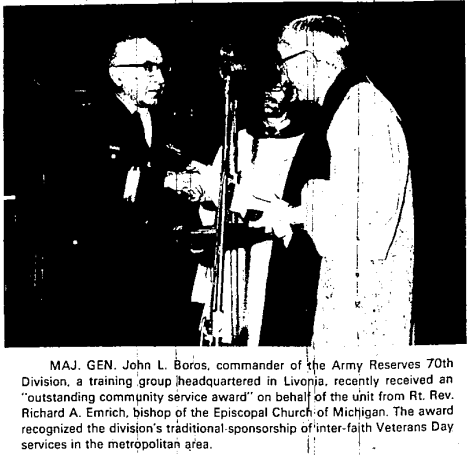


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MAJ. GEN. John L. Boros, commander of the Army Reserves 70th Division, a training group headquartered in Livonia, recently received an "outstanding community service award" on behalf of the unit from Rt. Rev. Richard A. Emrich, bishop of the Episcopal Church of Michigan. The award recognized the division's traditional sponsorship of inter-faith Veterans Day services in the metropolitan area.

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Pierre joined the Wallace Rapp Division of Associated Spring at Bristol, Conn. in 1961. Following his completion of the company's training program, he was assigned as product engineer at the Gibson Division, Mattoon, Illinois.

In 1966 he transferred to the ASC Milwaukee Division where he advanced from product engineer to chief

Suburban Cop's Job Is Different

By LEONARD POGER

GARDEN CITY
Garden City Police Chief Robert Behrendt, who has spent virtually his entire adult life in police work, has been elected president of a seven-county organization of his peers.

He is now in his first days of a one-year term as president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, which covers an estimated 150 police departments.

BEHRENDT, who has been Garden City police chief for more than seven years, was elected to the post just before marking his 57th birthday last week.

The chief took time out last week to tell The Observer what he has in mind for the police chiefs association and what his views are about suburban crime and the suburban policeman.

As head of the seven-county chiefs' organization, Behrendt wants to accomplish the following goals in his term:

- 1-Establish uniform specifications on police car bids so that large quantity orders can be placed. This would provide local departments with a car having more police features for possibly less money.
- 2-Have the association get into the pursuit-driving school for all policemen in the region to enable officers to have better control of their autos during high-speed chases and emergencies.
- 3-Bring more recognition to Michigan law enforcement by having a state man elected one of six vice presidents of the International Police Chiefs Association. "Michigan is one of the foremost states in the country in law enforcement, but it's been 25 years since we've had a man in a vice president's position," Behrendt said.

PRIMARY GOAL of the southeastern Michigan chiefs' association, said its new president, is to promote cooperation among police department and private security agencies; further good police relations; boost laws which are

beneficial to cities and society; and work for general improvement of police work and training in addition to more professionalism in the police field.

Behrendt offered his views on suburban crime vs. big city crime but declined to say what officer has a tougher job.

In the suburbs, the policeman generally has a "wider scope of law enforcement" than the big city officer and has broader, all-around training and experience.

In contrast with the urban officer who usually specializes, the suburban policeman finds it necessary to handle a wider variety of problems than his colleagues in the big cities.

The most prevalent crime problem in the suburbs, Behrendt feels, is the larceny from a parked car.

"Many people are careless and leave valuables in plain view, leave their cars unlocked or leave the keys in the car," the chief commented.

PART OF THE problem is that people are "quite unobservant" and are not inclined to get involved in thefts of spare tires from their neighbors' parked cars.

Other suburban crime problems are drug abuse among young people and the destruction and vandalism of property.

The vandalism problem "stems from a lack of parental interest in what their children are doing and who they are friends of."

Behrendt feels that there is no respect for property taught by parents and this directly affects them since the numerous broken windows at public schools are replaced by public taxes.

"The suburban policeman has to be more versatile," Behrendt said, pointing out that in Detroit police detectives handle many crimes which are handled by uniformed officers in suburbia.

Behrendt came to Garden City in 1964 after 26 years in the Detroit police Department, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant.

Canoe Rules Still Allow Group Permit

LANSING
Recent changes in the Department of Natural Resources' proposed river-use rules have not scratched the system which would allow organizations to make group reservations to canoe on permit-controlled sections of the Au Sable, Manistee, Pigeon, and Pere Marquette rivers during the restricted spring period.

Misunderstanding on this point came up recently in Lansing at the second of three public hearings held by the DNR to discuss its recommended regulations for those streams.

The DNR, in modifying its original set of river control proposals, crossed out a section under the heading of "Group Permits," and that apparently is what touched off the public concern.

When it made the change, the DNR shifted the group permit provision under another section, but did not spell out that the proposed reservation system covered groups as well as individuals.

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HCMA Named For Rivers

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Prisoner Reform Is Sought

WASHINGTON
Congressman Marvin Esh (R-Ark.) co-sponsored a bill that would direct energies to reforming prisoners and provide manpower training service for prisoners.

It would authorize \$40 million for 1972, \$100 million for 1973 and \$200 million for 1974 to provide financial assistance for the planning or conduct of pre-trial and other intervention programs, manpower training and employment programs and programs to promote employment opportunities.

It also encourages involvement of industry, labor and employment personnel from the private sectors in prison training programs, said Esh, whose 2nd District includes Plymouth.

"This legislation is designed to change our prisons from graduate schools in crime to training grounds for constructive citizenship," Esh said. "It is one of the disgraces of our society today that 35 per cent of all prisoners have no marketable skills when they are released. It is no wonder that their unemployment rate is three times the norm and that so many of them return to a life of crime as soon as they are released. They simply have no other way of living.

"If our prison system is to serve any useful purpose to society, it must provide an opportunity for prisoners to reform their way of life and acquire a useful skill while they are confined.

"Perhaps no one step could be so important to cutting the crime rate in the United States than cutting the rate of released prisoners returning to a continued life of crime."

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