

The Draft and Election are Highlights of Past Year's News

JANUARY 4
James J. Kelly was installed as Lions club president.

Birmingham wins lawsuit over the Heights water service.

With private building last year in Birmingham more than \$100,000 ahead of 1939, an evergreening building year was forecast in some quarters for 1940.

JANUARY 11
A fourth and final vote on the Heights annexation question will be placed before the voters in the April 1 election, according to Donald C. Ebert, city manager.

A Winter Sports Carnival, the first of its kind ever held in Birmingham, was planned for Saturday, Jan. 27.

JANUARY 18
Cecelia Eby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Eby, of South Adams road, and Clifford Harvey, of the A. J. Eber Harveys, of East Maple avenue, were valentine donors and salutatorian of Baldwin High School's mid-year graduating class.

JANUARY 25
Faye Anderson, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Lake Park drive, was elected Snow Queen to preside over the Winter Sports Carnival Saturday, Jan. 27 on Quailon Lake.

FEBRUARY 1
Richard Crooks appeared at high school.

A movement was underway to ask the City Commission to acquire Quailon Lake as public property.

Howard D. Cull, superintendent of schools, was given a one-year contract by the Board of Education.

FEBRUARY 8
The much-discussed "scavenger" hunt began at Pontchar.

Because considerable improvement has been made in the Birmingham Fire Department in the past nine years, the city sought a new inspection toward the end of better rating and lower fire insurance rates to commercial buildings owners.

FEBRUARY 15
Mrs. Clinton E. Sears was elected president of the board of directors of the Community House at a meeting of the executive board. She follows Charles J. Shain who served as president for last year.

FEBRUARY 22
Royce L. Boers was among the 49 outstanding Michigan inventors and research engineers honored at the Modern Pioneer dinner in Detroit.

FEBRUARY 29
A 7 1/2 per cent payoff by the First National Bank was sought by Murray M. Ashbaugh, receiver of the institution.

FEBRUARY 29
Stanley Peabody died of a heart ailment in Grace hospital.

FEBRUARY 29
The Rev. William C. Hanna was named assistant minister at Christ Church Cranbrook.

FEBRUARY 29
Nominating petitions were taken out on behalf of Arthur J. Kane, incumbent city commissioner, and Edna Neff, challenger.

FEBRUARY 29
Problems resulting from proposed business development of the area along new Hunter boulevard came before the City Commission Monday.

MARCH 7
Charles Morrison, 18 years old, Royal Oak, was held in the County Jail in default of \$1,000 bail, for automobile thefts in Birmingham and cities neighboring on the south.

MARCH 14
Five Commission candidate petitions were on file: Arthur J. Kane, incumbent; K. B. Olson, Harry E. Bissett, John E. Long; Ralph L. Corryell.

MARCH 14
A park of about two acres was seen as definite for south Birmingham when the City Commission took action Monday to acquire property status through the state land sale and the gift of two lots in addition.

MARCH 14
Samuel E. Gavne was the sixth and final candidate to file for City Commission.

MARCH 14
Formal dedication services for the new \$155,000 post office planned for Monday, May 18.

MARCH 24
Adoption of a constitution for the Community Council and the formation of a new recreation commission were two steps taken Tuesday in a meeting at the Community House.

MARCH 24
Between 250 and 300 persons were expected at Cranbrook for the 60th annual convention of the Michigan Engineering society.

MARCH 24
Fugitive prices for Fred L. Young, prominent in Birmingham business circles for the past 27 years, were held Tuesday.

MARCH 24
Work on Birmingham's new theatre may start within the next 30 days.

MARCH 24
The much-discussed census for 1940 will start in April, the public was reminded.

MARCH 24
Arthur J. Kane lost City Commission position in election upset by the Rev. E. Bissett and Ralph L. Corryell.

MARCH 24
Funeral arrangements were completed for Mrs. Royce L. Boers, president of the A. J. Eber Harveys, a corps of more than 200 workers attempt to reach \$12,000 goal in Community House drive.

MARCH 24
The Rev. Robert DeWitt was named pastor of the First Baptist Church Cranbrook.

MARCH 24
The city's 1940 out of a former owner of 62 lots in the Grant-Floyd street area was challenged by a lawyer, who said the city by Mrs. Mary Parks, the former owner, attacking the validity of the "scavenger" hunt.

MARCH 24
Resurrected from moth balls, a film taken on opening night of the Birmingham Theatre.

MARCH 24
Changing a weird story that he had been forced to holdup the McVee station at Lincoln and Woodward avenues, Alex Brezinski, 18 years old, of Detroit, continued to police the full story of his escape.

MARCH 24
The Vocational club of Baldwin High School, began this week a survey of employment opportunities in Birmingham.

MARCH 24
Jack Billingsley bore the crown of Birmingham Marble Champion this week.

MARCH 24
Edwin Minks was installed as commander of the Birmingham branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

MARCH 24
Another summer recreation program was planned for Birmingham by the new Recreation Commission.

MARCH 24
Lloyd Chapman was named director of the program, and a budget of \$1,800 was set.

MARCH 24
The old Drake homestead at Franklin and 12-Mile, said to be the oldest house in Southfield Township, burned.

MARCH 24
Announcement was made that the U. S. Civil Service Commission would conduct an examination for the postmasterhip of Bloomfield Hills.

MARCH 24
A wide-open race for two vacancies on the board of education was seen this week when it was officially announced that two incumbents, Earl G. Potter and J. Mack Davis, will not be candidates in the June 10 election.

MARCH 24
Ranc. Ellis and Cameron Biggers were named valentines and salutatorian in the June graduating class.

MARCH 24
Warren Peace was elected president of the Village Players.

MARCH 24
First candidate to officially get into the race for the vacancies on the Board of Education is Wylie E. Goetz.

MARCH 24
Marjorie Tate was engaged by the Board of Education to teach at Quailon School next year.

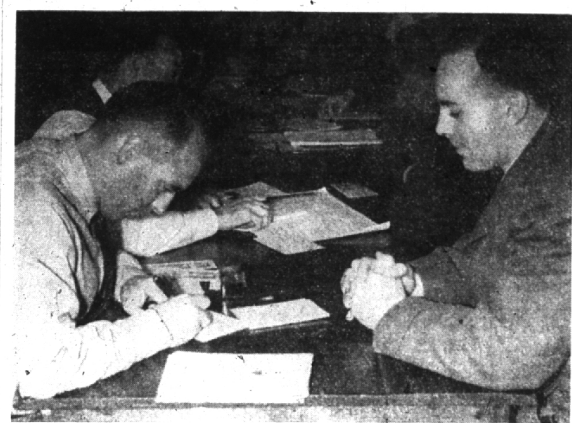
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Drive started by Red Cross to get \$1,400. William C. Allen was named chairman of the relief campaign.

MARCH 24
Four more candidates file petitions for Board of Education: John W. Knecht, H. Ross Mack, Dr. J. P. Wood and Dwight C. Baldwin.

MARCH 24
Baldwin High School library is scored and the faculty praised in survey made by 12 educators.

MARCH 24
The Acorn Award, one of the highest awards given to an actor, was presented to Ralph A. Main at the Court of Honor.

Draft Was One of 1940's Big Events



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