

Regional Affairs



BEN YATES, for the past six months director of SEMCOG's education division, passes out copies of a proposed position statement on educational reform to delegates. Yates is a former Livonia school superintendent.

Eclipse Of Moon Coming Feb. 21

A partial lunar eclipse -- the first of four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon, occurring this year -- will begin at 3:03 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. The middle of the eclipse will come at 3:30 a.m., and the end at 3:58 a.m., according to University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

"The dark shadow of the earth will first begin to make its appearance in the lower right corner of the moon, becoming more prominent for the next 55 minutes, until the moon completely leaves the earth's shadow," Prof. Losh explains.

"In order for a lunar eclipse to take place, the moon must be at full phase and enter the shadow of the earth. For this to happen, the full moon must occur near a node (the intersection of the moon's orbit and the apparent path of the sun), so that the three bodies -- the sun, earth, and moon -- in that order lie nearly in the same plane.

"The reason we do not have a lunar eclipse every month at full phase is that the moon's path is inclined five degrees to the earth's orbit, and usually the moon misses the earth's shadow."

**Diabetes Group Meets**

The Wayne - Northwest Unit of the Michigan Diabetes Association, a Torch Drive service, will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in room 101 of the Lourdes Building, Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, 6071 W. Outer Drive, Detroit.

The guest speaker will be Betty Brosius, nutrition consultant of the Michigan Diabetes Association. Her topic will be "Making the Exchange Lists Work for you."

Following her talk, Miss Brosius will answer questions from the audience. Coffee will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Ben Yates At SEMCOG How A Region Eyes Education

By TIM RICHARD

You've never seen a school bus with "SEMCOG" painted on the side and you probably never will.

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments is trying to be a service agency to the 400-plus local governments and school districts in the six-county area, and it won't get into the teaching business.

There were some questions when SEMCOG was being formed, whether schools and community colleges should belong to an agency that also served counties, cities and townships. Yet those close to the program firmly believe schools and colleges have a big stake in the regional agency.

ONE OF THEM is Benton Yates, who retired last June as superintendent of Livonia public schools with a faculty and staff of nearly 2,000 to become director of SEMCOG's Education Division with a staff of four.

Just getting Ben Yates on board was a major accomplishment for SEMCOG during 1969, to hear the leaders tell it. So what has he done in that time?

The big accomplishment came at the Jan. 31 SEMCOG annual meeting. Yates feels, when the general assembly supported most of the school board's positions on Gov. Milliken's educational reform package.

"It's one thing to get associations of school boards, administrators and teachers to take a stand on education bills. It's quite another," said Yates, "to show that cities, townships, villages and counties can stick together with the school districts" on an issue.

VISITING LOCAL districts (50 meetings since July 11,

determining the impact of the reform proposals on them, and polling them on their opinions -- this has occupied most of Yates' first six months in office. "It's frustrating -- the slowness with which this state reform program has developed," he says.

The major principle that the SEMCOG school bloc won was that local districts should be allowed to raise "enrichment" funds with greater latitude than might have been allowed under the governor's reform plan.

Meanwhile, Yates has a list of projects to get under way in the months ahead. He talked about them in a two-hour interview in his office in the Book Building.

SO FAR, HE said, community colleges have been quick to hop into the SEMCOG program. When Wayne County CC joins, which is expected to be soon, all 10 two-year colleges will be on the roster.

Of 113 K-12 school districts, 33 are members. "That sounds small, but actually it represents a majority of the pupils in the region," Yates adds.

In Overland, Clarenceville, Garden City, Redford Union and Southfield are still out. But Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, South Redford and Wayne are members, as are Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community colleges.

Yates' staff consists of Steve Weiss a young man with an M.A. in social work who has worked for the Detroit PTA and State Rep. Jack Faxon; an intern, Mrs. Phyllis Davis, on leave from the Detroit school system, where she has taught 15 years, and who is interested in programs for the culturally deprived; and a secretary.

Later he will get a research assistant and a couple of persons to work on cooperative training programs.

The Education Division's job: "To be a coordinator and catalyst." Trained in a number of ways, this job will mean setting up workshops and newsletters that schools and colleges can trade ideas.

TAKE SCHOOL district reorganization. Says Yates: "I'm sure this type of law will be passed, where they'll be reorganized down from 600 to 200 districts in the state. In our region, our 113 districts -- I guess they'll boil down to 50 in the next five or six years."

"We need to set up workshops so that community leaders will know how to react to it. Just saying 'no' isn't going to help."

"We could start in spring. Our staff or a consultant would chair them, and we'd get someone representing the governor or State Department of Education to brief us on the guidelines. I know from my

experience that the only way to get reorganization is to get a community to have a broader point of view. The way to do it is make sure the guidelines are as sound as possible, and that the people have a part in planning it."

TAKE PARA-PROFESSIONAL training. These are persons who aren't qualified classroom teachers but who can do clerical work, supervise lunchrooms and study halls, read themes, handle audio-visual equipment and so on -- in other words, help give the teacher more time to teach.

"There's a need for training them -- maybe just a week, in some cases a couple of months; then they have to be screened. If they're not trained and screened, the teachers and kids won't accept them," Yates warns.

The Wayne and Oakland intermediate (county) districts have grants for para-professional training, but other counties don't. Yates visualizes a federal grant to SEMCOG to help set up the other counties.

TAKE INFORMATION swapping. Local and intermediate school districts are always making innovations in curriculum and use of instructional materials such as computers or audio-visual things.

All of SEMCOG's divisions -- Education, Public Safety, Planning, Comprehensive Health and Public Works -- will get into the newsletter business, says Executive Director E. Robert Turner.

For education, Yates points out that SEMCOG helped finance studies of the effect of various state aid programs on local districts.

TAKE STUDENT behavior. Yates hopes to see workshops for administrators on ways to handle the increasing desire of students for involvement in decisions-making. "The experts, you know, say there should be student advisory boards to the school boards."

It involves far more than dress and grooming codes. Yates says. The old "in loco parentis" theory -- that schools act in the place of parents -- is being shot apart by such court decisions as the one allowing an Iowa student to wear an anti-war black armband in school.

The State Department of Education will need help on a regional basis in this area, Yates believes.

Take data processing. These are functions outside Yates' division that will have benefits for school districts.

Highway planning -- public utilities planning -- collecting housing data, economic data. Some administrators say those alone make it important for school people to "think regional."



COOPERATIVE COOKERY -- Francisian Order seminarian Brian Maloney (left) gets culinary arts instruction at Schoolcraft Community College with the help of such people as Waterman Campus Center Chef Richard Benson.

They'll Fry For Friars Back At The Monastery

Classmates at Schoolcraft College see little to distinguish Brian Maloney and Bruce Michalek from thousands of other students on the Hagerty Road campus.

Brian, 22, and Bruce, 23 are bright, fresh-looking young men who look neatly, attend classes regularly and join fellow students in relaxed, easy-going conversations of the broad spectrum of topics that occupy college students today.

Both men are enrolled in the college's culinary arts program, a two-year curriculum that has earned for itself the college an enormous respect among professionals who know about such things.

Brian Maloney, a freshman, entered the program in the fall of 1969. Bruce Michalek, a sophomore, is nearing the end of his formal training and is spending the winter semester in a co-op feature of the program by working in the kitchen at the Pontchartrain Hotel in downtown Detroit. He is on the Schoolcraft campus in a co-op feature of the program by working in the kitchen at the Pontchartrain Hotel in downtown Detroit. He is on the Schoolcraft campus in a co-op feature of the program by working in the kitchen at the Pontchartrain Hotel in downtown Detroit.

Both men are Francisian Brothers. When their day's work is completed, they go home to Duns Scotus College at Nine Mile Road and Evergreen in Southfield. Duns Scotus is the House of Philosophy of the Francisian Friars Province of St. John the Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Both men are in simple vows and expect to make solemn vows-Bruce the summer of 1971 and Brian a year later. They are not training for the priesthood, they point out, but are laymen who have taken the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience required of the religious order and who intend to live those vows in a community of men dedicated to the apostolate of the Church.

WITH THE APPROVAL in fact, the encouragement of officials in the order, Brian and Bruce are taking professional training in culinary arts so that they can better serve the food service needs of the friaries in the Province.

Professional training outside the order is not unusual for Francisian Brothers. Others from Duns Scotus are attending various institutions in the area to study printing, nursing, secretarial science, automotive maintenance and electrical engineering.

One lay student who is approaching his novitiate, Dan Havron, is enrolled at Schoolcraft in the early years of a library science curriculum that will eventually take him to a senior institution and a four-year degree.

But Brian and Bruce are the only two brothers in the province--which extends from southwestern Ohio to Arizona and as far away as the Philippines--who have ever undertaken formal training in food service.

HOW DID THEY happen to select Schoolcraft?

"I met Brother Andre who is now in Illinois but who had been in charge of the kitchen at Duns Scotus," Bruce explained. "He knew Herman Breithaupt and was familiar with Mr. Breithaupt's work at Chadsey High. When Mr. Breithaupt established the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft, it seemed the natural thing for Brother Andre to suggest I take my training at the college."

As a result of Bruce's experience after a year, Brian enrolled in the program last fall.

"The program here is sound and practical, and each day I apply what I have learned in class to my work at the hotel," Bruce said. "The instructors are among the finest in the city and are willing to give of themselves at any time."

BOTH MEN HAVE had an interest in cooking from childhood and quite naturally gravitated to the friary kitchen when they entered the order.

But returning to a formal education setting after four years away from the normal classroom presented some problems.

However, it is a measure of the motivation of each of them that Brian compiled a 2.30 grade point average (4+) in his first semester, and Bruce approaches graduation with a 2.36 average (B+) that includes a straight-A semester during his freshman year.

Brian is a native of Cincinnati and is one of eight children. Bruce is the youngest of three children of a family whose home is in Detroit. A sister, the oldest, is Sr. Mary Thomas, O. P., and is in the Chloster Dominican Monastery at 13 Mile Road and Middle Belt.

IN SPITE OF a full load of classes and work which for Bruce includes a 40-hour week on the co-op program, both men find time to help others.

Brian is teaching Christian doctrine at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Livonia and regularly assists Mother Waddles at her inner-city center in Detroit.

Bruce serves as a counselor for boys at the Sarah Fisher Home, operated by the Daughters of Charity at 12 Mile Road and Inkster, Farmington, and put his professional training to use by helping to solve some food management problems at the New Way House for Alcoholics in Detroit.

But that's all part of the way of life they have chosen.

Brother Brian sums it up this way:

"We all try to live by the rule of St. Francis, that the friars shall work with their hands and support themselves and help others."

More 88s

Japan produced 254,446 pianos in 1969, becoming No. 1 in the field and surpassing U.S. production by about 34,000. The Musical Instrument Manufacturers Association reported Friday. It said most Japanese pianos are sold in the United States.

He recommended that as soon as the governor signs the bill and it becomes law, senators who feel that they qualify should make applications with their local assessor. This should be done, he added, before the local board of review closes its books in March.

NEWSPAPER	Current Press Run	CAC Audit Sept. 1969
LIVONIA OBSERVER	28,500	28,220
REDFORD OBSERVER	20,700	19,950
WESTLAND OBSERVER	18,000	17,376
SOUTHFIELD OBSERVER	17,000	17,000
FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER	15,400	14,501
GARDEN CITY OBSERVER	11,400	10,924
PLYMOUTH MAIL & OBSERVER	9,700	9,400

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