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4 Ballot Proposals Win Local Support

Four ballot proposals of interest to area voters won out in Tuesday's election. Two of them were voted on by all Oakland electors. In addition, the City of Birmingham and the City of Southfield

Burglars Take Eleven TV Sets

SOUTHFIELD — Burglars broke into the HIF Appliance Store, 24125 W. 10th Mile Road Thursday morning, taking 11 portable television sets, valued at about \$1300, police said.

Entry was made by breaking the glass in the front door. Owner of the store is Marvin Hiff, 27808 Northwestern, Southfield.

B'field Hills Prayer Policy Faces Change

Bloomfield Hills School Board will make some changes in its present official board policy affecting religious practices in the district schools.

What those changes will be has not yet been settled. The board met Monday afternoon for an executive session with its attorneys, Stratton Brown and John Gilroy, to discuss the effect on the board prayer policy of the Vital Code decision by the United States Supreme Court.

Following the meeting a statement was issued by board president Dr. Charles Boyers. It reads: "IN THE MATTER OF" opinion, the present policy regarding classroom prayer is illegal. The board decided to study the matter further and considered such changes as deemed necessary to comply with the law.

The date is set for further action as yet. Present prayer policy is to allow the oral saying of a non-denominational prayer in the classroom to permit appropriate decorations and sacred music at Christmas and Easter, and to encourage the study of all great world religions as a part of curriculum courses in subjects where it would be a natural part of the course.

Jacobson's To Stay Open Two Nights

Wilbur Mason, general manager of Jacobson's Birmingham stores, has announced that all of its outlets will be open both Thursday and Friday evenings until 9 p.m. effective this week.

Mason also announced the Children's shop at Woodward and Willets will have special entertainment for "Kids Night" Friday, Nov. 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Children of all ages will be welcomed.

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Each carried a local proposal on their respective ballots. At the state level, electors okayed a proposal by a count of about 75,000 winning votes throughout Michigan. In Oakland, the state proposal carried with 50,847 votes approving against 51,551 dissenting.

THE PROPOSAL provides for an amendment to the state constitution which would permit the legislature to enact a law to provide a method for the general revision of the statutes.

Any proposed revision would have to be adopted by the legislature in two years. The amendment will not have any effect on the proposed constitution which will be up for voter approval in April, 1967.

County voters rejected the most of the proposals, 102,641 to 42,572 votes while electing Ralph A. Main to hold down the position during the "two-year" term. Main's only platform in running for the post for previous terms has been "let's eliminate" the job.

BIRMINGHAM VOTERS authorized the city to sell an 11-acre site the City owns on Coolidge Highway in Troy. The land is no longer needed, as the Colidge branch of the 12-Town drain will be completed next year. The vote was 70-0.

THE AMENDMENT would also provide that written objection by more than 60 per cent of property owners to the original determination of necessity would nullify the action. Under the approved proposal suits alleging irregularities would have to be commenced within 10 days after confirmation.

The Southfield proposal was approved with 4,524 votes "for" and 4,703 "against."

Township Rejects Multiples; Sets Hearing on Motel Date

By SAVILLA SLOAN
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Although Bloomfield Township Planning Commission made an important rezoning decision at a meeting held last Thursday evening, it was not until 9 p.m. effective this week.

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Newsman, movie cameramen and photographers were on hand when Mr. and Mrs. George Romney (right) joined early arrivals Tuesday at the Bloomfield Hills City Hall polling place. Romney, a Republican, defeated Democrat John B. Swainson for governor.

County Accepts Compromise On Maple; Hearing Monday

Birmingham city commissioners and Oakland County supervisors have compromised on a plan for widening E. Maple Road.

A public hearing on the planned improvement will be held before city commissioners at 8 p.m. Monday.

Supervisors last week approved the city's plans to widen the street 44 feet. But city officials held out for a compromise and finally took their case to the full board of supervisors.

Last week, supervisors approved the city's proposal but with the comment that the "widths are below normal standard and may prove to be narrow for safe and convenient travel."

Supervisors also stipulated that

jurisdiction of the improved portion of Maple will be turned over to the cities of Birmingham and Troy once the work is completed.

WIDENING OF the street has been a hot potato in Birmingham the past few years.

City officials maintain that it is needed to facilitate the flow of east-west through traffic, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

Residents, however, have objected strongly, contending that curbs and drains are more badly needed than that widening will cause a safety hazard by permitting vehicles to travel faster.

The Birmingham Estates Association, comprised of residents of the area generally north of Maple and east of Eton, has gone on record as opposed to the county plan.

RESIDENTS CLAIM that the viaduct will be a bottleneck, causing cars to jam up as they merge from the wider lanes to the narrower space.

The county seeks to improve all major roads to coincide with completion of freeway construction in the area.

Bloomfield Village Residents Pace Area In Rite Turnout

Chad M. Ritchie, 1234 Covington, Bloomfield Village, precinct captain, reports that all but 37 of the 973 registered voters in the Village turned out for Tuesday's election.

Ritchie said he believes that this will be one of the highest turnouts in the state on a per cent basis. In the 1960 presidential election 97.8 per cent of the Village residents cast ballots.

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Walter Slezak To Speak at Town Hall

The third speaker in Birmingham Town Hall's 1962-63 season will be Walter Slezak, star of stage, screen and television. His subject will be "Show Business Is No Business."

Slezak will speak from the stage of the Birmingham Theater on Nov. 15 and 16 at 11 a.m. He will be introduced at his first performance by Dr. J. B. Hassberger, G. Thorn-dyke Dwellty, past president of the Birmingham Players, will introduce the actor on the 16th.

A luncheon at the Birmingham Country Club will follow the lecture each day with a period devoted to questions and answers.

SLEZAK HAS RECEIVED several awards for his acting and sang the role of Zaupin in "The Gypsy Baron" with the Metropolitan Opera Co. during the 1959-60 season. In early 1961, he completed a role in a movie, "Come September."

STATE LOSER Alvin M. Bentley (R) racked up 133,594 to Neil Staebler's 117,161 in the county for the new U.S. congressman-at-large seat. For congressman from the 14th, incumbent Bloomfield had 149,837 votes. George J. Fulker-son has 101,458.

The GOP's Roberts called 141,734 in Oakland, to Leland H. Smith's 105,927 for state senator from the 12th district.

Third district voters gave Hogan 39,711 and John F. Foley (D) 14,855; fourth district electors gave Baker, 33,438, and Albert A. Kramer (D) 26,081.

COUNTY REPUBLICAN candidates won handsily with incumbent prosecutor George F. Taylor getting 142,743 to S. Jerome Bronson's 105,515. Sheriff Frank Irons hangs on to his seat post with a vote of 104,942 to Kenneth G. Hirt's 101,878.

For clerk and register of deeds, incumbent Daniel T. Spruyk won over David S. Lewis, 144,776 to 102,274. Charles A. Murphy will stay on as treasurer with 143,332 to 104,842 for Betty H. McVay.

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(See GOVERNOR, 7-A)

Village Seeks Change In Status of Clerk

BEVERLY HILLS-A proposal which might set in motion the first charter revision since this village incorporated almost five years ago was made at Monday's council meeting.

Acting on the advice of a charter amendment committee headed by Councilman Claude A. Shephard, the council unanimously voted to instruct the village attorney, Thomas J. Dillon, to prepare a resolution to make the position of village clerk appointive instead of elective.

The committee hopes to get the matter before the voters in March and they will have the final say. If the vote is carried, there will be no election for village clerk in 1964.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Marvin B. Cline noted that "while the primary reason for making the office of clerk elective is to provide checks and balances, and another, another entity responsible to the voters, there are pros and cons to the question."

The Committee feels that if the clerk was appointive, we could make better use of the office personnel," commented Shephard. "The rest of the administrative duties

Republicans Take 6 County Posts; Broomfield Victor

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

Rushing to the polls early and all-day long Tuesday, voters stacked up a healthy GOP plurality for George Romney, putting him into the governor's chair in Michigan for a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1963.

Romney supporters envisioned a state-wide margin of close to 50,000 votes over Democrat John B. Swainson. The Oakland county tabulation Wednesday morning was 155,219 for the Republican candidate and 101,889 for Swainson.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area followed the county pattern, going Republican. Romney far out-gained Swainson in Romney's home city of Bloomfield Hills and the rest of this area.

With 73 per cent of the county vote in Wednesday morning, the unofficial final Oakland voter count was set at about 257,000. Registered voters numbered 347,317.

SIX COUNTY POSTS went to Republican candidates and U.S. Cong. William S. Broomfield (R), representing the 18th district, carried a healthy margin over his Democratic opponent.

Republican incumbents Henry M. Hogan, Jr., and Raymond L. Baker were apparently safe bets for state representative from the third and fourth districts, respectively.

Incumbent county auditor, John B. Swainson, was sewn up for the state senatorship again from the 12th district. The Democrats, however, won the day at the state level, gaining a victory for the posts of congressman-at-large, lieutenant governor and the state administrative board seats.

NEVERTHELESS, the county vote went to Romney, following a long-standing tradition. With most of the state vote in, it appeared that incumbent lieutenant governor John Lesinski (D) would remain in office. His opponent, Clarence A. Reid (R) had 146,942 in Oakland against Lesinski's 104,104.

ROMNEY'S "CABINET" will be Democratic although Norman O. Brown (D) won although his county score was only 107,830 against that of Glenn S. Allen, Jr. at 141,622.

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STATE TREASURER Sanford A. Kelley won in the state but lost in the county, 109,182 to Robert J. Danhof's (R) 140,205.

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Steering Group Named for Study Of Curriculum

William Lyman, chairman of the Citizens Elementary Curriculum Study Committee, has appointed a 33-member steering committee to work on the curriculum study.

Two representatives have been named from each of the 16 public elementary schools in the Birmingham School District and one from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

Lyman said the committee is currently drafting a statement of goals for the study groups.

THE CITIZENS group will study the elementary school curriculum in the Birmingham schools and report on their findings and make recommendations to the board of education on Oct. 1, 1963.

A similar study conducted on the secondary school level by a citizens committee resulted in many changes in the secondary program.



JOHN B. SWAINSON
Loses governorship after two years in office



WALTER SLEZAK

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