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Wanted: One Volunteer As B'ham's CD Director

Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare has authority to secure a full-time civil defense director on either a volunteer or paid basis, city commissioners ruled Monday night.

Acting on instructions from last week's commission meeting, Gare issued a request Monday in which he recommended that the position be on a paid basis rather than volunteer.

"I'm not against the idea of getting a volunteer," said Gare. "But I think the odds are against it."

Commissioner Robert Page, stating that a CD director would work very closely with the manager and city department heads, moved that a full-time director be employed under the supervision of the manager. But his motion failed for lack of support.

COMMISSIONER Charles Renfrew felt that under the resolution adopted last week Gare was to "explore the possibilities of securing a full-time volunteer" and that he should continue his efforts.

The City should find a fully qualified person to handle the job on a full-time basis, said Page.

"But I doubt if that's the kind of relationship you're looking for," said Page.

"We have a very small group of employees. The only way to get the full respect of the various department heads, employees and citizens is to have a full-time paid director who would be responsible to the manager and the commission."

"NO DOUBT, you're right," answered Renfrew. "But I wonder

Two Residents On Citizens' Safety Group

A follow-up meeting Friday to the Birmingham-sponsored Governor's Regional Traffic Safety Conference resulted in the election of two Birmingham area residents to a newly formed Citizens' Traffic Safety Committee.

The committee was headed by William G. Rowden, 1280 Yorkshire, Birm. Millman, 1280 Yorkshire, Birm. Millman, and Mrs. Alex Lawson, 1622 Kirkshire, Beverly Hills, were named to the permanent 12-member committee for the southern Michigan area.

Millman, a retiree of the Aluminum Co. of America, was named chairman of the committee. Lawson, representing the Birmingham Business and Professional Women's Ass'n as a member of the committee's executive board.

in which we should follow the resolution of last week's meeting. Commissioner Carl Ingraham asked whether the commission should establish a salary if it were to consider employing a director.

"Yes," said Renfrew. "That's why I want the manager to come along with a report on who is available at what prices."

"As far as salary is concerned," said Gare, "that's one thing we have to bring back to you. It needs to be compatible to the salaries of the rest of the City employees."

GARE EMPHASIZED that he hadn't said he would refuse to accept the services of a qualified volunteer.

"But I don't think we'll find one," he said. "We have to try to secure someone on a paid basis if he finds one. We can go either way, volunteer or pay, in my understanding."

Renfrew and Commissioner William Montross said they understood it from the previous meeting.

Gare pointed out that under the city charter the procedure would be for the mayor to appoint a director with approval to come from the commission.

Consensus was that Gare proceed to seek a full-time civil defense director either on a volunteer or paid basis.

IN HIS WRITTEN report to the commission Monday night, Gare stated that he had been contacted by a volunteer who wanted to be a director either on a volunteer or paid basis.

"I do not think there is any question but what I would accept the services of a volunteer as a civil defense director if the person (See DIRECTOR, 2-A)

GM Promotes Four Area Executives

Recent retirement of **Sherrod Skislow**, General Motors executive vice president, started a chain reaction in which four Birmingham area executives were promoted to positions within the GM organization.

New executive vice president is **James E. Goodman**, 481 Goodwood, Bloomfield Hills, a veteran executive in a group executive in charge of the car and truck divisions; **Simon E. Knudsen**, 31600 E. Road, Bloomfield Hills, who joined the auto firm in 1928 as an assembly line production worker at Fisher Body's Norwood, O., plant.

He was general manager of the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac assembly plant before his election in 1952 as vice president of GM, general manager of the body division and member of the administration committee.

In 1958 Goodman became group executive in charge of the body and assembly divisions group, a director of the Chevrolet division and Buick division.

Later he managed plants in Oakland, Calif., and Flint. He also served as tank section director for Fisher before he was appointed assistant factory manager of Fisher Body's Norwood plant.

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Communities Exceed Torch Drive Quotas

Birmingham and neighboring communities have exceeded their 1961 Torch Drive quotas as the annual campaign draws to a close Monday night.

A grand total of \$109,821 had been raised in the state's five areas as of Monday night with three more days remaining in the drive, which would require chemical tests of drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

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This and That

By George R. Averill

U. S. Must Develop Nuclear Bombs To Defend All Freedom

(This column was written two weeks ago, for publication last week—but was inadvertently left out. It is being published this week as evidence of The Eccentric's vigorous support of President Kennedy's agreement, last Thursday, to allow atmospheric bomb testing, if necessary.)

The United States declares itself to be this earth's best defender of liberty and freedom. We accept the solemn obligation to defend these nations that our strength against Russian Communism must be retained and allowed to become less than an actual deterrent to Soviet attack.

If this be so, then why do we hesitate to develop our atomic, or nuclear, weapons? Why do we stand by and let the Russians develop their atomic bomb, even though we know that Khrushchev has his atomic bomb? Why do we live up to an ethical code, or a solemn agreement with other nations, which would require chemical tests of drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

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No Investigation In Birmingham Yet

If the state attorney general's office is investigating Birmingham city officials, no one at city hall is aware of it, according to a source here.

John P. Stacy, a Dearborn resident doing business in Birmingham, has asked for a grand jury investigation based on charges he has made in a letter to the attorney general.

Last week, Deputy Atty. Gen. Leon Cohan said the department is conducting a routine investigation of the matter.

Mayor Florence H. Willet and city officials have had no contact from anyone in the attorney general's office since the charges were made.

Cohan was in a meeting Wednesday morning and could not be reached for comment.

\$748,000 Property Engulfed By Fire

Birmingham Fire Department reported a total of 37 runs during Detroit's \$748,000 property endangered by fire, according to Chief Park H. Smith.

Of the 37 runs, 11 were for fire investigation and 11 were first aid requests.

The department spent 11.38 hours of fire fighting, rescue work and investigations. A total of 77 miles was traveled and 105 fires by department cars and trucks.

A Day in the Life Of Our City Editor

A hectic weekend of moving for The Eccentric's city editor and his wife ended with a dramatic, domestic climax Monday night.

James Langlois and his bride of six months, Shirley, had every thing arranged — or so they thought.

Les was to dash to their newly rented flat in Detroit, and his wife was to follow in the means of an office car pool and throw two potatoes in the oven.

And Shirley, who usually beats Les to the domicile from her job at Michigan Bell (again, by way of a car pool), was to hustle to the market for the week's meat order that had been neglected to pick up during the weekend's confusion.

That's what they were supposed to do.

BUT HERE'S what actually happened:

Les whistled self-satisfyingly as he mounted the steps to their new flat.

He reached into his pocket—and the tonneau whistle quickly faded as he discovered he'd forgotten the keys.

Around the unlocked back door he roared, taking refuge in the basement after several frustrated attempts to open the latching kitchen door.

The minutes dragged by — and "so did Les' patience."

In THE MEANTIME, Shirley pulled up to the house and noticed a light in the basement. Ah, ha, a burglar, she thought (See EDITOR, 4-A)

Town Meeting to Air Ballot Issues Nov. 13

A town meeting will be held Monday night to familiarize Birmingham voters with the Nov. 20 special school election proposal.

The meeting, co-sponsored by the board of education, the Independent Citizens' Birmingham Schools, the local chapter of American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters and the Parent Teachers Association Council, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Seaborn High School gymnasium.

"The board is most concerned that all of our citizens have an opportunity to become informed on the election proposals," said board president Mrs. Kathryn Loomis. "We are trusting citizens there with the sponsoring organizations this most important effort."

Teachers, Salaries Present Problems

Fourth in a Series
See related story 3-A

By LES LANGLOIS
City Editor

Few communities get anything so much as Birmingham is no exception.

When it comes to education, you get what you pay for. There are no discounts or cut-rate "deals."

Just a "quality school" system that's wanted, it's going on. Cost—just about 4 1/2 of the 5-mill increase to be requested for operation in the Nov. 20 school election.

Finding itself bargaining to retain the old and attract the new, the profession of school district is striving to acquire more teachers and improve salaries.

ABOUT 3 OF the 5 mills would give the schools the necessary funds to finance additional teachers to handle enrollment growth and to initiate program improvements.

Another 1 1/2 mills would provide improved teacher salaries, enabling the school district to compete with other systems for quality educators.

The remaining 1 1/2 mill would support a 5 1/2 curriculum improvement. The proposed millage will support improvements over the next three to five years.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS revolve around the need for additional personnel brought about by:

1. Cut-backs in class size, therefore requiring more educators to teach the same amount of effective teaching.
2. Program improvements and expanded curriculum offerings which call for more teachers, librarians, clerks and department heads.
3. Increased enrollments from roughly 12,400 last year to an estimated 14 1/2 projected for 1964.

Salary schedule improvements with stress on increasing maximums are more complex than quality school systems in recruiting teachers.

WITH 606 professionals on the school district's payroll, another 100 are on leave. There will be needed within the next three to five years.

Both candidates contacted for teaching positions in the current school year, 1,207 applications were actually received. Over 45 percent did not bother to return their applications.

Both candidates did not meet local qualifications, and only

Town Hall Ann Landers

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Rotarians to Sell Papers for Charity

Some 70 local businessmen will spend several hundred man hours Nov. 17 selling copies of The Birmingham Eccentric.

That's the day of the Birmingham Rotary Club's annual paper sale. Rotarians will sell special editions of The Eccentric to raise funds for Rotary-sponsored community service projects.

Harvey A. Kresge, club president, said the season and advanced this year to the pre-Thanksgiving weekend "because of the spirit of the season and the relationship to the Rotary goal."

HE SAID projects will go into the club's charitable funds which are used to support activities for needy children and the aged.

Key sale points will be Lakeside, Woodward-14 mile, Grand Trunk terminal, a Mapleton, and a 2000 Ford and Ford credit banking and shopping districts.

Co-chairmen of the sale are Robert S. Kensing, assistant city manager, and Jack Kerbenbaum, a merchant.

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