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By G. R. A.

Political Conventions Are Strenuous Affairs

One of the most difficult and trying of times in the career of a leader of a political party is that of attending a political convention. It is a long, tiring, and often a frustrating experience. In less than two years with Governor Kim Sigler, I can assure you that they are strenuous.

My most recent one was Friday and Saturday last week when, in Detroit, over 100 party county delegates met in a State Convention for the chief purpose of nominating a slate of seven county delegates and alternates, plus seven delegates and seven alternate-at-large (total of 41) all of whom will attend the national convention in Philadelphia, June 21-24.

The Republicans will gather to nominate their candidate for Governor, and the Democrats will do the same. From the time the Governor and I arrived at the Book-Cadillac hotel late Friday afternoon until we retired about two o'clock Saturday morning, the suite of rooms was occupied by delegates who took the voice of at least a third of all the delegates—or so it seemed to me.

Governor's Own List

In their own caucus and meetings during the night and early Saturday morning, the various counties did their own delegate and alternate electing, but those who came to the gubernatorial suite were largely interested in obtaining the Governor's list for places on the list of delegates and alternates-at-large.

Before arriving at the convention, the Governor had made his own list, selecting men and women from various parts of the State on the basis of geographical location; with the exception of one delegate who had been elected in the gubernatorial caucus, the Governor's list was not based on the list of delegates and alternates-at-large.

Of course, there is every manner of trading and dealing between counties for the honors at stake; while some of it smacks of even a bit of "double-dealing," it is simply the natural condition of persons seeking a place in the limelight of some office. One doesn't want a thing other than the honor, while a few really want not only the honor but the money which they can get in the way of prestige for their personal business or professional careers.

A Lot of Hard Work

At 8:15 Saturday morning, after six hours of sleep, the Governor's list was read to the room toward me and, assuming I was awake, said: "Well, George, let's see what we can do for you. It is a lot of hard work and a lot of hard work."

Even while eating breakfast at the hotel, the party leaders began to contact the suite... and so it went until we left the convention hall at 1:15, where the official proceedings of the convention took place.

Yes, I have found out that there's a lot of hard work and a lot of hard work of people in public office.

Preliminary Survey Favors Change in City's Office Hours

Possibility of keeping city office open until 9 p. m. every Monday night, and closing them all day Saturday, was brought before the city commission Monday evening by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

A preliminary survey was conducted last Saturday morning among persons who visited city offices on business.

Of the 205 persons who appeared that morning, 141 indicated they'd like to see the proposed change, 36 opposed it, while 28 were undecided, Egbert's figures showed.

"A number of other municipalities have adopted this practice, and the reasons being to encourage attendance at commission meetings," the manager explained to commissioners.

Ask for Fence Around Howarth Play Field

Parents of young children who use the Howarth Memorial Park for recreational purposes would like to see a fence constructed around the field in order to keep young children from running wild into the streets, the city commission was told Monday evening.

Gravel Truck Spills Load in Accident Last Week

This truck turned over at the corner of Forest and Hunter last Thursday morning as the driver attempted to avoid crashing into a woman motorist trying to make a right turn onto Forest from the corner of Hunter. The truck driver miraculously escaped serious injury. The Birmingham fire department must wait to see how many gallons of the overturned truck from debris since the starter was still engaged and drawing power from the battery.

Beresford and Eden Are Elected in Hills; Only 64 Votes Cast

Bloomfield Hills voters in their annual city election Monday elected James A. Beresford, Lone Pine road, to his first term on the city commission and reelected C. G. Eden, also of Lone Pine road, to his third term.

Only 64 voters cast their ballots, while more than 600 are registered.

Dominic Detranio was reelected city constable. Official totals gave Beresford 61 votes, Eden 57, and Detranio 58.

Although the county as a whole defeated both county proposals for an addition to the infirmary, Hills voters overwhelmingly approved both propositions. They voted 10 to 13 in favor of increasing the 15-mill limit, and 23 to 13 in favor of spreading a two-mill levy on county property.

Harry S. Starr, Bloomfield Hills city manager, said that the 64 votes cast out of a possible 600 was normal for the city in a no-contest election.

Guest Speaker Compulsory Course in Family Living to Be Explained

Tonight at 8 o'clock the Pierce School PTA will present a program for the parents of all Birmingham school children.

Mrs. Mary M. Josey, sociology teacher at Highland Park high school, and two of her students will discuss the compulsory course in "Preparation for Marriage" and "Family Living." This course is a part of an overall program of family life education throughout Highland Park schools and attempts to educate toward the establishment of the kind of home that will be conducive to wholesome family living.

"We believe the best preparation for marriage is the building of a well-balanced, emotionally mature person," says Mrs. Josey. "Mental hygiene principles are implicit in all units of the course."

Public Health Problem

The first unit is called mental health and includes a study of alcoholism, not with a moral approach, but in an attempt to give scientific knowledge to young people about an intractable disease that now ranks fourth as a public health problem.

The second unit deals with the growth and development of the child. Students learn that the child's personality pattern is being laid as a result of his early experiences. They obtain a good understanding of the needs of the infant if he is to become a secure and well-adjusted adult.

A nursery school that was organized as a laboratory for child training for mothers in the high school gives both boys and girls practical experience and a chance to test the theories they have learned in the classroom.

The students are enthusiastic about what they have learned and present it with noise and authority. Baldwin high school students are invited to attend. There will be no business meeting and the program will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

Hearing Adjournd

Confirmation of the assessment roll on the improvement of Lincoln, between Adams and Woodward, was adjourned Monday night by the city commission until April 26.

End Load for DPW

The city commission Monday evening authorized the city manager to advertise for bids on an end loader to be used for loading gravel from stock-piles into DPW trucks.

Fire Chief Issues Warning Concerning Starting Grass Fires

Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith states that the majority of recent calls being received by the department were those reporting out-of-control grass fires.

It will not be issued unless burn conditions are correct. This is done to protect property throughout the city, but can be effective only through the complete cooperation of all.

Concerning the issuance of this permit, Chief Griffith said, "It is my duty to issue a permit that all local violators will be prosecuted. We don't like to do it, but we must. It is our duty to see a family home grass just because a pile of dead grass and it's for the protection of everyone that we issue the burning permits, and it's for the protection of everyone that we will prosecute to the limit of the law any person who violates this city-wide ruling."

Victors in Monday's City Election



Ralph A. Main, Bruce G. Booth, Garland D. Tait

3 Baseball Teams to Represent City in County Leagues

By Jim Millsbrandt

Birmingham will find itself well represented May 9th when Royal Oak's Memorial Park will begin its second year as one of Oakland County's finest ball parks.

Leading the local contingent of three ball teams will be Eldon Auker's Birmingham Chrysler Merchants, managed by Maurice German, who will compete in the class A softball league and Beverly Hills Drive in what is expected to repeat their last year's fine showing in class B softball.

Officers Elected, By-Laws Are Revised Monday Night at PTA Council Meeting

At a special meeting of the Birmingham Teacher's Club held late Tuesday afternoon, it was decided there would be no petitioning to keep the provision for repealing the sales tax amendment of the November ballot.

It was learned that while state law provides for amendments to be placed on the ballot by petition, there is no procedure for petitioning to keep any measure off the ballot.

Two School Principals

Before this five cent dues were paid for each member with no change in dues for the year, imposing a penalty on larger memberships. The revision of Council officers allows for re-election of school principals, but forbids ex-officio members.

The Vice Price of the Birmingham Teacher's Club presented the legislative question regarding Michigan Constitutional amendments for the Council's consideration. Petitions to be circulated in Birmingham regarding modification of the 15-mill limitation concern two amendments: one would change the bonding period from five to twenty years. A second would change the necessary two-thirds vote to a simple majority to secure funds beyond 15-mills.

Generalissimo

Charles W. O'Donnell, secretary-treasurer of the Manistee Iron Works Co. and grand generalissimo of the Grand Commodore, Knights Templar of Michigan, will speak to members of the Hi-12 Club next Monday evening, program chairman E. W. Brehm announced this week.

Repair Fund Needed

Funds for repairs and replacements beyond those included in 1948-9 operating costs will be used toward roof, drains and paint for the outside of the House. It is estimated that \$5,000 is required when these improvements are made.

Perhaps some of the items would have been included in the current operating budget, according to the present House board, had it not been for present high prices. Delayed maintenance is a possibility of emergency repairs.

"Bo" McMillin, Lions Coach, Looking for Home in Birmingham

A. N. "Bo" McMillin, Detroit Lions coach and former Indiana University grid mentor, is looking for a home in Birmingham. He is expected to arrive at the Eccentric Tuesday evening.

"I'd like to live here if I can find a place," McMillin said. He and his 16-year-old son, Jerry, are staying with the Eldon Auker family in Glastonbury. McMillin played halfback under McKinley at Kansas State in 1929-31.

Charter Revisions Pass; Voters Deny Park Bond Issue

In Monday's annual city election, Birmingham voters returned Mayor Ralph A. Main to the city commission for his third term.

Elected Bruce G. Booth and Garland D. Tait to the commission; Approved a \$100,000 bond issue for sewer extensions, a \$50,000 bond issue for the W. Maple bridge; Returned a proposed \$50,000 bond issue for development of city parks and recreational areas, and;

Went on record as favoring a 2-mill levy for an addition to the county infirmary.

Contributions Coming in for House Roll Call

The largest group to take the field for an annual Roll Call of the Community House since the finance drive for the present building in the election of April 19, 1946, "A Committee of 400" stands then to call on every home in the Birmingham area which has not contributed by mail prior to April 13.

A letter appealing for early and generous contributions was sent to nearly 6,000 households just before Easter. Replies to the letters are now beginning to arrive at the Community House. Response is good, according to Mrs. Velma Isley, executive director of the Community House.

Many of the men and women on the committee have not formerly participated in a Community House Roll Call. Some are recent arrivals in the area including many members of the Newcomer Club, organized recently.

The "Committee of 400" meets on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 o'clock at the Community House to be instructed in their task. The Roll Call will be a one hour "refresher course" for the members of the committee to be on hand as he considers the rally on the most important factors in the success of the 1948 fund drive.

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Campaign Objectives

First objective of the 1948 Roll Call is \$28,558 toward the 1948-9 budget operating costs of the Community House. Money raised beyond that amount will be applied to repairs and replacements of the Community House. The purchase of a mortgage by the purchase of property adjoining the Community House, recently financed. The property, acquired for future expansion, cost \$7000. One thousand has been paid.

Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, president of the board of directors that approved the property purchase, calls attention to the immensely increased attendance at the Community House events last year, or double the number of entries to the Community House in 1946.

Mrs. Liverance points out that the Community House present House is sometimes overtaxed and a few more years will see the House in need of a major renovation program with the community it serves. Property expansion is a first step.

Records Incomplete

Word has recently been received from American National Red Cross that 50% of any over run above the \$97,485 will be retained within the chapter instead of the 25.5% of funds raised up to the total of the quota assigned.

Because of incomplete reports, many chapters have not announced that their communities have reached quota but undoubtedly many more are in the process as soon as the final reports are completed, Cross said.

Worker Hurt In Fall Reported As "Fair" Wednesday

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