantly: "The East greatly admires you."

It was William Allen White, Kansas editor, who boomed LaGuardia for the G. O. P. presidential nomination in 1936.

**Consumer Awakening**  
At Washington the other day Michigan's Consumer leader, Mrs. Stuart Frazier, counsel of the newly established consumers bureau, state department of agriculture.

As head of the only state consumer agency of its kind in the United States, Mrs. Frazier enjoyed the spotlight.

The occasion was a meeting of the Consumers' National Federation, organized to represent the interest of the consumer—the forgotten man—in today's tug-of-war between economic interests. Feeling that the nation, in its concern over production, has permitted exploitation of the consumer, the federation seeks in repeal of so-called fair trade laws 42 states and revival of the federal Miller-Tydings law, father of the state laws, in a nutshell, the Miller-Tydings act permits manufacturers and retailers to fix prices, outlaw boss leaders.

According to the consumer group, legislative tinkering of this type has increased the cost of living.

The Federal Trade Commission, investigating monopolistic practices, is expected to report soon that the exploitation of the consumer, prices, Michigan's fair trade law, passed by the legislature after a long battle, only affects gasoline dealers and bakers. A test of its constitutionality is now pending in the courts.

**Who Pays Taxes?**  
A survey of Ford Motor company employees has revealed that the average family spends \$265 annually for dry groceries, dairy products, meats and poultry, produce, tobacco, soap and cosmetics.

Here is the exact summary:  
Dry groceries ..... \$179  
Dairy products ..... 158  
Meats, poultry, etc. .... 113  
Produce ..... 69  
Tobacco ..... 28  
Soap, cosmetics, etc. .... \$65

What the figures do not reveal, however, is that 25 per cent—\$141.50—is represented in hidden, indirect, unseen taxes.

A half of bread brings 2 cents in taxes.  
The low-priced car in its first year costs \$92.77 average taxes.

The consumer pays 10 per cent of the sales tax on perfumes, toilet water, cosmetics and so on. He pays more tax on tobacco than the total amount which the grower, manufacturer and retailer gets.

Here is the growth of the tax dollars (millions of dollars):  
1932 ..... 1925 ..... 1927  
Federal ..... 1,209 ..... 3,650 ..... 5,500  
State ..... 1,700 ..... 11,900 ..... 21,500  
Local ..... 4,700 ..... 4,500 ..... 4,500

When taxes begin to pinch the show of the workingman, then it is about time for him to stop and think. Figure it out for yourself.

**Seat of Reason**  
Some men never change their opinion because it's been in the family for generations.—The Ohio State Journal.

**Jobs 'n' Jest**  
THE only difference between the League of Nations and the U. S. Senate seems to be that the first just passes the buck and the other spends it.

What with Charlie McCarthy, Snow White and Mickey Mouse, Hollywood has trouble refuting the charge that there is no life in the movies.

The practice of paying college subsidies to tuba players proves once more the value of looking you over.

Diplomats who have passed their lessons on "How to swing indemnities from Japan" should be encouraged to try the course "How to revive interest in and on old war debts."

# Happenings of Long Ago

**Fifty Years Ago**  
Andrew Graham left, baggage and bags for his new home near What Cheer, Iowa, on Tuesday last. His friends (and their name is legion) join us in wishing Andrew a long and happy life in the bracing blizzards and balmy breezes of Iowa.

The Groose Pointe clubs are to make extensive improvements in their grounds this spring and Frank Sherman stands a good chance to furnish 30 of his rustic settees. The clubs can't do better.

Whitehead and Gibbs are busily mending up their bicycles for the spring campaign. Lay aside the little playthings boys, for about three months longer.

Little Hattie Bigelow has lost her tiny white mitten. The finder will greatly please her little ladyship by giving them good homes. Apply here for the name of the tender-hearted owner.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
Several fine young cats and kittens are available for those who will give them good homes. Apply here for the name of the tender-hearted owner.

A pleasant surprise party was planned on Monday evening for Mrs. Carl Symons, the occasion being her birthday. About 25, with arms full of good things to eat, went to her house at 5 o'clock. To say she was surprised is putting it rather mild. Progressive pedro was enjoyed by all. After the game, refreshments were served.

A very pretty silver brooch tray and cream spoon were presented with very appropriate words by Mrs. W. H. Wood, a token from those who attended.

Not so very many years ago in Birmingham a car load of freight on the G. I. consigned to one person was enough to keep him talking for a year. Now W. E. McCellan had seven full cars last week of grain, feed, flour, etc., and it surely keeps the little man justling, but he gets there just the same.

**Five Years Ago**  
Scip plan urged as cash-stitching imperils schools. Teaching staff is near breaking point, committee members, Contracta (amended) Business leaders and public officials move to avert crisis; negotiability sought.

Three more candidates for city commission race. Petitions

name Mallender, Hersey and Hancock for positions on Birmingham's best city council.  
Annual city payroll is cut 20 percent. Fourth slash since 1931 lowers salary expense to \$665,000. Pary reduced \$1000.  
Bank will pay trust funds. First National makes post-holiday deposits available.  
Cranbrook units will not close. James Lee Oliver, secretary refutes rumor affecting schools and church of foundation.

**Seeds of Tyranny**  
By RAYMOND PITCAIRN  
National Chairman  
Sons of the Republic

During the past few weeks Americans have watched with a sense of apprehension the ominous shadow of despotism lengthening across the map of Europe.

To many students of government, however, neither the latest coup nor its predecessor came as a surprise. It was the inevitable outcome of a willingness to let group hatreds and group ambitions overweigh and supplant the spirit of free and constructive patriotism.

In the case of virtually every nation that has accepted the dictator's yoke, such students can recall a preceding period of internal strife of warring blocs and pressure groups, which in its aim for its adherents' special advantages at the expense of the people, or the nation, as a whole.

Out of the turmoil caused by the multiplication of such blocs, and the accompanying encouragement of hatreds among the people themselves, has emerged the man or the group that seized all power.

Sometimes the turmoil was stilled—at the cost of all individual liberties. Sometimes it developed, instead, into tragic civil wars. Daily the headlines from abroad repeat the story.

In all this there is an obvious lesson for America.

Here is a country that in a century and a half of national existence achieved a growth in territory, in population, in resources, in tolerance, and in influence unsurpassed throughout history. Here is a nation that through concerted efforts of all its people established a standard of living unequalled elsewhere on earth.

This advance was not achieved through the process of class warring against class, of group crowding out group. It was achieved through methods—sometimes interpreted as progressive cooperation.

Here is something for the preachers of desecration to ponder as they scatter the seeds of tyranny. Here is something for the American people to remember when they are asked to relinquish a policy of cooperation for one of class hatreds and domination by political pressure groups.

To such demands, whatever their source there is one conclusive reply. It runs:  
"See what has sprung from such seeds abroad."



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