

Costs Support of Bill Is Urged by LWV

The Birmingham League of Women Voters is urging Representative Howard Eves to support the Fair Employment bill now awaiting action in the House of Representatives in Lansing.

Mrs. Frank Smith, 1836 Oak street, acting legislative chairman of the League, lists the four most common objections to the bill.

Mrs. Smith explains the League answer to the first objection, "you can't legislate against prejudice, you must educate", by stating that this bill is "education in the most practical sense, learning by doing."

She adds that the bill "is not expected to wipe out prejudice overnight, but it will mitigate the effects of prejudice."

TO THE SECOND objection, "it would be another restriction on our already harassed businessmen", the League answers that it is not a coercive bill. Mrs. Smith states that "very few people are against the principles of fair employment. Legislation will give them the courage of their convictions."

The third most frequently heard objection, that "there is no money to finance it" is answered with the League's statement that "in the long run, discrimination in employment is far more costly than the commission appropriation."

"Any group whose economic opportunity is limited by prejudice is a burden to the community, tax-wise. Skills and talents which remain unproductive in the face of industry's need for such skills comprise a situation which is extremely costly."

MRS. SMITH stated that the fourth often-voiced objection to the bill is the fear that "it is too risky for the employer because he may lose customers and other employees."

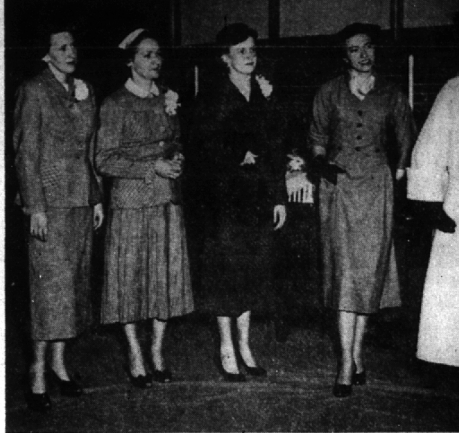
She stated that the League's rebuttal to this last is "experience with the state F.E.P.C. legislation in New York and Massachusetts, which has proved overwhelmingly that management has little or nothing to fear in customer and employee reaction when they hire according to ability and are backed up by law."

"Commendatory reactions have far outweighed complaints."

Have You Met . . .

L. J. Stephens who, since February 15, is making his home at 1343 North Woodward avenue. A salesman for the Manufacturers Packaging Service, Inc. he formerly was a resident of Richmond, Va. Golf and bowling are his favorite pastimes.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—the society editor about them.



PICTURED AT THE March 11 AAUW Fashion Show are chairman Mrs. George Squibb, Mrs. Emory DeNador, Mrs. Earl Conaway, Geraldine Mackinnon and model Connie Fraser. Spring styles were presented in the Cranbrook auditorium. Other committee members were Mrs. John Judd, Mrs. Dwight Ensign and Mrs. Harry Muenchinger.

There are 1,121 traffic signs posted along Birmingham streets, 170 new ones having been put up during 1951. In an effort to cut the intersection accidents in town, 34 new stop signs were installed, bringing that total to 326. "No Parking" signs are most plentiful, with 333 of them throughout the community, 65 of them erected last year.

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PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. NEWS

To be included in this column, news must reach The Herald by Friday noon the week before publication.

Barnum PTA Announce Officer Slate

Six hundred Barnum parents and teachers heard Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, speak at the new Birmingham High School Wednesday evening, March 12.

Dr. Ireland spoke to capacity groups in the Little Theater and study hall, giving in detail the construction costs and plans for the new high school.

J. A. MacTavish, Barnum principal, spoke briefly on Barnum's program. Other speakers were Malcolm Tindall and Miss Marie Busbie.

W. C. TOLLZEN, vice-president, announced the 1952-53 officers.

Mrs. Edward W. Griffith will serve as president. Mrs. K. F.

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Lathrup PTA Has Annual Election

Lathrup PTA held its annual election of officers Mar. 11, when Mrs. David Anderson was named president of the group.

Other officers are Mrs. Burlin Ackles, mother vice president; George Ross, father vice president; Mrs. Vera Seymour, teacher vice president; Mrs. C. H. Starkey, recording secretary; Mrs. Webster Owen, corresponding secretary; R. N. Cogger, treasurer; Mrs. Marie Coffari, historian and Mrs. Edwin S. Cobb, council delegate. Mrs. E. J. Willert was named to handle association publicity.

It was reported that the blinker light which the organization has purchased and installed on the shoulder of the highway is slowing traffic considerably. The light is set to blink its warning during school hours.

Room mothers of the fifth grade were in charge of the evening.

B'ham High PTA Announces Board

Forrest Hubert has been elected to serve as president of the Birmingham High School PTA for the coming year.

Also elected at the March 11 meeting of the group were Mrs. Donald Fairbairn, mother vice-president; Dore Millman, father vice-president; and Louis Perry, teacher vice-president.

Henry H. Housaway, Jr., was named corresponding secretary; Harold Caldwell, treasurer; and Mrs. Arthur McDonald, historian.

Mrs. Walter Vela and Mrs. F. R. Doherty were named council delegates for the coming term.

Torry PTA Hear B. of E. Members, Dr. Ireland At March 25th Meeting

The Board of Education and Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Superintendent of the Birmingham schools will attend the March 25th meeting of the Torry school PTA.

Dr. Ireland and Board members will answer any questions pertaining to the proposed mill tax levy. The program, to be held at the school, will begin at 8 p.m.

Last year April was the "most dangerous" driving month in Birmingham, with 38 mishaps reported. Saturday was the most hazardous day with a total of 52 accidents in which nine persons were injured.

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