

'Broader Powers Needed?' Boundary Commissioner

A member of the State Boundary Commission is proposing a series of legal changes to give that agency broader powers and enable it to "do some rational land-use planning on a state basis."

The changes are being proposed by Irving Rozian, one of three gubernatorial appointees on the year-old agency that rules on elections to change municipal boundaries.

Rozian is by training an engineer with background in business consulting and on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission.

ROZIAN MADE his proposals to the Boundary Commission as it wrestled with complex annexation-incorporation battles involving the City of Farmington and Farmington Township, although that case wouldn't be affected by any future changes in the Boundary Commission Act.

Of the three types of city or township boundary changes, the Boundary Commission has real power over only one kind — incorporation of a new city. The commission may approve



IRVING W. ROZIAN

● The commission should have "hazus" powers—that is, the power to refuse to allow any boundary changes at all for a few years in an underdeveloped or "immature" area.

● The commission should have some limited powers to initiate "new towns" proposals. New towns are communities built from scratch, with industry, commerce, offices,

governmental facilities, schools and a mixture of residential dwellings all going up at roughly the same time. Some observers see little chance of new town development in Michigan because of the fractionalized nature of local government.

IN ADDITION, Rozian is proposing a "federated" form of metropolitan government—a form which wouldn't wipe out existing cities and townships but would force a regional agency to take responsibility for regional problems.

If the Boundary Commission had broader powers now, the Farmington community might not be in the legal mess it is in.

One group of township residents there asked the Boundary Commission to set an incorporation (new city) election, but the commission rejected the petition as legally improper. Meanwhile, another group from the city asked the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for an election on

annexing roughly the southern half of the township.

The staff is on its way to the courts, where it will probably receive a legal solution. But a legal solution doesn't necessarily make good governmental, social or economic sense, backers of the Boundary Commission point out.

MANY CITY philosophers deplore the difficulty cities have expanding their boundaries; many township thinkers deplore "tax base grabs" by cities; both commonly deplore "defensive" incorporation, in which townships become cities, not because they want city powers and services, but because they want to "protect our boundaries" from annexation by a neighboring city.

The thrust of Rozian's proposals is to give a state agency power to protect township boundaries, allow orderly city expansion and provide the opportunity for new city formation—with rational planning at the top and the final approval of the voters down below.

Highway Dept. Lists '70 Projects

Widening and resurfacing of Plymouth Road in Redford Township is among \$200 million in highway construction to go under contract by the state highway commission this year.

It is among several projects in Observerland contracts surviving a 10% economy cut

in work originally scheduled for 1970.

Construction of turning lanes on Telegraph Road at Five Mile Road at the edge of Redford Township is also retained.

SEVERAL OTHER firm projects in Redford and Livonia were announced to the

42nd annual meeting of the Michigan Road Builders Association by State Highway Director Henrik E. Stafseth last week.

Interchange construction for I-96 (Jeffries Freeway) which will follow the route of Schoolcraft east-west through Livonia and Redford, is scheduled.

Interchanges to go under contract in 1970 include those at Telegraph Road and at Haggerty Road, where I-96 will turn north and planned I-275 will join from the south.



JOEL STARK
Retail Manager

2 Promotions In Advertising Are Announced

Two major promotions in the Retail and Classified Advertising Departments of the Observer Newspapers Inc. were announced Monday by Publisher Philip H. Power and Advertising Director Fred Levine.

Joel Stark, of 1201 Junction, Plymouth, has been named retail advertising manager, and Robert Delaney, 11308 Berwick, Livonia, has been advanced to assistant classified advertising manager.

Stark will work directly under Levine, and Delaney will be the No. 1 aide of Classified Advertising Manager Arthur Langer.

"THESE YOUNG men have shown exceptional ability during their service with the Observer Newspapers," said Power. "The promotions were made to the two men we thought best suited for the duties of the two positions."

"This is just another move on the part of our group of community newspapers to give our customers the best and finest service. We feel that Stark and Delaney have the ability to promote advertising salesmanship and to lead our staff in providing top service."

STARK, A NATIVE of Lansing, is a graduate of Lansing Eastern High and Michigan State University where he received a degree in business administration with a major in advertising.

He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity,

ROBERT DELANEY
Classified Assistant

WCCC Enrolls 10,000 In Winter

As the new Wayne County Community College completed its second registration, total enrollment increased to nearly 10,000 from the fall level of 8,100.

This represents a 25% gain during a winter registration when many colleges are experiencing a drop in enrollment.

The college's open-door admission policy has drawn highly motivated students. WCCC admits anyone over 19 OR under 19 but a high school graduate. "Many first semester students approached the college a little timidly," commented Acting President Murray Jackson.

SOME WERE high school dropouts while others had been out of school for several years. They were not alto-

gether confident in their abilities, but they felt the need to continue their education and were more than willing to try.

"Over 65% of the first semester's students received a grade of C or better and 17% got A's."

"The growing confidence of students in themselves and in the college is illustrated in the heavier course loads of students registered for the current semester," Jackson added. "The average student now carries two courses or six credit hours rather than the 4.5 credit hour average for the fall."

Having no central campus, Wayne County Community College holds classes from 9 to 10 p.m. in facilities rented from local school boards, including South Redford and Wayne school districts.

WSU Offers Drug Class For Teachers

Wayne State University's College of Pharmacy is initiating a graduate course in drugs of abuse for education majors and teachers in order to close the information gap in this area.

Dean Martin Barr, 20283 Beechaven, Southfield, said the course is designed to give teachers basic information about drugs and other stimulants and depressants, including alcohol and tobacco.

"Too often teachers find themselves with less information about drugs than their students," Dean Barr said. "This course will present both basic and technical background to the teachers."

Dean Barr said the course, entitled "Basic Pharmacological Concepts of Drugs of Abuse," will be offered to approximately 150 students during the spring quarter, and will be taught by the College of Pharmacy faculty.

He said the new course would be especially significant to educators in discussing intelligently the consequences of drugs of abuse.

SEMCOG Will Pick Chairman

Your community's delegates to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments have an important assignment this Saturday.

They will convene with other municipal, school and county member delegates to elect a new chairman, vice chairman and second vice chairman.

THEY WILL ALSO act on proposed amendments to the SEMCOG bylaws covering membership, review current and future programs and have an opportunity to discuss some of the major issues of the day in depth.

Block meetings of counties, cities and villages, school districts and townships start the day at 9:30 a.m.

All activity is to take place in Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit.

The third annual general assembly session will begin at 10 a.m.

This will be followed at noon by a luncheon. Keynote speaker will be Samuel H. Jackson, assistant secretary for Metropolitan planning development in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Afternoon concurrent workshops are to begin at 2:30 p.m. Topics will be housing, public safety, comprehensive health planning, crisis in environmental quality, education and human resources development.

THE HARRIS BROADCASTER

FASHION SHOW

"QUEEN'S WAY TO FASHION"

Thursday, February 5 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Raphael's Activities Building
5857 Merriman Road

Tickets: St. Raphael's Rectory
Donation: \$1.25

REGISTER NOW

LIVONIA SKI SCHOOL

Classes begin January 29

Livonia Parks and Recreation Dept.
14305 Farmington Road

FASHIONS IN FLARE

Friday, January 30 - 7:30 p.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church
27500 Marquette

Tickets:
Mrs. Helen Blawett - 427-5744
Donation: \$1.75

BETHOVEN RECITAL

by Barbara Holmquest

Sunday, February 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Residence Bldg. - Madonna College
18600 Haggerty Road
(Use Levan Road Entrance)

Tickets: Sister Mary Paulette
425-8000 ext. 9
Donation: \$2.50

To publish the notice of your organization activity, contact, in person, Thomas F. Rost, Mgr., Garden City Chapel, or David R. Whitney, Mgr., Livonia Chapel.

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(Formerly LANE) Phone: 425-9200
31551 Ford Road, near Merriman

LIVONIA CHAPEL
Phone: 427-6720
15451 Farmington Road, near Five Mile

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CIRCULATION DATA

NEWSPAPER	Current Press Run	Certified Audit Corp. Audited Circulation as of 12-31-68
The Livonia Observer	28,800	28,084
The Redford Observer	20,700	20,351
The Farmington Enterprise	15,400	14,138
& Observer	9,700	9,317
The Plymouth Mail & Observer	18,000	18,589
The Westland Observer (Wed. only)	11,500	11,842
The Garden City Observer (Wed. only)	11,500	11,842
Total Wednesday	106,200	82,186
Total Sunday	82,800	71,588

Fred Wright, Circulation Director - 261-3800

Fred J. Levine, Advertising Director
Joel Stark, Retail Advertising Manager
422-2176

Art Langer, Classified Advertising Manager
422-0900

Regional Affairs

SCULPTURE A LA MODE -- This "traffic-stopper" on Schoolcraft Road near Wilcox in Plymouth Township was sculpted by Bernard (Biff) Rosalik, 27, who lives in the home where it stands. He was aided by Dale Doud, a fellow employee of Northville State Hospital. Rosalik is a recreation therapist at NSH, studied art at Alpena Junior College and Napa (Calif.) College, and has put on several one-man shows of sculpture. Doud, a nursing attendant at NSH, is also a University of Michigan student. Rosalik declined to identify the model but borrowed the too-small bathing suit from his wife.

(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

SPITTLER-DEMME Ford has a new showroom at Michigan Avenue and Newburgh Road in Wayne.

(Observer photo)

New Home For Agency

Spittler-Demmer Ford will celebrate its grand opening beginning Thursday for three days in their new building.

The agency is located at Michigan Avenue at Newburgh Road in Wayne. It boasts a 12-car showroom, 50 service stalls, 22 bump stalls, a 20,000 square feet parts department and a large used car lot.

The celebration will include free prizes, balloons and refreshments. Highlight will be a square dance Saturday at 8 p.m. with Vern Smith doing the calling.

Jim Spittler and Jack Demmer began business as Edsel dealers on Wayne Road in Wayne. After Ford discontinued the Edsel line, they took over the Clarence Bell Ford agency in Wayne, prospered, and built a new plant to meet their expanded needs.

Sales manager is Gordon Nevin.