

'Forced Bussing' Won't Integrate

So Detroit School Trustee Pushes 'Magnet' Plan



TWO OBSERVERLAND judges were elected officers of the District Judges Association at the group's recent convention. Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand (left) was elected treasurer and Livonia District Judge James Mies was chosen secretary.

By EDWARD WENDOVER
There won't be forced bussing of school children, either between districts or within a district, according to A. McDonald, member and past president of the Detroit Board of Education, has his way.

"Forced bussing may achieve desegregation by numbers, but integration is something else," McDonald said in a recent visit to The Observer Newspapers. "Force is not the answer." McDonald, who says he's wrongly labeled a conservative because of his opposition to forced bussing, is the author of an incentive magnet school plan which was submitted in the Detroit school desegregation suit by the Detroit board as its top priority for achieving integration in the city's schools without involving suburban districts.

"MAGNET SCHOOLS," according to McDonald, would attract integrated student bodies because students would attend a specific school where a particular course of study is offered.

To provide an incentive for the regional school boards in Detroit to offer courses that would attract an integrated student body, they would be given additional money if their schools came to paring the racial mixture of the entire Detroit system, he said.

McDonald's plan was given preference over a second intra-district desegregation plan for Detroit that would involve bussing a limited number of students to different schools two days a week.

But in submitting the two plans to U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Roth, who is hearing the Detroit school desegregation case, the Detroit board said that a "metropolitan plan" (one which included suburban schools) was the only meaningful long-range solution to segregation in the city's schools.

THE FORMER Detroit board president, a lawyer by occupation, objects to the idea of a metropolitan school plan. "All you're doing is creating a mammoth bureaucracy," he said. "How can a board oversee everything in a superdistrict?"



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"I can't see going to the superdistrict where everyone has lost their voice in running the schools. We split up the Detroit system into eight regions to give some local control back."
"If Judge Roth says, 'Here's the metropolitan district,' all hell is going to break loose," McDonald said.

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McDONALD SAID that some of the suburban districts should be represented in the Detroit desegregation suit since a metro-plan will at least be considered.

"I'm thinking of introducing a motion at our next board meeting instructing our attorney to seek admission of the suburbs into the suit," he told The Observer.

"This may sound crazy and idealistic — you can't live in a vacuum and say the hell with the suburbs. You have to get involvement," McDonald said, adding that a metro-district is not the answer to getting that involvement.

"If you're forced to do something, you tend to be counter-productive."

"Desegregation is a negative thing — it's numerical. Integration is a step beyond that where there is a working relationship of and beyond the numerical mixing. It must be voluntary," he said.

"We're trying to see if we could come up with a plan that's educationally sound yet lead to integration."

"THE EASIEST thing for a person to do is to say, 'I'm against bussing' or 'I'm for it.' The toughest thing is to try to get some type of compromise that works."

McDonald termed the bussing issue "a fakey problem."

"It doesn't really get to the issue of segregation in society. It doesn't get to the underlying causes."

Reps Can't State Police Give Postal Expanding Lab References

U.S. Representatives are prohibited by law from giving recommendations for postal positions.

In response to continuing inquiries Congressman Marvin Esch (R-Ann Arbor) said that congressmen are prohibited from giving references by the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970.

Esch said that under this Act selections for the position of permanent postmaster are made by national or regional selection boards guided by the basic principle of selecting the best qualified person.

These boards are made up of representatives from the Postal Service, the Civil Service Commission, the American Arbitration Association, university business school faculties, and management consultant firms.

Esch further pointed out that the Act clearly states that anyone who requests or solicits a recommendation is subject to disqualification from the Postal Service.

The Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory in Plymouth has received permission to erect a "temporary classroom" type building on its property.

In making the request for the temporary structure, Detective Lt. Kenneth Christensen, commanding officer of the Plymouth facility, said the crime laboratories had exhausted the space presently available. He said that the present staff size of 17, which began with five technicians when the laboratory opened, will be increased by four after Jan. 1.

The city commission unanimously approved the request.

Christensen said that the building would not be there for an extended period of time since the State Police are looking for a spot to build a new post-district headquarters and laboratory building in the Plymouth area, and the present building will be vacated when that is built. The proposed structure would be about 10 feet wide and 50 feet long. "We feel that it would be barely visible from the street and would not be objectionable," Christensen said.

"I would like to thank (Plymouth Police) Chief Tim Ford and the Plymouth Police Department for the splendid cooperation extended to us since we have been in the city," said Christensen.

"It is this type of cooperation that improves law enforcement and makes Plymouth and the surrounding communities a better place to live."

Vet Employees Are Honored

Six Observerland residents will be among the 1,200 J.L. Hudson Co. employees honored for 25 years of service with the company. They will participate in the third annual banquet of the Twenty-Five Year Club on Jan. 6 in Cobo Hall.

Among those honored will be James Bethony of Westland, Lillian Foti, Mary Shaw and Kenneth Heckman of Livonia, Robert Wright of Farmington and William Crick of Southfield.

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JAN. 10, 11, 12, 17 - 6:30-9:00 P.M.

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JAN. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 - 6:30-9:30 P.M.
JAN. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 - 8 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

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BREAD & ROSES - A STUDY OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION	T	JAN. 25	B. SEAHOLM H.S.
CINEMATOGRAPHY	T	JAN. 25	B. SEAHOLM H.S.
KUNDALINI YOGA	W	JAN. 26	B. WESTCHESTER E.S.
ENGLISH FOR THE FOREIGN BORN	M&R	JAN. 24, 27	B. SEAHOLM H.S.
THE ART OF OFFICIATING BASEBALL	M	FEB. 7	TROY H.S.
BASEBALL COACHING AND MANAGING CLINIC	M	FEB. 7	ORCHARD RIDGE CAMPUS
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