

2 Big SEMCOG Decisions For Livonia

By DENNIS PAJOT

Livonia paid its dues and named its delegate to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments SEMCOG just in time to help decide two important leadership races of that six-county agency.

Mayor Harvey Moelke, as delegate, will be able to break a 5-6 deadlock in the Wayne County cities and villages bloc to name a voting representative on the SEMCOG executive board first.

A re-ballot is being conducted by mail now.

MOELKE MUST choose between Dearborn Heights Mayor John Canfield and Grosse Pointe Mayor George

Henry. He's expected to favor Canfield.

The loser will serve as first alternate. A new second alternate has already been decided. He is Richard Trolley, mayor of Taylor.

Thus, for the first time, the second largest city in Wayne County will have a voice in conduct of SEMCOG affairs.

In late January Livonia's membership in the SEMCOG general assembly will enable Moelke to vote on the first change in chairmanship of the general assembly and, executive board, also.

WILLIAM L. MAINLAND, supervisor of Millville Township who has been chairman since the initial organization of

SEMCOG, will not accept another term.

He will appoint a nominating committee to offer candidates for the chairmanship and first and second vice-chairmanships when the general assembly convenes in late January.

Elections will be conducted in the same session.

According to reports from informed sources, two prominent political leaders are in the running to succeed Mainland. Mel Ravitz, current SEMCOG vice-chairman and president of the City of Detroit Common Council, is considered the leading contender and is known to want the regional leadership role.

RICHARD AUSTIN, currently a question whether

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rely the fear among Negroes that SEMCOG is an instrument of suburban apartheid.

NEITHER RAVITZ nor Austin could be expected to completely eliminate suburban and rural suspicions that SEMCOG is an instrument of Detroit glorification.

Neither is totally free of suspicions he wants the job as a stepping stone to higher political plateaus.

Decisions. Decisions. That's what Moelke, who has never been very enthusiastic about SEMCOG, must make within a month after being named delegate.

U-M Opens Detroit Registration

DETROIT Registration opens Monday, Jan. 5, for University of Michigan winter term courses being offered at the Rackham Educational Memorial, Farnsworth at Woodward, Detroit, according to Mrs. Arlene D. Yentz, assistant supervisor in charge of U-M's Detroit program.

Sixty classes carrying academic credit will open the week of Jan. 12 while classes in the real estate certificate program will begin the week of Feb. 2.

CREDIT OFFERINGS include programs at the graduate and professional level, mainly in education, English, library science, psychology, and speech.

Supporting courses are offered in a wide variety of subjects: American studies, anthropology, geography, history, mental health, social work, and sociology.

Students who have been admitted to the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies may elect these courses for graduate residence credit.

CREDIT COURSES at the freshman-sophomore level are scheduled in anthropology, economics, geography, history, linguistics, mathematics, psychology, and sociology, and speech.

These may be elected by qualified students for extension credit at the undergraduate level, up to 30 hours of which may be applied toward a bachelor's degree at U-M or another institution once the student has been admitted.

Advisers from the Ann Arbor campus will be at the Rackham Memorial to counsel students the week of Jan. 5. Appointments to see graduate advisers should be made as soon as possible by calling the U-M Extension Service and Center for Graduate Study in the Rackham Memorial, 832-7400.

REGISTRATION for graduate-level extension courses offered on U-M's Dearborn Campus also begins Jan. 5, with classes starting the week of Jan. 12. Information about these courses and those opening at a number of Oakland County locations the week of Jan. 19 may be obtained by calling 271-2300, Ext. 238, in Dearborn.

Retirees Utilize Extra Space

When the nest's empty, it's time for parents to consider their present and future comfort and income.

"With extra space available, the 'empty nesters' may be wise to consider modernizing an attic, an upstairs or other areas into an apartment to be rented out before and after retirement to supplement income," suggests John Concord, home improvement consultant.

"Statistics show that many persons of retirement age would prefer not to leave the family home. A good solution is for these persons to stay where they are — but modernize for present comfort and future income. They'll appreciate the extra money when pre-retirement wages fade out."

Popular among couples planning for retirement are products such as panning. Their reliability, good appearance and easy care characteristics are as important as their reasonable initial cost, Concord says.

General purpose panel adhesive is a boon to the do-it-yourselfers, who will save much time and labor using this cartridge instead of a hammer and nails. Matching molding at floor and ceiling cover minor errors in cutting and give the room a professional appearance.

Or he could be absent and let his alternate, Livonia Council President Ed McNamara, cast the ballots.

McNamara hasn't been exactly thrilled about SEMCOG but hasn't vetoed Livonia membership either.

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