

Annexations Will Go To State Body

LANSING The State Boundary Commission has won wide powers over annexations in a bill that won 84-7 House approval last week.

The compromise bill must go to the Senate and then to Gov. Milliken for his signature. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Roy Spencer (R-Attica) would give the Boundary Commission final power to allow or deny city annexations of territory. At present, all annexations are subject to popular votes and, in some cases, very small blocs of voters may in effect veto them.

"WE HAD NEVER even

sought some of the powers," said Irving Rozian, Plymouth engineer and management consultant who is one of three Boundary Commission members appointed by the governor.

Under the bill, the commission would have final jurisdiction over annexations involving areas of 100 or fewer residents. There would be no popular vote.

If the area to be annexed has more than 100 population, then the people would have 30 days to petition for a vote on the matter. The petitions would have to have 25% of the voters' signatures, which would be difficult though not impossible to obtain.

SINCE THE home rule act of 1908, annexation has been a legalistic process with few substantive requirements. Petitions for annexation elections went to the county board, which then set the election.

Beginning in the 1950s, county boards, dominated by township supervisors, began to find excuses to avoid putting annexation proposals on the ballot. The underlying cause, for the most part, was to "protect the tax base" of townships.

A year ago, the Boundary Commission was formed to set standards for consolidations and incorporation of new cities.

The Boundary Commission would make final rulings on most annexation cases, protecting both city and township interests.

ties, but annexations were left to county boards.

THE NEW bill, however, puts annexations in the hands of the Boundary Commission and allows it to apply rational land use standards, Rozian said.

The commission would have three options with any annexation proposal: (1) permit the

annexation, (2) adjust the boundaries or (3) deny it.

Strangely enough, representatives of both the Michigan Municipal League, which is an association of cities and villages, and the Michigan Township Association were able to agree on the new bill.

Rozian expressed surprise that the bill was acted on this year. He had been told by

Senate sources that the Legislature would be reluctant to act because this is an election year, and lawmakers wanted to see how the Boundary Commission worked with the limited powers it already had.

IF ALL works well, townships could forget their fears of cities making "land grabs" for such valuable properties as industrial parks. Meanwhile, cities would not have to fear that only "problem areas" of townships would seek annexation.

Said Rozian: "We believe the commission will be able to protect the interests of both the townships and the cities.

We feel the need for pre-emptive defensive incorporations will also be ended."

A "defensive incorporation" is one in which a township incorporates as a home rule city in order to prevent a neighboring city from annexing township territory.

Plymouth Township for years has gone through these maneuvers, and Farmington Township currently has a defensive incorporation petition in the works, although these would presumably be unaffected by the current bill.

Only city, village and township boundary matters come before the Boundary Commission. School districts are unaffected.

FOUR OBSERVERLAND lawmakers voted in favor of the Spencer compromise: Reps. John Bennett (D-Redford), Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia), Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) and Albert Kramer (D-Oak Park).

None voted against it, and three were recorded as not voting—Reps. Richard Young (D-Deerborn Heights), James Tierney (D-Garden City) and Vincent Pettipiece (D-Westland).

How To Make Bass Taste Good In Pan

BY LEM MESESE
Outdoors Writer

Being among the cadre of passionate black bass fishermen, I have always been sorry that the species provides excellent challenge and fighting sport but poorer taste. I'll usually release any that don't go trophy size and dabble for a mess of bluegill to compensate the palate.

An old-timer pooh-poohed my ignorance one day, however, and I'll be eternally grateful. Now one or two of those hard-won bass can be the equal of bluegill in my skillet.

The trick, the old-timer revealed, is to sweeten and firm up the bass flesh by packing cleaned fish in dry salt overnight.

Wash off the salt the next morning in fresh water, pop the fillets in the frying pan just like any other small species, and savor the memories along with the taste.

THE METHOD is equally good for bullheads, but this weekend is the opener for the bass season.

Now that the weather has warmed a bit, pan-fish—especially the bluegill—are hitting in most of the inland lakes. At Maceday Lake, near Pontiac in Oakland County, they're catching the planted trout, and some skillful anglers are taking their limits.

We haven't heard much from the pike fishermen lately, though.

BALD MOUNTAIN State Recreation area has some new facilities that the public will get to use for the first time this weekend.

There's a new day use center, a beach, bathhouse, and toilet facilities. An entrance road and new parking lots will serve these facilities.

State park stickers for your car are still going at the low, low price of \$3 for Michigan residents and \$5 for non-residents, or \$1 a day for residents and \$2 for non-residents.

Healthorama Offers Free Medical Tests

You are invited to help yourself to health June 3-6.

That's when the United Foundations Healthorama comes to Outer Drive Hospital, Lincoln Park, with more than 20 free medical tests for area residents.

Screening tests will be offered daily beginning at 10 a.m. to 500 individuals on a

first-come, first-served basis. Torch Drive, other voluntary and public health services are cooperating to make the health tests possible.

THE FOUR DAY Healthorama, sponsored by Women for the United Foundation (WUF) and the United Health Organization (UHO), is the second of two scheduled this spring.

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Regional Affairs



'MARY POPPINS' has come to the elementary school level, proving that life can be a gay adventure when taken with a spoonful of sugar. Mark Perrone played Bert, the chimney-sweep, and Laura Main was Mary for a performance at Farmington's Middle Belt School. (Evert photo)

Wonderland Manager 'Certified'

The manager of Wonderland Center, Middle Belt and Plymouth roads, Livonia, has been designated a "certified shopping center manager" by the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Louis Segel was given the coveted designation at a Miami Beach convention after an all-day oral and written exam in management, leasing, insurance, operational procedure, finance, maintenance and construction.

Segel was in the building industry for 22 years and has been employed by Wonderland since its inception in 1959.

He, his wife and two sons live in Southfield. He is vice president of the Detroit B'nai B'rith Council and is a member of Beth Achim Synagogue, Southfield.

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OCC Gets U.S. Grant In Health

Oakland Community College has been awarded a basic improvement grant of \$10,052 from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The grant is for the allied health professions educational improvement program. According to Lefroy G. Salowich, assistant professor of allied health, the funds will be used for the improvement of the medical laboratory technician program.

"The grant will go toward the purchase of laboratory equipment and on new instructional systems approach of medical lab education," he said.

Salowich added that the money will also be used to develop a better method of improving the learning environment, including purchase of library materials.

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C'ville Honors Class Of '70

About 180 students will be graduated from Clarenceville High School during commencement exercises scheduled Thursday, June 11, at 8 p.m. in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium in the high school.

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, June 7, beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

Rabbi David Jessel of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit will speak for baccalaureate. He also will give the invocation and pronounce benediction. Miss Carol Horning, vocal music instructor at Clarenceville high school, will be organist.

The prelude will be "Andante" by Samuel Wesley, the professional "Festive March" by Charles Blackmore and the recessional, also "Festive March." The postlude will be "Marche Romaine" by Charles Gounod. The Honor Choir of the high school will sing "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson.

John W. Stewart, associate dean for academic affairs at Hope College, Holland, will be commencement speaker. He will be introduced by Supt. David B. McDowell.

Presentation of the Class of 1970 will be made by Principal Anthony Marra. Presentation of diplomas will be made by Dr. Martin T. Wechsler, president of the Clarenceville Board of Education. The Rev. R.J. Rathbun of the Livonia Church of God will offer the invocation and pronounce benediction.

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For the musical portion of commencement exercises, the high school band, under the direction of John Nerter, will play "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar for the professional and recessional. The "Peppermint" under the direction of Miss Horning will sing "I Believe" by Drake. The Honor Choir Ensemble will sing the Clarenceville Alma Mater.

The National Anthem will be played by the high school band.

OR Bookstore Open To Public

The public may visit Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus bookstore. The store is open from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

In addition to books and OCC school items, the store also carries numerous other items including a complete selection of art materials, stationery, glassware, figurines, American greeting cards and more.

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