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MONEY-AND-MORTAR DEPT.

Construction Moving Ahead Pending Strike Settlement; Cost Gap Problem Studied

The big news about construction progress at Riddle as of now is that the major contractors are being signed and the work is being pushed ahead in the hope of getting the building under a roof by next winter.

The chief obstacle in the way of this goal as the Riddlegram went to press was the strike in the construction field, a hindrance having nothing to do with Riddle's own money-and-mortar situation.

The picture of that situation was something like this. The overall construction cost is figured at \$3.8 million. Funds available, principally from the Riddle bequest, total \$2.4 million. So the Board of Directors has agreed--pending settlement of the strike--to push ahead, meet current costs out of available funds, and decide as early as possible how to close the gap between total construction costs and funds in hand.

To help it make that vital decision, the Board has asked the John Rich Co. to survey the area and come up with a realistic goal for a possible community-wide fund-raising effort.

Also under consideration is a mortage. When the Rich Co. estimate has been made, the Board will decide what the best way will be to fill the gap between construction costs and funds on hand. The survey is expected to be completed in several weeks.

DEADLINE...

for the August Riddlegram will be Wednesday, July 19. All news before the deadline will be unflinchingly revealed in the August issue. Thank you.

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NEW OFFICERS of Riddle's Women's Board (see story below) are, left to right; Treasurer Marion Weathers, Recording Secretary Ruth Graham, Vice-President Skip Baird, President Miriam McCafferty and 2nd Vice-President Donnie Watson.

Women's Board Officers Elected; Mrs. McCafferty Wins 2nd Term: V. P. Post Decided By Coin Toss

Miriam (Mrs. Charles A.) McCafferty, of Beatty Hills, elected to her second consecutive term as president, heads a new set of officers chosen by the Women's Board of Riddle's Associated Auxiliaries June 12. She was unopposed.

Vice-president, also re-elected, is Skip (Mrs. William H.) Baird of Middletown. She and Donnie (Mrs. William A.) Watson, Rose Tree, tied for the post in the balloting.

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FOR YOUR PLEASURE

. . . Coming Events

Aug. 19 - Middletown's PICNIC-SWIM PARTY at the home of Ginny Lansdale. Starting gun; about 4 p.m. Bring box lunch. Beverages available. For tickets: Jean Mull, LO 6-6388. \$1 per picnicker. Rain date: August 20.

Have You Heard???

...that Sally Starr, WFIL--TV's popular purveyor of children's programs, will be on hand at the Fair. Many thanks to Henry Rhea...the 63rd American Hospital Association Convention will be in Atlantic City Sept. 25-28. If you wish to attend, contact the Hospital office for details...Middletown's June luncheon bridge was at the home of Mrs. Dudley Beyler. Hostesses at the previous one were a mother-daughter team, Mrs. Richard Simpers & Mrs. Joseph Weaver...

...that <u>Gradyville's</u> June cocktail party cleared a heady \$340...<u>Mrs. Sheila Wall</u> returned her check for judging Media's horse show, asking that it be added to the show's proceeds...<u>Middletown</u> is holding its regular meetings during July and August.

"Keeps us in touch twelve months of the year;

says Kathleen Tidswell ...

...that Elaine Lynah (KI 3-2279) is the gal to see if you want to buy your Christmas cards from Swarthmore. Included among the auxiliary's selections this year is a new line--the celebrated Fravessi cards... Shirley Mossgrove, we're happy to hear, is completely recooped from minor surgery and busy helping with the Horse Show preparations...

Copie Vought unwittingly "stuffed the ballot box" at the Women's Board election. She arrived too late to learn that, since she was not representing an auxiliary, she wasn't eligible to vote. Copie quickly "unstuffed" the box by plucking out her ballot. And then (see story, pagel) one contest ended in a tie!...tellers at the election were Dorothy Houtman and Eleanor Kelly...

...that Mrs. Vought (see above) made a plea at the June Women's Board meeting for funds for the publicity committee. The Chair responded that it would be considered when

the budget was taken up.

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So Riddle's General Manager Ed James galiantly (and courageously) volunteered to toss a coin. Mrs. Baird won the toss. Later in the meeting Mrs. Watson was made a 2nd vice-president.

Miss Marion Weathers, Lima's president, defeated Bea (Mrs. Charles E.) Stevens of Nether Providence, for the treasurership; and Ruth (Mrs. Robert W.) Graham of Rose Tree, won the recording secretary job over Swarthmore President Liz (Mrs. Bartine) Stoner. Mrs. Graham is now corresponding secretary, an appointive position.

July's Calendar

R.M.H. WOMEN'S BOARD - Second Monday, at 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Media Federal Savings and Loan Association. Mrs. Charles A. McCafferty, President.

COUNTRY FAIR - Third Monday, 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Media Federal Savings and Loan Association.

BEATTY HILLS - Fourth Tuesday; at 10 a.m. Mrs. R. Y. Shetzline, President.

BOWLING GREEN - Third Tuesday, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Welch, President.

GRADYVILLE - Second Monday, 10:30 a.m. at Clover Leaf Inn, Baltimore Pike. Mrs. Richard E. Cotton, President.

<u>LIMA</u> - Third Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. at Wild Goose, Wawa. Miss Marion Weathers, President.

MEDIA - Second Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. at Media Federal Community Room, Mrs. Stanley Warwick, President.

MIDDLETOWN - First Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. at the Clover Leaf Inn. Mrs. William P. Wilkinson, President.

MOYLAN-ROSE VALLEY - First Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Fielder Coffin, President.

NETHER PROVIDENCE - First Thursday, 15 a.m. at the Towne House, Media. Mrs. Charles Bakia, President.

ROSE TREE - First Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Russell Case, Ridley Creek Rd. Mrs. Frank H. Jelinek, President.

SPRINGFIELD - Fourth Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Township Building, Springfield. Mrs. Charles F. Mallon, President.

SPRINGHAVEN - Second Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at Springhaven Club. Mrs. George F. Hornaday, President.

SWARTHMORE - Second Tuesday, 10 a.m. Mrs. Bartine Stoner, President.

UPPER PROVIDENCE - First Monday at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. David Muller, 511 Walter Drive, Knowlton Woods. Mrs. William F. Spock, President.

After the balloting Mrs. McCafferty told the Board members that the Associated. Auxiliaries "is a strong organization and we will get stronger."

The new officers will be installed at the start of the new fiscal year October 1.

J. Herbert Chambers

It was inevitable that when J. Herbert Chambers left West Chester for any reason, he would go to Chester.

Actually, Mr. Chambers, one of the newer members of Riddle's Board of Directors, has never left West Chester. He was born there, went to high school there, graduated from West Chester State College ('25), married a West Chester girl (Alice Corcoran, in 1929), was superintendent at West Chester State between 1937 and 1939, and still lives there.

He is now business manager of Local 654 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Where? In Chester, naturally. When it comes to place names, Mr. Chambers is in a rut.

But his varied career has been far from monotonous. This is his second stint as business manager of Local 654. But in between, in addition to serving his alma mater, he has been with the R.C. Simpson Co., worked as a labor arbitrator, was a journeyman electrician, and was industrial relations consultant for Gilbert Associates for 13-1/2 years.

Mrs. Chambers, a graduate of Immaculata College is a member and secretary of the board of trustees of West Chester State

College.

The Chambers' have four children: J. Herbert Jr., 30, an electrician, is currently general foreman in charge of electrical work on a construction job in Chester; Daniel, 27, is in the restaurant business; Ellen (Mrs. William Barton) graduated in nursing from Fitzgerald-Mercy Hospital and has a bachelor of science degree from Villanova; and 21-year-old Thomas graduated from Villanova in June and will enter law school in the fall.

The Chambers are also blessed with seven grandchildren.

Herbert Chambers! civic and social activities are wide-ranging. He is past president of the West Chester Eagles, past grand knight of the West Chester Knights of Columbus, president of the Fireman's Relief Board and former West Chester fire chief, a director of the Home Building & Loan Association, member of the American Arbitration Association and the State Arbitration Association.

His leisure time is given to golf (he belongs to the West Chester Golf & Country Club) and hunting. As a break in his arduous schedule, he looks forward to annual hunting trips with his sons.

RIDDLEWOOD AUXILIARY DISBANDS;

MEMBERS TO JOIN OTHER GROUPS

Through a letter from President Joan Bertolett, read at the June Women's Board meeting, the Riddlewood Auxiliary has announced its disbandment.

Accompanying the letter was a check for \$1004.95, representing the auxiliary's net earnings for the Hospital during the past year's activities.

Nancy Roach, Women's Board secretary and former Riddlewood president, explained at the meeting that the reasons for the disbandment were the auxiliary's inability to recruit "new blood" and retain "a core of workers."

Mrs. Roach said that "we are not letting the Hospital down. We remain vitally interested in the Hospital and most of us will continue to work for it by becoming members of other auxiliaries."

Miriam McCafferty, Women's Board president, expressed regret at Riddlewood's decision but said that it was "good to hear that the members will continue their efforts for Riddle."

Tangible Targets

Beginning in October Riddle's auxiliaries will be able to work not just for Riddle "in general," but toward the acquisition of some of the countless specific objects that go into the building and equipping of a modern hospital.

At the June Women's Board meeting Vice-President Skip Baird recommended and the Board unanimously approved having the administration draw up a varied and wideranging list of articles of equipment that the Hospital will need.

The list will include the approximate cost of each article. Then each auxiliary can select one or more pieces of equipment that it wants to contribute to the Hospital through its earnings during the 1961-62 fiscal year.

The recommendation emerged out of a meeting of the finance committee, chaired by Mrs. Baird. Other members of the committee are Pat Bergman, Lima; Eleanor Kelly, Springfield; Thelma Musser, Upper Providence; Dorothy Rolison, Moylan-Rose Valley; Ethel Mae Shoop, Media; and Rhoda Weisz, Gradyville.

Fair Facts

The Fair's Teenage Kickoff Dance, planned by Fair Co-Chairman Becky Brohard, is definitely slated for Sept. 8 (the weekend before the Fair) at the Media Boys Club: 9 to 12. Betty Curtis' Teenage Shop of Media is sponsoring the tickets, which will soon go on sale...Skip Baird's basset hound's puppies (now on the way) are expected to be part of the Mother Goose Zoo...Speaking of the Zoo, if you have a cow that's going to have a calf near Fair time (or know any cows who are expecting), please phone Bev Thompson of Swarthmore at KI 4-1518...Bouncy note: there will be a trampoline champion at the Fair... Please, advertising girls: get your ads in...And let's speed up the sale of prize coupons. Remember, we have to sell twice as many this year because they cost half as much ... Joe Maloney, master craftsman, and his men's group is working hard on the construction of the booths, assisted by Wyn Eisenhart and his do-it-yourself crew, we are informed by Booth Chairman Joan Scala... Fair Chairman Donnie Watson, not missing a chance to publicize THE FAIR, spoke at the June 20 meeting of the Lima Auxiliary at Ethel Maloney's house. Guess what she talked about?... New Fair attraction this year: fire engine rides for the kiddies (and Daddies, too)...Al Raymond's Band will make music at the Fair..... Fashion Show Chairman Betty Harper reports that the annual style-fest is progressing prettily...More music: organ music will also festoon the air for Fair-goers...The car show, however, has been indefinitely postponed...Devon Horse Show & Country Fair is again generously lending all its games to Riddle. Merci beaucoup...Wills Eye Hospital will have application forms at the Information Booth through which you can plan to donate your eyes to medical research...pins for workers, at 50¢ each, will admit holders to parking space gratis...

Male Help Wanted

That's right. Lee Clark needs help. And we're sure that any gentlemen in the area who have ever seen Lee Clark will not hesitate to respond.

Lee is chairman of the Country Fair's Horse Show, and she needs men to help with the parking at that event, which will take place this year on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. If you can help (or think you can get the old man to pitch in), Phone Lee at LO 6-5869.

Lee tells us, incidentally, that the Media Auxiliary cleared a high-jumping \$510 on its horse show late in April. Sounds like a good warmup for the Fair's show. She also told us of so many people who helped with the Media show that we haven't room to list them all. She is, however, deeply grateful to everybody who pitched in.

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