

Oakland Clinics Mark Mental Health Week

Business as usual and planning for the future will characterize the observance of Mental Health Week by the staff and board of directors of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinics this week.

While the clinics have been able to achieve some progress toward expansion of staff, population increases and requests for increased services have more than exceeded this expansion.

"In view of the tremendous demand for clinic help, we decided that to carry on our work would be the best way to observe Mental Health Week this year," said Mrs. Olin Thomas, board president.

"We would be very pleased," she added, "to have any interested person or group visit our clinics to learn more about this vital service this week or any time."

The Child Guidance Clinics, are finding it difficult to keep pace with increasing requests for service and to obtain financial support sorely needed for expansion, the need for new services to supplement the work of the clinics has long been evident.

Legislation that recently passed the Michigan Legislature makes it the responsibility of local communities to initiate the development of new facilities—day care centers for the emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded, psychiatric wings in general hospitals, and pre-admission and after-care clinics for patients needing hospitalization.

Under this legislation, known as the Community Services Act, local communities will have the responsibility for creating and developing these facilities and will be eligible for matching grants from the state.

Providing the services created meet the standards of the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

"OUR CHILD Guidance Clinic Board and staff have been aware for some time of the need for more community-based services where people can get help as close to home as possible," said Mrs. Thomas.

"During the next year we will all be working hard to find the best ways to implement the legislation that has now passed, with the hope, not only that new services can and will be created, but also that the high caliber of work performed by our present clinics can be maintained and strengthened with the addition of new personnel."

The Oakland Clinics had a modest beginning in 1944 with a small staff employed in Pontiac to serve a five-county area.

AS POPULATION in these counties increased and other new clinics were formed, the geographic area served by the Pontiac office became smaller, but the population served continued to grow. New offices in these facilities and will be eligible for matching grants from the state.

YMCA to Hear Talk By Olympic Champion

Bob Richards, two-time Olympic champion, will be the guest speaker at the 118th YMCA annual meeting, Ford Central Office Building, American Road, Dearborn, at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The theme of this year's banquet will be "The YMCA and the Olympics." Recognition will be given the fact that for more than 100 years the YMCA throughout the United States and world has made contributions to the Olympics contributing the training and development of athletes, especially in the areas of gymnastics and swimming.

Local leaders of the Detroit Olympic Committee will be honored at the dinner; the "Y's" distinguished service award will be presented to the Detroit leader contributing the most to youth welfare.

RICHARDS' ATHLETIC ability earned him gold medals in pole vaulting at the 1952 Olympic games in Helsinki, Finland, and in 1956 in Melbourne, Australia. It also helped him capture U.S. decathlon championships in 1951, 1954 and 1955.

Because of his achievements, Richards was honored by the Helms Athletic Foundation as its athlete of the year in 1951 and was a recipient the same year of the Sullivan Trophy which is annually presented to the nation's outstanding amateur athlete by the AAU.

He was also named by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of its Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year in 1956.

Fred W. Noyes, vice president of the YMCA board, is chairman of the dinner. Other features of the program will highlight the YMCA's current Capital Funds Campaign and a review of its service program for 1962. The meeting is open to the public.

Welcomes New C of C Directors

Harris D. Machus, president, right, welcomes Harold D. Anderson, of Snyder, Kinney and Bennett; and Richard H. Turner, of Harold Turner, Inc., to the board of directors of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Also elected to serve a three-year term on the board was Henry M. Hogan, Jr., associate publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric. The new Chamber's annual meeting last Wednesday at Devon Gables.

Obituary Notices

Mrs. H. B. Gunderson

Services for Mrs. Hans B. (Betsey) Gunderson, 76, of 615 E. Emmaus, Birmingham, took place Tuesday in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Berkeley, with burial following in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Funeral arrangements were made by the Sawyer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gunderson, who died Saturday, is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Vernon Godmare of Birmingham; Mrs. James Rowe of Royal Oak; Mrs. Kenneth Fetters of Rochester and Mrs. Walter Chestnut of Detroit; a son, Hans B. Jr., of Kokomo, Ind.; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

Mrs. K. W. Sanders

Mrs. Kathryn W. Sanders of Birmingham died Sunday in William Beaumont Hospital. A charter member of the North Woodward Congregational Church and a member of the Birmingham Garden Club, she attended Mervin Seminars in Wauash, Ind.

She is survived by two sons, John W. of Birmingham and William of Detroit, and a brother, Eldon of Los Angeles.

Funeral services took place Tuesday in Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., followed by cremation.

Floyd G. Sease

Floyd G. Sease, 67, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Detroit, died Monday in Florida following a brief illness. Funeral services took place Wednesday in Columbia, S. C.

Preceding his retirement three years ago, Mr. Sease had been an assistant sales manager for American Motors and zone manager for the same company in Washington, D. C.

He is survived by his wife, Norda; a son, Floyd, Jr., of Birmingham, and two grandchildren.

Terence M. Bird

Terence M. Bird, 23, of 5850 Snowmass Circle, Birmingham, died Tuesday at his residence. He was a graduate of Birmingham High School, had attended Albion College and was a member of the U. S. Marine Reserve. He had been associated with his father's business, Rellly Bird Associates, an advertising firm in Detroit.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rellly Bird, of Birmingham; a sister, Sheila H., and brother Michael D. of Ann Arbor.

Funeral services will take place today at 4 p.m. in Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with cremation to follow.

Mrs. Ethel H. Pease

Mrs. Ethel H. Pease, 86, of 1023 Floyd St., Birmingham, died Sunday in St. Joseph Hospital following a brief illness. Born in Connecticut, she had been a Birmingham resident for 35 years. At one time she taught home-bound crippled children for the Oakland County Crippled Children's Society in Royal Oak. She was the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Daniel B. Hodgson, USN, her father having commanded one of the ships at the Battle of Manila Bay.

She is survived by a foster sister, Ethel Sickenberger of Birmingham, cousin.

Funeral services, arranged by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., will take place today at 10 a.m. in Christ Church Cranbrook, with burial in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Paul H. McBride

Mrs. Paul Henry (Helen F.) McBride, mother of Mrs. Laurence B. Avison, Jr. of Birmingham, died April 27 at "Whitragook," the home of another daughter, Mrs. E. G. Muldoon, of Geneva, Switzerland. Interment was in Geneva.

Besides her two daughters, Mrs. Avison is survived by a son, Paul H., of Pittsburgh, Pa., and 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Lillian G. Vhay

A rosary service was held Tuesday evening in Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. for Mrs. Lillian G. Vhay, 92, who died Monday in her home, 98 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Funeral services took place Wednesday in St. Hugo of the Hills Church, with burial following in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

A native of Detroit and pioneer resident of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Vhay is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ward Duckett, Mrs. C. Thorne Murphy, Mrs. John Fouse and Mrs. Dagley Bell; a son, James H.; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Logan W. Fidler

Services for Logan W. Fidler, 43, of 7208 Cottonwood Knoll, Bloomfield Township, took place Wednesday in the William R. Hamilton Co. Northwest Chapel, with burial following in Roseland Park Cemetery.

A native Detroitier, Mr. Fidler was said to be a specialist for special accounts in the Automobile Division of Ford Motor Co. He died Sunday in his home.

A member of Friendship Lodge

Legislature Okays Seven County Bills

Seven major bills which Oakland County sought to have approved during the state Legislature's 1962 session, which ended Saturday, appear to be okayed.

Already signed by Gov. George Romney (of Bloomfield Hills) are an amendment of the Jury Commission Act changing the term of jury commissioners to a two-year term and a bill for the State of Michigan Sewer Interceptor bonds.

Five bills awaiting Romney's signature include measures for additional Circuit Judges in Oakland County; a community-based mental health program, a community college district and junior colleges, Probate - Court operated juvenile camps and other facilities, and expense money for costs of transporting witnesses or prisoners from outside the county.

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