

# Prosecutor investigates Rose for practicing law

By SUSAN L. SILK  
OAKLAND COUNTY — Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson has acknowledged that his office is investigating possible criminal charges against a Southfield man allegedly practicing law illegally.

Jack Rose, the object of the unauthorized practice of law charges by the State Bar of Michigan, said he "welcomes any action by the prosecutor."

According to Patterson, a staff investigator is attempting to determine if Rose is guilty of accepting money under false pretenses by presenting himself as a licensed attorney.

Rose is expected to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court Sept. 4 to answer the state bar charges.

"I have received about six complaints, including two or three from citizens, which we have to act on," Patterson said.

According to the prosecutor, his office is interviewing former clients of Rose to determine if they sought legal advice or service from Rose because the Southfield man presented himself as an attorney.

To date, Patterson said, the office has been unable to find one good complaint upon which to base a case.

"I haven't done anything wrong," Rose said upon learning of Patterson's investigation.

In order to receive a license to practice law, state law stipulates that a person must have graduated from a qualified law school, proved to the State Board of Law Examiners that he is a person of good moral character, and successfully completed an examination testing his training qualifications.

The state bar has charged that Rose has failed to meet those requirements, is not licensed to practice law and is doing so illegally.

**ROSE DISAGREES.**  
After being ousted from Wayne State University Law School, Rose said he continued to attend law school at night for six years as an unenrolled student and has since completed all requirements for a degree.

"They never issued me a diploma but I've completed all the requirements necessary for the degree," Rose said.

Rose applied to take the state bar examination later this month. The group has accepted his application and \$75 fee but as yet has not sent him an admission ticket, Rose said.

Attached to the application is a request form for the moral interview prior to entrance to the state bar, Rose said. In mailing in his test application Rose said he detached that form.

**ROSE CONTENTS** he does not have to join the state bar in order to practice law in the state.

The state bar disagrees.

Quoting state statutes, the state bar said in its complaint the membership of the State Bar of Michigan consists of all persons who are now and hereafter licensed to practice law in this state.

"I am willing to do anything to demonstrate my qualifications that the licensing authority asks me to do, but if they do not ask me to do it, or allow me to do it, what can I do?"

"The right to earn a livelihood is not a privilege, it is a right," Rose said.

him and are free to seek legal assistance elsewhere.

Rose admitted that, as charged by the state bar, he did appear as an attorney for Morris H. Brown, a man in Oakland Circuit Court and was paid for his services. Rose said he also represented a man in the Lapeer County Circuit Court.

On a third state bar charge that he appeared on behalf of Edward Rose and Sons Inc. in a Wayne County Circuit Court suit, Rose said he appeared as an interested party (Edward Rose is his father) and not as an attorney.

Rose confirmed that his stationery and business cards bear the information, "Jack Rose, attorney at law, 24901 W. Walden, Southfield."

**THIS FIGHT** with the state bar may be his last, though, Rose said.

"I know I can't ultimately win against the state bar. It is too powerful and the cards are stacked against me."

"I'm not a crusader," Rose said.

Should Rose lose in September and decide that is the last fight, he will close his Southfield office and go elsewhere, he said.

## Legal practice hearing delayed

By SUSAN L. SILK  
OAKLAND COUNTY — An Oakland Circuit Court hearing into whether Jack Rose of Southfield is unlawfully practicing law has been adjourned until September following a brief court session Wednesday.

Circuit Court Judge Farrell E. Roberts granted the delay until 11:30 a.m. Sept. 4 to permit Rose to prepare an answer to charges brought against him by the State Bar of Michigan, the

agency created by the legislature to regulate the quality of law practiced in Michigan.

Rose was allowed until Aug. 15 to file his written response to the state bar charges that he has failed to earn the necessary credits for graduation from a qualified law school, has not been tested and certified by the state board of law examiners, and has not

been granted a license to practice law, though his stationery and business cards claim him to be an "attorney at law" and he has represented clients in court as a lawyer.

Roberts denied Rose's motion that the judge disqualify himself on the grounds that Roberts was a member of the State Bar and so an interested party in the proceeding.

"Mr. Rose, it's a requirement in this state that you become a member of the state bar to practice law, and judges must be attorneys."

"I'm not going to disqualify myself because if I were to do that you could object to any judge hearing the complaint and travel all over the state and eventually you would run out of judges," Roberts said.

**ROSE ADMITS** he currently has clients, some of whose cases are "in limbo now," others where the judges have refused to hear the cases.

"This is terribly unfair to my clients," Rose said, adding that they all knew of the pending case against

## Schools to meet on busing

The executive board of the Michigan Association of School Administrators steering committee on busing has scheduled a meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes, Hazel Park, for members of boards of education in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

The members will hear a report from William Saxton, attorney representing 31 suburban districts in the cross district busing case.

According to Dr. Wilfred Webb, president of the association, Saxton will give facts concerning the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision and what the school boards can expect in the future.

"We really feel Saxton and his firm made the difference in this decision," Webb said. "We were getting no action out of Congress and buses would have been rolling by now if we had depended on them."

## Left turns banned on Maple

TROY — The board of Oakland County Road Commissioners has banned all left turns from Maple Road to Livernois Road during a construction project to widen a stretch of Maple Road to five lanes this summer.

"We have two adjacent widening projects on Maple," said William M. Richards, chairman of the road commissioners. "This particular one that forces the ban on left turns at Livernois will widen one-mile of Maple between Crooks Road and a point just west of Livernois."

The \$1.4 million project is being jointly funded by the road commission, the City of Troy and the Federal Highway Administration's urban fund, Richards said.

RICHARDS said Maple Road will be open to traffic throughout the construction period.

He said another six-tenths of a mile of Maple, from east of Livernois to just west of Rochester Road, is also to be widened to five lanes this year at a cost of \$800,000, which will be shared by the same jurisdictions paying for the other Maple Road project.

Since federal funds are involved, Richards said, the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation handles the bidding and contracting procedures.

## Men sought for robbery

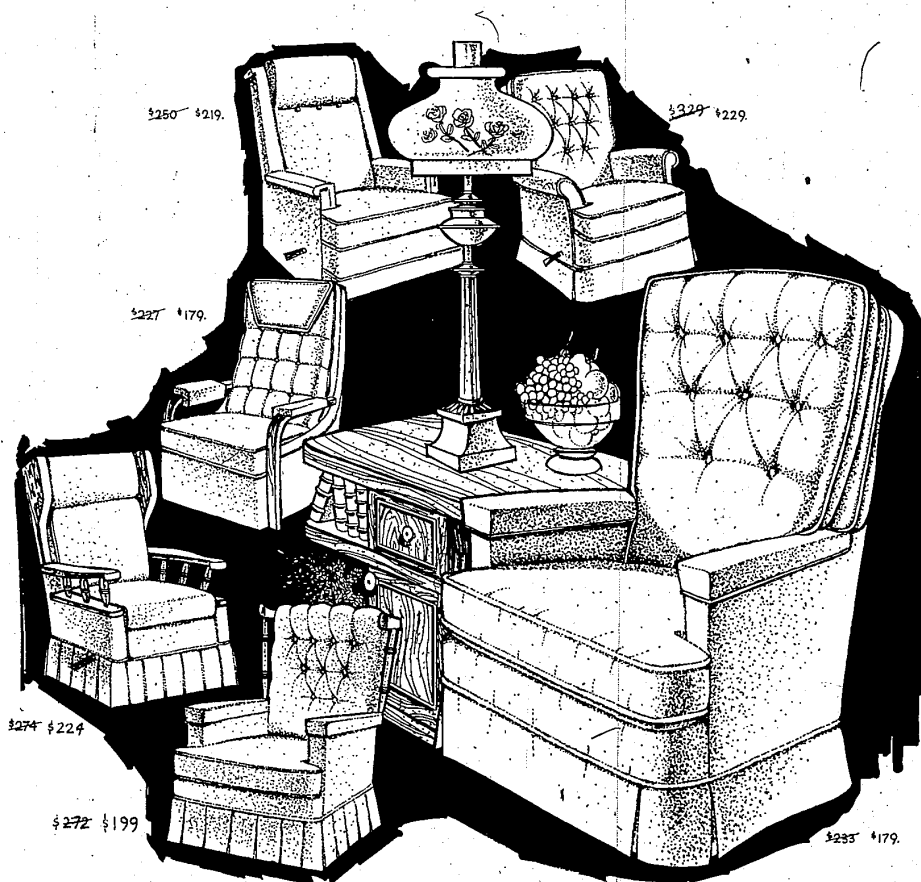
TROY — Police are seeking two suspects in the armed robbery of a Troy food store early July 14.

Two gunmen entered the Quik Pik store, 3615 Rochester Road, shortly before 1 a.m. and robbed clerk Ronnie Cischke of about \$100 in small bills and change, police said.

Miss Cischke told police the two men entered the store shortly after midnight and bought some beer. They returned about 30 minutes later, she said.

One of the men pulled up his t-shirt and showed the clerk a gun in his belt. The men then demanded she give them money.

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