

Corson to Chart City Water and Sewer Services

Harold H. Corson, city engineer, this week was named head of the maps and records department, a new city office created to chart existing underground city services.

A separate operation from the functions of the engineering department, Corson's additional duties will entail the location of all known city water and sewer services and mark them on a "master" map.

He will be assisted by Fred Aldred, city employed for more than 27 years, and Augustus Carrier, who will draw the maps and charts.

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Local Children Give 1,700 Bars of Soap to Europe's Babies

Mrs. A. M. Wauters announced Wednesday morning that the soap drive has netted a total of 1,700 bars of soap, plus \$25.86. The drive was conducted in the vicinity of the Children's Federation.

The fund was considerably enlarged by the youngsters of Bloomfield Hills school. They presented a play last week for the school, admission being a bar of soap and a penny.

A gift of \$10 was received from Brookside School with the notation that the money could be used for any purpose the Federation wished.

Mrs. Wauters and the local members of the Federation expressed deep thanks to the children of Birmingham and its immediate vicinity for their splendid cooperation.

Candidates Accept Invitations to 2nd Voters' Rally

Interested citizens of Birmingham will focus their attention next Monday night, March 29th, on the six candidates for the city commission, as presented by the second annual Voters' Rally at the Community House at 8:30 p.m.

It is a public, non-partisan meeting sponsored and staged by the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the League of Women Voters, to promote government and to give active and informed citizen participation.

On April 5th, registered Birmingham voters will elect three of the six candidates. The candidates are Oscar Peterson, Ralph Main, Bruce Booth, Garland Tait, William Smith, and R. G. Peterson.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to appear at the rally.

Will Ask Questions

Mrs. F. G. Garrison, president of the League of Women Voters, will call the meeting to order. Each candidate will speak for three or four minutes. Five questions have been prepared on current local problems to which each candidate will have a chance to present his solution. Then the audience will take over and ask questions from the floor being directed at the candidates.

Genaro Flores, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will act as moderator and H. T. Ellerby will be the timekeeper.

Herman Erke of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will outline the two city charter amendments involving dual-proofing of streets and construction of sidewalks which voters will approve or reject on the same ballot; also the three bond issues which would make it possible to spend \$200,000 on city parks, sewers and a new West Maple bridge and one county issue—a proposal to enlarge the County Infirmary.

Free Popcorn, Too!

A bulletin containing biographical material on the candidates, an explanation of the issues on the ballot, and a list of qualifications for voting will be distributed at the meeting. Over 3500 of these bulletins will also be distributed by mail.

The arrangements committee, headed by Herbert J. Quinn, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, hopes to secure the high school band for the rally and free popcorn will be distributed again this year by Roland W. Reese.

The meeting has always been small in this annual spring election, but last year, 2,171 people voted as compared to 1,171 the previous year.

Community House Needs Electric Dishwasher

(The following article is the fourth in a series being written by Mrs. W. White to explain the varied functions of the Community House and its operation and administration. This article discusses the House's kitchen.)

By Hazel B. White
Member, Community House Board of Directors

If more than 35,000 guests were served from your kitchen in the course of a year, you would have an electric dish washer, wouldn't you?

Improvements in the Community House, which served 37,382 meals last year, should have the purchase and installation has been approved by the board of directors, providing the Roll Call in April provides enough funds. The budget of operating costs, which the fund drive must cover, carries only \$1500 for all improvements and repairs. The dishwasher is included in this amount and it is hoped that it can be installed in August when the Community House gets its annual overhaul.

Present, dishwashing is done by workers from the community who receive the going rate of 80 cents an hour. It takes several workers several hours to clean up after a big dinner. And dinners for 300 or more are common at the House. Meals for 600 in the course of a day are not unusual there.

Other Improvements

Other improvements needed in the 18-year-old community kitchen include a new sink, a new 49 burner, a new table and counter tops. Sinks and splinters tell a tale of faithful service and the preparation of more than 100,000 meals. It is hoped that new counter tops can be placed this summer, but that will require funds beyond the \$28,568 which the House has received in operating expenses next year.

There are other kitchen improvements which might be undertaken, but a lattice screen around the kitchen door to hide unsightly trash and ash cans now exposed is one of the projects dependent on more than budget funds. Now that the Community House Association owns the adjoining property on Bates street, perhaps something can be worked out to make the kitchen side of the house more attractive and get the ash cans out of public view.

Resident Staff

Even the number of trash cans has increased at the Community House, in proportion to the greater attendance and the larger consumption of coal.

The number of meals served has increased threefold in the past 10 years; and, of course, kitchen staff has had to be increased in proportion. Most of the staff works on a part time basis. These are local housewives who come in when needed. There are six of them and sometimes all six are on duty.

The only full time staff in the kitchen are the Suttens, Roberts and Clarence, husband and wife. She cooks, he bakes and bakes and they live with an unmarried son in an apartment on the second floor of the Community House.

Shows Not Profit

Most of the buying for the Community House Kitchens is done locally. A deep freeze and storage room installed about a year ago makes it possible to buy advantageously and keep a considerable food supply on hand.

Good buying, plus good planning have kept the commissary department of the House out of the red ever since the Suttens took over in 1944. While the operation shows a net profit each year and its estimated net profit in 1944-45 will be around \$2500, no proportionate share of maintenance, janitor service, heat, light, etc., is charged against the commissary. If it were, the profit would disappear and costs just about be covered by charges for meals. These charges also cover kitchen payroll.

Self-Supporting Kitchens

The Community House kitchens, therefore, are self-sustaining while rendering to vast service to the many people who are fed from them. Half a dozen lunch and dinner clubs benefit most from their operation. Attendance at their meetings accounted for many thousands of meals served there last year. Thursday night family dinners also add at least 5000 meals a year.

Thursday family dinner at the Community House is an institution as old as the House on Bates street. Meals are served from six thirty to eight o'clock at family size tables. A reservation not later than the preceding Tuesday is necessary. Many families keep standing reservations, only cancelling when necessary.

No event is permitted to interfere with the regular service of the Thursday night dinner for families.

4 Birmingham Men to Attend State GOP Convention

Four Birmingham men have been named delegates to the state Republican convention in Detroit April 2. They were elected at the county GOP meeting held in Pontiac last week.

The four are Ernest A. Baldwin, Howard R. Estes, David Levinson and Ray A. Palmer.

At the Pontiac meeting, Michigan's senior senator, Arthur H. Vandenberg, was hailed as the outstanding statesman of the day and endorsed for the Republican nomination for President.

NO NEED to look far and wide, just refer to an Eccentric Classified.

Sketches

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will be contained in an article to appear on Page One of next week's Eccentric.

The following information is a brief biographical sketch of each city commission candidate:

George G. Booth

Forty-eight years old, Booth is married and has three children. He has lived in or near Birmingham for 15 years. He was graduated from Detroit public schools; received an AB, LL.B from the University of Michigan; was admitted to the bar in 1924, he was associated with a Detroit law firm in 1925 when he was named one of the legal staff of General Motors Corp.

His military record includes service in the AEF (1918-1919) as a private; in World War II was a lieutenant colonel on the staff of the U.S. Army in Berlin where he aided municipal and state governments of occupied Germany in reconstruction.

His civic interests include activities as a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and member of the Birmingham State Bar; Detroit Bar Assn.; Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; Birmingham Village Players; U of M Alumni and Military Govt. Assn.

R. G. Hoover

He is 64 years old, has lived in Birmingham for six or seven years. He is a general building contractor and has never run for a public office before.

He is a member of the B'nai B'rith, the B'nai B'rith Club and Metropolitan Builders Assn.

Charles A. Main

A resident of Birmingham since 1929, Main is seeking his second 5-year term as a city commissioner.

This year he is serving as mayor.

He is 44 years old and was graduated in 1928 from the Engineering and Mines school of the University of Pittsburgh as a civil engineer. He joined the Birmingham city engineering department in 1929, then established his own engineering practice in 1944.

He has been a scoutmaster, district scout commissioner; past president, past secretary-treasurer of Birmingham Lions Club; past president of Oakland County Engineering Society; member, Michigan Engineering Society and Engineering Society of Detroit; former member of old city recreation commission; former treasurer of B'nai Community Council; member B'nai H-12 club, Oakland County Citizens' League.

Oscar P. Peterson

Peterson, 57 years old, has been a resident of Birmingham since 1926. A general insurance agent with offices in Birmingham, he is a member of the B'nai Rotary club, B'nai Lodge, and board of management of the local YMCA.

William Smith

Smith is 39, has been a Birmingham resident for five years. He attended the Detroit City Law School, and at present is an attorney in the compensation department of the Mutual Casualty Co. He is a member of the Club of the First Presbyterian church, Birmingham.

Garland D. Tait

Forty-two years old, Tait has been a local resident for the past 14 years. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan law school, class of 1929, has an AB in literature and an LL.B in law. He is a member of the Detroit law firm of Spilfield, Hartman, Reitz & Tait. He is affiliated with the American, Michigan and Detroit Bar associations, and the B'nai Quarterback Club.

Streets

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conditions would not be permitted.

Both Commissioners Milton F. Maller and William Martin said those contractors who permitted such unloading should be given police tickets.

"They have no right to block the right-of-way," Maller emphasized.

Martin suggested that DPW trucks might be sent around to pick up material in the roads.

He said he could use some of that stuff," Martin suggested.

At the meeting, commissioners approved the necessity for the permanent surfacing of Chapin street between Grant and Woodward.

W. Maple Debate

They referred to the city manager and police chief a request from Lawrence Hulbert, 680 Brown street, for a stoplight at Southfield and Brown to slow down speeders.

Through traffic out West Maple is being detoured around the Maple sewer construction area, Falls said Tuesday afternoon. Hulbert is a shunted south on Southfield to Lincoln, over Lincoln to Grand, then north and back to Maple.

"At the present time, Maple is closed to local traffic," Falls said. "The blocked off area will remain in progress until the project is completed at Fairfax."

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Local Youth Enters National Field in Manuscript Contest

Randall Garrison is among the 284 students of the Michigan who have won the recent Regional Scholastic Writing Awards competition. He has been sent to New York. The local contest was sponsored by the Detroit News. The contest is a national phase of the project under the sponsorship of Scholastic Magazines.

Randall, 17, son of Mrs. F. J. Garrison, is a 12th grade student at Cranbrook. From among the additional script which he submitted, seven were chosen for key awards and two for honorable mention. He also won high praise from the judges for reading radio scripts.

Among the places in which his manuscript received awards were essay writing, radio scripts in both classes A and B. He received an additional honorable mention for his work in the essay classification. Throughout this area there were nearly 12,000 competitors. Of these, the aforementioned 284 were chosen for the final and national judging.

Other winners from this immediate vicinity are Helen Elizabeth Bohl, 14, Kingswood; Robert G. King, 14, Kingswood; for Girls, short story; Toby Maxwell, 16, Cranbrook; for Boys, short story; Jane MacIntyre, 16, Kingswood, poetry.

Hospital

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have an older group to deal with, of whom a certain percentage will inevitably become bedridden; in which event they are no longer attractive to convalescent homes.

To dramatize the Oakland County infirmity tax proposal, the three county League of Women Voters—Birmingham Interlake and Royal Oak—will present an original 15-minute radio script over station WEXL, Royal Oak, Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. The cast is composed of players from the Wayne University Broadcast Guild under the direction of William C. Glass.

as a clientele, and a substantial percentage inevitably come to the County hospital.

Since it is impossible to construct the hospital addition under the 15-min limitation, the board of supervisors found it necessary for the electors of the county to vote the 3-mill extension for two years.

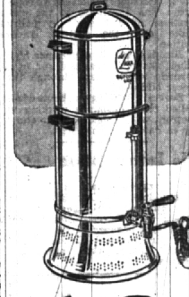
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Birmingham Rotary to Conduct Sale of Paper Lilies

Saturday morning, March 27, the Birmingham Rotary Club will have 30 B'nai High School students on the street selling paper lily bouquets in behalf of the Oakland County Crippled Children's Fund. Money derived from this fund helps provide crutches, braces, therapeutic treatment, individual and clinic treatment to crippled children besides many other services.

Those who will be wearing the arm bands and carrying canes are Joan Protheroe, Sally Buck, Joe Burdick, Janet Steele stationed at the Birmingham National Bank; Sherrill Williams, Ruth Baker, Oscar Peterson, Bill Turpin, Jack Calvert and Ed Kirbert.

Local Rotarians who are working on this committee are Stuart Baker, Oscar Peterson, Bill Turpin, Jack Calvert and Ed Kirbert.

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