



B'ham School Superintendent Resigns

Beverly Hills Voters Reject Three Road Proposals

Annexation, Clerk Propositions Pass

BEVERLY HILLS.—Voters rejected two councilmen, unseated a third and put two others into council seats for their first time in Monday's election.

They also turned down three road proposals but said "yes" on annexation of nine acres of Beverly Farms and "yes" to making the village clerk's job an appointive one.

Leading the field of seven in the council race was Edward F. Dolan with 1,891 votes. Following him were incumbent Chester Gullett, 1,852 votes; John Mager, 1,596; and incumbent Edward M. (Ted) Shurtliff, 1,386.

The other candidates were Dr. Douglas J. Wood, 1,129; Terrence Nagel, 803; and Albert Gattward, 570. Dr. Wood is a member of the present council.

Shurtliff will serve a one-year term; the other three winners will serve two-year terms.

MORE THAN half of the voters turned out in Monday's election and resoundingly defeated three road proposals.

The first called for borrowing \$146,000 to widen Greenfield, Southfield and 14 Mile from Greenfield to Southfield and also to pave 14 Mile from Evergreen west to the city limits. This was the least overwhelmingly defeated of the three proposals with a vote of 314 for it and 2,287 against it.

Next in importance of number of votes against it was a proposal to borrow \$44,000 to pave 14 Mile from Southfield west to Evergreen and to extend the road from its dead end at the Birmingham Country Club.

Some 2,353 voters cast ballots against the third proposal which called for borrowing \$1,033,000 to pay for paving parts of Beverly, Pierce, Evergreen, Riverside and 14 Mile.

A CHARTER amendment making the office of village clerk appointive was supported by electors in a close vote, 1,352 to 1,334.

On annexation of nine acres of Beverly Farms to Beverly Hills, 1,522 voted for it; 763 against. In Beverly Farms the vote was reversed—65 against and 13 votes for the annexation. However, the collective total was used in deciding the issue.

The councilmen take office Monday night at which time a village president will be chosen from among their own number.

Franklin Has One Newcomer, 2 Incumbents

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

FRANKLIN.—With no issues on the ballot and hazardous driving forecast all day, only 221 out of about 1,100 registered voters skidded to the polls Monday to re-elect two incumbents and one newcomer to the council.

The unopposed candidates for the village clerk and assessor's jobs retain their present posts another year. The treasurer was also re-elected.

Robert E. Cornille, 26415 Scenic, led a field of seven candidates for one of three two-year council posts. Some 175 votes made him a member of the group with which he has worked in an advisory capacity as street representative.

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Vote Light In Bingham, Wood Creek

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Only 45 voters out of 204 in Wood Creek Farms and 79 voters in Bingham Farms out of 185 registered voters turned up at the polls Monday to approve unopposed slates of village candidates.

Probably fewer would have braved the snow and drizzle in Bingham Farms except for the proposition to have nine acres annexed by Beverly Hills.

The single issue on the ballot was opposed by 65, with 13 votes approving. However, higher numbers carried the day and the land will be annexed by Beverly Hills.

Former Councilman James McGuire was elected Bingham Farms village president to succeed Haskall Wright who won a council seat.

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May Change School Bus Proposal

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

A school bus bill that has stirred protests from the Bloomfield Hills School Board seems doomed in its present form, according to State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts (R) of Oakland County.

Objections to the present bill from the local board president also drew fire from Lynn E. Bartlett, state superintendent of public instruction.

Five thousand Bloomfield Hills taxpayers received copies of a Michigan Senate bill this week which would make public school districts provide bus service to both private and parochial schools as well as to their own students.

The copies, along with an open letter to Gov. George Romney from the Bloomfield Hills School Board and a letter from both the board and the Hills PTO Council to taxpayers, were mailed Saturday.

ROBERTS SAID the bill either will be substantially amended or will be tabled pending study. A requirement that a district transport its private and parochial students to schools within eight miles of the district's boundaries is almost sure to be dropped, Roberts predicted.

The bill may be amended to require only for children attending private or parochial schools within a given district, Roberts said. Costs must be worked out, he indicated. The bill's supporters were not backing down, however, he said.

BARTLETT has taken issue with the costs stated in the letter. Board President Charles L. Bowers had said the cost to the district for additional buses would be \$126,000, for six buses at \$6,000 apiece.

Bartlett said the cost seems high (See BUS, 6-A)

His final decision was that "I honestly felt that I could be more effective when more of my time could be devoted to education."

He missed about the fact that as deputy superintendent in Grose Pointe he was the trouble department for eight years and thrived on it.

HOWEVER, when the ultimate responsibility rests on your shoulders you take your problems home with you. It is at this point you begin to question your leadership ability, he explained.

He related that Birmingham was an outstandingly fine superintendent and not exceptionally difficult because the board is knowledgeable in the areas of education. He felt the local board has tremendous balance.

IN LOOKING back at his decision he asked himself, "What is reasonable progress in the educational ladder?" He had originally planned to pursue a college career when he reached age 45, while he was still young enough to contribute his talents to the coming generation of young teachers.

He would have put this goal off till age 50 except for the fact that he realized he was taking himself too seriously now—at the age of

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Goal: College Level Position

By HANK HOGAN
Associate Publisher

Dr. Otis M. Dickey, superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools for the last three years, is resigning.

At a joint meeting of the school board, the administrative staff and school principals Saturday morning in the Hill Building, Dr. Dickey announced that he had asked the school board to release him from his contract as of the end of the school year.

His \$21,000-a-year contract still had two years to go.

He stated that he made the request "in order that I may realize a long-term goal of working at the college level."

The school board is now in the position where it must find a successor to Dr. Dickey and will investigate some of the more promising candidates interviewed before he was hired.

DICKEY CAME to the Birmingham Public Schools from Grose Pointe after the resignation of Dwight Ireland, Ireland's departure from the post was attributed to differences of opinion between himself and the school board.

So as to allay any suspicion that this might be the cause of his leaving, Dickey, in his prepared statement to the group of educators, praised the board of education for their "greatest possible support" of his educational efforts and complimented the staff and other members of the school community for serving him exceedingly well.

He said, however, that it was his feeling and conviction that he could serve the cause of education better in a position where he could spend more time working more closely with students and/or staff.

DR. DICKEY's decision to resign was transmitted to the board some three weeks before the Saturday meeting, when would have been withheld until both the board and Dr. Dickey had the opportunity to finalize their plans.

However, the board wanted to make sure that the school personnel were the first to know and rumors were beginning to be circulated in the district.

The board was initially surprised by his decision since it had given him a new contract last June calling for an increase in salary from \$19,500 to \$21,000.

In introducing Dr. Dickey to the meeting, Mrs. Kathryn Loomis, president of the board of education, recited the accomplishments of the current superintendent in the last three years under his supervision.

Among them were the reorganization and enlargement of the central office staff, an introduction of realistic budgeting procedures, improved instructional procedures as a result of the curriculum studies, successful millage votes for both capital and operations and the introduction of summer school.

WITH ALL these accomplishments and the high esteem which the board holds for him she said, "We can only wish that he shall be as successful in the field he goes to."

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Ads Aid Kids In Quest for Pot of Gold

No one can say the kids in Birmingham are not optimistic. All you have to do is pick up the classifieds in this week's Eccentric and read the free ads the youngsters have placed in response to our offer.

John Hulburd, age 6, of 310 Westchester Way, wants "a arplan for 20 sens." There's a sample of the good outlines.

His sister Jeanne, 8, took advantage of the bargain ads when she advertised to "trade one egg in exchange for one mousetrap." If you want an incubator—just one, not for just one egg—give her a call, providing you've built a better mousetrap.

GAIL SHANNON, 14, is more realistic and certainly more observant. She asks, "Is there a kitten in your future? Arrival expected soon, orders taken now for delivery to you in six weeks."

BUT NO DECISION YET

School Board Offers Change In Redistricting Proposal

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The Birmingham Board of Education and residents of four elementary school areas appeared today to be no closer to a solution in the squabble over proposed redistricting of the secondary schools.

The board met last Thursday with representatives of the Harlan, Bloomfield Village, Mayfield and Valley Woods (north of 14 Mile) areas to discuss the problem.

At the special meeting, the board presented a modification of the administration's original plan which started the squabble. The modification, it appeared, met a cold reception and drew little comment from the residents.

HARLAN RESIDENTS have been bitterly opposed to the proposed changes that would send their youngsters to the new Berkshires Junior High and Groves Senior High. Harlan area youngsters presently attend Derby and Seaboard.

The parents object to the long distance the youngsters would have to be transported each day to Berkshires and Groves. They also feel the children would not be able to take part in many after-school activities and would lose old friendships.

At the outset of the meeting, Mrs. Kathryn Loomis, board president, said the redistricting problem was one of the whole district and not one of any particular area.

"We (the board) must keep in mind all the people in the school district in making our decision," Mrs. Loomis said.

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