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Biennial Spring Election

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1951

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this Election must register on or before Tuesday, March 13, 1951 at 8:00 P.M.

Any person who is a citizen of the United States 21 years of age, will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 20 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. except that on TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1951 the Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system, and have voted within the last four years do not have to re-register.

Robert J. Stadler
City Clerk

Housing Survey Nearly Complete, Red Cross Says

Mrs. Mildred Bennett of the Oakland county offices, American Red Cross, said Monday that the emergency housing survey for the county is about 80 per cent completed.

"A thorough check has been made," she said, "of the entire county so we may know just what housing and feeding facilities are available in case of emergency."

"The survey is state-wide, of course, and facts on our county will be made available to state officials as soon as all figures are known."

"It has included a survey of all public buildings, recreational centers such as country clubs, skating rinks, and the like. All warehouses, storage places, garages, schools, churches and other large buildings have also been checked for emergency use."

THE SURVEY shows the location of these buildings, their size and whether or not kitchen and sanitary equipment is available. When completed, figures will be supplied the heads of each township, Red Cross officials, civilian defense directors and state officials.

"It will enable us to tell, within a few moments, just what we have and where it is," Mrs. Bennett said. "The job of caring for large numbers of people in the event of emergency will be made much simpler by this information and will enable us to care for them with a greater degree of efficiency and comfort."

Kiwanis Hears Talk On Civilian Defense

Dana Whitman, assistant civilian defense coordinator, spoke on "Area Defense Around Birmingham" at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Kiwanis club.

On Monday evening the board of directors held their regular business meeting.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A local resident, a former school teacher, called this Wanderer to express disapproval over the "growing lack of observance of Washington's birthday" in this country. She stated that when she attended school, classes were dismissed that day and the holiday left a "tremendous impact" on her because of its observance. She added that the birthday of the first president of the country deserves much more recognition than it now receives. She pointed out that one of the first steps taken should be to close schools on Feb. 22. She suggested that Birmingham be one of the first cities to start the movement.

Mrs. Webster Scheifele, 178 Linden, was another who called to report two robins in her yard. When asked that robins was not the first report on those welcome little strangers, she promptly went on one better. There were in her yard, at the same time, about 25 or 30 cedar waxwings. She told us all the robins and waxwings were quite chipper and apparently had enjoyed a very good winter.

From every section of the city comes loud wailing about the condition of the streets. Police and DPW personnel are hearing so much about holes that they shudder and are refusing to eat doughnuts until after the spring patching program is completed. Now this Wanderer doesn't appreciate rambling a wheel into a bottomless pit any more than anyone else, but our real gripe is of a slightly different nature. It's the water we object to. The doggone holes get all filled up with water and there's no way to gauge the depth of the thing until you drop, kerplunk, into it. We did that with one last week and the left ear has sounded like a cage full of canaries ever since.

Everyone is familiar with the "tubes" which some daily papers pass out to their readers to receive the papers and protect them from the weather. Every now and then someone returns from a trip and finds a robin has started a nest in one. But it was only last week that this Wanderer discovered a new use. A small boy walked over to the tube, reached in, pulled out a sandwich, took a big bite, stuffed it back again, and went back to playing cowboy with the rest of the gang. Bet Billy the Kid never had service like that.

You've almost got to see this to believe it, but this Wanderer will vouch for its authenticity. One day last week a local waitress received an order for a hamburger. She placed the meat on the grill, split the bun and started it toasting. But the grill was a little hot-

ter than usual, and he bun was ready much sooner than the meat. So she took the bun, put a slice of onion in it and set it aside awaiting the meat. Then she went in the back room on an errand. Another waitress checked with a customer who had just finished his soup. He said he had a hamburger coming. "This must be it," she said spying the bun with the onion slice. She served it and the customer chomped away. The first girl returned, looked for the bun. Then the two horrified girls figured out what had happened—the sandwich was eating an onion customer who then left. He probably wondered why he became hungry so early that same afternoon.

As a reward for their services to the community and their school, 25 patrol boys and 23 service squad girls from Pierce school were treated to a trip to the Shrine circus in Detroit Friday evening. The youngsters left under the escort of Police Lieut. Henry Timm and Assistant Fire Chief Stanley Peppers. Peanuts (60 bags of 'em, made up at the Timm home) ice cream and pop, along with the thrill of the Big Top, made up the evening of fun.

New owner of the vacant Hamilton property just east of the alley behind the bank says he plans on fixing it up, then rent out spaces by the month to downtown businessmen or employees who drive to work.

Since January winter-weary residents have been piling in about robins. Six calls reported a total of 14 birds this week. We have also been told about the wild geese heading north and the crows.

All good signs of spring, we grant you, but this weekend brought forth another flock we'd rather put our faith in. There were several little girls on roller skates; two or three boys playing catch and car owners by the dozen out with water buckets and polishing cloths. The human element has its signs and indications, too.

Last week this column was a suggestion from William Breach, Great Lakes Tractor president and veteran pilot, that some Birmingham building should carry a marking which would inform pilots what town they were over and the direction of the nearest airport. Along comes Milton Bers, owner of the Bers airport, who says such a sign has existed for a year or so. Painted on the roof of the Turner garage in letters about eight feet high, it informs all that they are now flying over Birmingham.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

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