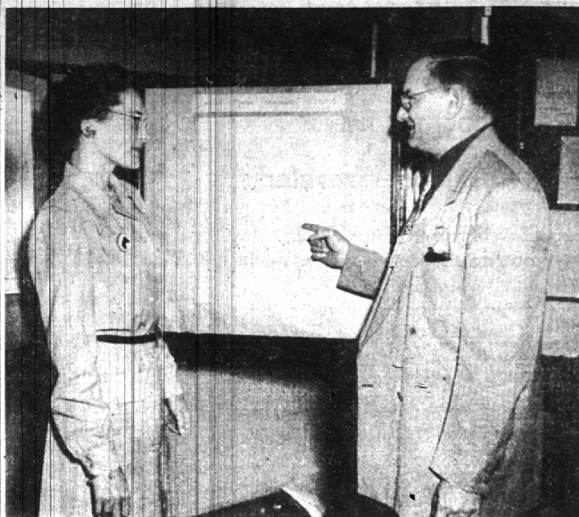


Birmingham Sees How County Government Functions



DRAIN COMMISSIONER Ralph A. Main explains the network of proposed drains in the Twelve Town drainage district to Mrs. James Ross, 4120 Samoset, Royal Oak, at the drain office's booth.

LWV-Sponsored Event Attracts Entire Families

Some Birmingham residents today have a better understanding of their county government as a result of the County Government Fair staged at the Birmingham high school Sept. 19 by the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

By means of graphic displays the inner workings of each county department were presented. Practically all county officials were present or represented, answering questions concerning the workings of their particular departments or functions.

While an all-day drizzle undoubtedly cut down attendance, whole families drifted in and out of the high school gymnasium to inspect the displays, see a series of motion pictures and hear speeches by county dignitaries.

Most dramatic of all exhibits was the tremendous colorful graph of Oakland county government, painted with "day-glow" colors and attached to the aluminum screen which divided the big gym.

Government Fair by the Ford Motor Co.

GRAPHIC EVIDENCE of the various types of crimes that the

prosecuting attorney of the county has to deal with were displayed. At the register of deeds exhibit were two historic documents. One was a parchment sheet signed by Andrew Jackson in 1835, deeding some government land in Holly township to Jacob Burton.

The other was a sheepskin deed dated November 18, 1822 and signed by James Monroe, showing the purchase of government land by Jarius Baldwin in what is now Troy township.

The microfilming equipment used by the register of deeds office was demonstrated. Records from old county books have been preserved on film and are kept in a fire proof cabinet in the county building in Pontiac.

An illuminated board prepared by the Junior League illustrated the representation of each township and city on the board of supervisors. One member from the board of supervisors was at the booth to explain the exhibit and answer questions.

On a teletype especially installed by Bell Telephone company for the sheriff's exhibit at the County Government Fair, a running record of police reports from nearby communities was recorded.

Because of the rain, the 15 men of the sheriff's posse were unable to make their presentation of precision horsemanship. However, they were present in their gray and black western uniforms, complete with ten gallon hats.

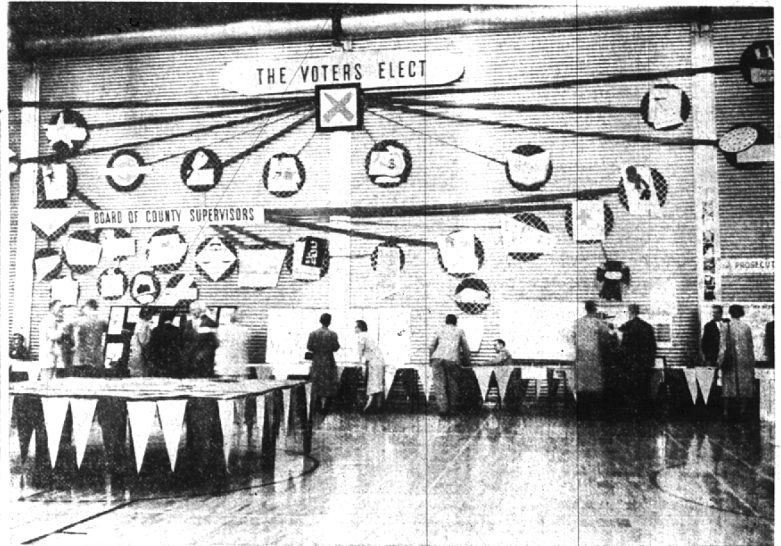
AMONG THE displays of the county health department were some interesting chest X-rays showing the effects of tuberculosis. Old county records of marriages, births and deaths were on display at the booth of the county clerk.

Visitors at the Fair saw a well-planned, instructive and interesting show of the work of 21 county departments.

Mrs. Bernard Magruder, general chairman of the event, believes the County Government Fair was definitely a success.

"Those who attended," she said "have made very favorable comments about our Fair and feel that it was very worthwhile. There is some talk that it will be staged again by some other districts in the county."

Birmingham's League of Women Voters, county officials and cooperating organizations in the city were given a great deal of credit in initiating a well-staged presentation of Oakland county government.



THE HUGE BACKDROP DISPLAY on the center curtain of the high school gymnasium outlined the offices of county government. The entire gymnasium was devoted to the county fair with exhibits filling one half and movies offered visitors in the other half.

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