

**B'ham Commission Makes Appointments**

Newly elected Birmingham City Commissioner Charles F. Delbridge, Jr., has been named to the city recreation board to replace Mayor William Roberts. To the police trial board go Commissioners Carl Ingraham and William Hutchinson, while Commissioner Florence Willett becomes a taxicab board member.

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Thomas (right) branch supervisor, deals with children who have emotional and/or personality problems. Four-year-old Elaine Fraser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fraser of Franklin, served as a model for the picture.

**B'ham Child Guidance Clinic To Hold Open House May 1**

Residents in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts, served by the Birmingham branch of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic, will have a chance to see what the branch clinic looks like and to learn its purposes when it holds open house May 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Located at 386 E. Maple, the branch clinic, which opened its doors in Jan. 1956, is set up to help children who have emotional and/or personality problems. Children from birth through high school age will be seen at the clinic.

FINANCED by the Junior League of Birmingham, the clinic draws heavily upon the talent at the main clinic in Pontiac for free consultation and diagnostic services. The local clinic charges moderate fees on a sliding scale, based on income and size of family.

Symptoms of children with emotional problems, according to Oliva Thomas, branch supervisor, are: thumb-sucking; bed-wetting; nail-biting; excessive shyness; poor academic functioning; bullying; lying; stealing; fire-setting; temper tantrums; stuttering; truancy; emotional immaturity; and social failure.

TO HELP children with these problems, Mrs. Thomas has the part-time assistance of E. Robert Wolgast, psychologist; Dr. Joseph Fischhoff, psychiatrist; Miss Madeline Hall, Oakland clinic director; Marguerite Herbert, secretary; and the Oakland clinic staff.

Mrs. Thomas points out that the

clinic does not help the child alone, but always works with the parents, said Mrs. Thomas. "The purpose is to help the whole family work out the problems presented."

THE LEAGUE has supported the clinic for three years, feeling that this was a definite community need, according to Mrs. Thomas.

"In the first year of operation this has proven to be more than true. Demands made of the clinic have exceeded the amount of service that could be offered, and because of this, it is hoped that additional staff will soon be provided," added Mrs. Thomas.

THE CLINIC also is consciously planning for the day when the Birmingham branch clinic will be the community's responsibility, said Mrs. Thomas.

"The clinic board is now in the process of inviting local community people to meet with them to consider future plans for termination of the League's participation in the clinic and the community's acceptance of its continuation," Mrs. Thomas concluded.

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**Recreation Round-Up**

Teenagers of the Birmingham area will have a new type of entertainment coming their way through television, WXYZ-TV and metropolitan recreation departments are endeavoring to satisfy the teenage craving for entertainment by scheduling a teenage show between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. every Saturday, starting May 1.

The first show, as stated by Robert E. Girardin, Birmingham recreation director, will be a joint effort between the Birmingham recreation department and the Detroit department of parks and recreation.

This program is something new in television Girardin said. The major part of the show and all participants will be teenagers.

**BIRMINGHAM YMCA**

Registration for the Birmingham YMCA Day Camp began April 29. The camp season begins June 21 and continues through August 21.

The day camp is divided into five one-week periods and two two-week periods. Children may register for one or more periods.

The first 75 children to register for any one period are eligible to attend. All boys and girls participating in the Day Camp program must be members of the YMCA and eight years of age by December 1, 1957. The maximum age is 13.

The purpose of the YMCA day camp is three-fold. First, the children are given the opportunity to make friends and belong to a group supervised by a capable leader. Second, the children learn skills in swimming, boating, nature lore, handicrafts, archery, and horse-back riding. Third, children learn consideration for others, fair play, self-reliance, and Christian standards of right and wrong.

During the day camp season there will be three overnight trips. The first and third overnight will be at Arrowhead Lodge and the group camp site at Kensington Park. The second overnight is at Edison Institute in Greenfield Village. The overnight trips are planned to offer each boy or girl an experience in living away from home for a two-day period. An overnight trip is also planned for the formal camping in later years. The day camp operates Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 4 p.m.

Due to cancellations at Camp Nissokone, there is room for a limited number of boys eight to 13 years of age. Camp Nissokone is located 200 miles north of Detroit on Lake Van Etten. Cost is \$190 for a four-week period.

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setting will be a club, with the patrons being entertainers as well as high schools variety show, are local teenage talent for the show and the response has been gratifying, he stated. Mrs. Carol Darling, student counselor at Birmingham high school; Miss Dorothy Allen, faculty advisor for the assembly committee; and Mr. Angelo Ange-

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