

City Candidates Give Opinions on Two Issues

The Birmingham Free Press

16 PAGES, PART 1

Maintaining self-government in the United States is like making good your case before a court of democratic knowledge, the yeast of courage and sacrifice, the knowledge of the forces that are at work here, the heat of enthusiasm for keeping your country free, freedom, justice, life-and-let-live!

SIXTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 10

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1940

\$1.50 PER YEAR (In Oakland County)—SINGLE COPIES, 5c

Commissioner Splits 5-2 On New Budget

and THAT

By G. R. A.

Michigan Has A Grand, Wonderful Upper Annual
From the first in this column I've endeavored to give you folks a brief summary of trips that I have had here over the few hundred words about a trip-day motor trip with nine other boys, from the city center, included the coverage of 1540 miles; a trip that embraced the route to St. Ignace, Newberry, Munising, Marquette, Ontonagon, Crystal Falls, Three Rivers, Ishpeming, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontonagon, Marquette, and back to the city.

Candidates Express Selves on Taxes, Fraternity Problem
The five candidates in the school board election met Monday last submitted statements to The Eclectic on two questions asked by this newspaper:

(1) Should the tax rate be increased by an election of the people to provide additional revenue for the school system?
(2) High school fraternities and societies or "alumni associations" which include high school students in their membership are contrary to the public interest in the flourishing in Birmingham. Do you think the Board of Education should take any action in this matter?

Each of the candidates submitted an answer, and they are printed herewith. The election will get under way Monday when the candidates for high school open at 7 a. m., closing at 9 p. m. A total of 1,874 registered voters are eligible to cast their ballots.
Two vacancies will be filled this year by electing a member of the Board of Education and Earl W. Potter.

The candidates and their statements are given below in reverse alphabetical order:

(DR. JOHN P. WOOD, 675 Larch-leaf drive, has been a resident here since 1928. He is the principal of a Senior Eastern High, Central State Teachers College, and Kirtville College of Osteopathy, and is also a member of the State Board of Osteopathy Registration and Examination. He has been active in state and national affairs of his profession. He is married, the father of one child.)

To the Editor:
In answer to your recent letter relative to my views on the two questions of interest, I submit to you the following reply:
I am now knowing in detail the financial structure of the Birmingham school system it is a difficult, but not impossible, to give an intelligent answer to the above question. Assuming however, that the district in which I reside is in the financial straits, it is not whether a law is being violated but whether or not an actual harm is being imposed on the students themselves. The membership of sororities and fraternities is undoubtedly small in ratio to the total high school attendance, and it has been said that the feeling of exclusiveness and the consciousness of superiority engendered by such organizations has tended to flourish.

(See ELECTION, Page 2)
Cranbrook and Kingswood Graduation Brings Whirl of Activities This Week
This week has been a full one for senior students at both Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools and the activities will get going until Saturday, when both institutions will hold commencement exercises.
Cranbrook graduates will receive their diplomas at Kingswood Church Cranbrook and the speaker on this occasion will be Dr. M. C. Handley, pastor of the church. Kingswood will hold commencement exercises at Kingswood Church. The speaker will be Dr. M. C. Handley, pastor of the church. Kingswood will hold commencement exercises at Kingswood Church. The speaker will be Dr. M. C. Handley, pastor of the church. Kingswood will hold commencement exercises at Kingswood Church. The speaker will be Dr. M. C. Handley, pastor of the church.

Vote Monday on 2 School Board Posts

Candidates Express Selves on Taxes, Fraternity Problem

The five candidates in the school board election met Monday last submitted statements to The Eclectic on two questions asked by this newspaper:

(1) Should the tax rate be increased by an election of the people to provide additional revenue for the school system?
(2) High school fraternities and societies or "alumni associations" which include high school students in their membership are contrary to the public interest in the flourishing in Birmingham. Do you think the Board of Education should take any action in this matter?

Each of the candidates submitted an answer, and they are printed herewith. The election will get under way Monday when the candidates for high school open at 7 a. m., closing at 9 p. m. A total of 1,874 registered voters are eligible to cast their ballots.
Two vacancies will be filled this year by electing a member of the Board of Education and Earl W. Potter.

The candidates and their statements are given below in reverse alphabetical order:

(DR. JOHN P. WOOD, 675 Larch-leaf drive, has been a resident here since 1928. He is the principal of a Senior Eastern High, Central State Teachers College, and Kirtville College of Osteopathy, and is also a member of the State Board of Osteopathy Registration and Examination. He has been active in state and national affairs of his profession. He is married, the father of one child.)

Red Cross Workroom To Remain Open

In order to fulfill the large quota pledged for September, the Red Cross workroom at Guild Hall, Christ Church Cranbrook during the summer months, Mrs. Sheldon R. Noble, head of the Hills branch, announced this week.

Red Cross Quota Here Is Doubled

Birmingham's quota for the Red Cross workroom has been doubled, it was announced Wednesday by William Ott, collector for this city. The goal is now \$2,800.

Call Is Issued for Girls' Teams

A girls' softball league will be organized in Birmingham if six teams can be secured, it was announced today by James H. Chapman, recreation director.

Men's Club Honors Royal Eagle Patrol

The Royal Eagle Patrol, the eight Scouts from Troop B-5 who received the Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history, Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history. Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history.

Baldwin High's Baccalaureate Sunday Night

The maroon and white caps and gowns that will be seen at Baldwin High School and about the streets of Birmingham for the next few days mark the beginning of a busy week for 139 graduates at the school.

Graduation Affairs Open With Services At Baptist Church

Although commencement activities were not formally started until baccalaureate exercises at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:45, "Swing Choir and 'Senior Skip Day' were observed respectively on Thursday and Friday evening at the church.

Edmund Platt Wins Scholarship

Announcement was made this week by Oberlin College of a scholarship award that has gone to Edmund Platt, June graduate at Baldwin High School, by virtue of a competitive examination in modern history. Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history.

Edmund Platt Wins Scholarship
Announcement was made this week by Oberlin College of a scholarship award that has gone to Edmund Platt, June graduate at Baldwin High School, by virtue of a competitive examination in modern history. Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history.

Baldwin High's Baccalaureate Sunday Night

The maroon and white caps and gowns that will be seen at Baldwin High School and about the streets of Birmingham for the next few days mark the beginning of a busy week for 139 graduates at the school.

Although commencement activities were not formally started until baccalaureate exercises at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:45, "Swing Choir and 'Senior Skip Day' were observed respectively on Thursday and Friday evening at the church.

Edmund Platt Wins Scholarship

Announcement was made this week by Oberlin College of a scholarship award that has gone to Edmund Platt, June graduate at Baldwin High School, by virtue of a competitive examination in modern history. Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history.

Edmund Platt Wins Scholarship
Announcement was made this week by Oberlin College of a scholarship award that has gone to Edmund Platt, June graduate at Baldwin High School, by virtue of a competitive examination in modern history. Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history.

Public Invited To Talk Future of Hunter Blvd.

A public meeting of property owners along Hunter boulevard to end, if possible, the confusion which has arisen over development of the business part of the new highway, has been called for next Monday night by the City Commission.

\$50,000 Bowling Alley Proposal Results in Meeting
A public meeting of property owners along Hunter boulevard to end, if possible, the confusion which has arisen over development of the business part of the new highway, has been called for next Monday night by the City Commission.

Women To Sew To Aid Refugees

All women interested in the work of the French War Relief chapter, which is collecting canned foods and used clothing, are urged to assemble at the Community House each Wednesday from 10 to 11 o'clock to work for refugee relief in France. Canned foods such as beans and milk, and vegetables are needed immediately to feed the millions who have turned themselves in desperate need.

Women To Sew To Aid Refugees
All women interested in the work of the French War Relief chapter, which is collecting canned foods and used clothing, are urged to assemble at the Community House each Wednesday from 10 to 11 o'clock to work for refugee relief in France. Canned foods such as beans and milk, and vegetables are needed immediately to feed the millions who have turned themselves in desperate need.

Praises Fire Fighter for Saving Children

Capt. Stanley Pepperell, member of the Fire Department for 13 years, was officially commended Monday by Mayor John E. Martz for saving two children in a house fire on Hamilton street May 17. The rest of the department was standing in formal review when the fire fighter was praised.

Notable Entries In Horse Show

With the close of entries last night, it was revealed by officials of the Detroit Horse Show association that in the show which will open this Wednesday evening at Bloomfield Open Hunt will attract some of the finest strings of horses the Pittsburgh area has ever seen.

Birmingham Budget 1940-41 1939-40

Commission	2,260	2,360
Elections	1,410	1,400
General Adm.	42,360	42,350
Street Light	1,300	820
Sidewalks	14,600	13,600
Sub Total	61,950	60,320
I-Adm. Dept.	6,485	6,735
Mgr. Dept.	5,331	5,540
Clerk	2,146	2,148
Treasurer	40,160	40,130
Engineering	5,330	5,330
Legal	1,740	1,000
Health	3,374	3,106
Build. Insp.	3,024	2,294
Justice	2,998	2,954
Sub Total	46,557	46,437
III-Police	44,022	43,160
IV-Public Works	8,328	8,426
Street Clean	12,350	12,432
Streets-Pk.	5,978	6,904
Gravel Maint.	8,330	8,612
Street Clean	2,160	1,970
Snow Removal	2,040	2,100
Payment Rep.	3,100	3,136
Vegetation	1,200	920
Trees	2,750	2,643
Parks	1,842	1,900
Street Signs	488	430
Rubbish Dis.	4,200	4,096
Recreation	1,324	1,200
Equipment	2,736	2,670
Sub Total	58,262	58,545
Total	\$210,225	\$206,445
VII-Relief	13,500	13,800
VIII-Debt	70,186	58,191
IX-Financing	17,954	18,887
Total	\$311,866	\$306,824
Estimated Income	42,500	40,000
Unexp. Bal.	\$269,366	\$266,824

Two Hold Out for Reduction in Tax Total

Majority Votes \$19 Rate Because of 'Uncertainties'
By a 5-2 vote, Birmingham City Commission adopted Monday night a \$131,866 budget for the new fiscal year starting in July, and tentatively set the tax rate at \$19 a thousand, the same as last year.

Dismissing the budget vote were Ralph I. Corryell and Harry E. Bissett, both newly-elected members. A third, Wilmer E. Moody, favored a cut in the rate in the private debate on the budget held last week, but changed his position Monday night.

Mayor Explains Uncertainty
The session Monday night, the marked contrast to the meeting a year ago when no citizen appeared, had a gallery of 30 people which heard the repeated suggestion by K. B. Olson, 540 Hawthorne, that the rate be cut to \$18. That would involve a \$70,000 cut in the budget.
"Why make a grandstand play at the rate \$20 or \$25 cent?" asked Commissioner Frank S. Packard. We might have to put it right back where it is, and we would have a grandstand like that," answered Olson.

Commissioners Explain Tax Votes
Three of the City Commissioners have explained their vote on the budget question Monday, one, "yes," two, "no"; one, "yes," two, "no."
Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody, who said he was not in favor of proving the measure 5-2, chose to explain his stand at the meeting.
"I might add," he said, "that I favored a cut because I believe in the rate which will result in Birmingham if we keep the tax rate down we are going to encourage more of them who voted 'no'; one, 'yes.'"
Commissioner Harry E. Bissett, who said he was not in favor of proving the measure 5-2, chose to explain his stand at the meeting.
"I might add," he said, "that I favored a cut because I believe in the rate which will result in Birmingham if we keep the tax rate down we are going to encourage more of them who voted 'no'; one, 'yes.'"
Commissioner Harry E. Bissett, who said he was not in favor of proving the measure 5-2, chose to explain his stand at the meeting.
"I might add," he said, "that I favored a cut because I believe in the rate which will result in Birmingham if we keep the tax rate down we are going to encourage more of them who voted 'no'; one, 'yes.'"

Edmund Platt Wins Scholarship

Announcement was made this week by Oberlin College of a scholarship award that has gone to Edmund Platt, June graduate at Baldwin High School, by virtue of a competitive examination in modern history. Edmund has been awarded a Purple Heart award in a competitive examination in modern history.

Women To Sew To Aid Refugees

All women interested in the work of the French War Relief chapter, which is collecting canned foods and used clothing, are urged to assemble at the Community House each Wednesday from 10 to 11 o'clock to work for refugee relief in France. Canned foods such as beans and milk, and vegetables are needed immediately to feed the millions who have turned themselves in desperate need.

Buyer Beware of Shoppers Repaired. Re-Conditioned Cars, Please B'ham 1-9768