

Researcher

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decisions be made with the board, saying that as a matter of course it is wise to include as many people as possible in decision-making. All members are invited to participate in OCL committees and to attend the monthly board meetings, he explained.

IN HIS written report, Lane stressed that the county has "relatively good government" and offers suggestions for improving the league.

It must tighten up its organization and offer prospective members "an active and comprehensive program of participation and information," he declared. "For a citizens' movement, the OCL has had very little grass roots participation."

The president and the board of directors do most of the work, he stated, with members participating "only passively by contributing money."

RATING OF candidates, the organization's major activity, consistently has been done by a small number of the membership. "The leadership elected a little over a year ago is new and energetic," Lane said in his report, which is dated June, 1968, "and is attempting to put new life into the league."

He pointed out that the OCL was active in the campaign for the state constitution, and that a committee on home rule and has started a new publication called "Oakland Progress."

But still there is what he called "little life" at the membership level. "Active participation in the league is probably limited to about 40 of the almost 400 members."

ALTHOUGH there have been opportunities for membership participation in league action, he said "there is no real chance for league members to learn about local and county government, to discuss issues and problems and to take positive action as part of a citizens' organization."

Lane stated that election of board members at the OCL's annual meetings is "merely a ratification of the nominating committee's report."

OCL organization is from the top down, which the researcher says "is necessary now but is not desirable for the future."

"The league may continue to function and even grow without grass roots, but it will not do much to return some control of government to the governed unless it can gain wider participation of the governed."

AS FOR policy making, he said, "... the great majority of work and effort is being expended by the president."

This, he said, may be all right now but does not augur well for the future.

Although the board of directors has the responsibility to make decisions and take action, Lane said it has "to a large degree" delegated this responsibility to the president.

Citing lack of direction ("What issues is the Issues Committee to study?"), he proposed a debate of what the league should be.

He suggested further that the league establish a program to determine the interests and capabilities of its present members and of new members as they join.

LANE WROTE that the OCL's nonpartisan nature should not prevent it from taking stands on important issues where political parties have taken a stand.

The important thing, he stressed, is that the league should present information on both sides of any issue studied or acted upon by the OCL.

Lane criticized the league's appointment of an eight-man committee to study the possibilities of home rule for the county, all eight are Republicans, and four of them are prominent in the party. This, he said, led to distrust among Democrats in the OCL.

He proposed naming four league members and four non-league members to such committees.

HE SUGGESTED changing "Oakland Progress" from a house type of publication to "a valuable source of information on government and politics in Oakland County."

Lane proposed that OCL reorganize on a county-wide basis with chapters throughout the county (Birmingham, Pontiac, etc.). Each would be an active organization, meeting regularly, and each would have its own officers. These sub-units would be concerned primarily with governmental and political studies and discussions.

MAJOR POLICY decisions would be made at the annual meeting, with the members or delegates from the chapters voting.

Obituary Notices

Mrs. Mary Annakin

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary C. Annakin, 84, took place Thursday in Southfield Chapel of the Halsey Funeral Home. Mrs. Annakin, who died Monday, made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Naomi Howard of Royal Oak, a teacher at Beverly School in Beverly Hills.

In addition to Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Annakin is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas of Gary, Ind.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Earl L. Sturges

Funeral services were held Thursday in Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. for Earl L. Sturges, 53, of Troy. A Detroit insurance executive, Mr. Sturges died Monday. He was associated with the Marsh & McLennan Insurance Agency.

A native of Buffalo, he resided most of his life in Detroit. He served in the Army in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Meymo; a daughter, Meymo, and a brother, Raymond, of Tucson, Ariz. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery.

Mrs. William S. Fay

Mrs. William S. (Barbara) Fay, 24, died Dec. 20 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Fay, of 27555 Lanegan, Troy, was a 1961 graduate of the University of Michigan and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

In addition to her husband, who is an accountant at Campbell-Ewald Co., Detroit, she is survived by a daughter, Kimberly; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Abbott, and three sisters, Mrs. John E. Jacobs, Mrs. Louis P. Truscald and Mrs. Howard D. Hawkins.

Services, arranged by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., took place Monday in St. James Episcopal Church, with burial in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

Mrs. Herbert Scott

Services for Mrs. Herbert (Mignon C.) Scott, 38, who died Monday in her home at 841 Charrington, Birmingham, took place

Charles G. Parks

Services for Charles G. Parks, 92, a lifelong resident of Southfield and Birmingham, took place Monday in the Manley Bailey Funeral Home, with burial following in Southfield Cemetery. Mr. Parks, 555 Merrill, Birmingham, died Dec. 20 in the Hilton Convalescent Home.

Born in Southfield, he operated the Parks Coal Co. from 1921 until he retired in 1932. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Birmingham Senior Men's Club.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ferdinand Levesque; Mrs. Mark Hardin and Alta; a son, Ivan W.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joseph G. Monroe

Services for Joseph G. Monroe, 52, of 23113 Timberline, Southfield, who died Dec. 16 took place in Precious Blood Church Dec. 19, with burial following in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Monroe had operated his own business. He was born in New York City, where he attended St. John's College, and had lived in the Detroit area for 20 years.

He was a member of the New York State and the Michigan State Associations of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House and Plum Hollow Golf Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mary R.; two daughters, Geraldine and Gail, and two sons, Kenneth and James.

Rosary services took place Dec. 18 in the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

Charles E. Carpenter

Charles E. Carpenter, 60, of 804 Brown St., Birmingham, died Tuesday in William Beaumont Hospital. Born in Scotland, Mr. Carpenter was a tile setter for Callahan Tile Co., Rochester. He was a member of Laborers Witnesses, Berkeley.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa; two brothers and two sisters, all in Scotland.

Funeral services will take place today at 1 p.m. in the Manley Bailey Funeral Home, with burial in White Chapel Cemetery.

William J. Murphy

William J. Murphy, 73, of 1979 Bird St., Birmingham, died Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Services took place Tuesday in the Vau-Lynch Funeral Home and at St. Columban's Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel; a daughter, Melissa Leach, and a son, Wallace O. Cunningham, both of Birmingham; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Before retirement, Mr. Murphy was employed by the Detroit Storage Co.

Joe L. Newnam

Funeral services were held Monday for Joe L. Newnam, 63, of 210 Lowell Ct., Bloomfield Hills. He was a manufacturer's representative and active in clubs in Detroit and Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Mrs. William Rex of Birmingham, and granddaughter. Services took place in the Vau-Lynch Funeral Home.

Edward L. Kary

Edward L. Kary of 1937 Pembroke, Birmingham, a sales engineer for the H. K. Parker, Porter Co., died Sunday in William Beaumont Hospital. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and Farmington Country Club.

Services took place Thursday at the Vau-Lynch Funeral Home and at Holy Name Church, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

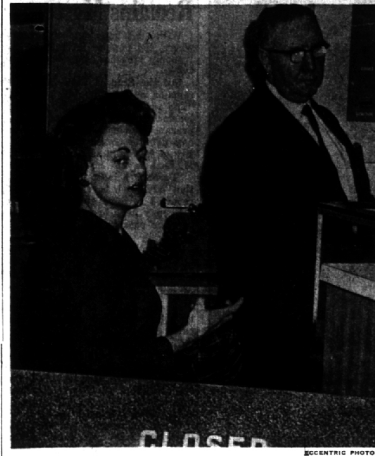
Survivors include his wife, Rose; a son, John; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tanner; three sisters, Katherine Kary, Mrs. Stella Falkenburg and Mrs. Nellie Genu.

Named PR Manager

Laurence A. Price, formerly of Bloomfield Township, has been appointed the manager of public relations for Menley & James Laboratories, a subsidiary of Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pa.

He is the son of the L. A. Prices, Sr., of 4145 Orchard Hill Drive.

Price rejoins the drug corporation following nearly two years in New York City working with advertising agencies. He has been in the communications field for more than 10 years, during which period he has been a part-time freelance writer and newspaperman.



Robbery Aftermath

Teller Lois Steele of Birmingham and David Barry, Jr., vice president of Manufacturers National Bank, Maple and Telegraph, discuss the armed robbery that netted a tall, meat-appearing bandit \$3,173 on March 19. An Oak Park man later was convicted of the robbery, only the second in Bloomfield Township history.

Letters Unite Foster Parents, Vietnamese Girl

A 6-year-old Vietnamese girl, Nguyen Kim Lien, has been financially "adopted" by Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Miller, 2361 Yorkshire, Birmingham through the Foster Parents' Plan.

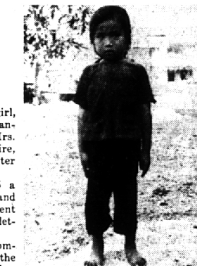
The Millers are sending \$15 a month for the child's support, and they hear of Lien's development through a monthly exchange of letters.

Lien and her family fled Communism in 1954 by settling in the south of Viet Nam. Her father earned 62¢ a day working as a cooler, and her mother also worked until struck by tuberculosis.

LIEN IS SAID to be the "big girl" of her family, watching over her two younger sisters, running errands for her sick mother, and doing little tasks to better their mud hut.

In its 25 years of existence, Foster Parents Plan, through 600,000 foster parents, has succeeded in rehabilitating 76,000 children of 27 nations. Currently there are more than 31,000 foster children on the roster.

Once enrolled, a foster child remains in PLAN care until he reaches maturity or independence.



LIEN

He is supported even before he is matched to a foster parent who requests a child of his age and nationality.

THE MONEY for this purpose comes from the general fund composed of contributions from those who do not wish to be foster parents but want to help.

The continuity of relationship goes far beyond a child's graduation from PLAN. The foster children continue indefinitely to express gratitude and love for the generous Americans who rescued them from hopeless deprivation, and gave them new life and hope.

Mission Society Slates First Meeting Of Year

The Women's Mission Society of the First Baptist Church will hold its first meeting of the year Thursday, Jan. 2. The day will start with White Cross sewing at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Roy Johnson will preside at the business meeting after the luncheon which will be served by the Miriam circle.

The afternoon program will be highlighted by the message of Fannie Goodgame, "The Modern Hannahs". She was associated with the American Baptists Home Mission Board as the director of religious education at Mather School, Beaufort, South Carolina, for ten years.

The women of the society are using this occasion for a shower for new and used clothing for the resale shop at the Mather School. Mrs. Rosa Michel will present the devotions, and special music by Mrs. Werner Schetting will close the meeting.

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New B'ham Leaders

Birmingham's new Mayor William H. Burgum (with gavel) took over the reins of the city on April 11. Elected to the post by fellow commissioners, Burgum replaced Mrs. G. Howard Willett Jr., who had been mayor since 1960. Robert W. Page was elected mayor pro tem.

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