



2 Charter Amendments Adopted In Franklin

This and That

by George R. Averill This Roman Tried To Save Freedom

Made no mistake about this, Good Reader: The national and the international confusion and insecurity you see on every hand today ARE NOT NEW in the history of mankind! What is occurring today has occurred many times in the past histories of many nations. The old saying that "history repeats itself" is as true as any other utterance by human beings.

For example, be reminded of this as you read on . . . about a time (450 B. C.) when the Roman Empire was tottering; when it was paying the price of its aggressions in war, its plundering of its own people via excessive taxation; when it was paying the penalty for internal corruption of its leaders; when it was being bowed down because of its ignorance of the unwillingness to subscribe to the ethics of plain decency.

It was while in this deterioration that a great Roman named Cicinnatus was called upon "to save the nation."

Here are several wise—eternally wise—thoughts expressed by this man to his countrymen; their value was never more fitting for application than these very distressing 20th-century days.

"Worthiness resides in no man, and let that nation be which discovers itself regardless of temporal ruler as a divinity, fawning upon him delighting in news of his comings and goings, reverencing him, listening to his words as though they rolled down from Olympus with the sound of thunder, extracting those who differ from him, raising up their voices like trumpets halting all that he does, and deluding themselves that he is superior to those who have elevated him by vote or in the name of emergency.

"For such a people have taken upon themselves the aspects of slaves. They have greatly weakened their ruler by persuading him he is more than a man and that he does not possess their own evils and follies and weaknesses. If he becomes arrogant and oppressive this is the crime of his people, the crime above all other crimes, for they have endangered his stature."

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B'ham Moves To Correct Intersections

Traffic Problems Studied; Projects Draw Approval

In an effort to clear up traffic problems at several intersections in the city, Birmingham commissioners Monday night approved a series of street improvements.

A survey by the engineering and police departments showed that all of the intersections studied with problems could be alleviated or eliminated by making physical changes.

City Engineer William T. Killen said intersections involving only traffic problems and where no physical problems were involved were included in the study.

Three intersections along Woodward to be improved include Buffum, Bennaville and Chapin. These corners, Killen said, are located where Woodward makes acute angles with east-west streets.

"SOUTHBOUND Woodward traffic designed to turn right on these streets must slow down almost to a stop to make the turn," Killen said.

If a vehicle, he said, does not slow down enough, it will probably cross the centerline of the east-west street and create a potential rear-end collision on Woodward and head-on collisions on the side streets.

He said the intersections could be made much safer by enlarging the curb radii at the three intersections' northwest corners. The improvements will be made within the present right-of-way.

Commissioners also approved Killen's recommendation for enlarging the radii at the southeast corner of Woodward and Sheffield.

THE MAPLE-Baldwin and the Lincoln-Shirley intersections will also have the radii at the corners enlarged. The curb at the southeast corner of Southfield and Lincoln will be flared to meet the curb line to the west.

At Brown and Southfield the commission approved the enlarging of the radii at both corners and instructed the engineering department to smooth out the jog at the intersection.

Traffic dividers, similar to those at Maple and Southfield, will be installed at the Lincoln and

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Teen of the Week

Ron Fray does much to destroy the usual conception of "what an artist should be." He is sans beard, dark glasses and black turtle-neck shirt — no pipe or French hat either. But Ron's art honors do point out that he does possess one important asset: talent.

A student at Groves High School, Ron is a blue ribbon winner in The Detroit Scholastic Art competition. His paintings are now in New York City awaiting further judging. Last year he had a showing at the Birmingham Art Center, and he has won a scholarship for summer art study at QMVT College.

Not limited to oils and water colors, Ron also dabbles in sculpture and teaches high school art classes at the local art center. Not completely art-minded, Ron is a member of the New Groves' fencing club and a YMCA basketball team.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Fray, 31199 E. Rutland, he is The Birmingham Eclectic's Teen of the Week for this week.

6 Candidates Seek 2 Seats On B'ham City Commission

Six candidates, including two incumbents and two women, will vie for two three-year terms on the Birmingham City Commission in the April 6 election.

Two other candidates, one an incumbent, are opposed for two three-year terms on the Baldwin Public Library Board.

All of the candidates filed nomination acceptance papers by the noon Saturday deadline, according to City Clerk Irene Hanley.

Incumbents seeking another term on the commission include Mayor Pro Tem Robert W. Page, 2468 Manchester, and Commissioner Ralph A. Main, 1819 Fairview.

PAGE, 43, has been active in city government since 1952 and has served on the commission since 1961. He is a manufacturing supervisor in the Automotive Assembly Division of Ford Motor Co.

Wester says he was elected to the commission in 1945 and served three full terms as commissioner and two as mayor before stepping down in 1954.

He is a partner in the engineering firm of Main and Fox. His present commission term began in 1961.

The two women challengers are Mrs. William A. (Ruth) McNamee, 1271 Lakeside, and Mrs. Charles (Pat) Grissom, 1090 Westwood.

4 Incumbents Retain Seats In Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS — In one of the lightest turnouts since the incorporation of the village, voters Monday retained the services of the four incumbent councilmen running for re-election.

The only surprise in the voting came with the one-year term which goes to the man who is elected by the least number of voters. In this case it was Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., longtime council member and secretary of the original charter commission.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF votes was cast for Edward M. (Ted) Shurtzoff, who registered 769. Marvin B. Chine, president of the council for the last two years, received 721 votes; Claude A. Shepherd, 709; and Allerton, 699. The other candidate for the council, Maurice Hooper, polled 516 votes.

Only 964 voters turned out, out of a registration of 4,449. In 1962, 2,785 people voted out of a possible 4,595 and in 1962 the number of votes was 1,445 from a 4,163 registration.

When the council meets Monday it will have to decide on a new village clerk, since the term of Mrs. Betty Chinn expired Tuesday. The clerk, previously elected, will now be appointed by the council, following a vote to change the charter in 1963.

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Road Bonding Plan Also Wins

FRANKLIN — Voters approved two charter amendments, a road bonding proposition and elected Richard H. Oberschulte as their new village president on Monday.

Better than half the registered voters, 851 out of about 1,100, showed up at the polls in Franklin School to also select three trustees from a total of seven candidates, a village clerk, treasurer and assessor.

On the charter amendment allowing the village to issue general obligation bonds to finance the improvement of village streets and on the bonding question which set the sum at \$200,000, there was a 19-vote margin over the necessary 60 per cent approving.

THE CHARTER amendment itself passed 403 to 215. The commission question for bonding got 387 to 226.

As a result, all of Franklin's gravel roads will be hard surfaced this summer and property owners will be assessed about 3 mills annually for 10 years on an ad valorem basis.

The vote resolved one of the village's most constant and controversial issues in its 10-year history. Voters also agreed to permit the village to acquire by gift, purchase or lease personal property valued up to \$5,000. The action will now make it possible for the volunteer police force to get its own scout car.

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Life-Savers

Gabriele Glassing, 17, Seaholm AFS student from Germany, is being instructed in the proper method of applying mouth-to-mouth respiration by swim coach Corey Van Fleet. The lifelike dummy was a gift to the school by the 1963 graduation class. If the proper technique is used by a student, the figure actually breathes. Van Fleet said that all Seaholm students will receive training in the proper methods of life-saving, and eventually all boys and girls in the secondary schools will also be trained.

93 Cast Ballots in Wood Creek

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Ninety-three creases showed up at the Vernon P. Fisher home on Wellington Road Monday to vote for two trustees, a village clerk, treasurer and assessor.

Even though there were no major issues to stir the 205 registered voters, nearly half turned out to give Watson Kinney 67 votes, incumbent Philo Wright 64 votes and William Smolek, 40 votes.

Mrs. Alice Billie polled 89 votes for her fifth term as village clerk; Thomas Jennings, with 88, won a second term as treasurer and Robert Swift, with 90 votes, was re-elected assessor.

There was one write-in for trustee.

West Bloomfield Eyes Expansion of Facilities

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Members of the township board took a quick look at expansion of public facilities planned for the future at a meeting last week.

The board also took action furthering projects already in the making.

According to a letter from Detroit water officials read at the meeting, city water for the township will be possible well ahead of original schedules.

THE LETTER was in answer to township inquiries. It informed the board that within two years Detroit water would be brought as far as 14 miles and infeasible roads. A suggestion was made that a written contract with West Bloomfield could hasten extension of water to the township from that point.

Lucky Number Seems to Be 43

BINGHAM FARMS — Only 43 out of 185 registered voters turned out Monday to affirm the slate of village officers in the annual general election held at Outland's Stables on 14 Mile.

For the three trustee posts, incumbents Clayton Lamm and Harold Spidder were elected by Mrs. Marjorie Robinson at 43 votes each. Mrs. George Whyburn, village clerk, and James Washburne, treasurer, both incumbents, also polled 43 votes each.

Edward Burns as assessor received 42 votes and constituents said he probably didn't vote for himself.

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