

# 35 Wayne County Districts Drawn Up For Charter Vote

Wayne County voters will elect members of a charter commission from 35 districts next February.

The district boundaries were approved last week by the five-member County Apportionment Commission.

Purpose of a County Charter Commission will be to write a home rule charter for Wayne County, optional under the new state constitution.

With home rule, a county has some degree of flexibility in its form of government. At present and throughout history, Michigan counties have been guided almost entirely by state law.

The vote was unanimous, according to Henry R. Sladek, of Livonia, who served on the Apportionment Commission in his capacity as Wayne County Republican chairman.

IN OBSERVERLAND, districts and their populations are: 25, Redford Township (7,276) and part of northwest Detroit (4,064) for a total of 73,340.

26, Livonia (66,702), Northville city (2,892), and Northville Township (7,763) for a total of 77,357.

27, City of Plymouth (8,768), Plymouth Township (8,364), Canton Township (5,313), along with Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus Township, Sumpster Township, part of the city of Taylor and Van Buren Township, total population of 77,031.

28, City of Westland (57,076) and City of Wayne (39,071) for a total of 96,147.

29, Garden City (38,017) and Inkster (39,097).

THE 35-DISTRICT plan is in contrast to a 25-district plan the Apportionment Commission approved for this August and November's election of a new County Board of Supervisors.

Some Democratic politicians in the county had also wanted the Board of Supervisors elected on a 35-district basis.

Sladek said, however, that the 35-member supervisors plan was different from this 35-member Charter Commission plan.

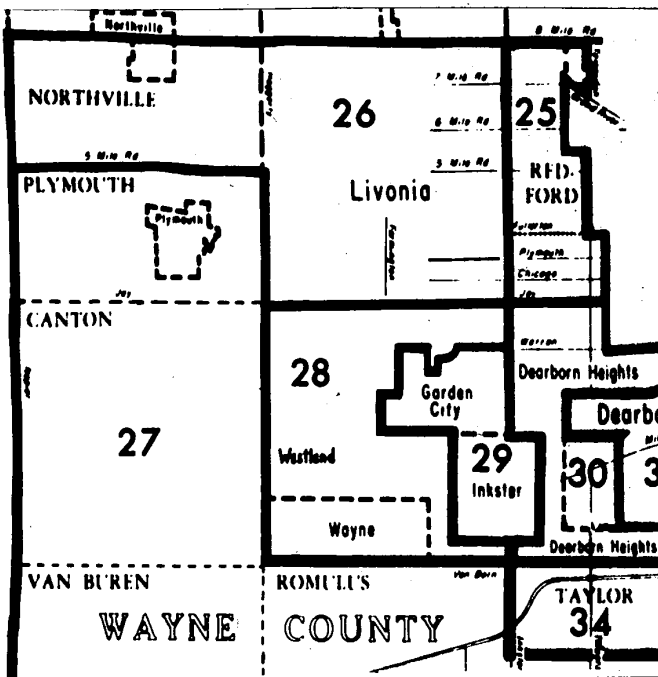
The charter procedure will, however, turn out to be an academic exercise unless Wayne County voters approve home rule in November, Sladek said.

Sladek is the lone Republican member on the Apportionment Commission.

Other members include Prosecutor William Cahalan, Treasurer William Funk, Clerk Edgar Brannigan, and Democratic Chairman David Lebeon.

Sladek declared the 35-district plan gives neither major party any advantage.

This 35-district charter plan, he said, was requested by the current County Board of Supervisors.



## U.S. Falls Behind In Foreign Aid Percentage

PARIS -- The United States is falling behind other industrial nations in the percentage of national income it devotes to Foreign Aid, according to informed sources here.

These sources discussed the U.S. ranking in the wake of a review of the American aid effort by the Development Assistance Committee of the 21 National Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Normally, results of such reviews are not publicized right afterward. The unusual disclosure this time was prompted by U.S. officials anxious for ammunition against the Congressional budget as posed over this year's \$2.9 billion Foreign Aid authorization request.

A MAJOR conclusion of the OECD Committee's review, according to the disclosure here, was that in recent years the United States has not been carrying "an undue burden" in the total flow of public and private aid to the less-developed world.

The sources here said the United States ranked eighth among the 16 members of the OECD Committee last year in public and private Foreign Aid spending as a percentage of total national income.

First-ranked was France, followed in order by West Germany, The Netherlands, Britain, Portugal, Belgium and Australia.

The United States was expected to slip even lower on the latter this year or soon afterward, thanks to tight Congressional restraints at a time when other committee members are boosting their outlays.

The United States actually

spent about \$5.6 billion from public and private coffers last year, which amounted to .85 per cent of national income. Average for the sixteen panel members was .92 per cent.

THOUGH U.S. spending was well down the list in percentage terms, in actual dollar volume it amounted to nearly half what the 16 members spent altogether. Some of the other nations such as France have concentrated their aid on former colonies.

Figures used in the periodic OECD Review covered Public Economic Aid through the Agency for International Development, the Food For Freedom Program, The Peace Corps and the Export-Import Bank. Military Aid was not included.

The figures also covered private U.S. investment in the less-developed world, including

purchase of bonds from such agencies as the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

## 6 From Area Honored For Scholarship

Six students from the six areas covered by the Observer Newspapers have been cited for academic excellence during the spring semester at Northern Michigan University.

The honor students include: PLYMOUTH: James M. Randall, 1844 W. Maple.

LIVONIA: Laura M. Gauthier, 9611 Melrose, Susan A. Morris, 19273 Camus, Charlene L. Ewald, 15558 Doris Ave. and Roger E. Springman, 29874 Lori.

WESTLAND: David R. Wilson, 35046 Fairchild.

RED FORD TOWNSHIP: George Bushong, 2055 Central, Diane M. Michaels, 21430 Pembroke and Karen E. Ziegler, 24325 Graham.

FARMINGTON: Gary Fortie, 3231 Quince, Dwight H. Stevens, 25404 Powers Road.

Students named to the list must have attained a grade average of 3.25 out of a possible 4.0, carried a minimum of 12 credit hours of study, and earned at least honor points.

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## UN Attack On Disease

The focus of international public health in 1968 is on the World Health Organization, one member of the United Nations family of specialized agencies. For this is WHO's 20th Anniversary Year.

Its first year of life in 1948 saw a modest \$5 million budget finance campaigns, waged generally then against age-old scourges as malaria, smallpox, and urban yellow fever.

Today, that figure is up tenfold, to more than \$55 million. And projects range over health's full spectrum -- from air pollution to zoonoses, the diseases transmitted between animal and man; and from ancient to modern ills.

Moreover, with some 30,000 public health workers thus far the recipients of fellowships, education and training in the skills national health services need are major programs.

WHO operates world-wide programs through six regional offices, doing so in the Western Hemisphere through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Though it was on April 7 twenty years ago that WHO came into existence, with ratification then of its constitution, official commemoration of that milestone event took place this year on May 7 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the annual World Health Assembly.

Twenty-six nations were members of WHO when its life began. Now, two decades later, at a special Commemorative Session of the global parliament on health, 129 nations--including every one in the Americas--mark the beginning of the third ten years of WHO.

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