

73% of Qualified Electors Voted, Analysis Shows

Birmingham ranked high among surrounding communities in percentage of registered voters who went to the polls Nov. 7, according to statistics compiled by the Birmingham Republican club. Comparison of the 1950 local election and vote with the 1948 revealed an increase in vote from 6,381 to 6,699.

Of the registered voters in Birmingham, 73% went to the polls election day. Results in neighboring areas were: Pleasant Ridge, 74.48%; Royal Oak, 61.25%; Berkeley, 59.65%; Ferndale, 62.89%; Hazel Park, 52.23%; Troy township, 58.49%; Oak Park, 54.63%; Royal Oak township, 41.92%; Clawson, 65.34%; Pontiac, 63.39% and Huntington Woods, 77.92%.

Detroit Edison Voices Objection To Parking Plan

Another substantial objection to the creation of the Brown-Pierce off-street parking lot was received this week from the Detroit Edison company through Harold J. Hall, district manager. Hall's statement showed the company felt the proposed plan would work a hardship on them in the event of future expansion. He pointed out that due to the growth of the city, their office would have to expand in the near future.

This would require additional space around their present location plus their needed parking space. He said there are 55 employees at present who are driving privately owned cars. In addition to these there are 25 employees from other offices who are making frequent use of the company's lot, they have business at the local office.

Southfield Twp. Files Suit Against Fons Lake Park

Southfield township has filed a suit in circuit court requesting that Stanley and Viola Fons be restrained from expanding Fons Lake trailer park to the area west of Southfield road. Glenn C. Gillespie, township attorney, said that a hearing will be held in circuit court Monday morning for the Fons' to show cause why an injunction shouldn't be issued to keep them from expanding the camp.

Gillespie said that the property west of Southfield is zoned as a residential area. A zoning ordinance was also established several years ago, stating that no new trailer camps can be established in the township he said.

Lyle Cheever, president of the Beverly Hills association, appeared before the Southfield township Oct. 24 and requested that action be taken by the board against the trailer camp.

He pointed out that the area is detrimental to nearby property and the smoke from burning rubbish is odorous and dangerous to traffic passing on Southfield. At that meeting, Supervisor D. P. Frane said that nothing could be done by the township about the appearance of the area but if a zoning ordinance of health law was being violated, action was possible.

The trailer camp owners had planned to install a septic tank west of Southfield, as part of their expansion program.

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Turkeys (Continued from Page One)

the premises at the Shady Valley Turkey farm, now known as the Crest farm, at 10 Crest avenue, on Oct. 17 and again on Oct. 14. My impression of the place is that it is a well-kept and overstocked, about 16,000 birds in all.

"THE DISPOSAL of droppings and offal is definitely inadequate and I have no doubt whatsoever but that the complaints about this business as it is being conducted as justifiable during the hot summer months.

"However, at the time of my inspections the fly menace had greatly abated, inasmuch as the turkeys will be removed by November 15, I instructed the operator to immediately remove all waste material and cover droppings with hydrated lime which should control the odor.

"I recommend that the farm not be reopened in 1951. The letter was filed at the meeting after Frane stated Dr. Manion was out of town and could not be reached for discussion.

Request by Edison To Remove Trees Granted by City

A request by the Detroit Edison Co. to remove certain trees in Bloomfield Manor and Birmingham Estates subdivision was approved by the city commission Monday evening. The company said that the trees interfere with the construction of a high voltage line along the west edge of the railway right-of-way, and City Manager Donald C. Bebert recommended that permission be granted for their removal.

Men's Club to See Documentary Films On Atomic Bombing

Documentary films on the effects of the atom bomb shown on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, entitled "The Tale of Two Cities" will be shown at the dinner meeting of the Christ Church Cranbrook Men's club Nov. 29.

Charles X. Sampson Will Direct Social Survey in Vicinity

A social survey has been planned for Birmingham under the auspices of the United Foundation according to Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, chairman for the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Franklin area.

Charles X. Sampson of White Plains, N. Y. will be here Monday, Nov. 27, to take charge of the details, a sub-committee of the United Foundations advisory committee will meet with him Monday evening at Baldwin library to formulate plans.

Mrs. Quinn said the survey had been made necessary through the rapid growth of Birmingham during the past few years. It will be for the purpose of mapping future needs of the city.

Sampson comes to Birmingham through the Community Chest and Councils, Inc.

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Today's Laws Peculiar? Then Just Look at What Grandpa Put Up With!

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Don't do that—it's against the law! Birmingham, like every other community, has on its books a lot of law which by today's standards seem pretty silly. In their day, however, they were not silly and were vitally important to the community as a whole.

Years before paved streets and swift cars came to town, the village was bothered quite extensively with animals roaming at large. Something had to be done about it, so the Village Farmers drafted an ordinance which made it illegal "for any horse, mare, mule, colt, bull, cow, calf, ox, steer, pig, hog, sheep, goose, duck or chicken to go at large in the Village of Birmingham."

This ordinance plainly stated that it was the village marshal's duty to impound any such animals, at the expense of the owners. It made provision for the marshal or any interested citizen to collect .25 cents for each animal taken into custody.

IN ADDITION it provided for the payment of 10 cents for "any sucking pig impounded with any sheep, goose, duck or chicken so driven to the pound."

While necessary then, there's not much money to be made by the patriotic and enter-minded citizen today.

Speeches reared its ugly head even in the days of mud-streets. The law said no person should "drive or cause to be driven, any coach, carriage, buggy, cart, wagon, sleigh, cutter, automobile, bicycle or other vehicle at a speed greater than six miles per hour."

This did not apply to trains or electric cars, which were permitted to tear along at 12 miles an hour. They had their restrictions though. They were not allowed to charge more than five cents fare to any part of Royal Oak from any part of Birmingham.

GOING FURTHER, and admitting that such things did happen, the ordinance stated that "should such person become so intoxicated, he shall be prohibited from making any loud and improper noise."

One ordinance, which still is partly in effect, prohibited the riding of velocipedes, tricycles or bicycles upon the sidewalks of said Village of Birmingham. It also made it illegal to discharge a gun without first getting permission from the village council.

Oddly enough the law read "any person," which, if taken at its word, made it against the law for a police officer to uphold the law. It should a gun be necessary.

As far back as 1915 city laws were concerned with one of our current questions of sanitation. An ordinance at that time demanded refuse containers with fly-tight and animal-proof lids.

THE ONE THING which must have worked a real hardship on the early residents was the water ordinance. It required that all water be turned off immediately upon the sounding of the fire alarm and kept turned off until after the "fire out" signal was given. Tough on someone in the middle of his bath.

It also stated that it was illegal for anyone to permit the water to run when it was not actually in use. How about a cold drink on a hot day?

We snarl and grine about our current laws. We claim we can't do much without breaking one. Cheer up! Grandpa and Grandma faced the same situation and they lived through it.

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Christmas Problems Once Again Dogging Postoffice Workers

Christmas brings more than gifts to the postman. It brings him three problems: incorrectly addressed letters and parcels, improperly wrapped parcels and not enough help to handle the volume of work.

Acting Postmaster Barnard Fowler appeals to local mailers to be sure cards and parcels have the correct address, are properly wrapped and carry enough postage.

He said persons on rural routes should have their names on their mail boxes. During the Christmas rush the extra help is not familiar with routes and often are unable to deliver mail because they can't determine where it goes.

"A NAME on a box," Fowler said, "helps more than you realize. Maybe you have just moved into the area and none of the carriers is familiar with your address. Give him a break and identify yourself."

Fowler also said the local office is still receiving applications for postoffice help, with trucks. Full information may be obtained by calling him at his office.

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