

Anti-Bussing Parents Needn't Worry About Jail -- Judges

By MARTHA MAHAN

If Federal Judge Stephen Roth's desegregation ruling were carried a step farther, it conceivably could result in the destruction of local government, the judgment of Southfield-District Judge S. James Clarkson.

"Roth's opinion should be tested off the way to the U. S. Supreme Court," Judge Clarkson said. "It's important, not only to schools, but to local government can't be measured. Conceivably it could be construed to apply to services rendered by our communities. I can see the destruction of local government."

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Observerland district judges generally were not curiously of the Roth ruling. Most indicated they would view with lenient eye parents who flatly refused to bus their children away from local schools.

"I've taken an oath to abide by the constitution and apply the laws of Michigan," said Livonia's James Mies. "But I don't think cross-bussing is the answer to education. If any parent was brought before me for violating the compulsory school attendance law, I might have to find him guilty technically."

"But no one can tell me what the sentence must be. That's my discretion. And circumstances might well dictate a suspended sentence or probation."

FARMINGTON'S Judge Michael has serious questions about the constitutionality of the compulsory attendance law anyway.

"I think the state has abused its power a great deal in the field of compulsory education," Judge Hand commented. "I have serious

doubts regarding its constitutionality as far as its being used to beat people over the head. If selfish or shiftless parents put a child out to work to make money, that's one thing.

"But I think the state has gone overboard in dictating the type of education a child has to have. If a parent is educating his child according to his own philosophy or religion, who is to say it is not adequate? If a parent sends his child to a freedom school, for example, I don't think the state has a right to step in."

APPLICATIONS FOR approval of private schools has shown a "trend upward" for the past couple of months, according to Roger Boline, director of school management services for the Michigan Department of Education.

He expects the trend to continue all year.

Judge Hand added that he does not feel it is the prerogative of a district court, such as his, to declare a state statute unconstitutional, but declared he would "take an awfully long look at the

Electronics President Is Honored

John H. Bryant, founder and president of Omni Spectra Inc., in Farmington, was one of three persons presented with distinguished alumnus awards by the University of Illinois.

The awards were made at a banquet Oct. 1 by the Electrical Engineering Alumni Association of the university. This was the second annual presentation.

BRYANT earned his doctorate from the U. of I. in 1949 and is founder of Omni Spectra, a firm with an international reputation in development and manufacture of microwave electronic components.

Mrs. Bryant is the daughter of Dean and Mrs. William L. Everett, of Urbana, Ill. Her father retired in 1968 after 19 years as dean of the U-I College of Engineering and earlier headed the university's department of electrical engineering.

The Bryants reside at 423 Berwyn, Birmingham.

F'ton Man Fills New Ford Post

A Farmington man, A.L. Kleinke, of 33856 Hunter's Pointe, has been named manager of the new car and truck sales programming department with the Ford division of the Ford Motor Co. Formerly assistant district sales manager in the Detroit district, Kleinke also served as assistant sales manager of the Memphis, Tenn. district in May, 1969. He joined the Ford division as a statistician in the Lansing district in 1957, later holding managerial positions in the general marketing and merchandising offices before being named field manager of the Louisville, Ky., district.

The appointment is one of two new managerial positions recently created at Ford division to handle new car and truck sales programming, the company announced.

Gets Scholars

Michigan State University annually attracts one of the largest contingents of Merit Scholars in the country.



KENNETH AIRD of 16567 Surrey Drive, Livonia, has been elected to the board of directors of Michigan Blue Shield. Aird received his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and is the executive vice president of Manufacturers National Bank.

'71 Trojan Gets An 'A'

The 1971 Trojan yearbook of Clarenceville High School has earned the "A" score from the National School Yearbook Association, rating service for school and college publications.

Chris Nicholson and Barbara Monroe were student editors with Mrs. David Skarvi as faculty adviser.

This is the highest rating a Clarenceville book has received, last year's being awarded a B plus rating.

Special mention was given to "excellent coverage" in the opening section of the book. Very high marks were given throughout the book for the quality of student writing. The book's weakest point proved to be its copy fitting on some pages.



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