



CLAIR B. CARNEY

Carney wants seat on district court

FARMINGTON — "Justice with dignity" is what attorney Clair Carney said he would like to see installed in the court system.

Carney is currently running against 11 other candidates for the newly created seat in the 47th District Court. Carney, said he would like to see the image of the courts improved.

He said that as a lawyer he is often embarrassed by the image that the public receives of the courts.

Although he said the 47th District Court is efficient, the other courts in the state leave citizens

with a poor opinion of the Judicial system.

"Many persons appearing before a court for the first time leave with a worse impression than they had when they entered, because of the slow and inefficient operation of the courts and the treatment they received."

"This condition must be changed," he said.

CARNEY RECEIVED his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1963. In 1967 he received his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Detroit Law School.

He has been a practicing attorney for 6 1/2 years. Carney is currently associated with the law firm of Davies, Budzki, and Zeder.

He said the 47th District Court is generally respected as one of the best courts in the area, but it does face a problem due to the excessive caseload.

Carney said he thinks it is the responsibility of a judge to carry out the law exactly as it is written even if he disagrees with that law.

"THE RESPONSIBILITY of the judiciary as the third branch of government is to enforce the laws

as enacted by the legislature," he said.

The judge's duty as a lawyer is to apply the law strictly yet fairly and not substitute his own personal or moral interpretations which might conflict with the law, in carrying out his duty to the electorate.

He said that he does not think that jury trials are necessary

for civil cases at the District Court level.

He said it would help in moving up the docket if jury trials could be eliminated for minor cases which are heard in courts of lower jurisdiction.

Carney is a member of the Michigan and the Detroit Bar Associations, and a past president of the Chatham Hills Subdivision Homeowners Association.

Festival hosts community band

The Farmington Concert Band which has played at The Farmington Founders Festival each year since 1970 will be giving an old-fashioned park concert on Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center.

The band, under the management of Bill Conroy, is conducted by R. Paul Barber and has approximately 75 members at full strength. They play three to four winter concerts, which include more serious works, and make several summer appearances which feature music such as marches and scores from musicals.

The band is sponsored by the Farmington Exchange Club, the Farmington Schools and Oakland Community College.

Another group from the same organization, the Farmington Community Jazz Band will give a concert on Saturday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Downtown Center.

Burke is candidate for 2nd judgeship

FARMINGTON — Residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills should be fully aware of the jurisdiction of the district court and the effect it has on their lives before they elect a new judge, according to attorney John W. Burke.

Burke is one of 12 people running in the primary for the new second judgeship in the 47th District Court.

"The electorate should be aware that the vast majority of civil and criminal matters within Farmington and Farmington Hills are disposed of in the 47th District Court," he said.

any feeling among the residents of the community that there may be a conflict of interest when a judge makes a ruling on a municipal ordinance.

He thinks that the plea bargaining system is a necessity in the judicial system.

"If every case went to court with a jury trial we could need more judges, more jurors, more clerks, and more money, to keep the docket from getting too backed up" he said.

He does think that the right to trial by jury is a constitutional right which is granted to each defendant if they request it and should not be eliminated, even for minor crimes.



JOHN H. BURKE

Burke suggested that Oakland County follow the lead of Wayne County and establish a civil service system for the assistant prosecutor.

"If that system were adopted I think it would help to maintain some continuity of personnel in the assistant prosecutors office," he said.

BURKE SAID he thinks that district court judges do have the right to rule on the constitutionality of local ordinances.

"I know there is some question

about the jurisdiction of a district judge having the right to declare an ordinance unconstitutional," he said.

"It is my view that he does have this right. I would not hesitate to rule on the constitutionality of a local ordinance if it were shown to be unconstitutional."



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