

SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Among the localities who have taken tables for the Stephens College Alumnae fashion show in Detroit to be held on April 2 are Mrs. Bennett Root, Mrs. Hiram Todd, Mrs. George W. Averill, Mrs. Donald Flowers, Mrs. Richard Patterson and Mrs. H. Everhardus. Mrs. William W. Beyster will have as her guests, Mrs. J. S. Clayton and Mrs. H. J. Wilson.

Mrs. John C. Kinzel of Arlington road will entertain at a tea and linen shower today in honor of Miss Mary Elizabeth Williams who will become the bride of Charles Russell Lange, Jr., on April 9.

Mrs. Charles Beals of Brown street is planning a luncheon and bridge party on Friday, April 1, in her home. Among her guests will be Mrs. C. Watson, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. H. Buchanan, Mrs. G. Farnsworth, Mrs. Robert Gans, Mrs. L. Morley, Mrs. W. Archer, Mrs. Russell McBride, Mrs. Carl Binkley, Mrs. Wilson Feldman, Mrs. John Abbott, Mrs. C. Butters, Mrs. H. McBride, Mrs. W. Malloy, Mrs. F. Franklin, Mrs. Guy Jensen, Mrs. Earl Bealy, Mrs. H. Yandall, Mrs. Terry Lee Beals and Mrs. S. J. Duncan. Mrs. T. L. Beals with her young daughter, is visiting her mother-in-law for several weeks.

In honor of Miss Jeanne Helgeson and Miss Jean Wyckoff, Mrs. Charles W. Wacker, Jr., of Suffolk road will entertain at a bathroom and closet shower next Thursday, April 7.

Members of the cast of St. Dunstan's Guild's production of "Command Decision" and their wives had a box supper between the afternoon and evening rehearsals at the Pavilion last Sunday.

The Misses Barbara and Marilyn Black are spending their spring vacation from Pennsylvania College for Women with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Black of Oxford drive. They will return to their studies next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bruyn of Knox street had as their recent houseguest, Miss Mary Jane Pawley whose engagement was just announced to Mrs. deBryun's son, Arthur G. Neff. Mr. and Mrs. deBryun entertained at a tea honoring their visitor.

SOCIETY NEWS must be in the Eccentric editorial office by five o'clock every Tuesday afternoon. Deadline for CLUB NEWS remains at noon Mondays.

Checking Their Lines



Robert L. Woodruff, Frederic C. Pew, and Thomas King take a last look at their lines before appearing in the St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook production of William Wister Haines' drama of the Army Air Corps, "Command Decision." The play will be presented at the Cranbrook Pavilion tomorrow evening and Saturday and again on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9.

Cranbrook Shows Religious Art

An exhibition for Easter of "The Great Passion," 12 sixteenth century woodcuts by Albrecht Durer and the first edition of 21 engravings of William Blake's "The Book of Job" will open on Saturday at the Museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Durer has created a large number of woodcuts and engravings which are classed among the greatest artistic achievements of all times. This famous cycle of prints depicts the life of Christ and appeared for the first time in 1511 as a book with the corresponding text of the New Testament printed on the reverse side of each woodcut. After Durer's death another imprint was made omitting the text. It is this edition which was printed at the end of the sixteenth century and provides the rare opportunity to study this outstanding creation in the original.

Between 1823 and 1825 William Blake, the great English mystic, poet and artist, engraved

his most outstanding work in creative art, the illustrations to the Book of Job, which was published in March 1826. The set on exhibition is the rare first edition, consisting of proofs on China paper. Included are the original title page engraved by Blake, the original announcement of the publication, and an old photograph of Blake from an ivory miniature from life by John Linell, Blake's patron and friend. These exhibitions will continue until April 25 and museum hours are from 2 to 5, daily except Mondays.

Library Board Candidates Cite Need for Bigger Budget

Both candidates for the Birmingham Library Board declare this week that more money is needed for the library in order to provide better services.

Merrill C. Adams and Mrs. John Lambie are seeking unopposed S. Lambie are seeking unopposed re-election to the Library board in the April 4 election next Monday. The League of Women Voters of Birmingham obtained information concerning these candidates which will be included in a Voter's Service pamphlet and which will be distributed to Birmingham citizens this Friday and Saturday.

Adams, vice-president and a director of the Birmingham National Bank, has served on the Library Board for several years. He is a director and treasurer of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and has also served one year on the Birmingham Community House Board and on the Board of Review.

Question is Stated

Mrs. Lambie, a Birmingham resident for 22 years, is the present chairman on the Library Board. She has been active with many civic affairs, has served as state chairman of the Michigan State Librarians' Trustees section and is a present member of the Community House Board of Trustees.

The question "Is present library support, which is restricted by City Charter to one mill on the dollar annually on all taxable property in the city, adequate for good library service?" was asked both candidates.

Adams replied: "To properly staff the library, to provide adequate book and periodical purchases and to maintain a library building such as ours, a minimum annual income of \$30,000.00 is required. Our income from all sources is approximately 75 per cent of that amount. As a result our library is understaffed and book purchases are far below proper standards."

Depends on 2 Items

Mrs. Lambie answered, "No. Good service depends on 2 items—books and personnel. Books are gravely insufficient at present. Though one of the handsome libraries in the state, the building is large for a town of this size, the cost of building maintenance depletes the money that should be spent for books and service. Undoubtedly, high costs, a long difficult problem has become acute serious."

Mrs. E. B. K'burg, L.V. Voter's Service chairman, reports that information booths will be held at Meigs, the Birmingham National Bank and Stieff's.

Answering questions concerning the election and giving out information on candidates on State and local levels will be Mr. William Albee, Mrs. Allen Ort, Mrs. Allan Lutz, Mrs. Donald Howarth, Mrs. Duncan Hamme, Mrs. Wilbur Johnstone, Mrs. Raymond Giffels, Mrs. Karl Vogels, Mrs. C. H. Gifford, Mrs. H. Anderson, Mrs. F. Chalmers and Mrs. James E. Duncan.

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ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on

Monday, April 4, 1949

at the place or places of holding the election in said city as indicated below, viz:

Precinct 1—Quarton School, Corner Chesterfield and Oak Streets
Precinct 2—Holy Name School, 620 Harmon Avenue
Precinct 3—Adams School, Corner Adams and Oakland
Precinct 4—Municipal Building, 151 Martin Street
Precinct 5—Bell Funeral Home, 820 E. Maple, Elm S. Entrance
Precinct 6—Pierce School, 1828 Pierce Street

for the purpose of electing the following officers, viz:

STATE OFFICERS
Two Regents of the University of Michigan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Member of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the State Board of Agriculture, State Highway Commissioner.

NON-PARTISAN OFFICERS
Two Justices of the Supreme Court

CITY OFFICERS
Two City Commissioners, Two members of the Library Board, One Constable

and to vote on the following Charter Amendments:

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1—CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES
Shall Section 1 of Chapter VI of the Charter of the City of Birmingham, be amended to permit the City to enter into contracts and make purchases in amounts not to exceed ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS without prior commission approval, or TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS with commission approval, without having first advertised for sealed proposals therefore?
(Section 1 of Chapter VI is printed herewith. The proposed amendment is indicated by BOLD FACE TYPE.)

Section 1. No contract shall be entered into by the City for the making of any public improvement or for the purchase of any materials, tools, apparatus or any other thing or things, the consideration or cost of which shall exceed ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS, until specifications shall be prepared therefor, and published advertisement made for sealed proposals thereon, provided, however, that by a vote of five-sevenths of the members of the commission-elect, such contracts, the consideration for which shall not exceed TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS, may be made without advertisement. The City shall have the right to reject any or all proposals.

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2—CONSTRUCTION WORK
Shall Section 2 of Chapter VI of the Charter of the City of Birmingham be amended to permit City Departments to undertake construction work, the cost of which does not exceed ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS without prior commission approval, or TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS with Commission approval, without having first advertised for sealed proposals therefore?
(Section 2 of Chapter VI is printed herewith. The proposed amendment is indicated by BOLD FACE TYPE.)

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of this Charter, the City may, through its departments, officers and employees, perform public work of all kinds or it may let any of such work by contract. The City shall not, however, undertake the performance of any construction work exceeding an estimated cost of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS, until it has first advertised for sealed proposals therefor; provided, however, that by a vote of five-sevenths of the members of the commission-elect, such contracts, the consideration for which shall not exceed TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS, may be made without advertisement.

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3
REMOVING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS AND GENERAL CITY IMPROVEMENTS.
Shall the Charter of the City of Birmingham be amended by repealing Section 25 of Chapter X of the Charter?
(Section 25 of Chapter X is printed herewith)

Section 25. No improvement, any part of the cost of which is to be assessed to a special assessment district, shall be made until the commission has first advertised for proposals for making such improvement, and has received and opened the same, if any. The commission may reject any and all of such proposals and may in its discretion make such improvement by the proper officers and agents of the City.

March 24, 1949
Irene E. Hanley,
City Clerk