

# '2 Governments' Eyed To Simplify

Are you confused about which public services are handled by which governmental agency: city, county, local school district, county school district, Detroit Water System, Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, area vocational school, city council disposal agency, refuse disposal agencies?

Do you fear that the trend to lump all regional problems into

a single agency, such as a metro government, will usurp powers of local governments and thus reduce responsiveness to the individual citizens?

Have you wondered if maybe there is a middle road, a better path between the maze of jurisdictions and a single, distant jurisdiction?

One agency that has long recognized the enigma of the first two questions believes there is an answer to the third.

**THAT AGENCY PROPOSES** that government — especially in metropolitan areas — be reshaped into two jurisdictions, one area — wide level containing one or more counties and one local level comprising "community districts."

The Research and Policy Committee of the Committee for Economic Development (CED) based in New York and made up of non-partisan business men and educators recom-

mended the two-level government system for metropolitan areas.

"This is a complete turnaround from CED's position of three years ago, when they advocated consolidation of local governments into metro type units," said Kent Mathewson, president of Detroit's Metropolitan Fund.

Mathewson recently "shook up" local and regional agency

leaders by advocating that the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments become an elective and taxing authority.

WITHOUT mapping specific agency identities, the CED issued a 96-page policy statement entitled, "Reshaping Government in Metropolitan Areas," which contained the two-level recommendation.

"Despite citizen efforts to achieve local government consolidation, a fragmented structure persists, the report points out. This condition indicates a determination among local communities to control their own affairs and preserve their own identities.

"While such an attitude makes for greater local pride, it also results in failure of local communities to unite on matters of area-wide concern, such as environmental pollution and transportation congestion, which seriously undermine the quality of metropolitan life."

"Some functions should be assigned in their entirety to the area-wide government, others to the local level, but most will be assigned in part

to each level," the report says.

AS THE BASIC framework for the suggested new area-wide government, the CED study recommends that, where the metropolitan area is contained within one county, a reconstituted county government should be used. Where the metro area spreads over several counties or towns, "a new jurisdiction should be created which embraces all of its territory."

The southeastern Michigan metropolitan area would be an example of the latter multi-county framework.

The "community districts" of the lower level, in the committee's view, might consist of existing local governments with functions readjusted to the two-level system, together with new districts in areas where no local unit exists.

"In some cities there are areas which already possess strong community identity, and these could become the new community districts. In other big city areas new identities could be fostered by creat-

ing new local districts, it is suggested.

"In the suburbs, existing municipalities are likely to be retained as the community districts" since they tend not only to represent "natural areas" but also to have well

developed community identities," said the CED report.

"Thus," it explains, "local communities in both cities and suburbs can be guaranteed full participation within the metropolitan system."

## Workers Huddle At Lansing Seminar

More than 300 Michigan Republican Party workers at all levels of responsibility will meet in Lansing, Feb. 20-21, to participate in "Mission 70's," an organizational seminar jointly sponsored by the Republican National Committee and the Michigan GOP State Central Committee.

Business resumes Saturday morning after breakfast with presentations by Richard Richards, director of the political division for the GOP National Committee, and State Chairman William F. McLaughlin.

This segment of "Mission 70's," which will continue until adjournment at 2:15 p.m., will include materials on county and district organization for the 1970 campaign.

"Mission 70's" registration, which begins Friday at 11 a.m., is open to party officials, key precinct leaders, local organization, voter registration, and computer politics.

The first work session is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the Jack Tar Hotel where the remainder of the program will be held. Individual discussions will deal with the attraction of new people to Republican politics, voter registration drives, and computer politics.

## What They're Saying

Here are excerpts from the mail from three Observational congressmen — Jack McDonald (R-19th District), Marvin Esch (R-2nd) and William Ford (D-15th).

**McDONALD, Feb. 8:** "The administration has recently cut the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) budget for space ex-

ploration. Many people believe this may cause us to give up our leadership in space exploration. I don't think this will be the result. In fact, I believe this is a smart move by the administration.

**ESCH, Feb. 1:** "President Nixon's wise policy of reducing our involvement in the

affairs of other nations does not and should not mean a drift to a new isolationism. The decade of the 70s is neither the immediate post-war period when the United States stood as the only free world power able to protect weak nations, nor the 19th century when vast oceans divided the world into relatively unconnected parts."

**FORD, Feb. 6:** Attacking President Nixon's proposed farm bill, which would cut a high level of subsidies for big farmers:

"If the president is really interested in halting inflation, I call upon him to forget political alliances and start cutting government expenditures in areas which really count. This is no time for hypocrisy and political expediency. We need a real war, not a phony war, against inflation."



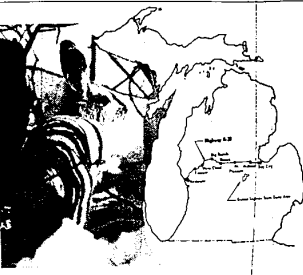
ROBERT TAFT JR., Ohio Congressman

## Bob Taft Jr. To Aid McDonald

Ohio Congressman Robert Taft Jr. will be the featured speaker at this year's "Congressional Report Breakfast" being sponsored by friends and supporters of 19th District U.S. Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Farmington).

The fourth annual "report breakfast" is being held on Friday, Feb. 27, at the new Sheraton Motor Inn on Woodward Avenue, north of Square Lake Road.

Robert Smith, chairman of the breakfast, invites all who wish to attend to contact him at TR 2-8250.



**SNOWSHOE HARES** are expanding southward into Michigan, say Wayne State University biologists. The snowshoe changes color from dark to light in winter and lives in conifer swamps and thickets in the wooded areas on the map. State officials have been introducing them gradually southward.

## S'craft Foundation Has Student Role

Trustees of the Schoolcraft College Foundation will meet at 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, to continue planning for a foundation membership campaign in which students can play an important role. The meeting will be in the conference room in the Administration Building.

Three students joined planning talks at the foundation board's January meeting and more are expected for the February session.

## 25 Rate (Tops Among C'ville JHS Bandsmen

Clarenceville Junior High musicians earned 25 division I or "superior" ratings at the recent southeastern Michigan junior high solo and ensemble music festival at Schoolcraft College.

They also earned six "excellent" or division II ratings. Ted Mallires is junior high instrumental music director.

**DIVISION I** ratings were earned by: David Pozniak, drum solo; Kathy Rubinoff, flute solo; Jeff Koppelman, drum solo; Steven Grant, saxophone solo; Allen Bornstein, clarinet solo; Renee Landuit, flute solo; Karen Bednar, hornet solo; Martin Adelman, drum solo; Harlyn Hecker, cornet solo; Karen Molter and Kathy Rubinoff, flute duet; Douglas Pozniak, saxophone solo; Jeffrey Koppelman, Douglas Juntunen, James Wilson and Leonard Strasberger, brass quartet; Suzanne Brennan, James Esch, Robert Kaplan and Val Howler, horn quartet; Yvonne Campbell, Hannah Bitterman and Marjorie Prisk, flute trio; Charles Jones, David Case and Carol Bass, Andrea Wilson and Donna Donnelly, flute trio; Allen Bornstein, Daniel Waterstone and Cheryl Soave, clarinet trio; Amy Chaiken, Sandra Munro, Cheryl Soave and Jill Arahamian, clarinet quartet; Jeffrey Koppelman, Hannah Bitterman, Arlene Schreiberman and Lynn Leibold, woodwind quintet.

**OTHER Schoolcraft news:** Norman Faustyn, Northville, was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of trustees for a term expiring in September 1972.

## AFS Hosts 10 Students

Clarenceville's American Field Service Chapter this weekend is entertaining 10 AFS and Youth for Understanding students from other lands who are spending this school year in the Detroit area.

Students being entertained are from Brazil, Germany, Sweden, Colombia, Italy, Japan and France.

Guests attended classes Friday at Clarenceville High School, were introduced at an assembly, attended the Clarenceville-Waterford-Kettering basketball game in the evening and a dance which followed. Depending upon arrangements made by host families, students remained in Clarenceville through Saturday or Sunday.

## Ridge Has Loan Fund

A private loan fund to assist needy students at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington has been established by a faculty-student group on that campus.

The fund, to be called 50-50, will be administered at the campus by a committee comprised equally of faculty and students, according to faculty 50-50 co-chairmen Nancy Antisiel, Sylvia Katz and Charles Shuler of the Orchard Ridge English department.

Large black and white buttons described "50-50" are being sold for a minimum of 50 cents throughout the week. The proceeds will go to the fund from which students may borrow for emergency needs such as dental or medical care or book purchases.

## 12-Acre Roof

The 12-acre Henry Ford Museum, which stands adjacent to world famous Greenfield Village, is proving a challenge to a maintenance crew charged with roofing the vast structure. This project, plus another to repair the entire mechanical arts hall, is scheduled for completion before the spring influx of school children visitors.

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