

C of C Idea 355 Years Old

Although the idea of Chambers of Commerce is 355 years old, and have been in existence in this country since 1768, the idea has not grown until the last half century, according to Manager Charles Mortensen of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

In age, the Birmingham chamber is perhaps the youngest of any city over 20,000 in the United States.

Merchants

(Continued from Page 2, Sec. 4) of the businessmen. Often it has resulted in economies in some items.

SOLICITATIONS review has been another important function of a chamber committee. Because of its geographical location and its reputation, Birmingham for many years has been the target for all types of solicitations by individuals and organizations over a wide area of Michigan and sometimes from outside the state.

To protect the interests of the Birmingham residents and businesses as well as the interests of recognized philanthropic and charitable organizations, the Chamber obtains the information on all phases of the solicitation and makes the information available to members of the Chamber.

A solicitations review committee studies each solicitation and also makes recommendations. As a result time and money of Birmingham residents and businesses has been saved on requests which should not be the responsibility of the Birmingham area.

OTHER activities in which the members of the Chamber have played an important part are: Men's Night for Christmas shopping; Annual Children's Christmas party;

Revision of rubbish ordinance; Promotion of the National PMA tournament; c National Open; Publicity for some projects of police department;

Assistance to get two new fire stations; Assistance in annual Children's Halloween Party;

On July 1, 1948 the Chamber moved to offices at 360 East Maple Avenue and remained there until June 1st this year when it moved to its present location on the second floor at 124 South Woodward avenue.

PRESIDENTS of the Chamber since its organization have been: Genaro Flores, 1948; Dr. Robert J. Mason, 1949; Richard C. Patterson, 1950; Warren S. Sumner, 1951; John W. Knecht, 1952; J. M. Ball, 1953 and 1954.

Present officers and directors of the Chamber are:

President, Henry L. Selters; vice president, Arthur F. Blakelee; treasurer, Walter L. Moreland; Paul Neal Averill; Mark H. Heavens; James Couzens, Paul L. Fenfield; Otis C. Thompson and Richard J. Wilson, directors; Charles Mortensen, secretary-manager.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRY M. POISS, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of June A. D. 1955.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Alma J. Batten, executrix of said estate, has filed in said court her Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance, termination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of executrix.

It is ordered that the 30th day of July A. D. 1955, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, in said Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail, return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. (12-13-15)

Wilson & Ingraham, Atty., Williamsburg Bldg., Birmingham, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT F. PERRY, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of June A. D. 1955.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claim.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 6th day of September, 1955, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therewith with this court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of such claim.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. (12-13-15)

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in America was organized in New York City in 1768 and still is in existence. Unlike its predecessors in Europe, it was the first independent chamber of commerce, completely free of government affiliation.

The second chamber was founded in Charleston, S.C. in 1773, the third at New Haven, Conn. in 1794 and the fourth in Philadelphia.

CHAMBERS were organized in the British Isles in the 1780's. The early chambers of commerce were strictly business organizations concerned only with trade and commerce. However, as the times changed and the thinking of businessmen changed, the scope of the chamber changed.

Many went through a phase of being almost high powered booster organizations, often with little regard to basic sound community growth.

HOWEVER, this period was outgrown particularly as the business and professional people of the communities saw that the biggest was not necessarily the best and that many superficial phases of community growth did not make successful communities.

During the past 25 years the chamber of commerce has grown into a community civic organization, principally supported by business firms and professional people not necessarily the best and that many superficial phases of community growth did not make successful communities.

These people show that mere industrial, commercial and population growth were not enough or the only goal of a progressive community.

CHAMBERS of commerce began to devote much effort and expense on activities involving education, city beautification, planning, zoning, recreation, housing, government, fire and accident prevention programs and many other civic matters.

As a result, today most chambers of commerce, like the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce,

are a community civic organization, but being composed largely of professional and business people. The importance of the economic conditions of the community is not forgotten, but a reasonable balance has been brought about in the chamber of commerce program.

The last major change has been the spot chambers have taken in governmental affairs on all levels.

Drive

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"IF WE do not make a strong beginning now, nothing of importance will be accomplished for the community's good. In achieving our goals we will need the active support of our members, and the help of all citizens of this area.

Not only will we seek the cooperation of non-members and other groups but we will want the cooperation and assistance of the government officials of our area.

To get together on these projects is a beginning. To work together in progress and to stick together is success. We are now at the beginning.

"THE TYPE of meetings we have been holding is another new step in our program. We are planning to continue a regular program of meetings in which our members can review what is currently being done and assist in planning for our future program of action.

"From time to time we not only will invite the ideas and suggestions of our own members, but we will give other citizens an opportunity to present their ideas as to how best make our community a better place in which to live and to make a living.

"One of the fundamental parts in our revitalized program is to arouse greater civic spirit, a deeper sense of individual responsibility for community affairs, and to discover and develop additional leadership in the civic problems of our area."

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