

## Yates To Leave SEMCOG Post

The director of the education division of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, Benton Yates, will leave his post this week to move to Oregon.

Yates joined SEMCOG two years ago after he resigned as Livonia school superintendent.

He submitted his resignation several weeks ago to join two of his sons in Oregon.

AS ONE of the first division heads to be appointed, Yates' position has been surrounded by controversy since it was formed.

SEMCOG is one of the few councils to have a separate education division, and there are still questions whether schools should be members.

Since Yates took over the division, it has worked on studies on area vocational schools, drug abuse training programs, and management training programs as well as

other education programs handled at the regional level. Working with a small staff composed of himself, a secretary and an assistant, Yates has worked on cooperative programs involving the 26 or so member

school districts. A total of 118 intermediate districts are eligible.

YATES BEGAN his career in education in 1937 with a teaching post in Harbor Springs. Three years later he joined the teaching staff at East Grand Rapids High School.

After four years in Grand Rapids, Yates accepted his first administrative position as a principal in Crosswell where he stayed two years before accepting a principal post in Marine City.

His first position as school superintendent was in Harbor Springs and after two years there he served as Holt superintendent for another two years.

After three years as assistant superintendent in Lakeview, Battle Creek, Yates came to Livonia as assistant superintendent in 1954. A year later he was Livonia superintendent.



BENTON YATES

## C'ville Teachers Elect Leaders

Following an election of the Clarenceville Education Association the following people have been elected as officers of the association for the 1971-72 school year.

David Wickman, high school, president; Leo Dalbo, high school, president-elect; Katherine Dunford, Grandview, secretary; Linda Walls, Grandview, treasurer; Carl Kilpela, junior high, RA delegate; Richard Slade, junior high, RA delegate; Mike Zinda, junior high, RA delegate; Norm Fric, high school, Alternate RA delegate.

Building representatives also elected were: Rita Goodman, junior high; Carol

Erlacher, Botsford; Jane Cullen, Edgewood; Joan Pastula, Grandview; Liz Parker, Westbrook and Tim Hill, high school.

Dan Kelly of the high school staff is spokesman and chairman of this year's negotiations team made up of William Waters, David Wickman, Kathy Dunford, Robert Gorton, Charlene Dawes, and Thomas Neuhard.

### Graduates

Irene Tibble of Livonia was among the June 11 graduates from Henry Ford Community College. She received her diploma in commerce.

**HOT ITEM FOR A 'COOL' SPORT**—The recent shipment of Arctic Cats delivered to Salem Lumber in Livonia on a day when the mercury hit 85 degrees makes one think that there only 187 more shopping days until Christmas. Give or take a holiday or two.

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## Dateline: Outdoors

By LEM MESEE  
Outdoors Writer

The bluegill is a small fish, as sporting fish go, but he's got a lot of courage for his size, and he's among the most devoted of parents.

Salmon, after spawning, just die. The lady muskellunge scatters her eggs, many of which never get fertilized, and then she and dad depart.

But the bluegill is more attentive than that, and it's one of the reasons his species survives when gamefish are wiped out by carp.

FIRST, HE makes a nest by fanning a depression in gravelly sand in about 18 inches of water. The nest is about the size and depth of a table saucer.

When the eggs are laid and fertilized, the parents stay around to guard them from other water creatures, including big beetles. All the while, they fan the eggs to keep off silt.

If there are carp in the lake, they feed off the bottom like rooting pigs, stirring up a muddy mess. This kills the eggs in unprotected nests, but not the bluegill's. That's why the little 'gill manages to survive in many a lake where pike and big game fish are eliminated.

BLUEGILLS are easy to catch when they're on the nests, which is from May until early July. They're hungry, and they'll snap at anything that comes near the nest.

I once spotted a 'gill's nest from a distance and placed a black popper just beyond the spot, slowly retrieving it across his area. For a distance of six feet, he attacked the popper viciously, then let it alone once it got beyond his territorial jurisdiction.

Gills usually prefer worms or crickets, and their tiny jaws aren't built for gobbling minnows, like their cousins, the crappies, rock bass and black bass. But a bluegill defending his nest will nail a small minnow as nastily as any bass. I've caught 'em that way.

The bluegill is hardy enough, prolific enough, paternal enough and smart enough to survive the pressures of big fish, other predators and fishermen, but there's a mechanical enemy that sometimes gets the better of him.

Did you ever see a 12-year-old kid—or even an adult with a beer bottle in his hand—cut across a small inland lake with a high-powered outboard engine on his boat? These jerks tear the living daylight out of the fishnets, and ultimately they spook the fish so badly that they simply don't spawn in those spots anymore.

The irony of it is that it's the young, the affluent and the apparently well-educated who are the worst dingbats.

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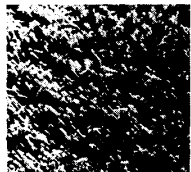
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