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County Treasurer Seeks Re-election

Oakland County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks has announced his candidacy for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Sparks said that as an anniversary present to mark his 30 years in the county post he would like the voters to send him back for another two years.

"I think the office under my control has become 'a model of efficiency' adopted by other counties in the state."

"I THINK the taxpayer is getting maximum advantage from his tax dollars out of our office," said Sparks. "We have installed automatic and electronic equipment which means we get the most for the least amount of money."

Sparks said when he first took over as county treasurer, after winning election in 1932, receipts totalled only \$4 million. Since that time, annual receipts have continued to increase until now they are well over \$100 million a year.

In addition, Sparks said he has saved over \$55 million in county money short-term bonds so that it is earning interest for Oakland County residents.

"putting money to work for our people" has permitted the county the financial room it needs to meet the needs of an expanding population.

THE FATHER of two married daughters, Sparks lives with his wife at 7010 Hatchery Road, Waterford Township. He is a life member of Pontiac Elks Lodge No. 810, past president of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club; past president of the State Association of County Treasurers; member of the National County Officers and of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers.



CHARLES A. SPARKS

Annual Report Notes Baptist Mission Work

The baptism of 34,264 persons, bringing total membership to 475,727, is a tangible 1961 achievement of the 3,627 overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work. Baptisms numbered 3,267 more than in 1960.

There were also 6,815 Baptist chapels and mission points overseas at year's end, an increase of 293 over 1960. The number of churches increased by 228.

Contributions through these churches and missions amounted to \$3,627,008.26, up \$359,618.26 from the year before. Sixty-one per cent of the churches, or 2,204, were self-supporting.

Sunday schools sponsored by the overseas Baptists in 1961 enrolled 419,744 persons; youth organizations, 156,123; Women's Missionary Unions, 126,931; Brotherhoods, 225; and Vacation Bible schools, 116,616.

THIS INFORMATION is recorded in the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's 1961 report, a compilation of figures and facts from the countries and territories where Southern Baptist missionaries serve. The annual report will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in San Francisco, Calif., in June.

At the end of 1961 there were 1,648 Southern Baptist missionaries—657 men, 654 married women, and 227 single women—serving with the churches and missions and in various other phases of Baptist work overseas. The Foreign Mission Board appointed 103 missionaries during the year, for a total of 68 after retirements and resignations.

The new missionaries included the first for Germany (to do English-speaking work) and the French West Indies, bringing the number of geographical entities served by the Board to 47 at year's end—15 in Latin America, 14 in Orient, four in the Near East, eight in Africa, and six in Europe. Foreign missionaries also serve at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., and on loan in Hawaii, where responsibility for Baptist work was transferred from the Board to the Hawaii Baptist Convention at the close of 1960.

HELPING TO TRAIN nationals for leadership in their churches and countries were 1,026 Baptist schools, with enrollments totaling 162,462. These included 38 theological seminaries, with 1,191 students; six women's training schools, with 370; 27 colleges and teachers' training schools, with 9,410; 93 secondary schools, with 28,293; 700 elementary schools, with 115,474; 156 kindergartens, with 9,678; and six other schools.

B'ham Resident Given Pentagon Assignment

A Birmingham resident has been given a roving assignment for the U. S. Defense Department to help develop less costly methods of operating government-owned arsenals and installations.

C. Allen Harlan, 3535 N. Adams, one of the nation's major electrical contractors, presently is on a 10-day swing around the country in connection with Defense Secretary McNamara's assignment. However, he will not begin his work until after the April 3 election in which he is competing to retain his post on the Michigan State Board of Trustees.

The project, originally mentioned eight years ago in the Pentagon, is being undertaken by Harlan without salary.

HARLAN WILL begin the job with a study of production and material-handling methods of the Detroit (Center Line) Arsenal where the M-60 tank is being produced.

Other costly military production problems concerning Navy shipyards and Army arsenals will be taken on later as dictated by the Defense Department.

The Pentagon assignment is not a new type of endeavor for the 54-year-old businessman. In 1958, the Navy publicly lauded his "ingenuity, resourcefulness and hard work" in saving \$500,000 through on-the-job inventions which trimmed the cost of wiring the new jet engine plant being constructed for the Navy by Chrysler Corp. in Warren.

SHORTLY AFTER, Harlan, a Democrat, offered his services to Charles E. Wilson, a Republican, former General Motors president who was defense secretary in 1955. When nothing came of Harlan's offer to help "effect savings on the huge budgets which our country is spending," Harlan forgot about the idea of acting as government cost-cutter.

However, Harlan's ideas last December came to the attention of

Hunter Access Drive OK'd

Birmingham city commissioners declared necessity Monday night for an access drive on S. Hunter from the Shell Oil station at Hunter and Maple south to Forest Ave.

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