

Younger Voters' Opinions Polled By National YMCA

Only one out of ten young voter-listed health as a major consideration in the coming election, according to a recently completed poll conducted by the National Council of the YMCA.

The largest percentage of the young voters were Republicans the poll revealed.

Birmingham young people originally were to have been included in the polling, according to local YMCA Executive Secretary Edgar F. Kirbeck.

WHITMAN SAID 85 per cent of the 4400 men and women, 21 to 35 years old 70 per cent of whom were men, listed experience, reputation and integrity of a candidate as carrying the heaviest weight with them.

Only one per cent of the young voters, who live in 53 cities in 25 states, rated a candidate's family situation important.

As to political affiliation, 47 per cent said they were Republicans and 24 per cent listed themselves as Democrats.

Next most important political issue was devaluation, which will affect 65 per cent of the young voters, believing that the political party should take a stand on this controversial matter.

Federal aid to education ranked next in importance, and 73 per cent said they favored an increase of Federal aid to schools.

Asked which should come first in their opinion, 18 per cent favored tax reduction, 14 per cent production of the debt, while 25 per cent considered most urgent.

Subjects which held little interest as campaign issues for those polled were farm policies, the 18 year-old vote, civil liberties, government ownership of industry, universal military training, and the public versus private electric power debate.

WHEN ASKED if witness-banking reform in the 87th annual bond should be fixed from their side, 42 per cent said "yes." Another 32 per cent disagreed, and 26 per cent had no opinion.

A test sampling among older voters showed 55 per cent approval of the discharge of 87th annual bond.

While not highly regarded as a campaign issue, universal military training was supported by 40 per cent of the youthful citizens.

Only half of the young men and women polled were satisfied with the stand of their parties on important issues.

HOWEVER, TWO-THIRDS reported they had never changed their party alignment. They split 40-50 on voting a straight party ticket on crossing party lines on "hot" issues.

Asked if they know where their congressmen stand on major issues, 65 per cent replied "no." But eight out of ten said they know how, when and where to register, though only two-thirds were actually registered.

The poll was conducted by the National Young Adult Council of the YMCA as part of its election year effort to mobilize younger voters to take a more lively interest in politics.

Kirbeck said the 21 to 35-year-old voters have the poorest voting record of any age group. Only one-third of these younger citizens vote, while two-thirds of the middle-aged, and three-fourths of the old and over citizens, make use of their right to vote.

Kirbeck said the local young adult council of the YMCA will re-

Discovery

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How will all this material taken from the Kingswood cave be used?

WELL—IF Cranbrook Institute of Science sometimes make a cave exhibit, the delicate stalactites and the egg-like stalagmites may be used in it along with material dug out of Kentucky caves by Nickell in 1929 and still in storage.

Also, Nickell is writing an article about this perfect artificial example of a natural cave for the National Speleological Society's journal.

"Speleological" means the science of caves, "speleo" being the Greek for cave. A spelunker is an amateur cave explorer and a spelunker is a cave explorer of a free man's outfit who swims through cave passages.

SEEMS THERE are cave biologists and cave geologists who are exploring caves right now for the government so we'll all have a place to run when the hydrogen bomb is reported on its way. These men have estimated that Mammoth cave can hold the entire population of the state of Kentucky.

Just where we in Michigan will dig is an open question, because although we have some mines, we have no caves in this state, due to the thick layer of glacial drift.

Perhaps the Alpena sink holes will one day become caverns, will it happen fast enough? It's all subject to query and research and the kind of worrying that scientists do.

"Caves, and the depths of the earth, are the only two frontiers left in nature where a man can dig," says Nickell.—M. H. B.

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Van Dusen, local resident, will be the candidate for Attorney General of Michigan, Dick completing two years as a state representative. Good luck!

Perhaps the age when your children no longer require baby-sitters for hours, go away and think the time has come when you sit with the babe of their choice.

If we were running for some public office, among other things we would do would be that: we would be fair and forthright in our utterances regarding unionism.

We would reveal our convictions upon economic and political subjects in a manner that would appeal to the rank and file union member. We would say nothing in an effort only to win the support of labor leaders.

After all, they cannot deliver their total membership's vote on why not go right to the heart of this problem and talk to men and women who more often respond to the truth and facts about various subjects?

Such action would win the support of those labor leaders who are not power and money hungry, and there are some such in the American labor movement.

Some candidates for President of the United States could well adopt the slogan: I'd rather be President than right!

Then there is that old saying about asking a girl for her hand first, instead, one should get a first mortgage and deed to her heart.

It is not true that most women are not predictable. They are quite predictable in that they often are unable to predict what they will do next. Many men, too, are like that.

View the results of the campaign, strive for 100 per cent registration of your group and the promise to vote in the November election.



LATER AT A DINNER, Egbert was presented with several gifts by city employees: an aluminum rowboat, a small Norway spruce representing the 35-foot "Don Egbert Community Tree" to be planted this fall in Shan Park, and a hand-lettered plaque recording this fact, and an economy-sized "check" from city employees for a "million best wishes." Egbert (center) laughs at remark coming from City Finance Director James Purkiss and Mrs. Purkiss (left) while Mrs. Egbert (back to camera) talks with former mayor Ray Palmer and Mrs. Palmer.



CITY-MANAGER Don Egbert and his wife greet guests at the "Don Egbert Day" reception Sunday afternoon at the Birmingham Community House.

Two Local Men Get Birmingham Police Chrysler VP Spots

Chrysler Corporation announced Tuesday the appointment of two new men who reside in the Birmingham area, as vice presidents to their expert division.

Halvan E. Mills, who is building a home in Bloomfield Hills has a position as executive vice president. He was with the division until December 1935, when he resigned to accept a position in Pontiac's international section. His early education was received in Flint.

KENNETH E. THOMPSON, 27355 Crestwood, Franklin Village, becomes vice president in charge of sales. Born in Grand Rapids, he was graduated from Western Michigan College and the University of Michigan law school.

Thompson has been with the organization since 1942.

Site

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Tuesday morning Evergreen authority trustees reviewed Birmingham proposals.

Tuesday afternoon Bloomfield Hills city commissioners met with Birmingham officials and tentatively agreed on terms of the authority's purchase.

Tuesday evening 11 o'clock township board went over the plans, postponed action until several members could learn of the details.

System

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attorneys to consider the advisability of recommending a charter amendment to provide for jury panels.

WHITMAN SAID proposed physical changes at the new municipal court would occur with the remodeling of the dual commission and court room of the municipal building's second floor.

Plans are to provide space adjacent to the courtroom for judges' chambers in jury room, and a court clerk's office and violations bureau.

City Clerk Irene E. Hanley now serves as clerk of the court, and Whitman said a separate court clerk's office to handle the increased load of court cases would result in less confusion and loss of time in the city clerk's office.

MORE EFFICIENT, too, Whitman said, would be the removal of the traffic violations bureau from the police department to an office adjacent to the court and judges' chambers.

Collecting traffic violation fines considerably to the desk work at the police department," Whitman said. "Besides, some people just don't like the idea of having policemen issue tickets, and then collect the money, too."

Whitman said he would be late fall or possibly the first of the year before "all these pieces get put together and show material change."

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Honor Don At Dinner, Reception

More than 300 friends of Birmingham's retiring city manager, Donald C. Egbert, gathered Sunday either at a reception or dinner honoring him for his 27 years' service here, 19 of them as city manager.

At the Birmingham community house, he and Mrs. Egbert greeted nearly 200 persons at a 4 to 6 p.m. reception given in his honor by the city commission.

Then, at 6:30, he and his wife were given a dinner at Devon Gables by 150 city employees, present and former city commissioners, and special friends.

ON BEHALF of the city and its commission, Mayor James Allen presented Egbert with a 24-inch Norway spruce emblem of the 35-foot tree which the city has purchased and will transplant this fall in Shan park.

A bronze tablet on it will mark the "Don Egbert Community Tree" and it will replace the community Christmas tree, now dying in the center of the park.

City employees, through City Public Works Director L. R. Gable, by 150 city employees, present and former city commissioners, and special friends.

EGBERT THANKED his friends with these words: "I've tried to do some of the things which you have said I did, and I'll always appreciate it. I'll always remember this day. You are such fine people!"

He also took with him a giant-sized "check" for a "million good wishes" from his friends, a guest book, and scrap book relating to "Don's Day."

Vocal entertainment was provided by pianist Charlie Savage of Birmingham, and singers Jerry Ansama and Nan Troeter of Detroit.

Former mayor and commissioner Milton F. Mailender recited a special poem about Egbert's career here, written by Barbara Matus, daughter of Mrs. Grace Hughes, manager of building reconstruction from "material" supplied by employees.

ASST. City Manager Dana Whitman was master of ceremonies.

Monday night in nearby Oak Park, 150 friends of Harold K. Shone gave a dinner in his honor. Shone, the new Birmingham city manager, expects to arrive for his assignment here the week of Aug. 13.

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