

Fredericks to Head TV National Sales

Kent J. Fredericks, 2931 Spring River, Southfield, is the new national sales manager of WXYZ-TV. He replaces Thomas J. O'Dea, who left to join the ABC-TV network sales division in New York. Fredericks has been at WXYZ-TV for three years.

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BUSINESS NEWS
Charles Landrigan Retires
From Detroit Edison Co.

Charles Raymond Landrigan, 3820 Woodlake Drive, Bloomfield Township, has retired as executive vice-president of Detroit Edison. Interviewed on the eve of his retirement, he told how long ago he began his nearly 40 years of service to his company and community.

"I asked for work and I got it," he said smiling. He referred to the December day in 1912 when he applied for a job at Detroit Edison's first power plant, Delray No. 1, on West Jefferson in Detroit.

"I was 18 and was hired as a repair parts clerk," he said.

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CHARLES LANDRIGAN

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Working closely with other Edison leaders, from Alex Dow to Walker Ciesler, he saw the company grow from a generating capacity of 50,000 kilowatts to 4,000,000 kilowatts.

He rose to chief clerk of power plants, then served in the construction engineering department.

He wanted to be an engineer, but Dow saw other potentialities in this energetic employe and selected him to establish a controller's department and a budget system of operations.

This occurred in 1920, a time of financial complexities brought about by an \$18,000,000 expansion program.

LANDRIGAN was named assistant controller in 1932, controller in 1940, vice-president in 1953 and executive vice-president in 1958.

He believes that budgeting and planning is most essential to the success of any institution... whether it is a family or a corporation.

Ginn Answers Charge Made By Art Elliott

"No special interest group controls the Democratic party in Oakland County or any of our highly qualified candidates for Con-Con," James M. Ginn, Oakland County Democratic Chairman said last week. Ginn was answering charges made earlier by his Republican counterpart, Arthur G. Elliott Jr.

"Democratic candidates welcome the endorsement of the AFL-CIO and all other representative groups," Ginn continued.

"THE REPUBLICAN County Chairman apparently is not familiar with the character of our Democratic party when he charges 'control' by any single group," Ginn commented. "Our support comes from business and labor, from those in the legal and medical professions, from teachers and farmers."

These are the people who will 'control' the convention if the Democratic slate of candidates is elected in this 12th Senatorial District."

TO ELLIOTT'S charge that the "AFL-CIO is more interested in controlling Democratic Con-Con delegates than in the issues at hand," Ginn said. "If Mr. Elliott and the other Republican candidates would state their views and ideas on the issues of Democrats have done for weeks now, it would give the voters a chance to make a choice."

"Instead," Ginn said, "Republican candidates follow the Republican party line, refusing to state their ideas and views while they talk of having 'an open mind.' Mr. Elliott's so-called 'threat' to 'mail them (AFL-CIO Council members) the opinions of GOP candidates on various issues' would be a refreshing change in Republican policy to date, no GOP candidates, including Mr. Elliott, have expressed opinions, pro or con, on the many pressing issues which will face the Constitutional Convention."

"MAYBE IT'S time the voters demanded they do speak out on the issues," he concluded, "so all voters can decide on the candidates of their choice, basing their decision on the issues."

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Retains Chapman

John R. Chapman Co., of Birmingham, has been retained by Chock Full O' Nuts Corp., New York, as its Michigan public relations and sales promotion counsel for their all method grind and new vacuum-packed canned instant coffee.

A principle of fighting for what he believes is right goes back to his early years. He enlisted as a private in the army in 1917 and participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives in war-torn France.

BUT HE prefers to talk about the light side of his two-year hitch in the army.

"We did a lot of walking," he said, "and I was well prepared for it." As a boy he walked many miles each day to Western High School and in delivering the morning paper to about 85 customers.

Scores of civic organizations and charitable functions have received generous and constant assistance from him through the years.

In retirement he plans to devote even more time to such causes... particularly to the Boys' Club and to a \$10,000,000 building program at Providence Hospital.

"I'll have plenty to do," said the building chairman.

HE ENJOYS bride, playing poker, nibbles at golf and swimming and amuses on fashion.

LANDRIGAN married Lillian R. Mitter, October 14, 1926. His modestly is side-stepped when it comes to Mrs. Landrigan's cooking. "She's a wonderful cook," he said, "I don't have any favorite dishes because anything she makes is good."

Unlike others, Landrigan is not one to talk about the "good old days." He feels that progress has made most things better and more people happier today.

"Kids are smarter, know more and live better... longer," he said.

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