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## REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR SPECIAL CITY ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 1942

To vote at this election, all persons must be registered in the City by Wednesday, October 14, 1942, at 8:00 P. M. Eastern Standard War 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 Wednesday, October 14, 1942.

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 October 14, 1942.

IRENE E. HANLEY,

City Clerk

October 1, 1942

## Bits of Birmingham

This newspaper got into the newspapers last week, quite an unusual circumstance. Managing Editor Harwood has written something about the incident in his column on the editorial page this week.

They have finally frozen the price of butter and eggs. During the next 60-day period (after which a change may be made) dealers may not charge more than their highest price during the period Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. The new order applies to cheese, eggs, poultry, four, dry onions, potatoes, fresh and canned citrus fruits and juices, canned milk, cornmeal and nutmeg. (You can have the nutmeg.)

Fred Collins, 459 West Brown, reported Sunday that his spare tire had been stolen, either in Birmingham or Ferndale—he wasn't sure which.

Someone hid at the Cunningham store Friday night and after every one had gone, took \$90 in change from four cash registers, and escaped through a trap door.

Two patents have been issued to Birmingham inventors, as follows: Noel F. C. Haberstock, headlight output meter; Edward C. Merritt, multiple rear axle assembly.

C. W. Smith, of 524 Southfield, reported to police last Friday that someone stole his son's Hercules bicycle, an English model, when it was parked at 1420 West Lincoln.

Ralph A. Main, assistant City engineer, has drawn an interesting map on the wall of his office showing the location of all the large wells in the vicinity. They occur in definite, nearly-straight lines, indicating the fact that the big veins, the "underground rivers," must occur in underground valleys of gravel, left by the glaciers. One vein appears to start in Southfield Township, where a well is now in operation—Pierce near Kirchoff. The next well, in a northwesterly direction, is in Guffratt subdivision, outside the City, near Argyle. Then in the same line is the City's big red Southfield Village well, in the same line, is the Lincoln well and West well, and lastly in the well at Birmingham Village. Beyond lies Gilbert Lake, which Perry Vaughan says is spring fed.

Three other veins, one in Royal Oak, and the others in central and northeastern parts of Birmingham and environs, are roughly parallel. Many test wells indicate that the veins are rather narrow. So Mr. Main is awaiting the sinking of new test wells along the lines shown on his map to see whether his map really means anything.

Bruce Bracken, three years old, of Maple road, near Birmingham, was treated at Pontiac General Hospital Friday for a lacerated finger, hurt in a folding card table.

A coal truck belonging to a Pontiac firm was found abandoned on Crooks road, left there by a newly-employed driver who delivered one ton of coal but decided that the second would be too much.

September sales of war bonds totaled \$838,250,000 contrasted to the quota of \$775,000,000, making Secretary Morgenthau jubilant. He said that the millions sold in the nation's theatres played no small part in September's success.

Donald Richardson, a City fireman, became the father of twins Tuesday. He is that red-headed

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that there should be a sign at the end of Willow Lane, at Redding road. Driving north on Willow at 2:38 a. m., he went past the sign and onto the shoulder of Redding.

The Bloomfield Hills sirens blow every Saturday noon—next Monday.

Birmingham's estimated fire loss during September was \$20.

Detroit is certainly getting tough with traffic violators. One man was fined \$300 but permitted to donate \$100 to the Red Cross. A reckless driver was given 15 days in jail; two men driving without operator's licenses got seven days in jail; two others got 30 days in jail for drunken driving.

Anybody hereabouts lose a sheep? One was reported wandering on Northlawn avenue at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

'Tis reported that the Men's Club of Christ Church met Monday night and devoured every delectable steak. That is not exactly news yet but that sort of thing makes life if the situation gets worse. This column may report as news, for example, that "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith had ham for dinner Sunday." Or, that "Richard Roe has been left four times by his Uncle Ernie who died last week."

The fellow who owns that little Crosley car we saw parked near Sham's Monday ought to be sitting pretty when gas rationing starts.

A driver reported to police Monday that 12 manholes opened at Pine and Puritan come loose every time a car runs over it.

The practical philanthropists of like in this war prove the fact that "the milk of human kindness" is pretty prevalent in human affairs. An illustration, Mrs. Herman Harmon, of Franklin Village, had 25 pounds of sugar that she wanted to give away, so she brought out that the S. O. in Detroit, where thousands of boys in the military services get free food, ought to use a fine outlet. How to get it there? Well, why not call get it there? She did, and so Charlie temporarily went into the grocery business, and took the sugar to the S. O. At the same time he carted to the same place 75 jars of jams and jellies obtained at the recent Village Fair in the Community House.

Mrs. Elmore E. Wallering of Yarmouth road, chairman of the fair, made the suggestion about the jelly. (She also was responsible two weeks ago, for having one of the Wandlers take a similar shipment of jellies, plus many magazines, to the U. S. at Battle Creek, for the Fort Custer boys.)

Will Provide Her Own The Lady Next Door says that inflation doesn't worry her at all. Just give her the tires, she says, and she'll blow them up with a bicycle pump, if necessary—Christian Science Monitor.

Many women are anxious to work, not merely to earn money, but to be of service. This Wandler suggests that those who cannot type write, or who are not good at sewing, might do well to learn. There will no doubt be classes open at the high school.

Mr. Carl E. Heusser of 552 Brookside drive, in the middle from Birmingham since the middle of June, helping her father, Nelson C. O'vatt, inventor and manufacturer of a payroll machine, factory, at Reading, Pa., sells its entire output to the Government, and she'll blow them up with a bicycle pump, if necessary—Christian Science Monitor.

Fannie Perry Coonce Gravitt, of Pontiac, wants to change her name to Perry Beatrice Fannie Coonce Gravitt. Probate Judge Moore will hold a hearing on the matter Oct. 26.

Mrs. Anne Dugan Field, of 938 Westwood drive was driving Westwood drive last week when George Ziegler, 14 years old, of 407 Kimberley road, rode out of a driveway on his bicycle, striking Mrs. Field's car. The bike was bent but the youth said he was unharmed.

Somewhat similarly, Jimmie Reed, 4 years old, of 264 Brownhill street, escaped injury while riding his tricycle in the parking lot at the rear of the Theatre Building, E. S. Kinney, 588 Larchlea, was backing up his car when the "collision" occurred.

Richard Flannery, of Orchard Lake, reported to police this week

## "TIME TO COUNT TEN"

The next time you are told that housing values are "out of sight" or "the same house could be bought for \$2000 less two years ago," look for the proof and examine the record. Some of our listings today are the best "Birmingham buys" we've seen in a long time.

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