

# Page Installed As Commissioner

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News Editor

Robert W. Page was sworn in as a Birmingham city commissioner Monday night—and promptly was put on the spot. One of the first matters to come up for a vote was purchase of police radio equipment. When a motion was made to award the contract to Motorola, City Clerk Irene Hanley proceeded to call the roll—calling on Page first.

This happened to be a matter which the commission had discussed at the previous week's meetings and thus Page was not completely familiar with the background and the facts in the case. Before voting, he asked whether the advantages in the Motorola bid over General Electric's.

PAGE POINTED out that he had always felt that it was usually wise to accept the low bid.

Mayor Florence (Mrs. G. Howard) Willet told Page that he could if he so wished abstain from voting since the matter was new to him.

Instead, however, he listened to verbal explanations by Motorola and other commissioners and, being convinced, voted with the rest of the commission to accept the Motorola bid of \$6,543.75.

Technical information was involved in both the low bid from General Electric and the second low bid from Motorola.

Before all this took place, Commissioner Charles Renfrew nominated Page to fill the vacancy created with the resignation last month of Lance C. Minor.

RENFREW POINTED out that the commissioners had "informally selected" Page last week after looking over several candidates. They determined that he was "one of the persons with the longest period of service to the city."

Page has been a member of the city planning board since 1953 and last year served as its chairman. He will continue to serve on the board, at least temporarily.

Renfrew cited Page's "high sense of loyalty and dedication to the city."

After Miss Hanley administered the oath of office, Page told the commission: "It is certainly awe-inspiring to be a member of this distinguished deliberative body."

## Committee Seeks Birmingham Area 'Sweet Sixteens'

The Southeastern Michigan Sweetest Day committee is looking for the Birmingham area "sweet sixteen" girls with the sweetest smiles.

Winners from each community, with their escorts and parents, if they wish, will be invited to dinner at a downtown Detroit restaurant. They will be provided with a dinner course and sweet heart roses for the mothers of the winners. There also will be a box of chocolates for the smiling girls.

Clear snapshots or portraits from 16-year-old girls are needed no later than Oct. 3 by the Sweetest Day committee, 722 Fox Building, Detroit 1, Michigan. Include name, street address and town but do not write on picture. Judging will be by the committee and awards will be made.

Sweetest Day, a 33-year-old event dedicated to the theme of "Make Someone Happy," will be Saturday, Oct. 15.

## Lake Orion Youths Put on Probation For B'ham Crime

Three Lake Orion youths were sentenced by Oakland county Circuit Judge Stanton G. Dondero for breaking into an outdoor showcase at the Pure Oil station, 14 Mile and Southfield, on June 3.

Donald Richard, 17, of Prichard, Jr., and Samuel Troutwine were all placed on two years' probation. Richard was fined \$100 and Troutwine was fined \$100.

The boys all pleaded guilty to the charge.

## DPW Predicts Opening Of Evergreen Oct. 1

SOUTHFIELD—The bulkheads preventing "use of the Evergreen and Farmington interceptors sewers will be removed about Oct. 1, according to predictions of Oakland county officials this week.

Southfield's city council has removed another obstacle to the big sewers' use by agreeing to participate in the cost of the \$44 million project's cost.

Last week the council called for a public hearing at 8 p.m. Sept. 29 at Lederle school to determine how the city will pay its \$3,750,000 share of the drain.

IF NO snags develop at that hearing, and if Detroit, by Oct. 1, has received and accepted a new contract with Oakland county and the cities of Southfield and Oak Park, the bulkheads should come off.

Oakland county department of public works Director R. J. Alexander said the new target date should allow time for taking care of legal technicalities.

The \$14 million worth of sewers was completed by the DPW in June. Detroit, however, refused to allow the connection to the Detroit system until the South-Oak drain along Eight Mile road was

## Southfield Woman Killed in Crash On Lahser Road

SOUTHFIELD — A 65-year-old Southfield woman was killed in a Detroit auto accident Sunday night.

Mrs. Elsie Durnow, 26826 Lahser was traveling on Lahser road near Trojan on Detroit's west side when the accident occurred about 9:15 p.m. The car she was driving collided with a tractor-trailer driven by Raymond Wegmeyer, Harmon, Mich.

Wegmeyer told police he had stopped to make a left turn. Police said Mrs. Durnow apparently did not see the truck in time.

## Judge Adjourns Evergreen Suit

When Judge became available, the suit filed by Birmingham and four other area communities against Detroit and Oakland county in connection with the Evergreen interceptor will be heard.

Detroit and Oakland filed their answers to the suit Monday of this week, and the case then was adjourned by Oakland Circuit Judge Stanton Dondero pending availability of a judge to try the case.

BIRMINGHAM, BLOOMFIELD Hills, Bloomfield township, Southfield and Troy have filed suit asking the court to issue a writ of mandamus against Detroit and Oakland.

Actually, what they are seeking is to secure use of the Evergreen sanitary interceptor. They charge that Detroit is ignoring two contracts with Oakland for use of the \$7 million interceptor which was completed in July of this year.

## Rush Hour Traffic Control Plan Continues

A program started Aug. 24, to help even the traffic flow through downtown Birmingham streets during rush hours, will continue indefinitely, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley.

Through Sept. 15, 70 illegal parking tickets were issued, compared to 140 for all of August and 188 for July.

Two policemen have been assigned to strictly enforce traffic laws, because of congestion between 6 and 8 p.m. on the city of Maple and Woodward.

Their instructions are to pay special attention to double parking, parking in prohibited area, obstruction of traffic and any other infractions that would delay motorists.

Pedestrians are warned not to interfere with traffic and are advised to use marked crosswalks.

## Hobart D. Andreae Injures His Back

Aiding a distressed woman motorist early Tuesday afternoon last Hobart D. Andreae, 1033 N. Glenview, Bloomfield Village, a publican, ruptured his back.

With two other men, he was attempting to extricate the car's front left wheel which had fallen into a hole on Pierce just north of Merrill street, Birmingham.

William Beaumont hospital authorities report Andreae's condition is "satisfactory."

THE WOMAN motorist was trapped in a space adjacent to an 18-inch hole, due to a new concrete patch could be placed.

A prominent resident, Andreae is president of Synco Devco of Ferndale.

## Rockefeller Party Coming Through B'ham Saturday

Nelson A. Rockefeller, governor of New York and leader of the liberal wing of the Republican party, will be in Birmingham Saturday.

Rockefeller will carry the GOP presidential campaign into Oakland county, and his caravan will proceed slowly on Woodward through Birmingham about 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

Arriving at Pontiac city airport at 2 p.m. he will make several stops on a fast tour through the county. He will speak at Pontiac, Berkley and Oak Park.

POP COUNTY chairman Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., urged Birmingham residents "to come out and see this man and hear what he has to say."

Rockefeller has been a frequent critic of the Eisenhower administration but has become a strong campaigner for the Nixon-Lodge team.

His visit to Michigan will be climaxed with a rally at Cobo hall in Detroit at 8:40 p.m. Saturday.

Do you have any unwanted articles of furniture? Turn them into cash with a "quick result" Eccentric classified ad.

## Add Another Travel Series; 1st Sold Out

The new Saturday evening series of eight World Adventure programs that start in the Birmingham Community House Nov. 5 has been sold out, and George Pierrot announced today that a second series featuring the same speakers and the same films will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoons to accommodate those unable to get evening tickets.

"The afternoon programs also will provide an opportunity for children, especially those 10 years of age and older, to see the travel films, and hear and meet speakers such as Eric Pavel, Stan Midgley and others," Pierrot commented.

Both the 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. programs at the Community House, 360 South Bates, Birmingham, will be in addition to the regular Sunday afternoon programs of the World Adventure series in the Detroit Institute of Arts.

REQUESTS FOR season tickets should be sent to the Community House with checks or money orders drawn in favor of the World Adventure series. Ticket requests also will be accepted by Smiley Brothers Music company, 115 South Woodward, Birmingham, or by the World Adventure series office in Detroit after Oct. 1.

The new series includes: Nov. 5, "Amazing Argentina," Eric Pavel; Nov. 12, "Wkay I Saw in Soviet Russia," Julien Bryan; Dec. 10, "Hawaii, Our Fifth State," Thayer Soule.

Jan. 21, "Mato Grosso Jungle Adventure," Sasha Siemel; Feb. 4, "Australia, a La Carte," Lisa Chikering and Jeanne Porterfield; Feb. 18, "Adventure in Alaska," Don Cooper.

March 4, "Kayaks Down the Congo," John M. Goddard; and March 25, "Yellowstone - Grand Tetons - Glacier," Stan Midgley.

## Meteorology Class Open to Public; Begins Wednesday

Dr. Robert T. Hatt, Director of Cranbrook Institute of Science, has announced that a class in the "Principles of Meteorology" is to be held at the Institute for twelve weeks beginning Wed. Sept. 28, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The class is open to the public, with registration at the opening session. It is a non-credit course of the University of Michigan and will be taught by Floyd C. Elder, M.S. Research associate, Meteorological Laboratory, U. of M.

Among the items to be discussed are the physical properties of the atmosphere; thermodynamics; radiative and dynamic processes in weather analysis; wind, cloud, storm and other weather systems and weather instruments, observing and forecasting.

## Executive Found Shot at Detroit Gun Club

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN—Wallace R. Campbell, Jr., 48, of 225 Barden, Bloomfield Hills, was found dead of a shotgun wound last Thursday at the Detroit Gun Club, West Bloomfield township.

Son of a president of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Campbell at the time of his death was vice president of Aircraft and Equipment Corp. of Inc., an auto fleet rental firm in Detroit.

Deputy Coroner Isaac C. Prevorsek said the shotgun wound was self-inflicted.

Services were Saturday from the Rev. C. Sullivan funeral home, Detroit, with burial in St. Mary's churchyard, Walkerville, Ont.

## Street, Curb Program Up For Review

Birmingham city commissioners today are studying a proposed program for resurfacing some city streets and replacing faulty curbs.

The program, costing an estimated \$50,000, was submitted to the commission Monday night by City Manager L. E. Gare and City Engineer William T. Killen.

Gare pointed out that the program is approximately \$10,000 more than the \$40,000 allocated in the capital improvement fund for the 1960-61 surfacing and curb program.

The commission accepted the suggestion of Commissioner Charles Renfrew to review the proposal for one week in an effort to hold it to the \$40,000 allocation.

Gare said he thinks this "could be done."

It is hoped that such a program can be started with the letting of bids in early spring.

Cost of resurfacing existing streets with asphaltic concrete was estimated at \$20,250; whereas curb replacement was estimated at \$30,385.

Streets to be resurfaced are Hanna east of Watkins to Bates, Merrill from Southfield to Bates, Hamilton from Woodward to Hunter and Eton from Maple to York-shire.

Curbs to be replaced are in various locations throughout the city. Plans call for two separate projects.

1) Replacing all faulty curb, including the faulty curbs on streets to be resurfaced.

2) Resurfacing the streets mentioned above.

Also included in the curb and gutter replacement program would be construction of the Eton street returns at Bowers, Haynes and Hazel.

These returns were deleted from the Eton road pavement widening program in 1959 to leave room for the Eton road water main, which is now completed.

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

One of our local residents, who lives just across the street from the 23-own vacant land, is this Wanderer the other day: "I support the city's requirement that vacationers' vacant lands be made to keep them free from weeds—and if the owner doesn't want them, they should be sold back to the owner. But what about the city keeping down weeds on its own vacant property? Nothing like a good example, you know."

"Seaholm high school civics students attending the Birmingham city commission meeting this week learned that their local government officials haven't forgotten how to be human. Commissioners interrupted their meeting to explain some of the more technical aspects of discussion concerning funds in escrow and spreading the roll.

Like many newspapers, we serve as postal assistants for Santa Claus. This season mail to his mail is addressed first to us, then we forward it to the North Pole.

Dear Santa: I received your "Dear Santa" letter for the coming Christmas season. It reads: "Dear Santa: I would like to have you bring me some fins, a face mask and a pressure gauge. I would also like to have a spear gun, an automatic rifle, an Army helmet, a field bag and a tent. Sleeping bag, a pool, and a diving board, a new car, and a trampoline, a go cart. Your Pal, Leonard, 445 S. Evansdale, Birmingham."

This wanderer spent a little time reading the police record at Birmingham's municipal building the other day and came out full of admiration for our stalwarts—and somewhat amazed at the weird ways of some wayward humans.

Must be disconcerting to have a dutiful citizen deliver a parking meter to the police station; seems he found it in an alley behind a local theater. And how about another gentleman who came in to complain that he was sprayed with shaving cream while waiting for a traffic signal? And the man who reported his car was sprayed with same during the night? Well, that's one way to have a close shave without getting behind the wheel.

## N. Adams Accident Injures Couple

Following an accident on N. Adams road Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Garrison of Orchard Lake and Deanna Jacobson, 4074 Rouge circle, Birmingham, were admitted to William Beaumont hospital. They were reported in satisfactory condition.

Deanna was given a ticket for driving left of the center lane. He admitted drinking, police said, but was unable to give police a complete statement. His car, proceeding north on N. Adams went across a center divider and struck the right front of the other car, driven by Garrison. Michael Garrison, 23, was a passenger in the Garrison car.



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