

COURT CLERK QUITS AT 71

James F. Carney Turns Job
Over To R. H. Bouse

James F. Carney, veteran clerk of the Superior Court, has resigned the post and will be succeeded by Robert H. Bouse, his chief deputy, it was announced yesterday by the judges of the Supreme Bench.

Mr. Carney, who is 71, will have completed 44 years of service in the Courthouse on April 22, just a few days prior to his retirement on May 1.

He was hired as a reader in the clerk's office in 1924, became a deputy in 1930, chief deputy in 1954 and was appointed clerk in 1957 after the death of M. Luther Pittman. Mr. Carney won election to the court clerkship in 1958, 1962 and 1966.

If Mr. Carney had not resigned and the proposed new State Constitution were to be approved, he would have become the top clerk in the Baltimore Courthouse.

In explanation of his retirement, Mr. Carney said: "I just got to the point where I wanted to get out." He said he has no definite plans, but "I might take a few trips."

Mr. Carney lives at 308 Long Island avenue with his wife. They have one married daughter and two grandchildren.

The Superior Court is by far the largest in the Courthouse, primarily because the land-record office comes under its jurisdiction. Mr. Carney said the office has a staff of 78 employees.

Mr. Bouse has been a courthouse employee since 1941, when he was named a deputy clerk in the Baltimore City Court. In the same year he entered military service, where won a bronze medal for heroic achievement after reaching the rank of captain.

Mr. Bouse returned to the City Court post in 1954 and two years later was named deputy assignment commissioner for the courts. He was appointed a chief deputy in the Superior Court in 1957.

Mr. Bouse is 48, married and lives in the 300 block South Ann street. The Bouses have two children.

In accepting the resignation of Mr. Carney, Chief Judge Dulaney Foster said in a letter to the veteran worker that lawyers and judges "have all learned to admire and respect you for your outstanding ability and the most efficient in which you have conducted your office."