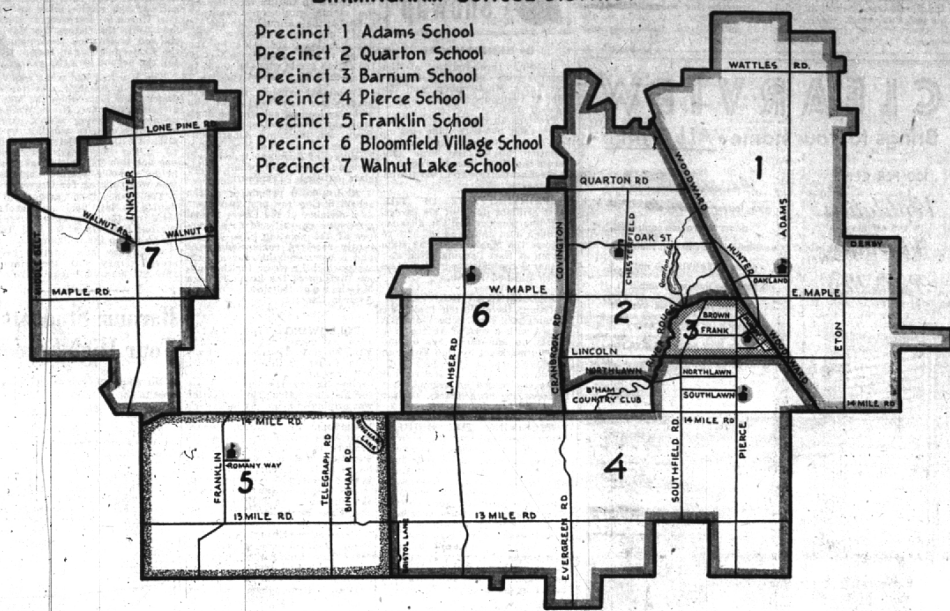


# B'ham School District Voting Precincts

Annual Election June 9—Polls Open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Precinct 1 Adams School
- Precinct 2 Quarton School
- Precinct 3 Barnum School
- Precinct 4 Pierce School
- Precinct 5 Franklin School
- Precinct 6 Bloomfield Village School
- Precinct 7 Walnut Lake School



## NATURE

By Lydia King Fresh

### If You Are Alive

If you are alive you are either a plant or an animal. Sometime after the first bit of protoplasm stirred in the ancient seas, the life stream of life divided into these two great channels, which throughout the years have continued to flow on side by side. They have remained intimately related and dependent upon each other for all that is essential to the life process.

Life's story is old beyond the comprehension of man's mind. The latest verdict of science places the age of our small planet Earth at two and a half billion years. As the fiery ball which was the new earth cooled, the steam-laden atmosphere slowly condensed and the rains fell in great torrents to form the ancient seas. Thereafter, came the eons of time when it was truly "without form and void" and when "Darkness was upon the face of the deep." This period, as measured by the radio-activity of the oldest rocks, lasted some 500 million years.

Then a momentous event occurred. The first life stirred. It cradled in water; the fluid which still holds within its protective grasp, more life forms than inhabit the land. Scientists believe that this first life was a single-celled plant, and that in time its descendants furnished the food supply for the first animal forms. The counterpart of both of these can be seen on any day by training a high powered microscope on a drop of stagnant water taken from a wayside pool.

SO SIMILAR are these primitive cells that only a biologist can label one a plant and another an animal. Between these bits of quaked protoplasm and the complexity and diversity of our modern flora and fauna, lie the millennia of life and dying which represent the thrilling story of life on earth. The cell is the basic unit of all life. It is also life's greatest invention. While the scientist is observing its behavior under a microscope he can watch the miracle which takes place when it divides itself into two parts, each with all the substance and dimensions of the mother cell. This procedure which is the most universal and immense activity in the world, is the basis of all growth. It is life's routine for perpetuating itself which it takes the form of a green scum on a pond, a rare ocar, a worm or the boy who digs up the worms.

Beyond man's highest understanding is the mystery of the origin, growth and diversity of the living cell. It is only because of the perfection of its behavior that life has survived to reach out its hands to us across an eternity of time.

THE BASIC life patterns of plants and animals are very similar. The formula for chlorophyll, the life-giving substance of plants, is separated from the hemoglobin of blood by a single nuclear atom of magnesium in the former and one of iron in the latter. Both plants and animals are born, they live and breathe and by satisfying their elemental hungers they grow, reproduce their kind and die, thus completing their life's cycle. In the doing of this they contribute their bits to the evolutionary process and by their death they make way for a more highly developed group to take their places.

Each life form is surrounded by its own set of circumstances without which it cannot live. This is called its habitat or its environment. The basic ingredients in any plant habitat, are soil, sun and water. Since plants furnish the only food there is in the world, these same factors react with equal force upon animal life. The way a plant or an animal reacts to its surroundings determines not only its growth but its eventual survival. These responses are so many and so varied and there is such an interplay between them that the whole makes of itself the complex web of life which surrounds each

## Successful Red Cross Year Ends

Reports of Red Cross committee chairman, presented at the annual meeting, May 28, showed the people of Oakland county have kept their Red Cross chapter ahead of its quotas in money, blood and volunteers.

Mrs. Leroy Vandever of Bloomfield Hills was general chairman of the dinner held Wednesday night in Pontiac with Dr. Robert W. Kelso, chapter chairman, presiding.

Richard Swigert of Washington, D. C., administrator of the national blood program, was the main speaker of the evening. Swigert said that the Red Cross blood program had been instrumental in saving many civilian lives as well as those of the men fighting in Korea.

"We have shipped to Korea on weekly quotas hundreds of thousands of pints of blood over almost two years," he said. "We have collected over three million pints to be made into plasma for the armed forces."

"MILLIONS of pints of plasma are also being made into blood derivatives, such as serum albumen, used to help fight shock.

Living thing, and of which we ourselves are a part.

LIFE HAS been cast into many molds since its first beginnings some two billion years ago, but man alone can contemplate the whole. Of all creatures he is the only one who has the power to control his environment. His hand may call forth fire from a flint, it may paint a cave wall, direct the course of a plow, or fashion an atomic bomb. He alone has the gift of remembrance and the power to anticipate.

Life is a fluid thing. And because of its very fluidity, the process of creation never ends for both the world and all that populates it. Not even the rocks are changeless. Life is forever remaking itself and "its doth not yet appear what we shall be."

ing saved today." Swigert closed his remarks by saying that soon the Red Cross will be asked to collect blood for civilian defense, to protect our own cities and families in the event of a major war disaster in the United States.

"IF WE BELIEVE in a strong national defense," he said, "we will support this program as we have supported the blood for Korea campaign."

"The Red Cross has the greatest volunteer program in the world. Defense officials have said that it cannot pay for blood or pay people to staff blood clinics—there must be voluntary donations collected in centers staffed by volunteers."

"The armed forces cannot do without blood. Without it many lives would be lost which are be-

lifetime and the lifetime of mankind, that this country can remain strong."

Committee heads spoke of the splendid work done by home nursing groups, Gray Ladies, clerical workers, motor service drivers, welfare aides, nurses aides and the many other volunteer groups.

The work of first aid groups and school children's preparation of overseas gift boxes and gifts for hospitals, orphanages and veteran hospitals were also cited.

DURING THE annual election, Dr. Kelso was reelected to lead Oakland county's chapter for another year.

Among the local persons who will serve for the coming year are Mrs. Sheldon R. Noble of South-

field and George William Averill who were named to the executive committee and Mrs. Frederiek Kaeder of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. S. L. Freers of Troy on the board of directors.

### ★ Smile a Minute

"I hear," said one Czech to another, "that So-and-So has been given only a few weeks to live." "By his doctor?" the other inquired. "No," responded the first, "by the Politburo."

## Kiwanis of Southfield Fetes Fathers and Sons

A father and son banquet was held by the Southfield Kiwanis Wednesday evening. A program was presented by Joe DePa, trainer for Kiwanian Grand Mann, working with their prize dog Larla.

Musical selections were presented by two pianists, Roger Spolar playing for the sons and Andrew Broad, playing for the fathers. Dick Cameron, representing the sons and Leo Walton, representing the fathers, were toastmasters of the evening.

The next meeting will be highlighted by the film, "Colorful Na-

tive Life in Mexico and Guatemala," presented by Neis Ingham.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY— MRS. IRENE STEVENS, Birmingham school district accountant—"If our district took tuition students, we would have to start building onto the new high school right away. Every day our office gets calls from people in surrounding communities who want their sons and daughters to go to school there. Of course we have to refuse because of the school board's policy to admit only students who reside in the district. That new high school certainly has advertised Birmingham!"

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