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### TELEVISION AND THAT

#### Television Alone Cannot Solve Crime

While TV did a swell job in publicizing crime and corruption, as revealed by the Kefauver Senate Committee, to expect it to correct and cure the problem is asking a lot of mere cold science. The only manner in which any political evil may be eliminated is by constant and continuing public scrutiny of law enforcement officials; to see that they are, first, capable and honest when elected, second, to keep them honest after election.

Then after the ballots are counted and the din and shouting cease, the public reverts to its ordinary personal affairs, forgetting about the officials they have elected, unmindful of the reasons for keeping each in office and the same over them as they handle their respective jobs.

John E. Maritz, Birmingham's representative to both the Oakland and South Oakland hospital groups has been invited by the city commission to appear at a meeting soon and give his views on the hospital situation.

### Annexation Of Porritt Site Sought

#### Oakland Hospital Petitions Board Of Supervisors

First step toward the proposed annexation of the Porritt property on South Adams to the City of Birmingham was taken by the Oakland hospital board this week.

Edwin A. Tomlinson, president of the Oakland hospital group, sent a petition to the Oakland county board of supervisors requesting that the property be taken from Troy township and annexed to Birmingham.

HE ASKED THE SUPERVISORS to adopt a resolution which would present the question of annexing the territory to be submitted to the qualified electors of the area. The Porritt property is approximately 45 acres in size and has been selected for the proposed construction of the Oakland hospital. A copy of the petition was also sent to the Birmingham city commission.

#### Budget of \$11,644.88 Approved by SOC Hospital Authority

An \$11,644.88 budget for the South Oakland hospital authority was adopted at the annual meeting of the group in the Royal Oak city hall Thursday evening, March 29.

NOT MANY months ago, when United Nations forces (and this means the U.S.A. mostly) were meeting with reverses at the hands of the Chinese Communists, Americans were enthusiastic in their support of something close to an all-out war effort.

### Algae Expert to Visit City Soon

Dr. Bernard Domogala, of Butler, Wis., who has been engaged by the city to chemically treat the algae growth on Quanton lake will arrive here within the next few weeks to examine the situation.

### Defense Speaker

Brig. Gen. Lester J. Mattland, Michigan civil defense chief, will speak at the mass defense meeting which the Community Council will sponsor here on April 27.

### Who Shall Operate Mackinac Island?

Some of our Lansing Legislature desire to abolish the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, turning it over to the Conservation Dept. to operate. The sounds like a good idea. The State owns quite a bit of Mackinac Island, including the old fort, which has held much of historic interest to people.

Commission, however, doesn't have much work to do. Appointments are made to fit governors as nice rewards for people who help elect them, or are their friends. A sort of social-political honor is presumed to accrue to being a commissioner.

Also, of course, commissioners are able to spend part of summers on the island, in state-owned buildings.

### Communications Test

Birmingham's communications unit will undergo its second emergency alert Friday.

### Kiwanis' District Governor to Visit This Area Apr. 11

Nine other clubs comprising the 11th division of the Michigan District Kiwanis, will be guests of the local organization at the annual spring conference Apr. 11 at the Birmingham Community House.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley's report shows a marked drop in traffic mishaps in the city for the first quarter of 1951, compared to figures for the previous year.

### Traffic Mishaps Drop Sharply

A total of 18 accidents were reported last month, with four persons injured and property damages amounting to \$3,305.

### Thieves Concentrate On Service Stations

Local service stations appeared to be earmarked for breaking and entering over the weekend.

### PTA Council Has Annual Election

Malcolm Adams was named president of the Birmingham PTA council at its meeting in Baldwin high school Monday evening.

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### City to Ask For Surfacing Proposals

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been authorized by the city commission to secure proposals for approximately \$89,000 worth of asphalt concrete surfacing work.

City officials believe that better proposals can be secured if the contracts are awarded early in the 1951 season.

### Little League Ball Uniforms Bought

More progress has been made in the formation of Birmingham's Little League Baseball organization.

### Each Boy Wishing to try out for the Little League will have to fill out a slip signed by his dad and mother by the time of the first practice scheduled for Pierce field Saturday morning, May 5.

These blanks will be available at each school in the Birmingham

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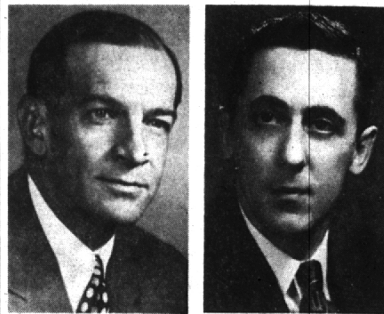
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## Main, Minor, Rising and Patterson Victors in Race for City Commission



RALPH A. MAIN

LANCE C. MINOR



FRANK RISING

RICHARD M. PATTERSON

## City Proposals Win; Bond Issue Gets by On 9-Vote Margin

Frank Rising had to wait till the last of six precincts reported in before he learned he had ousted incumbent Bruce G. Booth for the last of three 3-year terms voters filed at Monday's annual spring election, which also saw a new city voting record established.

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On state contests, the city went traditionally Republican by almost an 8 to 1 margin.

Incumbent Ralph A. Main led the local race all the way as he piled up 1,641 votes to win his third term as a city commissioner.

Political newcomer Lance C. Minor also was in no danger as he accumulated 1,532 votes. Rising placed third with 1,241, or only 18 ahead of Booth.

The old commission appointed only a few months ago to fill John S. O'Gorman's unexpired term, edged V. B. Watkins, 1,511 to 1,231, for the one-year term.

All city proposals were approved by the \$99,000 bond issue for rebuilding and relocation of W. Maple square by 1,463 votes, or only nine more than the required three-fifths majority.

The charter amendment, permitting the city to use its discretion in participating up to 25 percent in special assessment projects carried by a slight margin, 1,425 to 1,249.

BY A VOTE OF 4 to 1, electors approved the sale of certain city lots, proceeds of which will be used for recreational development. This vote was 2,070 to 533.

John V. Gaffl was re-elected mayor by a narrow 1,070-vote margin. He received 1,401, while his opponent, Ruth D. Armstrong, netted 1,194.

Wheaton L. Strom, the other Democratic candidate, was returned as associate justice.

A TOTAL of 3,265 voters cast their ballots, thereby setting a new city spring election record. Previous high was in 1949, when 2,970 persons had voted.

Although for most state offices Birmingham went traditionally Republican by overwhelming odds, there was distinct evidence of split balloting here on the contest for U. M. reagent.

Birmingham resident Murray D. "Pat" Van Wagoner, Democratic candidate for the post, received 1,190 votes to sweep all township offices in Troy.

WILLIAM ROESER defeated Democratic candidate Harold Murphy for the Southfield township supervisor's position, 2,419 to 587.

In the primary elections this February, Roeser defeated incumbent Supervisor D. P. Frame by a four to one majority.

There were no contests for township offices in Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships, although local issues were on the ballot in both these areas.

In Bloomfield township, the caucus method of nominating candidates was rejected by voters by a 287 to 92 majority. The township will now nominate candidates by means of primary elections.

There was no race in Bloomfield Hills as Walter O. Briggs, Jr., Harry J. Klingler and Clarence E. O'Leary were proposed for the commission positions. Dominick Vetrinno had no competition for the constable post.

## National Open Golf Tourney Plans Discussed

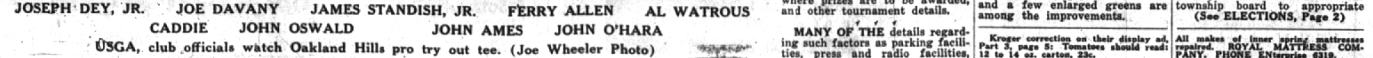
Intermittent sunshine and wind driven showers greeted official members of the United States Golf association and committee members of Oakland Hills Country club as they toured the golf course Friday, March 30, making preliminary plans for the National Open Golf championship tournament which will be held here June 14, 15 and 16.

Ferry B. Allen, president of Oakland Hills Country club; John P. O'Hara, general chairman of the tournament committee; John Oswald, chairman of the greens and USGA relations committee; professional, represented Oakland Hills as hosts to the USGA officials.

PRESENT FROM this organization were James D. Standish, Jr. of Detroit, president of the executive committee; Joseph C. DeY, Jr. of New York city; and John D. Ames of Chicago, USGA tournament chairman. Also included in the group was Joe Devany, professional, who is on the golf club, who is the chairman of the Professional Golfers' association and USGA relations committee for Michigan.

According to Allen, it is the responsibility of the USGA committee to determine and direct all details regarding the National Open which concern the golf course and factors pertaining to tournament play.

They must also approve placing of official score boards, how and where prices are to be awarded, and other tournament details.



USGA, club officials watch Oakland Hills pro try out tee. (Joe Wheeler Photo)