

Burgum New Mayor

Commissioner Page Chosen To Serve as Mayor Pro Tem

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

It will be Mayor William H. Burgum in Birmingham for the next year.

Burgum, mayor pro tem for the last two years, was elevated to the mayor's post by unanimous vote of his fellow commissioners Monday night.

Commissioner Robert W. Page was elected unanimously to the position of mayor pro tem.

Burgum, 48, has been a commissioner for five years. He served previously on the plan board for seven years and is currently a member of the recreation board.

COMMISSIONER Charles W. Renfrew placed Burgum's name in nomination.

"It is with a lot of pleasure that I place the name of Bill Burgum in nomination," Renfrew said.

"I have known him for a number of years. In all offices he has served he has won unswerving admiration."

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New Mayor Signs First 2 Proclamations

Birmingham's new mayor, William H. Burgum, didn't waste any time getting down to official city business.

Mayor Burgum signed two proclamations Tuesday, one designating today Disneyland Caravan of Stars Day and the other declaring the week of April 28-May 4 White Cane Week.

Six of Walt Disney's best-known personalities are making personal appearances in Birmingham today in conjunction with the opening of "Son of Flubber" at the Birmingham Theater.

AMONG THE stars who will appear on the stage of the theater tonight are Annette and Clarence (Ducky) Nash, the voice of Donald Duck.

In proclaiming White Cane Week, Burgum urged residents to become more familiar with the meaning and purpose of the white cane and lend every support "to the worthy movement it symbolizes."

The Lions Clubs of Michigan have long supported the white cane movement which is a passport for blind people that enables them to carry on their daily activities.

Lance, Lady Back On Quanton Lake

Lance and Lady have returned to their summer home on Birmingham's Quanton Lake.

In case you didn't know, Lance and Lady are Birmingham's two white swans. The swans wintered at their usual hide-away, the DPW garage on Eton near Lincoln.

A gift of sculptor Marshall Fredericks, they are cared for by Al Sundell of the police department.

City Commissioners Endorse Bill on Municipal Immunity

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night went on record as being in favor of a bill in the Michigan legislature that would give liability immunity to municipalities.

Commissioners voted 5-2 to send a letter supporting the measure to the Michigan Municipal League and State Senator Parrell E. Roberts. Commissioners Robert W. Page and David F. Breck cast the no votes.

THE BILL generally is to restore the doctrine of governmental immunity from tort liability.

Page and Breck both felt that municipalities should not be immune from liabilities and should purchase insurance protection.

Until recent State Supreme Court rulings, governmental units generally had not been held liable. The bill now in the legislature is to extend the non-liability for a period of time.

"I would be pleased to serve under him," Commissioner William E. Roberts seconded the nomination.

ACTING chairman Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham suspended the rules calling for a secret ballot and Burgum was elected mayor by acclamation. The same procedure was followed in electing Page.

Craig Selected As Mayor of B'field Hills

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Lyman J. Craig, amiable, semi-retired businessman, began his fourth term on the Bloomfield Hills City Commission this week and was elected by his colleagues to serve as mayor for the coming year.

The job is not a new one to Craig. He served as the city's mayor in 1959 and was mayor pro tem last year during the term of Mayor John S. Bugas.

THE NEW mayor, who lives at 1200 Orchard Ridge, is also a veteran of 12 years service on the Bloomfield Hills School Board. He said of this selection:

"I consider it a great honor to be elected mayor of Bloomfield Hills. I hope that we can all get together and be unanimous on decisions that affect the welfare of the city."

Louis J. Colombo, Jr., elected to his first term as a city commissioner, will be the new mayor pro tem.

Colombo, a practicing attorney for 27 years, serves as trustee for William Beaumont Hospital and Oakland University and is a member of the board of governors of the American Red Cross. He is (See CRAIG, 5-A)

IN A brief statement Mayor Burgum said "in case the commission, administration or members of the audience who regularly attend meetings should glance up it is not Mrs. Willett who is presiding."

"My appearance should tell you that," the new mayor quipped. "I appreciate the confidence and trust you have in me to follow in Twink's footsteps," Burgum said.

BURGUM PAID special tribute to an attractive woman and her husband seated at the rear of the commission room.

"After eight years of Monday night meetings Twink and Howard Willett still found time to come anyway," he said.

"I only hope she helped Howard with the dishes before they came," Burgum chuckled.

IN ADDITION to Burgum and Page, City Clerk Irene Hanley administered the oath of office to Commissioner Roberts, who is beginning his fourth term, and to newly-elected Commissioner David F. Breck.

Breck told the commission "there have been some statements attributed to me I would like to clear up."

"It has been said I have been attacking the commission and the commissioners were voting because of their own self-interests."

"I have never said that or authorized it said. On the floor three weeks ago I said I was proud of the caliber of the people on the commission and I still feel that way."

IN OTHER organizational business, the commission reappointed Birmingham's four members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Reappointed for one-year terms were Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham, City Assessor Clark Hargrove, David Levinson and Luther Heacock.

Mayor Burgum reappointed City Manager L. R. Gare and Commissioners Ingraham and Roberts to serve on the Police Trial Board for another year.

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Deadline for voter registration in the school election is May 13. Registration for the Bloomfield Hills School District is at Bloomfield Township Hall, 1200 Avondale.

McGraw is president of the Bloomfield Hills PTO Council, and has been active in school affairs over a number of years. This is his first candidacy for a position on the school board.

The architectural concept for the clinic calls for no windows except a wide expanse of glass at the entrance to the lobby and main reception area.

The building is completely air-conditioned, and the windowless feature of the structure will allow for maximum soundproofing of the eight treatment and consulting rooms.

FRONTING ON Purdy Street, the two-story building will be adjacent to two other buildings on Daines that have housed the clinic offices of Dr. Moloney, who founded the clinic in 1955. Construction is expected to be completed in about two months.

The medical staff will consist of four psychiatrists, Jack B. McLean, (See BUILDINGS, 2-A)

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