

PTA Group Names George Whitehead '62 President

George Whitehead, 858 Norwich is the new 1962-63 president of the Birmingham P.T.A. Council. He was elected at the Council's annual election meeting last week.

Whitehead, father vice-president of the Council in 1961-62, was co-chairman of the Independent Citizens Committee for Birmingham Schools. He is a member of the Advisory Committee on Community Colleges, sponsored by the Oakland County Board of Education, and a member of the Civil Defense Committee for the Birmingham Schools. Whitehead is a past president of the Pembroke School P.T.A.

Robert Lorenzen, 176 Catalina, formerly Council legislative chairman, is the newly elected father vice president; Mrs. George Talburt, 820 Puritan, was re-elected mother vice president. Mrs. Jean

Sharrard, 2370 Buckingham, Groves School, will be teacher vice president. Mrs. Kenneth Gage, 3441 Wendover, was elected recording secretary, and Mrs. Roy Huffaker, 661 Fairfax, corresponding secretary. Treasurer will be George Griscorn, 256 Abbey.

THE BIRMINGHAM P.T.A. Council is composed of representatives from public and non-public schools and parent groups within the School District and from several community organizations. It represents a total local membership of over 10,000.

The Council serves as the central coordinating body of community groups concerned with educational problems in the district. It sponsors many activities in behalf of all the community's children and youth. It also assists the Board of Education upon request in conducting studies of various school matters.

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BACK AT THE old stand, Lathrup officials relax after the oath of office was administered. From left, back row are Mayor Richard N. Cogger and Councilmen H. Earl Hanson and John R. Kohl. In front: Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Mitchell, Councilman Vincent Zattell and, holding the Bible, City

Clerk Frank Derby. Cogger and Mrs. Mitchell were re-elected mayor and mayor pro tem Monday evening by the new council which included three members returned by voters in the April 2 election. They are Mrs. Mitchell, Kohl and Zattell.

Lathrup Council Sets New Dates For Meetings

LATHRUP — Among the first actions taken by the 1962-63 council was the setting of new dates for council meetings. Beginning April 23, the council will meet henceforth at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, instead of on the first and third Mondays as before. City Clerk Frank Derby administered the oath of office to newly re-elected councilmen Vincent Zattell, John R. Kohl and councilwoman Elizabeth Mitchell.

Richard N. Cogger and Mrs. Mitchell were then re-elected mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively. Cogger and Mrs. Mitchell will also serve as director and assistant director of Lathrup Civil Defense, with Mrs. Mitchell continuing as the city's representative to the county board of supervisors.

City Administrator Jerald Stone was appointed delegate to both the incinerator and water authorities of Southeastern Oakland County. Adoption of the solicitation contract ordinance and setting of a public hearing date for the 1962-63 budget for May 7 finished the evening's business. Adoption of the new budget is set for May 14.

County Supervisors Begin Consideration Of Proposed Budget

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors will begin consideration of a proposed county budget for 1963 of \$16,680,202 at its meeting Monday.

The budget was presented to the supervisors this week by the Ways and Means Committee, headed by David Levinson of Birmingham.

The plan calls for a boost in the tax from the present \$5.25 to \$6.11 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Benefits to Veterans Increased in 1961

Veterans Administration cash benefits and other services to Michigan veterans and their families totaled \$243,956,970 during the 1961 fiscal year.

That's \$29,240,287 more than in fiscal 1960, R. M. Fitzgerald, Manager of the Regional Office in Detroit, pointed out today in an analysis of VA expenditures reported to Congress.

Cost of benefits and services increased, he said, although living veterans in the state declined 3,000 from 1,010,000 to 1,007,000 as the fiscal year ended last July.

Deaths among veterans were reflected in a \$3,344,707 increase in death compensation and pension paid to the dependents of 32,258 Michigan veterans. Payments for the year totaled \$26,727,887. Mr. Fitzgerald said.

Compensation for service-connected disabilities also increased. A total of \$102,292,509 was paid to 123,254 beneficiaries. The preceding year totals were \$99,244,943 and 120,984.

THE VOCATIONAL rehabilitation training program to help service-connected disabled veterans overcome their handicaps continued to benefit veterans of the state.

An average of 262 disabled veterans were in training each day of the year compared with a 1960 average of 354. Cost of this program in 1961 was \$392,253 compared with \$309,819 in 1960.

Second largest payment totals during the year were \$45,327,132 in certain GI insurance dividend and indemnity payments which were made to veterans or their beneficiaries. In 1960, this program cost \$34,296,218.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the remainder of cash benefits, services and other VA expenditures in Michigan during the year totaled

\$60,562,621 against \$56,929,270 the preceding year.

Included in the preceding amount were hospitalization, loan guaranty and direct loan programs, automobile for certain disabled veterans, wheelchair homes for the seriously disabled, administration costs and miscellaneous benefits.

While administration costs cannot be broken down to state levels, Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out that administration costs for the entire VA were slightly above three percent of the total \$6,594,173,162 expended.

Flood Plain Study Sought

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night referred to the city manager for recommendation a request for a flood plain study of the River Rouge basin.

The request was made by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

As explained by DMARC executive director Paul M. Reid, the study would be undertaken by the Corps of Engineers at no cost to the community, except for preservation of survey markers and monuments.

The study would aid in defining flood plain areas, and thus provide support for zoning such lands for "proper use," said Reid.

Memorial Flags, Poppy Sale OK'd

Charles Edwards Post No. 14, Troy, received approval of two requests from the Birmingham City Commission Monday night.

Commissioners authorized purchase of 800 small memorial flags to be used by the American Legion post to decorate area war veterans graves for Memorial Day.

They also granted permission for the post to stage its annual "Buddy Poppies" sale in Birmingham on May 25 (or May 26 in event of rain).

It was agreed that the VFW also could take part in the Poppy Day sale.

Solve Palmer St. Problem

Palmer Street will no longer be used for storage of wall panels, Michigan Panel Components, Inc., informed the Birmingham city administration this week. "THE PROBLEM now appears to have resolved itself," said City Manager L. R. Gare at Monday's commission meeting.

However, it was pointed out that a parking problem still exists and that the city will have to enforce parking regulations which call for off-street facilities.

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