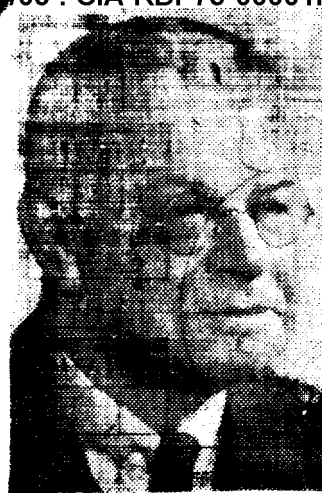


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W. LANE REHM
New Home Rule Director

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Rehm to Head Suffrage Drive

W. Lane Rehm, retired financial executive, has been appointed executive director of the Washington Home Rule Committee.

The appointment was announced today by Ganson Purcell, chairman of the board of the committee. Mr. Rehm will direct the committee's campaign to get House approval of the local suffrage bill which already has passed the Senate.

Mr. Rehm is the former manager of the investment management department of Brown Brothers, Harriman & Co., of New York. He is a native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Chicago. He first joined E. H. and W. A. Harriman in 1929 as secretary and treasurer of their private investment trust and continued with the successor firm.

During the war he served as financial officer of the Office of Strategic Services, retiring in 1946 with the rank of colonel. From 1948 to 1950, he was executive officer of a special ECA mission to France. He and Mrs. Rehm now live in the District at 3406 Reservoir road N.W.

"In accepting this position," Mr. Rehm said, "I am becoming active in a cause which I have believed in as long as I have lived in the District. Washingtonians deserve better than to be wards of Congress. We pay the taxes which support our city, so we should have the right to say how these tax dollars are spent."

Mr. Rehm recalled the history of suffrage efforts in the District and expressed confidence that