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**T. Oscar Smith Named
New Head of Arlington
Civic Federation**

T. Oscar Smith, Justice Department attorney, last night was unanimously elected president of the Arlington Civic Federation.

Mr. Smith, a delegate from the Columbia Pike Citizens' Association, headed the slate proposed by a nominating committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ruth Cox.



Other new officers, all proposed by the committee, were chosen as follows:
Reed K. Pond, Parkway Citizens' Association, vice president, and J. Earle Weatherly, Country Club Grove, treasurer. Members of the Executive Committee are Ralph E. Arble, New Arlington; Alan L. Dean, Fairlington; Mrs. Catherine T. Beeger, Arlington Forest; Mrs. Ruby C. Simpson, Organized Women Voters, and William G. Watt, Lyon Village.

Mr. Smith, now vice president, succeeds Charles M. Smith, who has not been active in recent months because of the pressure of business. The new officers begin their terms at the January meeting of the federation.

Bus Ownership Studied.
Two committees of the federation were preparing today to study the possibility of public ownership of the Washington, Virginia & Maryland Coach Co. (Arnold Lines) as a result of last night's meeting. The bus company is seeking Interstate Commerce Commission authority to increase its fares.

On request of Mr. Dean, the question of "seeking ways and means" of taking "more aggressive action to secure improvements in bus service," was referred to the legislative and legal action and public utilities committees. Mr. Dean requested this be done "with specific reference to the possibility of introducing public ownership should this prove necessary."

Legislation permitting a referendum on the question of non-partisan primaries for the County and School Boards was called for in a resolution introduced by the local government committee, under chairmanship of Harley M. Williams, and adopted by the federation.

Party Functions Cited.
The measure declared: "Non-partisan local elections are best for the political parties themselves, since the true function of political parties is policy determination at the State and national levels, and they are prevented from carrying out their legitimate function when corrupted by political machines" based on local jobs and favors.

"Also, one-party domination tends to disappear where there is no party 'machine' based on local jobs."

Another resolution adopted by the federation requested Arlington members of the General Assembly to introduce and support a bill calling for re-establishment of a commission to draft a proposed revision of the State constitution. The resolution asked that the proposal be considered by people of the State "with a view toward the creation of a general constitutional convention in 1952."

The measure was introduced by the Legislative and Legal Action Committee, through Chairman Malcolm D. Miller. As a companion resolution, the federation voted to request the Arlington delegation to introduce and support a bill "calling for repeal of the poll tax on a clear-cut issue at the earliest possible date."

Fire Radio Asked.
Three recommendations by the Public Safety Committee, of which Mr. Pond is chairman, were adopted by the federation. They were: Approving installation of a separate radio transmitter for the county fire department; installation of a two-way radio on at least one piece of equipment in each fire company, and installation of a separate fire call board.

On recommendation of the Roads and Streets Committee, under chairmanship of C. E. Larson, the federation voted that the county board be requested to institute a

comprehensive survey to determine the priority of urgently needed sidewalks and that, "in order to accelerate the rate of construction, the property owners' share of the cost should be increased."

**Los Angeles Group Protests
91 TV 'Murders' in Week**

By the Associated Press
A Los Angeles citizens' group notified the Federal Communications Commission yesterday that it had, during a recent sample week, witnessed no less than 91 "murders" on television screens in the area.

The group, known as Southern California Association for Better Radio and Television, asked no action by FCC, which is without

power to censor program material. However, as a matter of information, the association president, Mrs. Clara S. Logan, forwarded a log which her organization kept on "violence and crime programs" during the week ending November 1. It was accompanied by copies of association letters to six Los Angeles and Hollywood stations asking if they would not "substitute acceptable programs which would be suitable for family viewing and listening."

The survey week showed: "Ninety-one murders, seven staged holdups, three kidnappings, 10 thefts, four burglaries, two staged 'murders' on television screens in the area. 20 people, two suicides, one case of blackmail, cases of assault and battery too numerous to tabulate, also cases of attempted murder."

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**Church League to Open
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A fashion show will open a two-day hobby show being sponsored by Laymen's League of All Souls Church at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Pierce Hall, Fifteenth and Harvard streets N.W.

Exhibitors will be on hand tomorrow and Friday nights to explain and demonstrate the more than 100 works of art, collections and handicrafts. The fashion show will be staged by Julius Garfinkel & Co.

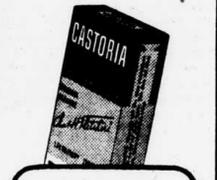
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