



Renfrew Elected as B'ham Mayor

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham's mayor for the next 12 months will be veteran City Commissioner Charles W. Renfrew.

Renfrew, 59, was elected to the city's highest office Monday night by fellow commissioners at the annual reorganization meeting. He is a vice president and member of the board of the Jam Handy Organization in Detroit.

Commissioner Robert W. Page was re-elected to another term as mayor pro tem.

Renfrew's selection marks the third time he has served as mayor in his 13 years as a commissioner. He succeeds William H. Burgum. Newly-elected Commissioner Charles F. Clippert also received the oath of office and was seated at Monday's meeting.

Renfrew received six votes for

major and Page one in the secret ballot election.

PAGE WAS nominated for the mayor's post by Commissioner David F. Breck.

Renfrew was nominated by Page. A request by Page to have his name withdrawn from nomination was rejected by temporary chairman Carl F. Ingraham.

Page termed his nomination of Renfrew a "privilege and an honor."

In his opening remarks, Page said he was talking on a matter which he had had on his mind for some time. He recalled some of the remarks he made during Michigan Week last May.

"During the time Mr. Renfrew has served the city many programs have been started that have made Birmingham a better place to which to live.

"THE COMPREHENSIVE Plan has been started, the zoning ordinance was revised (1958) and he has assisted in preserving the residential character of the community."

"He was an advocate of the municipal parking program, which has provided us with shopping facilities second to none," Page said.

He praised Renfrew for his "great knowledge" of fiscal matters and noted in some of the years he has been on the commission the tax rates were reduced.

"Through his efforts Birmingham's participation in the 12-Town Drain was financed over a 20-year commitment rather than the normal 30-year period," Page said.

He estimated that Birmingham saved \$50,000 in interest alone because of Renfrew's efforts.

"THE next 2,000 years," Page said (Commissioners receive \$5 per meeting.)

He was supported in his nomination by Commissioner William E. Roberts.

Breck, who is beginning his second year on the commission, said he would not vote for Renfrew but indicated there was nothing personal in his decision.

He charged that a "pact" had been made by certain commissioners prior to Monday's meeting.

"I have a high personal regard for Bob Page and feel he should be the logical choice for mayor."

been established to have the mayor pro tem step up to the post of mayor.

Ingraham ruled that the charter does not provide for such a method of election and ordered the secret ballot cast.

Renfrew said he was "deeply honored" to have the opportunity to serve as mayor.

He said the problems of traffic and service over the past few years as the city has doubled in size have been met and solved.

"These have all been accomplished without partisanship and have been done for what is good for the whole of Birmingham," Renfrew said.



CITY CLERK Irene Hanley administers the oath of office to Birmingham's newly elected officials. From left are Mayor Charles W. Renfrew, Commissioner Charles F. Clippert and Mayor Pro Tem Robert W. Page. Renfrew is serving his third term as mayor in 13 years on the commission.

Court Order Complicates Hills Election Dispute

Bars 3 'Winners' From Commission

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Events moved swiftly last week in the war of attrition between Hills disputed election and now the matter is likely to be settled in the courts.

Acting on a taxpayers' suit instituted by J. Denton Anderson, a manufacturer's representative, and his wife, Winifred, Circuit Judge Stanton G. Dondero Monday issued a temporary restraining order preventing the seating of three commission candidates certified by the Hills board of canvassers.

Dondero ordered the canvassers to appear before him Monday for a show cause hearing on a writ to force them to change the election results.

ALSO NAMED defendants in the writ were at-risk candidates George H. Webb and Ross Pierce, City Clerk Robert J. Stadler and members of the commission prior to the April 6 election.

The suit was triggered by a decision of the board of canvassers to certify Webb and Pierce as winners of the election on the basis of stickers improperly placed on the voting machines.

The restraining order: • Forbids Webb and Pierce from taking office as commissioners or from participating in any proceedings of the commission.

• Directs Stadler, as city clerk, not to act upon the certification of the board of canvassers.

• Prevents the present city commission from seating Webb and Pierce and directs them—Louis J. Colombo, Jr., David W. Lee, James A. Beresford, John Blanchard and Henry L. Woolfender—to appear before the court Monday.

THE SUIT also contends that the board of canvassers acted illegally by awarding Webb votes for a one-year term as constable to decide the outcome in his favor.

It charges that Pierce was illegally awarded votes for a two-year term as constable, giving him the nod over Blanchard.

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Polio Vaccine Stations Set For Sunday

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This Sunday is a red-letter day for Birmingham-area families who are planning on a "sweet victory" in the fight against paralytic polio.

A total of 91 immunization stations in Oakland County will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to feed the vaccine-coated sugar cubes to all members of area families. A donation of 50 cents is requested for each dose, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

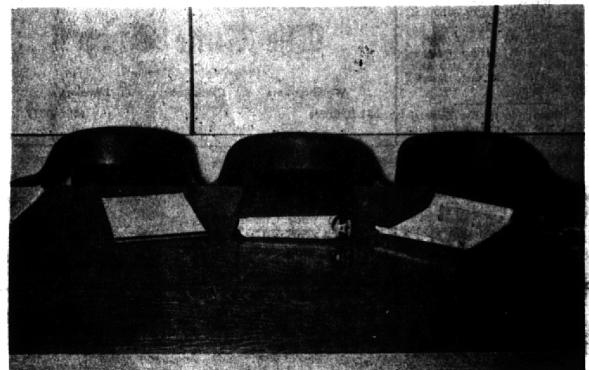
Goal of the campaign, which covers the three metropolitan Detroit counties, is to assure the elimination of paralytic polio in this area.

A second dose of vaccine, necessary to complete immunization, will be given Sunday, June 14.

THIS TYPE of vaccine provides protection against all three strains of polio virus.

The vaccine is pleasant-tasting and designed to appeal to children who are most susceptible to polio. Doctors emphasized, however, that all members of the family, especially

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THREE SEATS WERE EMPTY TUESDAY NIGHT At the Bloomfield Hills commission meeting . . .



THESE THREE CANDIDATES HOPE TO CLAIM THEM Robert A. Frye, George H. Webb and Ross Pierce.

4 in Race So Far for 3 Seats On Birmingham School Board

Voters at Birmingham's annual school election June 8 will be asked to elect three school board members, approve two local propositions and consider three questions involving the establishment of a community college.

Two of the board of education terms are for four years and the other is a two-year vacancy to fill out the unexpired term of Richard Barnard, who resigned last October.

E. Ross Hanson, president of the school board, announced today he would seek re-election. Incumbent Mrs. Mary Beiser whose term also ends in June was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Mrs. Frederick Adams, who was appointed to Barnard's seat on the board, said she would run for the two-year term.

TWO NEWCOMERS, Richard

Halstet, 4053 Spur Hill, Bloomfield Township, and Joseph Anderson, 5512 Putnam, West Bloomfield Township, have filed nominating petitions for the school board race.

Hanson, personnel planning manager-sales and marketing Ford Division of Ford Motor Co., said he decided to run again because he felt his experience would be a benefit to the board in solving upcoming problems.

"During the past four years the Birmingham school district has made significant progress in many areas such as curriculum, teachers' salary schedules and purchasing and accounting procedures," Hanson said.

He added, however, that much remains to be done in the district.

"THE PRESSURES of rapidly increasing enrollments and the challenge of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mayor and Mrs. Charles Renfrew; Knowles B. Smith, executive director of the chamber, and Mrs. Smith; and Cong. and Mrs. Broadfield.

Commission Votes Again For Sculpture

The City of Birmingham is going to contribute \$25,000 toward the proposed swan sculpture.

City commissioners Monday night passed a resolution authorizing the expenditure of the money for the Marshal Fredericks' art work provided that an equal amount be raised through citizen subscription.

Last week, the commission decided to reconsider a previous vote of approval of the project.

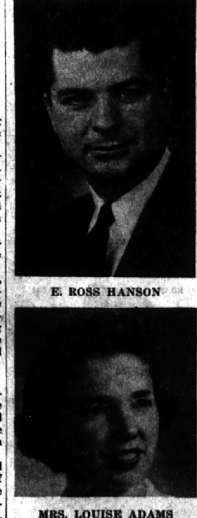
Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham, who had asked for the reconsideration, said he had not been able to verify some "personal information" he had received concerning the project and moved that the commission reaffirm its original decision.

ALTHOUGH the exact location has not been determined, the swan sculpture will be placed somewhere in the vicinity of the Municipal Building and Shain Park.

Former Mayor Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., a long-time backer of the project, has suggested the sculpture be dedicated as a memorial to Birmingham's centennial.



E. ROSS HANSON



MRS. LOUISE ADAMS

Broomfield Speaker for B'ham C-C

Cong. William S. Broomfield (R., Royal Oak) will address the 16th Birmingham school district at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at Devon Gables in Bloomfield Township.

His subject will be "Government Is Our Business."

Banquet chairman Marianne Barnett said the chamber's eight member banks will host a cocktail hour preceding the 7 p.m. banquet. They are the Birmingham-Bloomfield Bank, The Detroit Bank & Trust Co., Birmingham Federal Savings & Loan Association, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Manufacturers National Bank, Michigan Bank, National Bank of Detroit and Troy National Bank.

The Rev. Robert W. Roley of the Beverly Hills Methodist Church will give the invocation; and chamber president William E. Roberts will introduce the master of ceremonies, Paul N. Averill, publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric.

AVERRILL THEN will introduce the honored guests, including Mr. and Mrs. E. Gerry Dudley, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mayor and Mrs. Charles Renfrew; Knowles B. Smith, executive director of the chamber, and Mrs. Smith; and Cong. and Mrs. Broadfield.

The 15 past presidents of the chamber and their wives will be recognized, and newly-elected members of the board of directors will be introduced.

Walter F. Carey, newly-elected president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is expected to attend the dinner. Carey is a resident of West Bloomfield Township.

MRS. BARNETT explained that as an innovation this year the members of the board of directors of the chamber and its Retail Merchants Division will serve as hosts for the evening.

Reservations can still be made by contacting the chamber of Commerce.

THREW MATCH ON FLOOR 4 Boys with Cigarets Blamed for Barn Fire

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A carelessly tossed match is believed to have been the cause of a fire that destroyed the red barn at Hunter and Maple Friday night.

Birmingham police said that four teen-age boys have admitted being in the barn smoking and playing with a lighted candle.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the boys, all 13 and 14 years old, had been sitting on a platform several feet off the ground smoking. He said they tossed a match on the floor and scattered debris burst into flame.

Attempts by the boys to put out the blaze failed and the youngsters fled across Hunter into downtown Birmingham.

THE BOYS apparently purchased the cigarettes from vending machines both within and outside the city limits, police said.

The police department is investigating the possibility of pressing charges against the vending operator for allowing minors to buy cigarettes.

City commissioners have been discussing for several weeks the possibility of adopting an ordinance requiring vending machine operators to purchase a license from the city.

The police department feels such an ordinance would give them better control of operation of the machines and prevent minors from using them.

The boys have all been released to the parents pending further investigation.

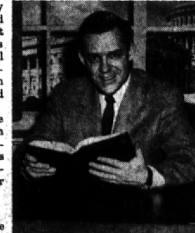
A CROWD estimated at more than 1,000 watched while all of Birmingham's fire equipment battled the blaze for over two hours.

Five pieces of equipment and 24 men were needed to bring the fire under control. A Royal Oak fire company was called to stand by in case another fire would have broken out in the city.

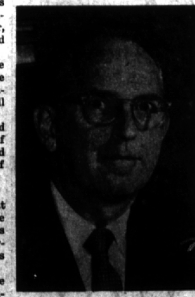
Damage to the 44-year-old barn was estimated at \$5,900 by Fire Chief George Scott.

The flames caused another estimate.

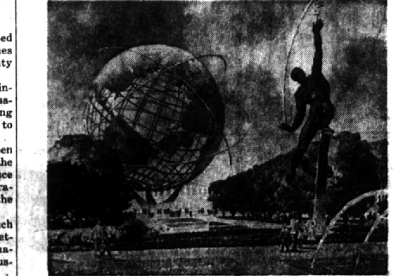
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WM. S. BROOMFIELD



PAUL N. AVERILL



Let's Go to the Fair

Reservations are flocking in for The Birmingham Eccentric's "Family Tour of the World's Fair." But space is still available on the American and Northwest Airlines regularly-scheduled flights that have been reserved for this tour. The travelers will leave from The Eccentric at 7 a.m. on May 26 and return the evening of May 28. Serving as hostess will be tour coordinator Alice W. Burringame, long-time columnist for The Eccentric. Tickets are selling at \$114.25, which includes bus transportation, a travel agency, a two-bed room at the Waldorf Astoria and one ticket to the New York World's Fair. Reservations may be made by filling out the coupon on Page 6-C of today's Eccentric. Tour arrangements are being made through the Oakland Travel agency. (Related story, 4-C).