



History has proved that there is no such thing as an indispensable man. The man who is indispensable for a certain truth and ideal for which some men and women have fought and died are indispensable for human good.

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Appoint Members To CSA Permanent Youth Committee

Names of members appointed to a permanent Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin youth committee were revealed this week by Charles Kasa, Council of Community Service president. All are local residents.

Responsibilities of the Youth Committee will be to analyze specific youth problems and recommend special help in correlating activities of all groups working with youth.

Those appointed are Dr. Harold P. Powell, educational psychologist at Wayne University; Mrs. E. F. Wilson, Jr.; Malcolm Findall, counselor at Barnum Junior high school; Paul N. Averill of the Birmingham Evening; the Rev. Perry Williams, Christ Church, Parkbrook; the Rev. Robert Dewey, Congregational church; Mrs. Harvey B. Greene; Paul Carter, assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools.

EUGENE JOHNSON, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills schools, the Rev. Edmund Schwager of Holy Name church; Mrs. Robert V. Baxley, Franklin representative; Mrs. Jack Gieck; Mrs. Howard Willett, Jr.; Mrs. Phyllis Jackson and Dr. Donald Aiken of Wayne University.

The group of 15 members met last night, Feb. 9, at the Community House to establish rotation of membership in the Youth Committee and elect a chairman.

Mrs. Harvey B. Greene has been appointed chairman of the committee.

The youth committee came into existence after a general meeting, Jan. 19, of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Council of Community Service, whose members voted unanimously to create it.

KASS THEN appointed a nine-man nominating group to choose members for the youth committee. The members of the nominating group were made up of special abilities and not on an organizational basis.

City Manager D. C. Egbert was instructed to obtain preliminary costs on creating the parking lot and extension of Fernalde.

If these things materialize, it will establish the area's character and greatly speed the commercial development of what some have called a blighted business area.

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DR. RALPH E. LAPP

Nuclear Talk To End Town Hall Series

Last speaker on Birmingham's Town Hall series will be Dr. Ralph E. Lapp who will appear Friday, Feb. 11 at 11 a. m. at the Birmingham Theater.

Dr. Lapp is a scientist who has been deeply involved with atomic energy during the war and post-war years. He is director of the Nuclear Science Service, an organization set up in Washington, D. C. to serve as a consultant to industry on uses of atomic energy.

Dr. Lapp has a rare talent; it is said for being able to explain complicated scientific matters in simple terms the average person can readily understand.

IN HIS discussions of atomic energy, Dr. Lapp has shown that atomic bombs are inexpensive in relation to the cost of other tech- (See TOWN HALL, Pg. 8, Sec. 1).

FIRE DEPARTMENTS Report No Serious Fires in Past Week

Area fire departments have reported the usual sharp rise in calls that companies below-average temperatures such as prevailed locally the past 10 days.

The Birmingham department, as well as those of Troy, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Village and Westland, have had only a few runs—none serious—in a week.

Smoking heaters and furnaces are a "hot" motor or two have been in all of our emergency.

All makes of open spring mattresses are being recalled by the U. S. FIRE INSURANCE CO. and ask for ENTERTAINMENT.

THE McBRIDES bought a farm in Troy township, where Mrs. McDonald's grandparents and uncles also lived.

As a family, they were quite self-sustaining. Mrs. McDonald reported that the members of the families made their own hand-dipped tallow candles, the only thing they made for themselves.

Then, as the kerosene lamp was a marvel to come years later.

Grandfather came raised sheep.

MR. ENDICOTT

Pioneer Merchant Dies at 87

A long-time resident and successful Detroit financier, John Endicott, 87, died Sunday in Florence Crittenton hospital. His home was at Chesterfield and Quinlan roads, Bloomfield Hills.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Stanley E. Road of Vancouver, British Columbia; Dr. Elizabeth E. Endicott of Cleveland, Ohio; and a son, Robert R. Endicott of New York City.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Manly Bales funeral home. The body was taken to Beverly, Mass., for burial.

MR. ENDICOTT was born on July 12, 1867, the son of Robert Endicott and Anna Woodbury Sheldon Endicott. His maternal great-grandfather was Robert Endicott, first governor of Massachusetts.

He was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1885 and from Harvard college in 1892. During his senior year at college, he and some of his classmates heard a talk by E. H. Harriman, the railroad financier, about the opportunities for young men in railroading in the West.

Harriman offered them jobs with the Union Pacific after graduation. Endicott and several others accepted and went to Omaha, Neb.

MR. ENDICOTT stayed there until 1891, when he was offered a job by his uncle, Charles Endicott, who had moved from Massachusetts to Detroit some years earlier, and founded Newcomb, Endicott and Co. with C. A. Newcomb, an older Easterner.

Upon his uncle's death in 1893, Endicott became treasurer of the company and held this position until 1927, when he sold his interest to C. A. Newcomb, Jr., and resigned in order to become president of the Merchants National Bank in 1914, along with Philip Gray, John Ballantyne, Walter Briggs and Horace Lodge. He replaced Mr. Ballantyne as president when the latter became treasurer of the Dodge Motor Car Co., and was later succeeded by Mr. Gray when Mr. Ballantyne returned to the bank.

He was named as a director of the bank until it was merged with the First National Bank of Detroit in 1929. (See PIONEER, Page 8, Sec. 1)

IN 1881, she married Clarence McDonald of Southfield. With him, she went to Tuscola county to some land she owned. There they cleared the land and built their home.

In about five years, after two children were born, they returned to Southfield, living on farms until they moved to Birmingham about 1919. Clarence McDonald died in February 1922.

IN SPITE of the fact Mrs. McDonald has spent many years of her life as an invalid and semi-invalid, she has been to the West Coast twice, to Florida twice, and to Colorado.

It was very clear, she retains a lively interest in the activities of her family and enjoys her friends, old and new.

She also is keenly interested in the affairs of her church, the Southfield Baptist Church, of which she has been long for many years and of which she is the oldest living member.

She kept up with current events by listening to the radio.

IN ADDITION to the daughter who resided as president in the Upper Peninsula and Stuart, Fla., Mrs. McDonald also has 3 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Business Takes Him To Indiana

After only one year on the Birmingham city commission, Robert E. Navin next Monday night will submit his resignation because his business requires him to move his family to Michigan City, Ind.

He has accepted a new position with the Rays Company, manufacturers of combustion controls. For the past six years, he has been assistant vice president of the Detroit Bell Gear Co.

Navin already is working in Michigan City from Tuesday through Saturday. He plans to move his family to Michigan City as soon as arrangements can be completed.

City commissioners met behind closed doors to study the resignation's meeting where Navin told his colleagues what he intended to do.

Navin was elected to this commission last April, and this was his first venture into politics.

BECAUSE the April 4 annual city election is only seven weeks away, commissioners have agreed to reappoint Navin to the commission immediately after accepting his resignation.

This procedure is a technical one, permitting the same commission to continue for the next seven meetings, yet provides an opportunity for a new commission candidate to file for the unexpired two-year portion of Navin's term.

These voters on April 4 will find themselves choosing from three commission vacancies.

COMMISSIONER V. B. Watkins announced last week he was seeking re-election for a second term. Commissioner Richard Latta also has declined to run for re-election. Hearing testimony, the unexpired signatures of qualified voters, petitions must be filed with City Clerk Henry Hefley by Feb. 26.

Petitions have been taken out for Watkins, but no one else so far, said City Clerk Hefley.

Petitions also are circulating for the reelection of Justice John J. Gaffney and Associate Justice John F. Emery. Miss Justice said.

NEW DAMS on Pine street west of Chesterfield are wanted unanimously by residents but they can't agree on the desirability of pavement.

City commissioners set Feb. 21 as the necessity hearing on the drainage structures, and plan to start future road work regarding further improvements.

Several "lakes" along sidewalks require the drains, residents and city agree.

"Should the pavement go in, commissioners also would like to pave Kimberly and Melbourne. Home-owners on these latter streets object to this proposal."

STRICTLY FRESH

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January Building Is Off \$50,560

Total building valuation for January was down \$50,560 from the same month last year, according to B'ham Building Inspector T. C.'Brien report.

Last month's survey saw 22 permits issued for a total of \$335,700, and included nine new residences. The January 1954 total was \$386,350.

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