



## Twp. Voters To Face Few Poll Choices

Twenty-nine candidates for 28 posts in three townships will be listed on ballots April 1. Only one contest faces voters, however.

West Bloomfield will see a race between two men for the post of supervisor. Ten other candidates will seek posts without opposition.

Of prime interest is a two-part ballot proposal for library service in Bloomfield Township.

Nine candidates are running in Bloomfield Township and eight in Southfield Township.

In West Bloomfield, John C. Rehard (R) and Arthur Rosner (Citizens' Party) will compete for the supervisor's job which Rehard now holds.

Running unopposed are incumbents Dorothy M. Chamberlain for clerk; Lillian S. Warner for treasurer and John D. Nephew for constable. All are two-year posts. There are two openings for constables but only Nephew has filed for a post in this category.

Two incumbents, Walter J. Whitmer and Charles B. Forbes will be re-elected to two trustee posts as will Robert P. Scott for justice of the peace. John N. Doherty will be a newcomer to the board of review. All these posts are for four years.

For six-year terms on the library board, incumbents Laura Lane Benton and William J. Devers, Jr., have no race; nor does Carol H. Sader for an unexpired two-year term on the board. Mrs. Sader is the only other candidate besides Rosner who is a member of the Citizens' Party.

IN BLOOMFIELD Township, the two-part library proposal will be on the ballot. The first part provides for "establishment and maintenance of a free public library" through a one-mill levy for its operation and maintenance.

The second part specifies that the one-mill shall be in excess of the 15-mill property tax limitation. Both parts must be approved by voters or the entire proposal will fail at the polls.

NINE CANDIDATES are posted in Bloomfield Township, all of them Republicans. Homer Case will run for supervisor; Arno L. Hulet for treasurer; and Deloris V. Little for clerk, all for two-year terms.

For two four-year terms as incumbent trustees, Robert A. Reid and Robert M. Sinclair will run uncontested as will John J. Tompkins who seeks re-election to the board of review. Albert C. Carr, incumbent, will run unopposed for justice of the peace and Karl Rhodes will seek the post of constable again. John G. Rometty is running for highway commissioner. The latter two posts are for two-year terms.

In Southfield Township, Hugh G. Alerton, Jr., Fanny Alerton and Audrey S. Leach will meet no opposition for the two-year posts they presently hold, those of supervisor, clerk and treasurer, respectively. Four year trustee posts are sought by Albert H. Gutward, incumbent, and Carl J. Peterson, respectively. The latter two posts are for two-year terms.

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The second amendment would allow creation of a library board to provide the service.

The third proposal would give the council more specific powers to provide such services as a library, municipal buildings, police stations, water works and other such facilities as the city may require in the future.



An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy probes through the remains of an old tent he found in a wooded area near Maple and Franklin roads.

## Expect Thousands At B'ham Polls

The biennial spring election in Birmingham next Monday is expected to bring voters out by the thousands.

With the state issue on the agenda, a superintendent of public instruction and three commission seats to be filled, pre-election interest has been running unusually high.

A record field of 11 persons are in the running for the three-year terms on the city commission. In addition, two posts on the Baldwin Public Library Board and the associate and municipal judgeships will be filled.

ON THE state partisan ballot candidates will be elected to the University of Michigan regents, Michigan State University trustees, Michigan State Board of Governors, and Edward S. Emery are unopposed for four-year terms of office.

Two nonpartisan seats on the Michigan Supreme Court will also be decided. Nine men and two women are in the race for the commission. Seeking re-election are Mayor Pro-Tem William H. Burgum and William E. Roberts.

New candidates whose names will appear on the ballot include Elizabeth S. Bagby, Frederick C. Bahr, David F. Breck, Walter R. Denison, George L. Derr, Mabel R. Murphy, Robert L. Spaulding, Allen D. Tucker and William E. Woodburn.

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# Bloomfield Police Seek Clues to Missing Boy



Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke (dark glasses) gives directions to volunteers in Saturday's search for little Bobby Grinnan. Twenty square miles of Bloomfield Township were covered inch by inch.

## Search Futile; Appeal Issued

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

An urgent appeal was issued Wednesday by Bloomfield Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke for anyone with information that might aid in finding a 12-year-old mentally retarded boy missing since last Friday to contact police immediately.

Robert (Bobby) Grinnan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grinnan, 5515 Pebbleshire, Bloomfield Township, walked out of his home Friday morning and police have been unable to find a clue to his whereabouts.

Dehnke said "anyone who might have seen a strange person or car" in the area Friday should notify the township police.

"We're here 24-hours-a-day and will be glad to hear any information in this matter," Dehnke said.

and the case could only be handled along regular police lines.

He said he was convinced the boy was not in the township and anyone searching would be useless.

MORE THAN 200 police officers, firemen, Boy Scouts and volunteer citizens combed an area bounded by Telegraph, Middlebelt, Thirteenth Mile and Long Lake Roads in Tuesday night.

(See SEARCH, 5-A)

## Board Okays Boundary Plan Unanimously

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

The Birmingham Board of Education unanimously approved the establishment of new attendance boundaries for the secondary schools Tuesday night.

The final decision, which drew applause from the nearly 100 persons at the meeting, ended more than two months of controversy between the board and various citizen groups.

Sharp criticism had been directed at both the board and school administration from the residents of the Harlan, Westchester and Bloomfield Village areas.

IN A PREPARED statement presented to the board Tuesday the Harlan School District Citizens' Committee said, in part:

"The Citizens' Committee of the Harlan area wishes to thank the Birmingham Board of Education for the courtesy it has extended us in hearing our redistricting proposals."

"We commend the board for the thoughtful attention it has devoted to all proposals and express an appreciation of the great expenditure of time and effort it has made to reach a decision in this delicate matter."

"We are particularly happy to learn of the board's decision to continue for another year the present school attendance pattern as it affects the Harlan district."

"We feel this fulfills a very basic obligation of a school administration to provide school facilities for children in the geographical area in which they live."

UNDER THE plan adopted by the board, Harlan area students (See BOARD, 6-A)

## Hills Election Is Affected by Zoning Law

By JAMES C. HORVATH and THEO A. GRANT

Candidates for two posts on the Wayne State University Board of Governors include Democrats Michael Ference, Jr., and Leonard Woodcock, Republicans Marshall V. Noecker and Alfred H. Whitaker and Socialist Labor Charles Fraser and James Sim.

Republican Raymond N. Hatch, Democrat Lynn M. Bartlett and Socialist Labor Ralph W. Mincy will vie for the post of superintendent of public instruction.

A SEAT on the state board of education will be filled by Republican James F. O'Neil or Democrat Gerald Tuckow or Socialist Labor James C. Horvath.

Four candidates are in the running for two seats on the nonpartisan State Supreme Court. In addition to incumbent Eugene P. Black, Paul L. Adams, Donald E. Holbrook and Richard G. Smith are seeking election.

RUNNING FOR re-election to two-year terms are Commissioners John S. Bugas, Lyman J. Craig and Robert A. Frye. Two other candidates vying for two of the three vacancies are David Lee and Louis Colombo, Jr.

Homer Murphy is unopposed for constable, the only other position to be filled.

The two precincts—No. 1 at the Fire Hall and No. 2 at St. Dunstan's Playhouse—will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

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## Hills Delays Action On New Zoning Law

By DAVE PHILPO  
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Spurred by the belief that most Hills Monday, the election shopped up as one of the most lively contests in recent years.

At stake is whether the city will retain essentially the same zoning ordinance it has adopted a new one that will enlarge the business district, allow three-story structures and provide for a peripheral drive around the commercial area.

All five candidates for the city commission have expressed opinions on which ordinance they like and voters are expected to make their choices known on that basis.

ON ONE hand, John S. Bugas, mayor, supports recommendations of the planning commission to enlarge the commercial area from 27 acres to 77 acres and to relax zoning restrictions to allow three-story structures, with 4.7 units per acre.

The other two commissioners, Lyman J. Craig and Robert A. Frye, are of the opinion that the commercial area should be limited to 27 acres and that buildings should be a maximum of two stories, with three units per acre.

BUGAS FEELINGS are shared by Commissioner James A. Beresford while Craig and Frye are backed by Commissioner Henry L. Woolfenden.

All agreed, however, that to pass the ordinance without complete explanation of "all the ramifications" would be "an injustice to the people of this city."

William H. McGaughey of 131 Guilford Road told the commission he was unaware that property in his area was being considered for rezoning until "a few hours before the public hearing" last week.

UNDER THE ordinance recommended by the planning commission, several parcels of property on Guilford would be rezoned from A-1 (two acres) to A-3 (one acre). McGaughey's lot is three acres.

"There hasn't been such a controversy here since Fortune magazine accused us of chasing our creme de menthe with beer," McGaughey said.

"This has all the makings of a cold war" in Bloomfield Hills, especially since Bobby Grinnan, a 12-year-old mentally retarded boy, was seen in the area.

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## House Fund Drive Passes Mid-Point

By LARRY EVOE  
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The 1963 Community House Fund Drive for \$50,000 passed the 50 per cent mark today with pledges and contributions received totaling \$27,436.

"We're more confident than ever that our 1963 goal will be reached," said William B. Rachman, Jr., general fund drive chairman.

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## Start Search For Successor To Dr. Dickey

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## Leagues Squabble

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Hurl Charges at Babe Ruth Group

Charges of "infringement" and "poor sportsmanship" have been leveled against the Birmingham Babe Ruth League by the president of the city's Little League program.

In a letter to The Eccentric (see People's Column, page 5-B) Floyd L. Braugh accused Babe Ruth League of indicating "by inference" that the two leagues are conducting a joint fund-raising campaign.

"This inference is not true," states Braugh. "Little League was never contacted nor has it given sanction to the use of our slogan 'Birmingham Batters Up Boosier' nor has it shared or intends to share in any contributions made to the Babe Ruth League."

HE REFERRED to a letter sent to business and professional groups by Babe Ruth outlining a program for 1963 involving boys 8 through 15. Only boys 13-15 play Babe Ruth baseball.

Braugh also objected to another part of the Babe Ruth letter that asked for checks made out to "Birmingham Batters Up Boosier" yet

included a self-addressed envelope to the Babe Ruth League.

"Little League of Birmingham considers this an infringement on our present and future programs and, if it continues, could only lead to confusion, which eventually would cause the recreation program of Birmingham boys," said Braugh.

"Certainly, if we are to teach our boys this (sportsmanship), we must at all times set the example among any adults concerned with this type of program. We ask you, is this good sportsmanship?"

A. W. BATES, chairman of the Babe Ruth League and whose name appears on the fund-raising letter, denied any infringement.

He told The Eccentric: "We used the letter last year. In fact, we have used the Batters Up Boosier slogan for four or five years. We are making efforts to have the name copyrighted."

Bates said that Babe Ruth and Little League have an agreement, signed last July, that "the Babe Ruth League" would take the merchants and try to raise as much money as they could.

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