

Governor Appoints Nine Medical School Trustees

Selection Of Dean, Steps To Obtain Federal Aid Are Among First Tasks

Governor Rhodes today appointed a board of nine trustees for the newly established state college of medicine in Toledo.

The bill creating the medical school was signed into law by the governor Friday.

In the proposed \$290 million bond issue, which will be submitted to the voters of Ohio in May, \$7.5 million is earmarked for construction of the medical school.

An aid to the governor said the names of the trustees will be sent to the State Senate for confirmation on Tuesday, the last scheduled working day of the special session of the General Assembly.

The trustees named by Governor Rhodes and the terms of their appointments follow:

Bernard R. Baker, of 29829 East River Rd., Perrysburg, attorney; seven years.

Paul Block, Jr., 4059 River Rd., publisher of The Blade; eight years.

J. Slater Gibson, 1022 Woodland Ave., attorney and legal adviser to the Toledo Board of Education; three years.

W. W. Knight, Jr., 4145 Tantara Dr., investment company executive and chairman of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority; six years.

Sister Mary Lawrence, president of Mary Manse College; two years.

J. Preston Levis, 3773 Hillendale Rd., Ottawa Hills, chairman of the board of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co.; nine years.

Dr. Frank F. A. Rawling, 3302 Shakespeare Lane, physician and president of the Toledo Area Medical College and Education Foundation; five years.

Dr. Byron G. Shaffer, 4322 Bonniebrook Rd., Ottawa Hills, surgeon; four years.

John A. Skipton, Findlay, head of the public affairs department of the Marathon Oil Co.; one year.

Mr. Block was named temporary chairman of the board, Mr. Levis temporary vice chairman, and Mr. Skipton temporary secretary. Mr. Block said he would arrange to hold an organizational meeting after the holidays.

Presumably, among the first tasks the board would undertake after organization would be the necessary steps to obtain federal aid for the institution, and to consider the appointment of a dean to begin the work of assembling a faculty and staff.

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Professional And Civic Leaders Make Up Medical College Board

The nine-member board of trustees named by Governor Rhodes today for the new state college of medicine in Toledo includes men who are leaders in their professional fields and in civic activities.

The governor designated Paul Block, Jr., as temporary chairman of the board, and J. Preston Levis as vice chairman.

Biographical information on the board members follows:

Paul Block, Jr.

Mr. Block is publisher of The Blade and an independent research chemist.

He was graduated from Yale University in 1933 and joined The Blade in 1935, serving as reporter, political editor, and assistant editor before becoming publisher in 1942.

Mr. Block interspersed his newspaper work with further studies in chemistry at Columbia University, where he received his PhD in organic chemistry in 1943. He became a fellow of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research that same year and in 1946 was appointed professor of chemical research at the University of Toledo.

Mr. Block is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Chemists, the Academy of Sciences, the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, the American Newspaper Publishers Association, and the American Society of Newspaper Editors. For the last named group, Mr. Block in 1952 headed a subcommittee on freedom of information that inquired into governmental information policies concerning the country's atomic energy program.

He was a member of the executive board of the International Press Institute from 1958 to 1961 and chairman of its American Committee from 1958 to 1960.

He also has served as president of the Greater Toledo Educational Television Foundation, president of the Toledo Chapter of the Columbia University Association, and as a director and first chairman of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

He presently is a member of the Toledo Public Library board and the Community Improvement Corp. of Toledo.

J. Preston Levis

Mr. Levis is chairman of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. and is active in numerous civic, professional, and educational organizations.

He also is a member of the board of directors of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Gregory Industries, Inc., Toledo Edison Co., Toledo Trust Co., and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Mr. Levis received his master's degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University in 1924 and has remained active in the field of education. He is a member of the Cornell board of trustees and the board of directors of the University of Toledo, and a trustee of Monticello College, Alton, Ill. He has an honorary doctor of science degree from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill.

He is a member of the board of trustees and the executive committee of Nutrition Foundation, Inc., serves on the National Citizens Committee of the United Red Feather Campaigns of America, and is a board member of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education and the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce.

A charter trustee and vice president of the Toledo Museum of Art, Mr. Levis is active in many Toledo civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Greater Toledo United Appeal which he headed in 1961.

Bernard R. Baker

Mr. Baker, a Toledo attorney and a director of the National Bank of Toledo, is former president of the B. R. Baker Co., a leading Toledo clothing store.

Mr. Baker was graduated from Kenyon College, Gambier, O., and received his law degree from Harvard University. He served in the navy during World War II, rising from the rank of ensign to lieutenant commander.

Mr. Baker was co-chairman of St. Vincent Hospital's first postwar building fund campaign in 1948. He has been a member of the St. Vincent Hospital advisory board since 1948 and its president since June, 1963. He was vice president of the board during St. Vincent's successful campaign in early 1963 to raise \$2,000,000 for its building program.

He has been active in work on behalf of the United Appeal, Hospital Planning Association, Blue Cross, Toledo-Lucas County Safety Council, Boys' Club of Toledo, Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, and the Toledo Convention Bureau.

J. Slater Gibson

Mr. Gibson, an attorney, was assistant city law director 15 years and now serves as attorney for the Toledo Board of Education along with his private practice.

Mr. Gibson was born in Tuskegee, Ala., and was a valedictorian of his class at Tuskegee Institute. He came to Toledo in 1921 and worked his way through the University of Toledo law school, receiving his degree in 1930.

He has served as a member of the Ohio Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and was a member of former Gov. C. William O'Neill's Advisory Commission on Civil Rights. He was first assistant city law director when he resigned in 1949.

W. W. Knight, Jr.

Mr. Knight, an investment company executive, is president of the Nicholas Corp. and a member of the board of directors of several other local firms.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's degree from Harvard University school of business administration.

Besides his numerous business affiliations, Mr. Knight is chairman of the board of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, and a trustee of the Cancer Cytology Foundation and the University of Toledo Research Foundation. He serves on the board of the Toledo Red Cross and the advisory committee for the TU college of business administration.

Sister Mary Lawrence

Sister Lawrence is president of Mary Manse College and was dean of the college 17 years before becoming president.

A native of Toledo, she has spent most of her life as a teacher and administrator in the local diocesan school system. She was supervisor of diocesan schools before joining Mary Manse.

Sister Lawrence was graduated from Toledo Teachers College, a forerunner of De Sales College, and later received her master's and doctor's degrees in education administration from Fordham University in New York City.

Dr. Frank F. A. Rawling

Dr. Rawling, who maintains a private practice in Toledo as an allergy specialist, is president of the Toledo Area Medical College and Education Foundation and is a trustee of the Hospital Planning Association of Greater Toledo.

He is a past president and chairman of the board of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County and is a past president of the Toledo Council of Social Agencies. He also has served on the boards of numerous other civic organizations.

Dr. Rawling was graduated from the University of Western Ontario and was on the faculty at the University of Michigan from 1941 to 1945. He was formerly chief of staff at Maumee Valley Hospital.

Dr. Byron G. Shaffer

Dr. Shaffer, a Toledo surgeon nearly 40 years, was formerly chief of staff and director of surgery at St. Vincent Hospital.

Dr. Shaffer was graduated from Ohio State University and the University of Chicago and later studied surgery in London, Paris, and Edinburgh. He came to Toledo in 1924 as an intern at St. Vincent.

He is a past president of the Toledo Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Surgical Association, and the Ohio Chapter of American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons and its credentials committee and a former member of the University of Toledo board of directors. He also has served on the faculty of the Flower and St. Vincent schools of nursing.

John A. Skipton

Mr. Skipton, manager of the public affairs department at Marathon Oil Co., Findlay, has a long record of public service, including a stint as state finance director under former Gov. C. William O'Neill.

Mr. Skipton, who has been with Marathon since 1959, was a member and director of the Legislative Research Commission, the fact-finding agency of the General Assembly, and was director of the Legislative Service Commission of the Legislature. He also has served as an assistant attorney general and as a member of the Findlay Board of Education.

He was born in Marietta, O., and attended Ohio State University where he received his degrees in business administration and law. He was an air force officer in World War II.