YADEN SEES NEED FOR D. C. CHANGES

Rhode Island Avenue Citizens Told Commissioners Are Overburdened.

There is room for much improvement in the District of Columbia government, James G. Yaden, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, told members of the Rhode Island Avenue Citizens' Association at its meeting held in the Woodridge-Langdon Library branch.

President Yaden said he did not favor elimination of the Zoning Commission, Park and Planning Commission and the Public Utilities Commission and giving the District Commissioners authority to carry on their work. The Commissioners now have more work than they can give their personal attention, Yaden said, but he believes the Commissioners should have some additional power without having to go to Congress for approval of numerous small matters. He praised the Commissioners for seeking an appropriation to replace inadequate furnaces in some schools.

Support for Bill Asked.

He urged the association to help get the anti-gambling bill out of the committee hearings so it may be enacted, as most of the citizens' associations are opposed to the "numbers racket" and the bill was drafted to eliminate it.

In closing his address President Yaden spoke briefly on the automobile liability bill, the airport bill, the small loan bill and on the proposal of the special committee of the Federation on reorganization of the District government to have the citizens elect a council.

Rev. H. H. Rowland, chairman of the Schools Committee, reported that the goal of his committee is the completion of the Taft Junior High School with the construction of two wings; the construction of a suitable sidewalk on the east side of Queens Chapel road for the school children; a full-time library; site for an elementary school on Bunker Hill road; a study of the Maryland and Virginia children attending the city schools; the landscaping of the Taft School grounds and the co-operation of the Parent-Teacher Associations.

Testimonials Sent Two.

Testimonials for their services rendered the association as secretary and president, respectively, were sent to Julian F. Belfield and George L. Gee. Both retired from office last month.

The meeting night of the association was changed from the last Wednesday to the second Wednesday, beginning with the April meeting.

Clayton C. Marsh, president, appointed the following chairmen for the standing committees:

Membership, William P. Thomas; legislation, Charles O. Pierce; schools, Rev. H. H. Rowland; streets and sidewalks, Edward H. Alsop; public utilities, John L. Fowler; zoning, E. G. Sievers; parks, M. C. Wilson; fire and police, Joseph A. Mayhew; lights and mails, Chester R. Smith; sewers and water, J. A. Duerksen; health and sanitation, Fred M. Grant; meetings, Julian F. Belfield; press, James W. Hardey, and special use covenant, George L. Gee.

The following members were admitted last night, Austin J. App, Mrs. C. C. Marsh, C. D. Russell, Arthur L. Poore, Lewis H, Smith and Lee A. Higdon.

FAKE CLAIMS FOUGHT

Kansas City C. of C. Acts as Insurance Rates Soar.

KANSAS CITY, February 28 (AP).—Mounting costs of liability insurance in Kansas City led yesterday to formation of a Chamber of Commerce sponsored bureau to fight what business men here describe as a "fake claim racket" of alarming proportions.

Within the last 90 days Vincent Wakefield, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Insurance Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, told the committee today, insurance companies have raised liability rates here from 100 to 400 per cent.

SURGEON MEETS GIRL OF INVERTED STOMACH

By the Associated Press.

FALL RIVER, Mass., February 28.—Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale, noted surgeon who hopes to correct Alyce Jane McHenry's inverted stomach, found his small patient quite as lovable as his associates described her.

Dr. Truesdale met the 10-year-old Omaha girl last night for the first time. He had just returned from a West Indies cruise and had taken only time to look over Alyce Jane's X-rays before he visited the child.

He said he would do what he could. He would not predict the outcome of the operation, nor would he say definitely how long it would take or when it would be performed.

Alyce Jane's cheerful disposition, which has persisted despite intense pain, apparently made quite an impression on Dr. Truesdale.

Dr. Truesdale is a specialist in diaphragmatic surgery.