

Big 60

Helen and Coyle Fisher are surrounded by banjo players as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently at the Birmingham Community House. Mr. Fisher has been a banjo player for the past 50 years. (Staff photo by Art Emanuele)



SEMCOG meets to elect officers

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) General Assembly will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Michigan Inn, Southfield. It's open to the public.

The group of 152 elected local officials from throughout southeast Michigan will elect the regional planning agency's officers for 1980, representatives to the Southeastern Michigan

Transportation Authority (SEMTA) and the region's Areawide Water Quality Board. Appointments will also be made to the regional cleaning-house review committee — a SEMCOG committee that reviews all controversial federal funding applications from local communities throughout the region.

R.J. Alexander of Bloomfield Hills, a

Backgammon extravaganza a first for Kellogg Park

Saturday's backgammon tournament in Kellogg Park will be a first for the triangular wooded park in downtown Plymouth.

For more than 100 years, residents have gathered in the park for hand concerts. Fourth of July celebrations and Decoration Day ceremonies. Villagers waited in the park for the trolley to take them to Detroit. The farmers watered their horses at the park when they came to town to shop. There have been a few weddings, rallies, and annual Fall Festivals there. But the backgammon extravaganza planned by the American Backgammon Club is an innovation.

The club was founded in Plymouth and its tournaments have attracted backgammon players from the Detroit metropolitan area, including Oakland County, and clubs in Flint and London and Windsor, Ontario.

SATURDAY's tournament will be a benefit with all proceeds, less expenses, going to the Children's

Leukemia Foundation of Michigan

Registration will begin at noon and elimination play is slated for 1 p.m. Nine-point matches will be played with an 11-point final. Entry fee will be \$12.50 and includes complimentary food and beverage. If it rains, the tournament will continue as scheduled in Napoleon's Lounge, one block south on Main Street.

First prize will be a handmade tilt-top backgammon table with specially molded ceramic pieces. A monetary value cannot be placed on the set for it is one-of-a-kind and priceless.

Other prizes are a weekend for two at the Plymouth Hilton; Sunday brunch for two at the Hilton; a tennis racquet bag; a \$20 gift certificate from the Accent Inn; champagne dinner for two at the Livonia Holiday Inn; tickets to Sea World; a \$20 gift certificate from Hillside Inn; a Weedeater from Saxton's.

The tournament will be limited to the first 128 players to register. Persons wishing more information can call 459-3776.

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