

# SEMCOG Budget Up, Membership Level

By DENNIS PAJOT

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A budget almost double that of the current year will guide the 1970 programs of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Delegates of townships, cities, villages, counties and school districts gave unanimous approval of a \$1,295,100 program at a delayed general assembly meeting in Pontiac Saturday, Nov. 8.

An overall quorum was mustered for this adjourned session, whereas only 47 of 107 eligible representatives appeared at the originally scheduled session in downtown Detroit.

**OBSEVERVELAND** representation was smaller, however, Only Oriya C. Lewis, representing the South Redford Schools District, and Carl Pursell, representing the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and his 26th supervisory district (Plymouth and Livonia) took part in the vote for the budget and the 1970 membership fee schedule.

Eleven other Observeland jurisdictions that hold current memberships were not represented. Both Lewis and Pursell took the general assembly floor to comment on the fee schedule. The budget went to its successful vote without any floor comment.

**LEWIS INITIATED** a spirited discussion by several delegates on the fee question by asking, "What is the philosophy of retaining the 1968 dues schedule for school districts, when annual school budget capabilities are known, being determined by annual fourth Friday enrollment counts?"

SEMCOG officials had noted that the schedule would be unchanged from the current schedule, which actually was

the same schedule established in the beginning of SEMCOG school districts based on 1966 enrollments and other jurisdictions based on 1960 census figures.

William L. Mainland, chairman of the general assembly and the SEMCOG executive committee, suggested that it might be time to revise the membership schedule and said he would direct the question to the by-laws committee.

Others at the meeting would not let the subject go without further question.

**MADISON HEIGHTS** Mayor Monty Jarrell launched an at-

tack on SEMCOG's not having brought more than one-third of the members into the fold (107 of 345), stating he was doing so as a friend of SEMCOG.

"I don't agree with the position of two years, but if we inform all local governments of SEMCOG's worth they will want to join," said Jarrell.

"There has to be a time when benevolence gives way to realistic business.

"What is the benefit of paying dues? There isn't any," he said, noting that he was advising his council not to pay dues because SEMCOG services were available to non-

members as well as to members.

"I think the benefits can be sold, and I say let's make it a prime goal to sell them to all local governments," Jarrell said.

**MAINLAND AND R.J. Alexander**, of Oakland County, and others rebutted, stating they felt, in Alexander's words, "At this point we're far more interested in contributing to than deriving from."

John Canfield, mayor of Dearborn Heights and former chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, agreed

with the "contributing" philosophy but said, "Selling councilmen on paying dues is something else."

E. Robert Turner, executive director of SEMCOG, said the organization has certain responsibilities delegated by the federal and state governments which it must discharge to member and non-member local units alike.

He also said, "When we reach service capability, we're going to have to make distinctions on the basis of membership. There's no question about it."

**TURNER ADDED** that "patience is paying off" because

presentation of the situation in a Macomb County meeting recently indicated that help might be brought into the fold.

Pursell said he could support that, because Livonia, a holdout to date, has voted to join SEMCOG beginning Dec. 31 "and wants to provide some leadership."

Mainland summed up his position thus: "Those who are active participants earn for themselves a more authoritative position than those who sit idly by."

Discussions concluded, the assembly voted the proposed fee schedule into effect for 1970, unanimously.

## Explorers Set Road, Ski Events

Explorer Scouts of the Detroit Area Council, which includes Observeland, will participate in a council-wide safe driving road rally and "Big E" Olympics for the first time this year.

The events were planned at a council program planning conference held at Schoolcraft Community College with 123 teenage Explorers from the metropolitan area.

Harold E. Lundquist, 36500 Eleven Mile in Farmington, who is vice chairman of the council Explorer committee for service and program, served as chairman of the first planning event since introduction of the contemporary Exploring program.

**THE REPRESENTATIVES**, who are officers in their local organizations, met to share unit program successes and to develop activities of common interest in the districts and the council.

They determined that two council-wide activities will be held and will be planned, promoted and conducted by Explorer committees.

The safe driving road rally will be held April 1970. Big E Olympics will be held June 6, 7 and 8.

**DISTRICT EVENTS** will include co-ed ski trip to Niagra Falls, winter sports carnival, bowling tournaments, yard-sale, canoe race and bay jammer.

The conference elected Explorer Marc Dickleson of northwest Detroit to represent the council on the Youth Advisory Council, which has representation on the state Michigan Youth Commission.

Marc is a student at Redford High and a member of Explorer Post 55 sponsored by Redford Presbyterian Church.

## 2 Osteopaths Are Honored

Two area doctors were honored for professional service at the recently concluded 42nd annual clinical assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) held in Chicago.

Dr. Billy Joe Page, Farmington, was awarded the degree of "fellow" for his service to the profession and its specialty college.

Dr. Otterbein Dressler, Garden City, was named a "life member" of the ACOS. A degree conferred on osteopathic surgeons who have attained the age of 65 and have been members of the ACOS for the past 20 years.



**TOP VOLUNTEER AWARD** - Miss Janice Pierce, Miss Tarchy of 1969, presents the United Foundation top volunteer award to Bernard Weisberg (left), president of Chatham Super Markets, Inc., while the comp'n leader of Chatham's "extra effort," Ed Wilson, looks on.

## Regional Affairs



**TOP SOLICITOR** - Thomas C. Page (right), general manager of Autolite Ford Parts Division, Ford Motor Company, of Livonia, accepts the Town Crier Bell Award for Torch Drive neighborhood business collections in eastern Oakland and Macomb County. Making the presentation was Joseph E. Godfrey. A metropolitan unit group chairman, Page received the award for achieving the highest percentage of quota among the four metropolitan business groups.

## Milliken Task Force In Oakland

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Gov. William Milliken's Task Force on Health and Mental Health will meet in the Oakland County Court House Saturday, Nov. 15th.

Dr. Eugene Sikorski, chief of staff of the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, will chair the meeting, which will hear testimony on the health and mental health facilities of Oakland County from individuals and officials.

Accumulated testimony will be used to compile a folio for Milliken to be used in decisions regarding appropriation and legislation.

**Republican Party "Task Forces"** on major areas of concern were established this fall by Milliken and the Republican legislators. Hearings are being held in all 83 counties and testimony is requested from each major phase of issues involved.

**Oakland County residents** representing private and public health facilities and organizations have been invited to testify at Saturday's hearing, which will be run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**KADISH STATED**, "We

## Hart To Speak At Dec. 5 Dinner

Philip A. Hart, Democratic senior U.S. Senator from Michigan, will speak at the annual Democratic 19th District Congressional Dinner in Livonia Dec. 5.

It's stated for Roma Hall on Schoolcraft near Inkster Road beginning at 7 p.m., according to Paul Kadish, chairman of the 19th District Democratic Dinner Committee.

State Sen. Roger Craig, who is being touted for state governor by New Coalition Democrats and who gained prominence by posing as a migrant worker earlier this year, has been invited.

**STATE SEN. Sander Levin**, Senate minority leader, former state Democratic Party chairman, and a possible gubernatorial candidate, has also been invited.

So have two of Michigan's perennial top vote-getters always touted as gubernatorial candidates—Att. Gen. Frank Kelley and Secretary of State James M. Hara.

**State Central Chairman James McNeely** is expected. Tickets are now on sale for \$25 a couple, \$15 single and \$5 for students under 21.



**Democrat of the 19th District** are very pleased to have Sen. Hart join us.

"We know that his busy schedule, which includes the regular session and committee meetings in Washington, D.C., keeps him very busy, and we are especially honored that he can take the time to join us on Dec. 5."

Kadish also said the first-time student rate is intended to encourage young Democrats and independents to become active in the Democratic Party.

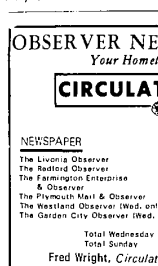
"They are certainly welcome," he said. "We're looking forward to having them."

**TAP OUT ORDERS**  
Many insects use their antennae to communicate. With their antennae, ants rapidly tap other inmates of the nest and thus order them to give up some of the food supply the latter hold in their crops, reports an article in the October issue of Today's Education official journal of the National Education Association.

**Wayne County Community College**, still in its struggling first year, has invited the public to an open house in recognition of National Education Week.

The invitation, to be held Friday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m., the open house will be held in its first floor office at 4612 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

The Wayne Community College district includes Westland and Redford Townships.



**John R. Ryan**, Westland member of the WCC Board of Trustees, and the board extended

## Dues To Cost Members Less; Services Expand

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Programs included in the 1970 budget of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) nearly double that agency's budget but represent a savings to users of almost 50%.

E. Robert Turner, executive director of SEMCOG, stressed this point in presenting the \$1.2 million budget to the general assembly of the six-county association.

The Detroit metropolitan Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS), and other projects previously supported by separate local contributions, next year will become part of the SEMCOG budget.

"Therefore, this should be considered a consolidation and a contraction of costs," he said. "The cost to local governments has been contracted appreciably."

**WAYNE COUNTY**, for instance, will be paying \$55,000 in dues to SEMCOG in place of a total of \$92,000 to three specific organizations: SEMCOG (\$50,000), TALUS (\$31,000) and the Supervisors Intercounty Committee (\$11,000).

Primary reason the SEMCOG 1970 budget jumped to \$1.2 million from its 1969 level of \$671,600 is that it includes income and expenses previously budgeted in TALUS as a separate unit.

Turner also said that if funds shown on the income side are not received, the corresponding expense projects will not be attempted.

Membership fees (dues) paid by local units of government account for only 17.38 per cent of the total projected income of \$225,000.

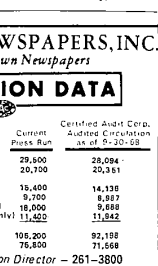
Federal, state and private agency grants make up the bulk.

**NEW GRANTS** anticipated, largely due to TALUS resources, include \$50,000 from county road commissions, \$225,000 from the state highway commission, \$185,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), \$300,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$105,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice (for law enforcement coordination).

Programs contemplated for 1970 and the estimated cost of each were approved as follows:

- General government and membership liaison: \$66,500;
- Public safety: \$105,000;
- Human Resources: \$197,000;
- Housing: \$112,500;
- Education: \$103,000;
- Planning services: \$467,000;
- Special projects: \$235,100;
- Unallocated resources (contingencies): \$70,000.

**THE LARGEST**, "planning



Next largest, "special projects," refers to those "review and comment" responsibilities SEMCOG has for Operation Breakthrough, Model Cities coordination, manpower development, regional clear-house and citizen participation projects of state and federal programs.

Human resources is third. This category includes health planning coordination, a health information system and a minority group internship program.

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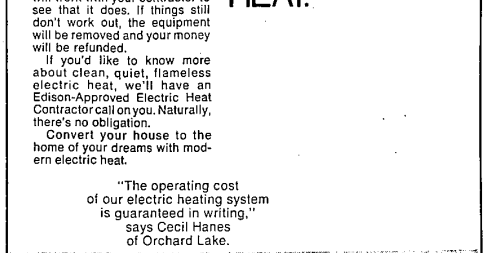
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The Farmington Enterprise & Observer	16,400	14,138
The Plymouth Hill & Observer	9,700	8,887
The Westland Observer (Wed. only)	9,600	9,688
The Garden City Observer (Wed. only)	11,400	11,842
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