

Elects '61 Officers

The board of directors of the Birmingham Rotary Club elected officers for 1961 at its meeting Friday in the Community House. The new officers will take over July 1.

branch manager of S. S. Kresge, will replace Clarence Kraft as president and Robert S. Kenning, Birmingham assistant city manager, will take Kresge's post as president. Forbes S. Hascall, Birmingham attorney, and James F. Moore, Birmingham certified public accountant, were re-elected secretary and treasurer.

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League of Women Voters Reports on Child Clinic

The Leagues of Women Voters in Birmingham and neighboring communities endorsed the Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic's request for additional staff to continue operating this year.

Their decisions were made after a study of the clinic's resources, its needs and purposes.

Following is a detailed report of this study by Lucy Walcutt, state and national continuing responsibility chairman for the Birmingham league:

IN 1941 Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore and Supervisor Cummings, along with some of his co-workers, petitioned the State Department of Mental Health for a Child Guidance Clinic in Pontiac.

Local matching funds were secured from three county board of supervisors for a Clinton Valley Children's Center in the County Building in Pontiac to serve Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Lapeer, and Genesee counties.

In 1947 this center was changed so as to serve only Oakland and Macomb and was re-named the Clinton Valley Child Guidance Clinic. This name in turn became the Pontiac Child Guidance Clinic in 1950, though it still served Macomb County.

In 1953 more local support provided more suitable housing and an increase in staff.

SINCE 1955, as the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic, it has served only Oakland County. Under the sole sponsorship of the Junior League (for a three-year period) the Birmingham branch was opened in 1956, and in 1957 the South Oakland branch was opened under the sponsorship of the Oakland Valley Child Guidance Clinic.

Oakland County has had an average increase of 16,000 children yearly since World War II. Qualified investigators say 7 per cent of all adults and children may be in need of psychiatric help.

This means that Oakland County has 18,000 more or less disturbed children. The caseload in Oakland County under the present set-up with three centers is 834. Only 380 new cases were added last year.

THE WAITING list of referrals to be accepted is 125—a nine-month wait for the first interview, a year's wait for treatment.

Thus, even with three branches, we are merely making a slight dent in the problem of child guidance, and we are faced with the possible closing of the Birmingham branch.

The immediate problem facing the Child Guidance Clinic board is a source of money to help the budget since the sponsorship of

supervisors could spend tax money to support the clinics. However, under the Department of Mental Health's policies "this balance (the cost not met by the state) must be paid for by the local board of three staff members) would be under the budgetary control of the clinic board and not delegated to any of the contributing agencies."

LET US see if we can answer the question of "whose baby" it is. Under the separate Department of Mental Health has set up a joint state and community sponsored Child Guidance Clinic program, which has contributed money since 1938.

To establish a clinic, a local group of citizens petitions the State Department of Mental Health for a clinic. The Department of Mental Health investigates the area to be served.

It must, among other factors, be assured of financial support. It needs for the services of a clinic, and the existence of co-ordinating agencies (that is, family service, school nurses, psychologists in the community, and other private and public referral service).

IF ALL IS found to satisfy the Department of Mental Health's requirements, the Department includes the cost of three staff members in the total budget it submits to the legislature.

If that goes through, the clinic is then set up. The petitioning citizens must form a permanent board under the State Department of Mental Health's regulations, supply housing, clerical aid and necessary supplies.

In 1944 the legislature passed permissive legislation so that cities, villages, townships, school districts, or the county board of

Year	State Payment	County
1950	\$10,000.00	\$ 4,844.00
1951	10,641.00	5,000.00
52	20,588.00	9,200.00
53	21,794.00	12,700.00
54	24,207.82	13,978.55
55	35,713.87	30,000.00
56-61	47,703.16	33,742.75

In 1950 the county paid 19%; 1954—28%; 1957—28%; 1960-61—24%.

AS THE CLINIC'S expand the state is paying less proportionally of the total budget; whereas, the county is being asked to pay a larger share of the budget. If the county does pay the \$23,000 more that the clinic requested for 1960-61, it will be paying 38 per cent of the total budget.

YOUR CHAIRMAN poses these questions: 1. Is this present state-local financial set-up a satisfactory way to run the clinics? Isn't it one sure way to lose the professional staff built up through the years? Uncertainty of the budget makes for uncertainty of the job.

2. Should the board of supervisors be expected to provide an increasing proportion of the budget; if not, should other local governmental units be urged to contribute?

Respectfully,
Lucy Walcutt
State and National Continuing Responsibility Chairman
Birmingham League of Women Voters

Serviceman Is Home

Second Classman Lynn Birchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Birchard, 156 Hillboro, Birmingham, is home on leave for Easter. An electrician's mate, Birchard is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Skipjack, an atomic power submarine, in New London, Conn.

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PRECINCT NO. 1 Ascension Lutheran Church, 16935 W. 14 Mile Road
PRECINCT NO. 2 Greenfield School, 31200 Fairfax
PRECINCT NO. 3 Ascension Lutheran Church, 16935 W. 14 Mile Road
PRECINCT NO. 4 Beverly School, Beverly Road West of Southfield
PRECINCT NO. 5 Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Road, Franklin
PRECINCT NO. 6 Wylie Graves School, 13 Mile Road & Evergreen

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ON THE PARTISAN BALLOT:

Two Regents of the University of Michigan; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Member of the State Board of Education; Two Trustees of Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science; Two members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University; State Highway Commissioner;

NON-PARTISAN OFFICERS: Two Justices of the Supreme Court.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS: Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Treasurer, Two Trustees, Justice of the Peace (Full Term) Member of the Board of Review, One Constable, Commissioner of Highways.

AND TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL:

"Shall a Convention be held to consider Revision or Amendment of the Michigan Constitution for subsequent submission to the Electors of this State for their approval?"

AND PROPOSAL #2

"Shall Article X of the Michigan Constitution be AMENDED by adding a New Section 29 to provide that the Credit of the State, up to \$5,000,000 may be granted, and only at the Direction of a Legislative Act, to or in Aid of Public Benefit Corporations for the purpose of financing Industrial, Manufacturing and Municipal Development Projects in this State?"

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