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UAD INCORPORATES

At a meeting held April 19, at the Murray B. Allen Center for the Blind in Salt Lake City, Utah, the members of the Utah Association of the Deaf voted overwhelmingly to incorporate as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Utah.

Directors elected were: Arthur W. Wenger, Robert G. Sanderson, Ned C. Wheeler, Hart Wenger, Robert J. Welsh, Eugene Petersen, Leon Curtis, Gladys Hind, Marlo Honey, Justina Keeley, and Gladys Wenger. Holdover trustees are: Frank Stone, Milo Cutler, and Dora Laramie.

The Board of Directors chose the following executive officers: Ned C. Wheeler, chairman of the Board; Arthur Wenger, president; Ned C. Wheeler, vice president; Robert G. Sanderson, secretary; and Robert J. Welsh, treasurer.

Attorney for the Association was Blaine V. Glasmann, of the firm of Young, Thatcher and Glasmann, of Ogden. Mr. Glasmann has filed the articles of incorporation with the State of Utah, and we are now awaiting the issuance of a Certificate of Incorporation.

The new Board of Directors offers a good cross-section of the deaf of Utah, combining young blood with the not-so-young, and with the senior deaf citizens. It is believed that the UAD will be a much more effective organization with such broader representation.

NEW UAD BOARD MEETS

The UAD Board of Directors met Sunday, May 20, at 510 Douglas St., Salt Lake City. The meeting was mostly an organizational one, at which various committees were set up and assigned. As the various committees form and their work commences, we will report their progress in future issues of the Bulletin.

Robert Welsh resigned as treasurer because of the conflict between his working hours and those of the president. This made it difficult to accomplish UAD business. The Board chose G. Leon Curtis to succeed him as treasurer.

In another bit of business, the board established that the Board itself will determine the policies of the UAD, and officers will execute those policies.

Ned C. Wheeler was selected to be the UAD representative on the Arthur Wenger Athletic Association advisory board.

UAD OFFICERS ACTIVE

The question is frequently asked: "What have the UAD officers been doing?"

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The UAD officers have been engaged in a bitter battle with proponents of oral methods of instruction of the deaf. They have been trying to preserve what we feel is most valuable at the School for the Deaf: The Combined Method of Instruction. The trend has been, during the past several years, to more oral instruction, with consequent loss of educational standards. It seems very difficult to make normal hearing persons understand what the deaf accept as a matter of simple fact:

EDUCATION IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE DEAF THAN
THE MERE ABILITY TO SPEAK AND READ LIPS!

And the most efficient and quickest way to educate deaf children is competent application of the Combined Method.

In order to present the attitude of the adult deaf of Utah to the public, the officers have attended and have spoken to meetings of the special committee of the State Board of Education several times, and have also spoken before the BYU speech and hearing clinic in Provo. More meetings are planned; and wherever the interests of the deaf of Utah are concerned, your officers will be in there fighting.

It should also be pointed out that your officers have gone to much personal trouble, and considerable expense, in attending these meetings.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

New officers of the Utah Athletic Club for the Deaf are: Leon Curtis, president; Jack White, vice president; David Mortensen, secretary; and Jerry Westberg, treasurer. These young men are sincerely trying to build a good, strong club, and their efforts deserve the support of every deaf person in Utah. Athletics and related activities are the best of all answers to the problems of young people "with nothing to do"--the frequent cause of delinquency. If those who have nothing but criticism for their leadership would join the club and HELP LEAD, Utah would indeed have a sports club to be proud of!....Marlo Honey was chosen chairman for the 1957 Far West Basketball Tournament to be held in Salt Lake City in late February or early March. Plans are underway to make this the outstanding event of the decade. Let's all pitch in and help, and show the other Western States that Utah can beat the best of them in arranging, conducting, and entertaining with a FIRST CLASS TOURNAMENT! Remember, too--if everybody does a little work at the right time, nobody will have to work too hard!

PLAN TO ATTEND.....the UACD'S

MASQUERADE - BALL
Sat., June 23 8:00 PM
Murray B. Allen Center for the
Blind.....Salt Lake City

Full costume Ball--the gala event
of the Spring season!

Start planning your costumes now!

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