

Piggins' Removal Hearings Continue In Oakland

Bradley' Perry Given Permission to Reopen Nankin Courts

At the regular monthly meeting of the Wayne County Circuit Court Monday night (April 18), the full bench of circuit judges gave permission to Nankin Justice of the Peace Michael W. Bradley to reopen his court.

The request was made by Bradley since he was not given a speedy hearing on charges made against him by the Grand Jury investigating alleged ticket-fixing practices in Western Wayne County.

Bradley took a leave of absence voluntarily last December after Grand Juror Edward S. Piggins accused him and

gave the same permission by circuit bench. "We agreed it would be unfair to keep Bradley's court closed," was the only comment made by Circuit Judge Thomas H. Murphy, presiding judge. "I am very pleased that the Circuit Court has given me permission to open my court," stated Bradley. "I feel it is an expression of the Court's confidence in me. I look forward to the day when we'll have a full and complete hearing on this matter."

"At that time, I am sure I will be able to clear myself of any charges against me. The people of Nankin have trusted me to be their judge for more than ten years. We will show that this trust was not misplaced," Bradley concluded.

Both Bradley and Perry still are awaiting a hearing in Judge Norman Barnard's Oakland County Circuit Court on Piggins' removal request. Romney asked Barnard to conduct a

removal hearing after getting Piggins' removal petition. "Even a judge as knowledgeable and respected as Judge Piggins did not know the laws which applied to lower courts and even relied on inapplicable laws to request removal," says Perry. "This is not unusual as most lawyers don't know these laws unless they actually stop and look them up."

"The simplest way I know of showing the knowledge needed to establish the court is by requesting the public to review with any attorney the petition filed for my removal by Judge Piggins and my original printed answer," Perry concludes.

Bradley and Perry are candidates for municipal judge of the proposed City of Westland and will face the voters of Nankin on an incorporation ballot on Monday (April 25).

Locker Riffled
Pamilla Davis, 17, of 24121 Broadway, Farmington, is out \$45 worth of materials. She told the Farmington City Police that five books, estimated to cost \$17 to replace, and an AM-FM radio, valued at \$28, were taken from her locker at the Farmington High School.

Area Schools Join Efforts For Special Ed. Facilities
Initial steps are underway to formulate a "cluster program" to provide more specialized training for school children enrolled in special service classes in school districts of The Observer area.

The crux of the program is to combine efforts of area school districts to provide better educational opportunities to children enrolled in special services. The present set-up is a cooperative effort between the Livonia, Garden City, Redford Union and South Redford school districts with thought being given to having the Wayne and Cherry Hill districts added at a later date.

The theory is that instead of each separate district providing facilities for the blind, deaf, retarded (trainable) and orthopedic children, each district will eventually specialize in a specific area and take children from other districts in that category with all districts sharing the costs.

Livonia presently enrolls blind students from the Garden City and two Redford districts. Plans are presently being discussed to have Livonia serve as a center for the mentally trainable children for its own district and the above three.

In return, Garden City will provide facilities for the deaf students in Livonia and the two Redfords. The Garden City School Board has already granted tentative approval to the use of an additional classroom for the deaf (one additional room was previously approved) making a total of five rooms available for deaf children. The five rooms are located at the Douglas Elementary School.

To implement the initial steps towards a "cluster program" the Garden City Board of Education has tentatively approved the transfer of its trainable B Program to the Livonia School District. Action is expected soon by the Livonia Board of Education.

Transfer of the Trainable B Program to Livonia when approved finally will allow Garden City to expand its deaf program to take in more students from the other three districts.

Children enrolled in the Trainable B Program are those who would have little to gain from being in a regular school environment as distinguished from those educable mentally retarded children who can successfully be integrated into some regular school situations.

It is only when you get into the area of the mentally retarded that it becomes beneficial to separate the children from regular classrooms to promote their own adjustment.

This is because the trainable mentally retarded have very definite needs for more general understanding, specially prepared and skilled teachers, and a specially developed curriculum. It is these specific needs which have led school officials to the conclusion that the cooperative approach of a cluster program will best meet the educational needs of children in need of special training.

The Wayne County Intermediate School District is presently working on a master plan to combine school districts throughout the county into clusters with each cluster containing about five to seven districts.

The plan is still on the drawing board and will not be carried out completely for a few years yet but initial steps are being taken in many school districts in Wayne County as well as Livonia, Garden City and Redford.

Garden City has been enrolling orthopedic students from the Livonia and Redford districts but because of overcrowded classes Redford has expanded its orthopedic program to handle children through first grade. The need for a cluster program in this area is not definitely decided yet because of a known decrease in orthopedic students.

The Livonia Trainable Program is tentatively planned to be set up at the Wilcox and Elm schools.

The accounting method of sharing costs gets quite complex but some idea of the procedure can be received by examining the cost of Garden City establishing a cluster program for the deaf.

The estimated total cost for

Nankin JP George Perry of misconduct in office and petitioned Governor George Romney to remove both from office.

Perry was allowed last week to reopen his court and Bradley followed the same course of action as his fellow JP and was

following reimbursement. The \$1900 difference would be met in part by collecting tuition for children from the Livonia and Redford districts.

The highest possible cost to Garden City for its deaf program is estimated at \$2,000 and is expected to be less. Expenses to the other districts will be relatively small since it will only involve tuition costs.

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THREE OF THE dancers from the "Cops and Robbers" number of the upcoming Redford Suburban League Theater Guild musical comedy "Wise Guise" are, from left, Irma Kegelmann, Doris Kilton and Audrey Malhofer. The production will be presented April 28, 30 and May 1 at the Redford Union High School Auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m.



EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION to the help offered to it from the Livonia Federation of Civic Associations, officers of the Compton Villazie Civic Association presented a gavel to the citywide group last week. Gerard Roelink, president of the Federation (left), accepts the gift from William Hodges, president of Compton Villazie Civic Association (right).

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