

A Eulogy for Dr. Levin

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following eulogy was delivered by George A. Roeper, director of the City and Country School of Bloomfield Hills at a memorial service last Thursday for Dr. Robert H. Levin of Franklin, who was killed in an airplane crash near Newport, Tenn., on July 9.

By **GEORGE A. ROEPER**

We gather together today, because we have lost a very dear friend: Bob Levin.

He was killed in the recent airplane crash in Tennessee. He was known in this camp by many counselors and members of our staff. Some six years ago he worked with us right here in our camp and so did his wife.

His brothers Frank and Jerry also worked with us as counselors and his mother, Cecilia Levin, was on the teaching staff of our school for 13 years.

Bob's wife, Alicia, is a close friend of ours. She did wonderful work in our camp. It is natural that we share the grief and sadness of the Levin family and stand at the side of Alicia and her two children as faithful and affectionate friends.

WHAT KIND OF a person was Bob? Most of us know him as counselor in this camp and not as a scientist that he became later. He was a young man full of life, full of bubbling and charming humor, endowed with an extraordinary talent to present the comical dramatically. I will never forget the hi-

lariously funny stories he told at assembly, his superb ability to entertain, his wonderful voice always coming through strongly whenever we sang together. Bob also was a very sincere man, genuinely interested in children, trying to help them, to make them feel happier, to make them feel

he was a principal contributor to the most important advances in this field.

In addition, he became one of the foremost authorities in the research of the function of platelets, which are particles of the blood.

He was just 30 years old when he was sent by his Institute to present a scientific paper on his findings at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

On his way to this personal triumph this terrible airplane crash took Bob Levin shockingly sudden from us. We read in the papers statements like "Medical Research has suffered a terrible loss" and "Dr. Levin was in the forefront in the war against cancer."

THIS GIVES due credit to the eminence of his work. It always was my feeling, shared by many others, that Bob was an unusually promising person who one day might well deserve a Nobel prize.

Success came easily to him, learning was effortless, yet highly efficient and rewarded with membership in various honor societies.

It was characteristic of Bob that he would turn down financially more secure positions in order to dedicate himself to research which involves risks of failure and possible waste of time.

We will remember Bob as a wonderful friend, who was very human in his ways with people, and blessed with talents admired by all of us, and we will remember him as a person who was high-principled, conscientious and upright and lastly as a brilliant scientist.

understood and appreciated. He was a remarkable and exceptional man.

DURING the last years, in his late twenties, the brilliance of his mind made him to be an outstanding scientist. He gained fame with his doctorate in medicine as a research associate at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

His main work was in the field of Leukemia which extended to all fields of hematology, the analysis of blood. During the past three years,



DR. ROBERT LEVIN

48th Abolished, Councilman Eyes Seat in 67th

Despite a change in legislative districts, Southfield Councilman C. Hugh Dohany remains an active candidate for the office of state representative.

Dohany, Southfield and Oakland county legislator, will seek the Republican nomination in the newly-aligned 67th House district. He had previously announced his candidacy in the since-abolished 48th district.

The 67th district includes parts of Oak Park and Southfield, Berkeley and Royal Oak township. It has a total population of 70,231.

DOHANY, 41, presently serves on the Southfield City Council and the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, having held both posts continuously since 1958. He has been Southfield's council president during four of those years.

On the Board of Supervisors, the lawmaker currently holds membership on the Ways and Means committee, and has served on the Buildings and Grounds, Inter-County Governmental Study and Veterans' Affairs committees.

For three years, he has been a member of the Legislative committee of the Michigan Municipal League.

Dohany, his wife and three chil-



Seeks Court Post

Attorney Jack Hanna, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham, has filed for the Second District Court of Appeals post. A member of the South Oakland County Bar Association, Hanna is a former assistant prosecutor for the county. A graduate of the University of Tennessee and Cumberland University, Hanna is running on an independent slate. He is associated with attorney Charles H. Losey.

He lives in Southfield, where he is a lifelong resident. He holds a supervisory position with the Detroit Edison company, where he has been employed for 23 years.

Explorer Leader Attends Training For Boy Scouts

Rudolph W. Pessel, 2056 Dorchester Rd., is taking specialized training in Explorer leadership at the Philmont Volunteer Training Center which is operated by the Boy Scouts of America at the Philmont Scout Ranch in northeastern New Mexico.

National Scouting leaders are instructors for the 1,500 men who will attend the 34 conferences being offered this summer at the 137,000-acre national Scout camp. Participating in the family program at the Volunteer Training Center are Mrs. Yvonne Pessel; William II, 16; Lois, 12; Mark, 11 and Barbara, 4½.

Pessel has been active in Scouting for 20 years. He is currently serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 1025.

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Commission Delays I & R Discussion

A decision by Birmingham commissioners whether to put an initiative and referendum amendment to the city charter up to the voters has been delayed until Aug. 24.

The commission had planned to give an answer to the League of Women Voters proposal Aug. 3 but because of vacation schedules was forced to delay the matter.

Commissioner Charles F. Clippert asked that the discussion be slated for Aug. 10 but it was objected to by Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham who said he would be out of town that date and the 17th.

AN INITIATIVE in local government is the power of the electors to propose ordinances and to enact or reject ordinances, while referendum is the power of the electors to approve or reject ordinances enacted by the commission.

The LWV has indicated that if the commission did not approve of the model I and R proposal they submitted the league would try and put it on the ballot either in Nov. or April.

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Running in the 65th

Birmingham Director of Planning William R. Brownfield is a Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 65th District. Brownfield, of 848 Smith, has done graduate work in urban planning at Wayne State University and is also a graduate of Birmingham High School. Brownfield includes among his goals if elected the re-organization and re-evaluation of the municipal finance commission, the state tax commission, highway safety program, urban renewal and Federal planning assistance and inter-community projects.



Named to New Post

The New Horizons work activity center for the mentally retarded of Oakland County has announced the appointment of its executive director. He is Charles Nelson, 36, who has moved to Oakland County from Grand Rapids to accept the position.

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