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Money Looms as Biggest CBDD Problem

Grand Day for Voting

But It Didn't Bring Out the Electors

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

Sunshiny weather apparently drew electors to other places than the polling booths Monday as election clerks tallied up a very light vote.

In the three area communities in which a primary election was held, the City of Southfield showed the best turnout although less than 25 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots.

The percentage in both Bloomfield and West Bloomfield was less than 10 per cent.

An April 1 election will be next in these communities.

THREE CONTESTS were on the ballot in West Bloomfield Township, three Republicans vied for nomination to two trustee posts; three for one judge of the peace; and two for one board of review position.

This was the township's first partisan election with candidates listed as Republican or Citizens Party members.

Only one contest faced voters Monday in Bloomfield Township, where electors narrowed a field of three GOP candidates down to two for trustee jobs.

SOUTHFIELD'S contest was perhaps the most exciting as 10 candidates had filed for eight nominations for council positions. The eight nominees will run for four council posts in the April 1 election.

West Bloomfield's spring election will find incumbents Charles B. Forbes and Walter J. Whitner running unopposed for two trustee posts. Forbes tallied 522 and Whitner 496 votes in Monday's primary. Left behind was Donald Watkins with 455.

Incumbent Robert P. Scott with 353 votes won the single JP nomination and John N. Doherty, 412, snagged the nomination for one board of review term.

Losers were Christian F. Powell, 277, and Arthur J. Rubiner, 175, for JP, and Ward Saunders, 328, for board of review.

OTHER candidates on the April 1 ballot in West Bloomfield were incumbent John G. Rehard (R) and Arthur A. Rosner, Citizens Party, both running for supervisor. Rehard scored 769 votes Monday. Rosner had 118. This will be the only contested post on the spring ballot.

Nominations Dorothy M. Chamberlain, clerk, and Lillian S. Warren, also were on the ballot.

B'ham Pays Tribute to L. Hulbert

The city of Birmingham pays Tuesday to pay tribute to Lawrence Hulbert, former city commissioner and a member of the charter commission.

Mr. Hulbert, 680 Brown, died Saturday in the Sherwood Hall Convalescent Home, Royal Oak. He was 81.

The flag in front of the municipal building was lowered to half-mast in honor of Mr. Hulbert. City commissioners Monday night passed a resolution expressing their sorrow at his death.

The commission noted that the sound financial policies which were established during Mr. Hulbert's tenure have been continued and to a large extent are responsible for the favorable financial position Birmingham enjoys today.

MR. HULBERT was a member of the commission from 1927 until 1949 when he announced he would not seek re-election.

The commission praised Mr. Hulbert for the guidance he provided "during the period of transition from a village to a city."

When he retired from government life in 1940 his co-workers in the city presented Mr. Hulbert with a scroll of appreciation for his work.

The scroll said in part, "No citizen has made a larger contribution to the cause of good local government."

Of the persons who signed the scroll only City Clerk Irene Hanley is still connected with the city government.

Re-election Sought by B of E Head

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

Of the two incumbent Bloomfield Hills School Board members whose terms expire this year, one will be ineligible to serve again as he is moving into the Birmingham district.

At a meeting of the board Tuesday night, William Bachman told fellow board members that he will be ineligible to serve again as he is moving into the Birmingham district.

School Board President Charles Bowers said he would run again in the school election June 10.

"I have found serving on the board a very gratifying and rewarding experience," Bowers said in announcing his candidacy.

AS PRESIDENT of the board, Bowers had to cast a deciding vote at Tuesday's meeting when the controversial Detroit income tax stirred up a three-to-three disagreement among the remaining six board members.

The issue arose over a request by Detroit for the school district to furnish salary amounts earned last year by Bloomfield Hills teachers who reside in Detroit.

Max Miller made a motion to furnish the information except in the case where a teacher objects to having the information relayed. Dave Lee and William Bachman supported the motion.

After dissenting votes were cast by Merrill Ross, Earl Givens and Mrs. Jean Martz, Dr. Bowers voted in favor of Miller's motion.

IN OTHER MATTERS taken up by the board, there was more unanimity.

Members unanimously agreed to a proposal by Supt. Eugene Johnson that the school district employ a psychologist either on a full- or part-time basis. A three-year trial basis for the program was set up.

The board also gave its unanimous support to the one-half tax proposal for a Bloomfield Township public library which comes up for vote at the general election April 1.

MEMBERS ALSO voted to sanction establishment of a smoking area at the Bloomfield Hills High School for students who have written parental approval, provided school attorneys rule that it is legal.

The board acted after the high school student council made such a proposal as a solution to students "streak-smoking" in washrooms—sometimes leaving burning cigarettes.

The student council has promised to throw the smoking area and to provide its weight of disapproval against students who violate the new smoking rules.

At the same time the board will support an education program designed to influence students against smoking. A panel discussion on this program will be held at the high school PTO meeting in April.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, was set as the date for a special meeting of the board.

Among matters to be discussed is transportation for handicapped children living in the district but attending special schools in other districts.

Possible development of school property on Walnut Lake to provide swimming facilities for the summer recreation program is also on the agenda.

SEATED AT the speaker's table today will be Nichols, Mrs. Alice Wessels Burlingame, Dr. Kenneth H. Gass, Mrs. Duncan A. McCallum, Mrs. Guy D. Hill, Mrs. Charles Renfrew, Mrs. T. Norville Hubbard and Town Hall president Mrs. O. F. Pearson.

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Planner Brownfield—explains peripheral route

AN EDITORIAL

Let Us Give Thought To ALL of B'ham

Out of the "town hall" meeting last Thursday comes an opportunity to study and plan for the future of the entire Birmingham community.

It was called by the Birmingham City Commission to establish priorities for carrying out the various stages of the CBDD Plan.

There was agreement between the commission and the nine other civic-governmental organizations that something must be done.

Although the session was concerned with the planned development of the downtown business district, we believe there can be a much broader scope to their thinking.

Why not give thought to the future development of our entire city? Why not include all aspects of community living?

It is our firm conviction that the groups which outlined their needs, problems and views on the Central Business District Development Plan offer a greater potential for the future than just one phase of development.

BUT, LET'S take a look at last week's meeting. Obviously, creating more parking facilities and relieving traffic congestion via a peripheral route would head any such list of priorities.

But what? How much will it cost? Where will the money come from? How soon can it be done?

These were the big questions remaining after the meeting. (The commission already has authorized the start of three CBDD projects.)

THERE WERE many eloquent pleas for early action and sincere assurances of support. But there were no plans proffered for financing any projects.

Maintaining—or, better yet, improving upon—esthetic values was stressed. Let's beautify our business section to keep it in character with the residential area, they said.

There should be community-wide support for any such development project, it was agreed. Fear of the consequences of what will happen if nothing is done should give us some motivation for action, it was emphasized.

These are all valid points. Every citizen of Birmingham should reflect upon them.

WE ARE pleased with the results of last week's meeting. Let us visualize something much greater in scope. We believe there should be thought, consideration and planning given to the bigger picture: that of the total goals, the values of the entire community.

We would advise the various groups not to be limited by their individual problems. We trust that they will not permit their individual needs to impair or restrict their total cooperation and support toward a goal of total community concern.

LET US all be thinking of the Birmingham of tomorrow. Let us not recriminate one another with blame for anything in the past; but let us, rather, look and plan ahead.

Let us work to identify those things in which we have had pride in the past and seek, by creative energy and imagination, to maintain them in the future.

Let us include a thorough consideration of the abstract qualities and values which are as important to the continued character and growth of our community as the physical factors such as the CBDD project.

In short, let us think in broad terms of the total character of our community.

More Parking, Traffic Relief Major Needs

Complete texts of reports submitted at last week's community meeting will be found on Page 1-C.

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Money is the biggest problem. Whatever Birmingham city officials decide must be done to improve the downtown business section, financing remains as the major problem.

Here's How CBDD Plan Would Work

The 10 groups that met last Thursday night to discuss implementation of the CBDD Plan were all agreed that something must be done, and soon.

It was generally agreed by all who attended the meeting that more parking and the establishment of a peripheral route to ease traffic flow would have to be high on the list of actions to be taken.

First steps toward these goals have already started with the proposed widening of Chester and Oakland and the authorization for the city manager to check into the possibility of another municipal parking lot in the southwest quadrant.

THE JOINT meeting had been called by Mayor Florence H. Willett and the city commission with hopes of establishing a priority list of projects.

One hundred and fourteen of the area's most prominent and civic-minded residents took part in the meeting.

Groups with representatives at the meeting included the planning board, board of education, library board, real estate board, council of churches, Community House board, chamber of commerce, junior chamber of commerce and the citizens action committee.

Short summaries of the needs of the groups were presented by the library board, citizens committee, realty board, Community House chamber of commerce and the board of education.

COMMISSIONER Charles Renfrew said he believed that the cost of the proposed project could run from \$850,000 to \$2 million.

It is believed by city officials that Birmingham could not receive any federal aid.

Although no definite conclusions were reached at the meeting, it was agreed that action must come forth soon if Birmingham is to remain a prestige community.

Artist Robert A. Thom, acting as spokesman for the citizens action committee, said the commission could take heart in the fact that Birmingham desires action.

"We fear what is going to happen to Birmingham," Thom said.

He said that his group could already see "symptoms of decay" in the downtown area. The CAC supports the CBDD Plan but we've got to get going on some plan now.

Influenza Cases Light in Area

There was no marked upturn in the number of cases of influenza in this area, as of Wednesday morning, according to Dr. Frank J. Condon, deputy health director for South Oakland County.

"We have had no special reports of the Asian flu as such except in rare cases—one or two per cent incidence at most," he said and described it as "just a seeding."

"We're watching for it, though," said Condon. "We anticipate an increase in the next week or two."

THOM NOTED, however, that he did not feel the current plan is complete enough to sell to the public. He believes that an analysis must be made of "what is Birmingham."

He said "we are dedicated to an inflated opinion of ourselves, but if (See PROBLEM, 6-A)

Harlan Area Parents Fight School Plans

but no action on the part of the board is expected until the March meeting.

UNDER THE administration plan, students in the Harlan attendance area will attend the new junior high school on the Valley Woods site beginning with the fall semester.

They will then move on to Groves for grades 9 through 12. Presently, Harlan youngsters attend Derby for grades seven to nine and Seaholm for grades 10 to 12.

Many of the Harlan area parents feel that under the administration plan the educational opportunities will be limited for their children. They feel that the remote location of the new school, (See PARENTS, 8-A)



MRS. G. HOWARD WILLETT, JR.



MRS. EDWIN DEER



WALTER T. MURPHY

Beverly Nichols To Lecture at B'ham Town Hall

Beverly Nichols, British author, will address town hall audiences today and Friday at 11 a.m. at the Birmingham Theater.

He will be introduced at both performances by Johnathan M. Hall of the McClellan-Ball Co., a Birmingham banker.

A luncheon at the Kingsley Inn will follow the lecture both days.

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