



WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER Carl Pursell (left) and Mrs. William McAninch discuss governmental affairs with SEMCOG Chairman Mel Ravitz during his Plymouth appearance Tuesday to address the League of Women Voters.

Voters, Mrs. McAninch was reelected president of the Plymouth-Northville LWN chapter at the same meeting. (Observer photo)

# SEMCOC: Service, Not Metro--Ravitz

## Regional Affairs

The purpose of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOC) is to be a service mechanism, not a government by itself, the chairman of SEMCOC told members of the Plymouth-Northville area's League of Women Voters here last week.

Mel Ravitz, who is president of the Detroit Common Council as well as SEMCOC chairman, pointedly emphasized in his address at the Mayflower Hotel that there is no intention of ever turning SEMCOC into an actual layer of government which would "smother the autonomy of small cities and villages."

"Let me spell it in simple terms," he stated. "SEMCOC's basic purpose is to be the regional instrument to permit local governments plan together to coordinate together, to implement together those things they wish to undertake in order to tackle the many problems they face which cannot be dealt with individually."

"IN OTHER WORDS, SEMCOC is an instrument for

collective action on any or all regional problems to which its members choose to address themselves."

He pointed out that SEMCOC, which was officially organized in January 1968, encompasses the six counties of Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Monroe and St. Clair. There now are 105 members. Included are cities, townships, villages, counties and school districts.

Ravitz said the 45 full time employees concern themselves "with the total spectrum" of local governmental problems. He said SEMCOC's estimated 1970 budget will be \$1.3 million. Dues of members are related to the population of each.

Ravitz defined the five major divisions of the organization as being planning, public safety, education, social services and membership services. "SEMCOC is the instrument

through which partnership relationships with the state and federal governments can best be developed," he told the LWN.

"Individual cities, villages, townships, and even counties or school districts lack the strength individually to deal effectively and as equals with these larger governments."

"SEMCOC CAN become the local agency that permits local governments to relate responsibly and convincingly with the state and federal government."

"As SEMCOC grows in strength, it will undoubtedly be an entity to reckon with at state and national deliberations. The council of governments approach provides the greatest possible protection to local governments without threatening their autonomy."

This partnership approach can be as effective as we allow it to become.

"SEMCOC is a service mechanism available to local governments of this region in order to enhance their power, to coordinate their planning and implementation of various projects, and to permit strengthened hierarchical relationships with state and federal agencies even as it encourages improved lateral relationships with private sector associations."

The same meeting also saw the reelection of Mrs. William McAninch as president of the league's Plymouth-Northville chapter. Other officers are Mrs. Edward Hancock, first vice president, Mrs. William McNamara, second vice president; Mrs. Dumont Hixson Jr., secretary, and Mrs. Harold Wright, treasurer.

Directors include Mrs. Eldon Berry, Miss Linda Kate Edgerton, Mrs. George Gougeon, Mrs. William Klecker, Mrs. Harry Odle, Mrs. Robert Sorin and Mrs. Donald Stacy.

## SC Tuition Hike Safety Valve OK'd

Facing a financial crisis even if "normal" costs increase occur next year, Schoolcraft Community College trustees gave themselves a financial safety valve Wednesday.

By a 6-1 vote, trustees approved a "provisional" tuition increase of \$1 per credit hour to be levied "in case of any type of financial emergency, with the exact amount to be determined at the time the budget is adopted."

VOTING FOR THE measure were Trustees Robert Geake, John LaRue, George Martin, Paul Mutnick, Clarke Oldenburg and William Secord. Board Chairman Mrs. Jane Moehle voted against it. Trustee James Boswell was absent.

The board is expected to adopt a "tentative" budget during its regular session next week Wednesday which will not show such increases.

The board made its provisional tuition decision April 15, the last date it could do so under state law. Otherwise any tuition increase would have endangered state aid receipts.

A \$1 PER CREDIT hour tuition hike would yield \$116,000 in new income. Of the three major resources, tuition is the only one not expected to increase normally in dollar value this year.

State aid is expected to increase about 4.3% (under best estimates), and local tax revenue is expected to increase 18.4% due to valuation increases.

The administration has presented a proposed budget which is in balance without any new revenue except these but which leaves out salary or step increases for professional staff.

Graduation exercises will be held for 96 seniors at Madonna College Sunday, April 26. Sister M. Danatha, president, will officiate.

A baccalaureate mass at 2 p.m. will precede the graduation ceremony. Rev. John J. Castolot, chairman of the theology department, will celebrate the mass in Presentation Chapel on the grounds. Graduates will receive baccalaureate hoods following the mass.

The commencement exercises, also to be held in the chapel, will begin at 3 p.m. Key-note speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. John Cheney, teacher in the Willow Run School District and resident of Inkster.

Mrs. Cheney will be one of

Last year the faculty won an 18% salary increase. College President Eric Bragdon told the Observer Newspaper that an increase of any amount would probably require new revenue, either from tuition or millage, or both.

The college presently levies 1.12 mills for operation, which will produce \$1,278,699 toward a \$5.2 million proposed operating budget.

Two recipients of an honorary degree of doctor of humanities at the graduation exercises at Madonna. She is being honored in recognition of her efforts in promoting education as a community service and fostering better understanding between black and white people.

Mother M. Angelica, provincial superior of the Felician Sisters in Livonia, will be the second recipient of the honorary degree.

The citation recognizes Mother Angelica for her constant and effective concern for the well-being of Madonna College, and her dedicated social service as past director of Guardian Angel Home and Angel Hall for girls in Detroit.

## Newburgh Fish Derby Site May 23

A fishing derby and sport display will be staged Saturday, May 23, by the Livonia department of parks and recreation and the Western Wayne County Conservation Association (WWCCA).

A fishing contest with fishing equipment as prizes, sporting equipment displays and demonstrations, prominent athletes and a flag raising ceremony by Young Marines and Boy Scouts will be the attractions.

Site will be Newburgh Lake on Hines Drive just west of Newburgh Road, announced Hank Chryczal of the WWCCA. Relays are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:20-3 p.m.

Your own equipment and natural bait are needed for the fishing contest, which will be run off for two age groups: 11 years of age and under, and 12 to 16.

Company representatives will display and demonstrate fishing lures, camping equipment, all-terrain vehicles, canoes, archery, volleyball, tennis and scuba diving equipment.

## OCC Grads Will Hear Cavanagh

Former Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh will be the featured speaker at the fourth annual commencement exercises of Oakland Community College Thursday, April 23.

A total of 423 students will be awarded degrees and certificates at the exercises which will be held at 8 p.m. at Pontiac Northern High School, 1661 Arlene.

Following the procession by the Farmington Community College Band, directed by R. Paul Barber, will be the invocation by Rev. Harold Ellens, University Hills Christian Reformed Church, Farmington, and remarks by Mrs. Lila R. Johnson, vice chairman, OCC Board of Trustees.

Graduates will be presented by Dr. Edward P. Gallagher, provost, Auburn Hills Campus.



EDITOR HONORED-Dan McCosh, editor of the Redford Observer and former editor of the Garden City Observer, accepts the Michigan Education Association (MEA) School Bell Award from Ted Hunt, a MEA-sponsored human relations lecturer.



HONORS EDITOR-Mrs. Adele Jordine, Michigan Education Association (MEA) board member, helps honor Emory Daniels, Farmington Enterprise and Observer Editor who won the MEA School Bell Award.

## Winkler To Lead SC Senate

New officers of the Schoolcraft Community College Student Senate, who will presumably continue the senate's battle for an advisory seat on the college board of trustees, were elected as follows:

President, Tom Winkler; vice president, Paul McKosher; treasurer, Dan Garri; representatives, Mark McQueen, Robert Norris, Allan Tyndell and Kathy Wilkie. Miss Wilkie will serve as secretary.

Also elected were new officers of the Student Activities Board, a sub-committee of the senate, Robert LaFortune was elected president; Mark Helm, vice president; Linda Trivette, secretary; and Ann Hoffer, treasurer.

Students voted 313-16 to back the senate quest for a seat with the college trustees.

Winkler succeeds Dennis McCarthy as Student Senate president. Winkler, 25, served as a Marine rifle squad leader in Vietnam. He is married and has a daughter.

## 2 Observer Newspapers Honored By Educators

Two of the Observer Newspapers won honors in the annual School Bell Awards sponsored by the Michigan Education Association (MEA) for education reporting in 1969.

Accepting the awards in Lansing were Emory Daniels, editor of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer, and Dan McCosh, who earned the award for his work as editor of the Garden City Observer. McCosh has since become editor of the twice-a-week Redford Observer.

Editors Emory Daniels and Dan McCosh accepted awards Friday for The Farmington Enterprise and Observer and The Garden City Observer, respectively.

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THEIR EFFORTS were mainly responsible for the newspapers being among just 15 weekly and semi-weekly publications receiving the School Bell Award this year. Four daily newspapers, two radio stations and two television stations were similarly honored by the MEA.

The award was given The Farmington Enterprise and Observer for news and feature coverage given the student demonstration at North Farmington High in March 1969 and subsequent events.

The Garden City Observer award was earned particularly for coverage of a sex education controversy there.

Daniels, Sue Shaugnessy, Fred Delano (now Plymouth editor), David Sartini, Elizabeth Wiseman, Howard Kohn and Wylie Gerdes contributed to the Farmington coverage.

McCosh, who until mid-October edited The Garden City Observer, produced the winning coverage for that edition. McCosh is currently editor of The Redford Observer.



THE VILLAGERS will present folk concerts Saturday, April 25, at 1 and 3 p.m. in the Wonderland Center mall, Plymouth at Middle Bell. From left: Mike Robarge, Pat Albrecht, Joe Moran and Steve Scharpen.

## THE HARRIS BROADCASTER

**SPRING FROLIC**  
Garden City Chamber of Commerce  
Wednesday, April 29, 1970  
6:30 p.m.  
Garrison House  
Cherry Hill and Venoy Roads  
Information: Call 422-4448  
Donation: \$15.00 a couple

**REDFORD SUBURBAN LEAGUE THEATRE GUILD "CABARET CAPERS"**  
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25-26  
Redford Union High School  
Kinloch and Curtis Avenue  
Information: Call KE 3-5523  
Donation: \$1.00 Students - \$2.00 Adults

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
Friday, April 24  
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
5885 Venoy Road

**RUMMAGE SALE AND ARTIST MARKET**  
Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Unitarian Church of Farmington  
Halstead Road  
(1/2 mile North of Grand River Avenue)  
Donation: Free

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NEWSPAPER	Current Press Run	CAC Audit Sept. 1969
LIVONIA OBSERVER	29,500	28,220
REDFORD OBSERVER	20,700	19,956
WESTLAND OBSERVER	18,000	17,376
SOUTHFIELD OBSERVER	17,000	16,000
FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER	15,400	14,501
GARDEN CITY OBSERVER	11,400	10,924
PLYMOUTH MAIL & OBSERVER	8,700	9,900
WEEKLY EDITIONS, WEDNESDAY NEW EDITION, February 1970 Will be included in March 1970, CAC Audit		
Total Wednesday	122,200	116,577
Weekend	93,900	88,277

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