

A Courthouse For The Suburbs?

EDITOR'S NOTE: County government sometimes forgets about the remote corners of the suburbs, which seem to get further from the county seat in terms of time as traffic gets worse. Here, Plymouth Mail & Observer Editor Fred Delano airs one idea that may appeal to other suburbs.

IT'S ALWAYS a pleasure to chew the fat with members of our judiciary, sometimes recalling odd-ball incidents from our courtrooms that bring a laugh, but a few nights ago Circuit Judge George E. Bowles and I got onto a subject of a serious nature that should be shared.

The judge, as presumably you know, resides in this bit of paradise we label Plymouth and is one of 27 men who serve on the Wayne County Circuit bench. Those in the legal profession tell me he's one of the best.

It long has been my contention that some of those 27 should sit in booming western Wayne County, rather than having the entire court and the necessary services from the county clerk based solely in downtown Detroit.

The sheriff's department and the prosecutor's office maintain out-county facilities at Henry Ruff and Michigan Ave., and it would be a service to the public of this western area if Circuit Court did, too.

I have found an ally in Judge Bowles who has even put it in writing with this strong endorsement: "You have my pledge that I would work actively and closely with any persons who want to spend some time and effort on such a project."

THE JUDGE, of course is more of a realist than I am, and without doubt has more patience. Besides, he knows more about the problems involved, which is a humble but true admission some students of this column may find out of character on my part.

"For years, I have been a proponent of such facilities," said Bowles in a kind note following our social, non-partisan tete-a-tete.

"Since the county is in a tight financial pinch, realistically I believe that steps in the direction of out-county facilities will not be taken unless there is clearly expressed need from out-county: with the public using the courts, the legal profession and the media.

"I have already expressed my views to the Suburban Bar Association of Western Wayne County. There appears to be lawyer support, but it is not effectively organized. The media can be of tremendous help in articulating a community expression. Realistically, we should start with providing some modest service and then plan from there."

IT WAS RECALLED by the judge that just a year ago County Clerk Joseph B. Sullivan sought permission from the Board of Auditors to establish a branch near the existing Henry Ruff complex, but was turned down. Sullivan stated in his unsuccessful petition:

"While the out-county population continues to

grow, the office of the county clerk provides service to the residents only in its downtown office. Yet there are certain matters which could be conveniently handled in other and more convenient location for those living in an area far removed from downtown.

"If marriage license applications, for example, could be filed both in the City-County Building and out-county, and if attorneys would start their suits

by filing them in an out-county office, we would provide an increased service."

In the infinite wisdom of the bench, Bowles writes, "Might I suggest what has already been tried, without success, be reassessed?" He refers, of course, to this provision for the filing of cases, plus Sullivan's proposals for other convenience of the citizenry.

The time for prodding interested persons into action on this idea is ripe at the moment.

19 Earn Ratings

Clarencville senior high bandmen earned 19 Division I ratings and nine Division II ratings at the recent Southeastern Michigan District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

Division I ratings were earned by Tony Bango, cornet solo; Sue Wilson, flute solo; Dan Beerbohm, clarinet solo; Marge Prisk, marimba solo; Marty Adelman, drum solo; Legette Oaks, drum solo; Cheryl Lansing and Al Bornstein, clarinet duet; Sharon DeBono, Donna Levitska, Celeste Cunningham, flute trio; Jack Waterstone, Dan Waterstone, Doug Pozniak and Howard Diamond, saxophone quartet; and Legette Oaks, Bob Carter, Mark Green, Lisa Case and Chuck Burack, percussion quintet.

Division II ratings went to Rob Kaplan, Kurt Howder, Wayne Carrel, Steve Wilson, Andre LeTourneau and Doug Juntenen, brass sextet; Steve Grant and Chris Curtis, alto saxophone duet; Dan Beerbohm and Allan Bornstein, clarinet duet; Doug Juntenen, Joel Moody, Pat Jeffreys and Gary Juntenen, brass quartet; Beth Barman, Cheryl Lansing, Liz Olpnyk, Sally Shoop, Cindy Ashley, Val Luka, Carol Brehler and Kathy DeBono, clarinet octet; Janice Tucker, Sharon DeBono and Elaine Abrahamian, flute trio; Andrey Wilson and Donna Donnelly, flute duet; Donna Donnelly, flute solo; Bob Carter, drum solo.

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Also honored were seventh graders with all "A" averages for the first semester. They are Rhonda Besserman, Julie Billing, Andrea Greenfield, Sheryl Kaiser, David Michelini, Nancy Parrshall, Tracey Rowens, Allan Rubinoff, Ronald Vader, Lisa Wheeler and Tonna Wilson.

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