

Overwhelming Response

By approving through more than 71 per cent of the additional five-million school tax levy in Monday's special election, residents of the Birmingham school district assured themselves of at least a status quo concerning money with which the Board of Education may operate on next year, as well as providing the board with additional funds to expand building facilities to care for minimum educational requirements.

Thanks to the Earthworm

While an acre of average garden soil may sometimes contain more than a million earthworms, the average person rarely stops to think of the tremendous contribution that the earthworm makes to civilization.

HONORING THE LATE JOHN B. HOWARTH, OF Birmingham, by giving his name to the Cummings Park, is worth praising so we hereby recognize both the City Commission and the local Rotary Club for approving the idea.

Recognized Ancient Rights

Beginning in September, the enactment of the United States Constitution will send some 150 significant documents of American history on a nationwide tour, so that the American people can have the opportunity of witnessing the historic documents.

Among other papers to be shown on the tour, according to a press release from the Department of Justice, is the "original and official copy of the Bill of Rights."

However, in order to avoid confusion, the Constitution was amended almost immediately to recognize various rights which had already been secured by the people and given legal recognition in the colonies.

We call attention to this matter because it is important for our people to understand their rights, as acknowledged in the Amendment to the United States Constitution, did not originate with that document.

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Now Let's Keep the Ball Rolling

People's Column

May 1, 1947

The Birmingham Eccentric is one of several newspapers that recently published an editorial report of the election of Mrs. Cyril B. Lewis by the Birmingham City Commission to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

The Women Citizens' Committee, and in doubt the other five Birmingham women's organizations who urged in requesting the appointment of a woman to this post were gratified by the enthusiasm with which this report was received.

MRS. WILLIAM E. ESSERY, Chairman, B'ham Women Citizens' Committee

May 1, 1947

To the Editor: The project for a new high school building is to be warmly commended, every citizen in the city is vitally interested. At this time, name is suggested for it—the name of the man who says he'll pay for Birmingham schools for the village.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 14, 1897

News from school the junior class of this year is unusually large, numbering 22, 16 girls and seven boys.

Our brass band was out Saturday night last and discoursed sweet music in many serenades about town.

Veryattering reports come to us of the manner in which Howard King, of the Lansing League ball game, has been handling the little sphere.

Carp are quite numerous in the city and some of the ones are being caught. Tom Thurby captured one last week that weighed almost 12 pounds.

The Electric Railway has been booming the lively business in the town for Sundays after the arrival of a car full of cars and double rigs out with passengers from the trolley car to visit their country cousins.

20 YEARS AGO May 11, 1927

With the drive not yet completed, Birmingham today has celebrated more than \$1,000 for relief for the Missions food outfit.

W. W. Henry, north Woodward avenue, Hubbert and Brown street, Mrs. Hope Halgren, 218 Lakeview avenue, and Scott Hervey, 557 West Main, were named to the village commission at the special election held yesterday.

A hospital devoted primarily to diagnosis—that is what St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, South Saginaw street, Pontiac, which opened formally Monday afternoon, is to be.

Mrs. Norman Lyle of Yorkshire Road was elected president of the Birmingham Thursday Musical at the annual meeting last Thursday following luncheon at the Chateau Tea Room.

The Village Players' Playhouse, in the short term of its existence, has become the social center of Birmingham. Not only have the players themselves (and they include a large part of Birmingham's social set) used the playhouse for their monthly programs but also for other purposes.

8 YEARS AGO May 11, 1937

The Community House campaign workers are nearing their goal and it is hoped that the first time in years, the drive will exceed the goal.

One Birmingham man, father of a couple of boys, put much of his property in his wife's name and she and her two children are to be a boomerang.

She was a professional model for photographers. She now has an independent income and she is hoping that she can ask why our friend should stay at home!

Stephanie Stephens, who is just finishing high school, has a job and it sounds very interesting. She and another girl are in charge of the future mission shop in a Detroit store.



working for Birmingham's good, an outstanding citizen successful in business and highly esteemed by his associates, a born leader of men.

He owned the land now occupied by the city hall and was used as our municipal Christmas tree. Mr. Village President, he collected many hundreds of dollars in accounts receivable which had been due for years.

He urged the erection of the splendid public library we now enjoy, and spent my last of little before 4 p. m. to watch the circus put in. He figured, and rightly so, that half the fun of a circus was to be had in the railroad yards.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

To capture the spirit and life of the circus, try getting "backstage" shots. A picture such as this would be hard to make during an actual performance.



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