

Comments Election

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got this circular done because of the rest of the library unit so as to symbolize the eccentrics who will use this facility.

Seriously speaking though, haven't we lost our perspective in planning this educational unit, particularly in view of the present agitation for more emphasis on science, liberal arts, mathematics and the cultural side of education? This project seems to be going in the opposite direction from the demand of serious minded leaders throughout the country as regards education. I would appreciate knowing more about the class rooms and what laboratory facilities are provided and what courses of study would be available in this new high school project.

AS TO THE COST of the school, I cannot understand the high price which is being paid. A new high school was built recently in Ann Arbor, which I understand cost somewhere around four-and-a-half million dollars a few years ago. I am sure that the facilities in this building, which is of an extremely modern type, far exceed what we are getting in the proposed new Birmingham high school. True, this building was built a few years ago and building costs have risen, but I doubt if they have risen to the extent indicated by the price for this 28 class room facility.

A more recent comparison is the cost of the new, Northeast high school in Philadelphia, about which I happen to know since I graduated from that high school too many years ago to recount. This high school was occupied in February 1957. Again, costs have increased, but I doubt if the increase is sufficient to explain the high cost of this Birmingham facility, nor do I think the four-and-one-half million dollar cost can be explained by the difference in building costs between Philadelphia and Birmingham. As a comparison let me quote from a newspaper account of this Northeast high school at the time of its dedication in May of 1957.

"In use since February 1st, the institution covers 42 acres. It includes 59 shops, 86 class rooms, a football field with a grandstand and press box, a \$1,500,000 field house, a baseball diamond and field house, tennis and basketball courts, two gymnasiums with special rooms for art, music, printing, plus fully equipped shops for wood-working, metal working and electrical studies.

"The plant also includes an auditorium seating 1800, four biological laboratories and a class room capacity designed to accommodate a student body of 3,000."

The cost of the Northeast high school was stated as \$5,600,000.00 by comparison the \$4,500,000.00 for 28 class rooms, plus about the equivalent in athletic facilities (except for an added swimming pool) seems out of line. I think the Birmingham board of education should explain to the public the cost of this school and the emphasis on physical education as against cultural education.

Delegates

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Southfield Township Democrats: James Ginn, Margaret Rowe, Edward Elmsrell and Thomas Kavanaugh. Republicans: Peter Finn and Hugh Allerton.

Lathrup Republicans: Afra Rostow and Melvin Humphrey. Bloomfield Hills Republicans: Henry Wolfenden and John Wood. Farmington Township 3rd district (inc. Woodstock) Republican: Joseph Brennan Jr.

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got 1,218 to Martin's 348, running well ahead in every community.

Birmingham area. Republicans overwhelmingly favored incumbent Bloomfield for 18th district representative in Congress over Thomas F. McGuire. Bloomfield got 3,511 votes to McGuire's 387.

Hudson of Pontiac was the more popular candidate for the seat in the House of Representatives. Hudson got a total of 976 votes to Zigmund John Niswacker's 31.

REPUBLICAN choices for state and county offices and their votes follow:

State senator, 12th district: L. Harvey Lodge over Richard D. Kuhn—2,564 to 1,940.

Third district representative in the state legislature (the district includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township): Farrell E. Roberts over Robert L. Mott—1,624 to 825.

Fourth district representative in the state legislature (the district includes Southfield city, Southfield township, Farmington township and Lathrup): Allan C. Ingle slipped past Ralph S. Moore, Jr., 404 to 399. Donald N. McPherson trailed with 323.

Prosecuting attorney: Frederick C. Ziem, unopposed, 3,561.

Sheriff: Frank Rios, unopposed, 3,525.

County clerk and register of deeds: Daniel T. Murphy, Jr., over Roy M. West—1,918 to 1,579.

County treasurer: Charles A. Beckler over Louis G. Barry—2,388 to 1,167.

Drain commissioner: Arthur C. Beckler over James P. Bennett—1,722 to 1,722.

County surveyor: Ralph A. Main, unopposed, 3,400.

DEMOCRATIC choices for state and county offices were:

State senator: Leo P. Meagher over Fred Elias—776 to 559.

Representative in the state legislature from the third district (includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township): George H. Heidemann over Floyd L. Cobb, Jr.—256 to 253.

Representative in the state legislature from the fourth district (includes Southfield city, Southfield township, Lathrup and Farmington township): James Clarkson, unopposed, 642.

Prosecuting attorney: James P. Lawson over David E. Utley—826 to 476.

Sheriff: George D. Hicks topped a field of four. The tally was Hicks, 518; Francis J. Stangerson, 442; William A. Dahlerup, 171; Herbert Koster, 165.

County clerk and register of deeds: John E. Kronenberg over Emil F. Jaworski—814 to 455.

County treasurer: William K. Benson over John W. Coppitt—932 to 254.

Drain commissioner: Wallace E. Rice, unopposed, 1,105.

County surveyor: Robert J. Lowney, unopposed, 1,110.

Rule

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Birmingham city manager Harold K. Schone as its director.

"We went to the legislature, with the thought in mind that if they could find a way to permit us to legally establish a county DPW, we would have one leg of a step toward efficiency."

The bill passed by the legislature makes Oakland the state's only county with a legally organized DPW.

"I HOPE before we are through," Carey said, "we will be permitted to take in and operate our county road and drain commissions under this body—it would save untold dollars."

With the recent combining of the overlapping offices of register of deeds and county clerk, Oakland became the state's 19th county to accomplish this economy.

First attempts in the nation to improve county government were in Westchester county, N. Y., Carey said, in 1922. In a successful program, that county replaced justice courts with three county judges, abolished the office of sheriff, set up an elected commission form of government, and appointed a county manager.

ON THE special study committee Carey heads are members of the board of supervisors, plus interested county residents, including several from Birmingham.

Mayor Carl P. Ingraham, Rotarian and one of four Birmingham representatives on the board of supervisors, introduced Carey to the service club's regular luncheon meeting at the Community House.

Fined \$50 in Hills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—James D. Delaney, 28, of Detroit, was fined \$50 after pleading guilty to a disorderly charge Friday in Bloomfield Hills justice court. He was originally charged with contributing to the delinquency of a 16-year-old Detroit girl.

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More Fun Than a Picnic

Right after lunch it's story time at the Springdale park day camp sponsored by the Birmingham recreation department. Counselor Mabel Schroeder groups her listeners on a picnic table when the ground is too damp. Children attending Pembroke park playground listen to the Indians' story of how the world began. The group was brought to

the day camp by Pembroke playground supervisor Earl Steinhart. Each day children from one of the five playgrounds take a bus to the Springdale day camp for the day. Activities there include woodcraft, nature trails, Indian lore and games. The program ended Friday.

High School Site Low Bid \$263,902

Tentative acceptance of the lowest of nine bids for the improvement of the 50-acre site for the new junior-senior high school at Evergreen and 13 1/2 mile roads, amounting to \$263,902, was made by the Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night.

E. D. Cole Const. Co. of Detroit, will be awarded the contract as soon as his financial and other competencies are approved by the architects. Highest of five bids was \$406,400.

Work includes grading, drainage, paving, sidewalks, seeding, landscaping, fencing and bleachers, plus the building of the baseball and football fields, and the tennis courts. The project may get under way within the next week or ten days.

One portion of the site program was eliminated for economy's sake; it is the installation of lights over the football field, amounting to \$22,000. The board of education in doing this agreed with the Citizens' Committee, which had recommended this deletion.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

Burglary at BHS

A break-in at Birmingham high school over the weekend netted thieves an undetermined loot, according to Birmingham police. The break-in was discovered by school employees Monday morning. School officials said they could not immediately determine if anything had been taken.

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