

Recreation Board Members Appointed

Will Correlate Former City, School Programs for Youth

Appointments of four members to the newly created Birmingham Recreation Board and recommendations for the fifth were made this week by the City Commission and the Birmingham Board of Education.

Board members appointed by the city were W. Coit Allee, who recently retired from the city commission, to a one-year term; and William Martin, present city commissioner, to a three-year term.

School board appointments went to Mrs. William H. Jackson, 908 Oakland, as a two-year member, and Rolland Reese, present school board member, for a four-year term.



Shown discussing how they shall conduct their commission meeting next Monday night at the Municipal Building are the members of the Baldwin senior class who were elected 'commissioners' for the Student Control Day, April 21, when civics classes will work along with regular city employees to obtain a practical lesson in municipal government. Left to right are Gerry Hughes, Bill Shallberg, Ralph Dunbar, Mayor Dick Adams, City Manager Ralph Apple, Austin Jones and 'City Clerk' Mary Powers. 'Commissioner' Bill Kinderly is absent from the picture.

Community House Plans Founders Frolic on May 8

A Founders Frolic on May 8, which will review the fun, work and drama of the past year, will be taken place in the Birmingham Community House during 25 minutes of service and to which all residents of Birmingham are invited, was announced at the monthly meeting of the community house board Monday night.

The Founders Frolic will find the community in full swing with Banquet Room, recreation rooms, dance and craft rooms, kitchen, auditorium and meeting rooms all in use. Plans a dramatization on the stage of significant events of the past quarter century, and a gala open-house atmosphere, parades and refreshments will be given to bring more than 60,000 people to the Community House.

Homeless Cost Too Much

It has for many, many years been my honest belief that the average man is required to spend too much of his lifetime earning the money which will to buy a home for his family, the average man's interest in a normal man or woman can have in the ownership of a home, why a nation's budget has less to do from the reasons today, why so comparatively few homes are built, these reasons all add up to two words: HIGH COST. Until the elements which are referred to as HIGH COST are known, studied, and relieved, fewer families can own their own homes. Money and material costs, unnecessary and unfair demands of zoning ordinances and other factors, together with the cost of financing a home — these are the basic reasons why the average wage earner, spends so much of his struggling life to own a home.

Assessment District Seen for New Main

The city assessor will create a special assessment district to defray the costs of the construction of a 13-inch main between the city and water storage tanks. It was decided at Monday night's committee meeting.

The main will extend along Columbus north to Maple, west to Adams, north to Knox and west to the second tank.

The new main along Maple will also permit the development of residential property on the east side of Maple, between Ruby and Columbus streets, that previously was held by a man, it was brought out in the discussion.

Re-Open Campaign To Get More Crab Trees Planted

Bringing back the pre-war time of making Birmingham the 'City of Flowering Crab Trees,' the Birmingham branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association will again make the young trees available to any Birmingham resident who plans around their own homes.

In 1941, the association originally launched the plan which got nationwide attention when over 1,000 of the young trees were planted on city and residential property. Birmingham merchants and homeowners.

Annual Meeting for Bloomfield Village Monday

Plans have been completed for the annual meeting of the Bloomfield Village Protective Association, Inc., at 8:00 p. m. in the Bloomfield Village School next Monday, April 21.

Planners included a few new residents in the community just west of Birmingham, since last year's session there was no indication that the meeting will be the best attended on record.

3 Speeding Tickets Arrested This Week in Birmingham

Arrested this week in Birmingham on speeding charges were John Schaire of Pontiac, going 60 miles an hour in a 45-mile zone; Robert C. Wexlow, also of Pontiac, doing 50 in a 45 zone; and Harold J. Wilkinson, 578 Woodland, doing 45 in a 30-mile zone.

Mrs. Cyril Lewis Is Appointed to Supervisory Board

Acting upon the request of several Birmingham women organizations, the city commission Monday night appointed Mrs. Cyril B. Lewis, 139 Lakeview, as the Birmingham representative on the Oakland County board of supervisors.

The several organizations several weeks ago had recommended to the commission that a woman appointee to the board would have much to contribute to government and specifically to the county board of supervisors.

Still Inadequate Space Effort Has Been Made to Temporarily Relieve the Overcrowding at Pierce School

By Amos F. Gregory, Member, Birmingham Board of Education

Most of the electors in the School District of the City of Birmingham know that in the last fifteen years no classroom capacity has been added to the elementary schools of the district.

However, during this period, the population continued to grow. This growth in the Pierce School area has been more pronounced than in any other part of the district and the school no longer offers ample building facilities for the children of that area.

Still Inadequate Space: An effort has been made to temporarily relieve the overcrowding by placing a kindergarten, first and second grades, in Barnum Junior High school. Even with these classes out of Pierce Elementary School, the space is inadequate at the present time.

Because of this situation many of the children in the Beverly Hills area who would ordinarily go to Pierce School are now transported by bus to Quares and Adams Schools. The Board of Education has been aware of this situation at Pierce School and has had architectural plans for a new building.

Bell and Van Dusen Sworn In As Newest City Commissioners

Ralph A. Main, 1819 Fairview, became the new mayor of the City of Birmingham Monday night. He succeeds Milton F. Mallender, who became mayor pro tem.

Main, a consulting civil engineer, was elected to the city commission in 1945, having served as assistant city engineer from 1937 to 1944.

In electing Main the new mayor, the commissioners followed a precedent established several years ago when it decided that the office of mayor should be rotated among the various commissioners.

Miss M. Weaver Wins 4-Year Scholarship

Over 38,000 School Students Try for One of 126 Prizes

By Lora Thurston

Chosen from among 38,364 candidates elected to represent 9,157 of the nation's high schools, Marion Alma Weaver, 17, a senior at Baldwin High School, received the honor.

Present commissioners W. E. Moody and R. A. Palmer also occupied the mayor's chair in previous years.

Palmer was the one who placed Main's name in nomination. After his election, Mallender was unanimously elected to preside at the commission meetings in the absence of the new mayor.

Honor John Martz For His Devoted Civic Interest

Edmund A. Gullion, assistant to Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson, will address an open meeting at the Baldwin Public Library auditorium, Wednesday, April 21, at 8:30 p. m., sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Presenting the viewpoint of the U. S. State Department on the Truman proposal for assistance to Greece and Turkey, Gullion will follow an afternoon panel discussion meeting of League members when they will discuss "Our Changing Foreign Policy."

U of M Star Will Replace Helmer as Football Coach

Announcement was made this week by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, that Vincent Secor of Detroit, a former University of Michigan football star, will replace Hel Helmer as head football coach of the Baldwin High School next fall.

Secorine comes to the local school highly recommended by Fritz Craker, head coach of the U. of M., for whom he played a varsity tackle from the 1940 through the 1942 seasons.

He was also given enthusiastic praise by Jim Marks, head coach of Kiski Prep school in Pittsburg, under whom he served as assistant football coach since his discharge from the Army last season. He also had baseball coach at the eastern school. He served as a physical instructor at Kiski.

Washington Trip Students, After Week's Tour of East, Come Back Home to Relax

Through many high school memories fade in the passing hours, the joys of the 47 Washington trip students, who spent a delightful week in the nation's capital, are still fresh in their minds and excitement, the group left Detroit on the rocky Washington-bound trip April 10 and spent a delightful week in the nation's capital.

Friday morning was spent at Harper's Ferry. There are many who will never forget the beautiful scene where the Potomac and the Blue Ridge meet.

Birmingham Schools Face Big Construction Program to Relieve Overcrowding

(Editor's Note: Amos F. Gregory, an experienced member of the Birmingham Board of Education, this week tells of the building needs of the school district in the sixth of a series of articles The Economician is presenting concerning the present financial dilemma of the Board of Education.)

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Repeat Warning to Padlock Garages and Prevent Thefts

Continuing larcenies of car accessories brought forth another warning to Birmingham residents. Chief J. E. Hackett to Birmingham residents who don't lock up their cars.

"Car equipment of all kinds is being stripped off cars while they are apparently safe in the garages," he said. "Car radios, mirrors, fender skirts, heaters and other equipment are all apt to be taken unless residents lock their garage doors."

Have Entertaining Guide to Washington Trip Students

Charles C. Murray, president of the group, placed a wreath of red and white roses on the tomb, and Harry Jackson sang a taped. Highlighting the stay of 40 students in the capital city was "An' the Best of the Best" by the group of the city and keen sense of humor kept the group highly entertained during the Washington trip.

Contributing to Saturday's excitement and contentment was the clamb bake at the Washington Club. (See TRIP, Page 2)

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