

Pursell Praises County Plan

A plan to reorganize Wayne County government and take administrative power out of the hands of the county commissioners has won the favor of Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth).

Pursell reportedly is reviewing the report prepared by the Citizens Research Council of Michigan with a view toward introducing legislation to establish an optional form of county government.

The report proposes abolishing several boards and commissions, realigning the county department services and creating a chief executive office within the county.

The chief executive officer, whether appointed or elected, would be the administrator of the county and the board of county commissioners would be the policy-making panel.

Various department heads would be appointed by the county administrator.

PURSCELL SAID he likes the idea of making the county commissioners the legislative and policy-making body of the county with an administrator to carry out the policies set by the commissioners.

"County commissioners shouldn't be both," Pursell said. "They should not sit on

the policy board and on a day-to-day basis be administrators."

Pursell contends that a county administrator position would stop a lot of the "buck passing" that goes on between boards, commissions, departments, and commissioners.

"That's giving local government strength," he said.

Pursell also agrees with the report's recommendations to end duplication of certain efforts by various county agencies, cities, villages and townships.

"It is incumbent on counties to determine with cities, villages and townships which unit will provide each service, then enter into agreements to do it," Pursell said.

HOWEVER, though the plan has merit, Pursell said it will be difficult to get into effect. It would take either a wholesale amendment of the general county laws, an enactment of the county charter system, or a model act that would be permissive enough to allow interested counties to implement the plan quickly and efficiently.

A major power struggle would be involved in getting a model act through the legislature.

Each major area of county government has its own association which lobbies for special interests in the legislature.

Pursell said that it would take, at the least, strong bipartisan support to get the factions to agree on model legislation.

But he added, "It is a reform that has got to come sooner or later."

Kroger Opens New Meat Center

Kroger Food Stores has opened its 75,500 square foot meat distribution center in Livonia.

The multi-million dollar plant, which is operated under continuous U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection, will serve 150 Kroger supermarkets in Michigan and Ohio. It is located at 12701 Middle Belt, adjoining the company's division distribution center.

N.A. Sawall, vice president of the Detroit division of Kroger Food Stores, says more than 200 million pounds of meat will pass through the distribution center annually.

Kroger purchases more than \$90 million worth of meat and poultry products annually from Michigan and Ohio farmers and producers for sale here and in 20 other states in which Kroger stores are located.

Intensive tests are conducted at frequent intervals to maintain highly sanitary conditions. Stainless steel equipment is used because it can be kept bacteria-free through frequent cleaning.

New cleaning methods, including the spraying of foam compounds on walls and equipment, are utilized. The plant is scrubbed daily.

Coaches Added

Former Michigan State University All-American guard Carl "Buck" Nyström and Alma College head coach Dennis Stolz have been named as assistants on MSU's grid coaching staff.

Brickley To Address Students

Lt. Gov. James H. Brickley will give the keynote address to high school students from across the state participating in the ninth annual Governor's Conference on Student Leadership at Oakland University.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 23. Officers of student councils, foreign language and English clubs, varsity clubs, theater groups, history clubs and teacher sponsors are invited.

A teachers' program on drugs will be presented concurrently with the leadership conference at the university. The social and psychological courses of drug abuse will be discussed by Dr. Arthur Vener, of the Michigan State University college of social science, and Dr. John H. McNell of MSU school of pharmacology, will discuss what drugs are and how they act.

Morris Heads Jeff-Jack Sales In 19th

The appointment of Kenneth J. Morris, of Livonia, as chairman for the 19th Congressional District for the 1971 Jefferson-Jackson Day activities, has been announced by Ronald J. Thayer, Jefferson-Jackson Day general chairman. Morris is an attorney.

The annual event, sponsored by the Michigan Democratic Party, will take place on Saturday, May 8, and will be climaxed with an evening dinner at Cobo Hall, Detroit. Sen. Birch Bayh, of Indiana, will be guest speaker.

More than 2,500 Democrats from all over the state are expected to attend the dinner, the party's largest single fundraising event of the year.

In addition to the dinner, other Jefferson-Jackson Day activities include a Democratic Women's Luncheon and a special reception for the guest speaker prior to the dinner.



JOHN PETRY, 29,958 Pipers Lane, Farmington has been named district manager for Stouffer's restaurant in Detroit. Petry, who has been general manager of Stouffer's Northland Inn since November 1969, is a graduate of Cornell University. He joined Stouffer's in 1964 and has been assigned to Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis, before returning to the Detroit area.

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