

12 lawyers compete in 47th judge race

FARMINGTON — Twelve attorneys will compete in the Aug. 6 primary for the new seat in the 47th District Court, the court which serves Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Two persons will be nominated in the election for November's general election.

The majority of the candidates agreed that the major problem facing the court is a heavy case load, which they said is a result of having only one judge in the district.

They all say that the present court under Judge Michael J. Mand is functioning smoothly, except for the overload docket.

JOHN H. BURKE, an attorney with the firm of Ingle and Burke, is a graduate of Wayne State University and the Detroit College of Law.

Burke said that the jurisdiction of the district court was increased recently, making the complexities of the cases much greater.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD bear this in mind when electing their judge, he said, and elect a man who will protect the rights of all parties to a fair and impartial trial.

CLAIR R. CARNEY, a graduate of Notre Dame who received his law degree from the University of Detroit, is conducting a campaign centered around the theme of "Justice With Dignity."

Carney thinks that the courts currently have a poor public image and said he would attempt to change that image by treating all people appearing in the court with dignity and respect.

WILLIAM J. DILLON is a graduate of the University of Detroit. He received his Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law.

Dillon said that Judge Mand is running an efficient and well run court and he would hope to maintain the present standards of the court.

He has also suggested that the court begin a program in conjunction with the Board of Education to acquaint high school students with the functions of the court.

GERALD FREEDMAN earned both his undergraduate and his law degree from the Wayne State University.

He has suggested that the court institute a night court to handle cases involving less than \$300.

A night court would enable citizens to appear in court without taking time off from work, he said.

He has also suggested that the district set up a probationary program for youthful offenders, patterned after the one currently used in Royal Oak.

FRANK B. HILL is a graduate of the Michigan State University. He received his law degree from Wayne State University.

He, too, has proposed a probationary program for youthful offenders under the direction of a professional probation officer.

JUDITH HOLTZ graduated from the University of Michigan and earned her juris doctorate from Wayne State University.

She has a five point plan which she thinks would allow the court to run more efficiently.

According to her the court should: hear cases on a first come, first served basis, begin holding court at night and on Saturday, strictly enforce zoning and anti-blight ordinances, begin court promptly at 9 a.m. and attempt to secure funds for the training of court employees and probation officers.

RICHARD MEGERIAN attended Highland Park Jr. College and Wayne State University. He earned his law degree at the Detroit College of Law.

Megerian predicts that Farmington will experience a rise in both crime rate and in the number of traffic offenses over the next decade as the city continues to grow.

He said that the district needs a judge who is willing to work to alleviate the crime problem and not a person who is using the position as a stepping stone.

EDWARD R. REAGAN earned his BS and his Juris Doctorate at Wayne State University.

Reagan said that a probationary program would be more effective than incarceration for youthful offenders.

Many of the young people who are treated as adults by the court do not have the maturity or the education to accept adult responsibility, he said.

KENNETH E. ROSEN attended the University of Detroit and Wayne State University. He

earned his Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law.

Rosen has worked both as a trial lawyer and an assistant prosecutor. He served as a member of the Out-County, Records Court and Organized Crime divisions.

BRUCE A. SAPERSTEIN attended Detroit Institute of Technology and received his law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

He said he does not have any changes or reforms to make in the present court, but is running because he sees it as the most effective way for him to serve the community.

MARGARET SCHAEFFER received both her undergraduate and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan.

She is currently a councilwoman on the Farmington Hills City Council and a member of the Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board for the state of Michigan.

Mrs. Schaeffer is also one of the candidates who advocates the establishment of a volunteer probation program for young people.

2 run unopposed in 24th district

A Democrat and a Republican are running unopposed for county commissioner in the 24th district. William R. O'Brien (D) of 41131 S. McMahon Circle in Novi was a precinct delegate in the 5th precinct and a councilman in Novi from 1969-73.

O'Brien's priorities for Oakland County include electing a county executive, eliminating the majority of Republicans in the district and establishing better communication between the county commissioner and the people of the county.

"I think the election of an executive is the first priority. When someone calls the county, he can't find out who is to do what. Any form of government has to have an executive," O'Brien said.

He also said there were too many Republicans in the district.

"It's not representative government when two-thirds or three-fourths of one party is representing," O'Brien said.

COMMUNICATION IS ALSO one of his priorities.

"The county commissioner should be better informed. He should get back to the elected representatives and the people from time to time by some means of written communication to let them know what's going on," he said.

O'Brien has been a teacher at Southfield High School since 1952.

He is also a part-time associate professor of social sciences at Oakland County Community College.

Republican incumbent candidate Lew L. Coy is a three term county commissioner. He is a retired Detroit firefighters captain and former chairman of the Oakland County Board of Health.

Sanitary land fills, roads and health care were some of Coy's priorities.

"A real effort must be put forth to utilize state and federal land in locating sanitary land fills. The solid waste plan as it presently is would make Lyon and Independence Townships the garbage capital of southeast Michigan," Coy said.

"We must allot as many dollars as possible to the road commission if spent wisely for very obvious reasons," he said.

Coy also said he would continue to work toward a health satellite in the southwest portion of the county.

"I want some changes in the county non-car policy and a good look at the error prone building department. In my opinion, anyone who does not wish to touch these two issues does not deserve to be a commissioner or county executive," Coy said.

Coy resides at 2942 Loon Drive in Wixom.

Nuggets from the Golden Corridor

Exciting events have been planned for the Fashion-Art-Plant and Animal Lover who visit Somerset during August. Daily luncheon Fashion Shows, 74 Trunk Showings of the top designers Fall Collections, Puppies and Kittens, Pots and Plants, and off-hand, blown Glass by one of the country's foremost artists, Richard Ritter.

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PICK-A-PUP — August 9 & 10 — cuddly, lovable Puppies and Kittens, just waiting for you to adopt them. Offered by The Michigan Humane Society from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$25 donation.

CLARE PEARONE presents collections by Larry Aldrich, August 6-8; Bernard Perris, August 12 & 13; Pierre D'Alby, August 14 & 15; Alfred Bosand, August 21 & 22; and John Kins, August 29 & 30.

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CHILDREN'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL FASHION SHOW — August 10 — Saks the Clown kicks off the show at 11 a.m. with his tricks of magic... presented by Saks Fifth Avenue.

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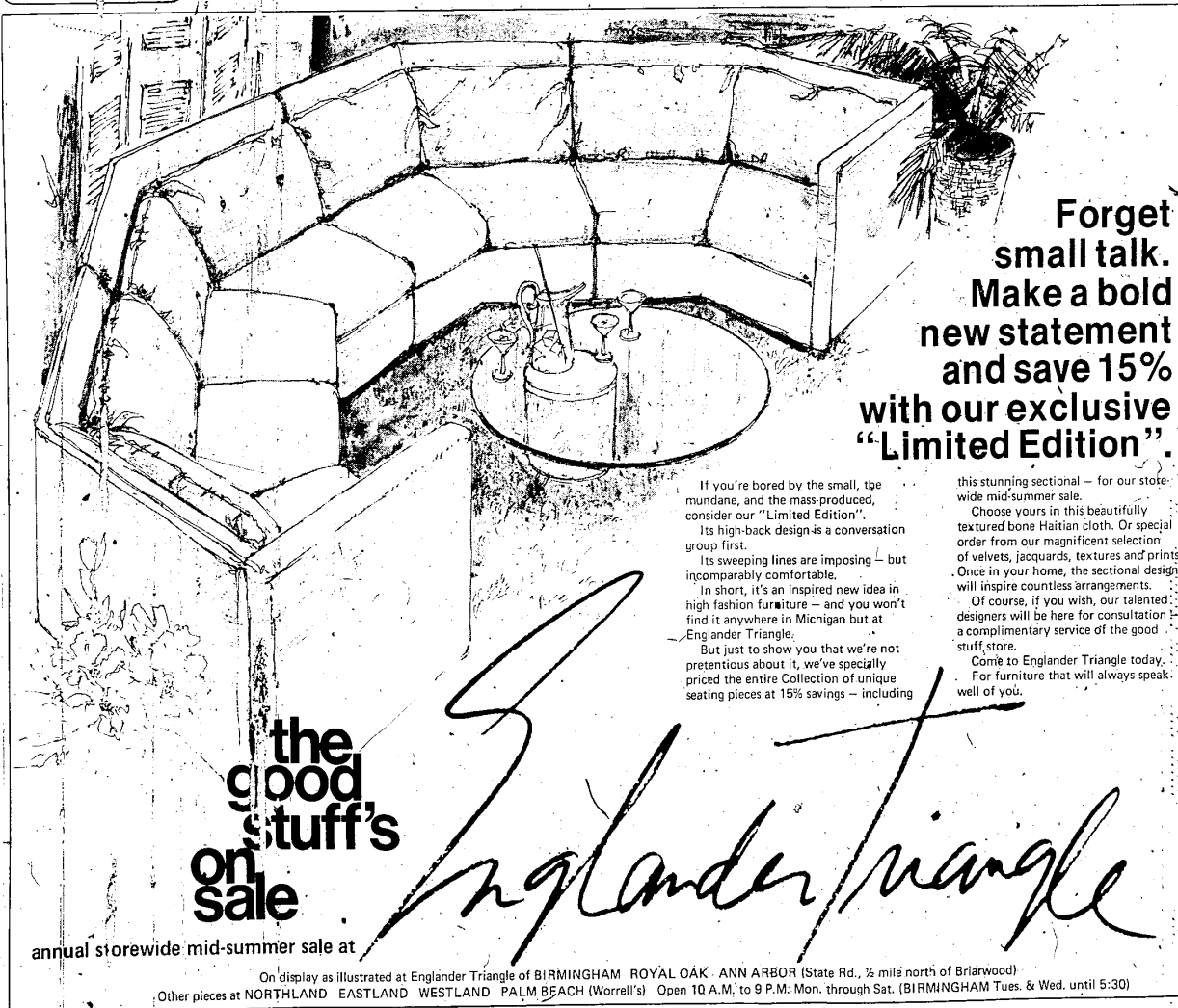
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