

Changes

County GOP juggles chairs

The public may never notice the change in leadership of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, but insiders might.

The new chairman will be Roy Rewold, R-Oakland Township, who is pledged to developing a better flow of information between County Executive Daniel T. Murphy and the 27-member board.

"I know Roy probably will get more involved with Dan," explained seventh-term Commissioner Jack McDonald, R-Farmington. "There will be more communication, more being filtered down. Roy doesn't like surprises."

"There had been a lot of criticism that commissioners don't receive enough advance information," he said.

REWOLD DEFEATED six-year Chairman Richard Wilcox, R-Ortonville, when Republicans held an organizational caucus last week. Voting was by secret ballot.

Rewold, 57, had been chairman of the Republican caucus, President of a family building company, Rewold earlier was a Rochester mayor and city councilman. He was out of his



Roy Rewold chairs full board

office this week on a vacation.

Commissioner Nancy McConnell, R-Bloomfield Township, ousted Vice Chairman Marilyn Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills. Gosling, son of Rewold's old job of caucus chair.

Those tentative elections must be confirmed when the county board

holds its organizational meeting in January. The vote is likely to be 18-9, along party lines.

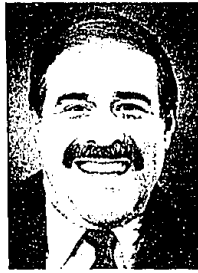
McCONNELL SAID the GOP shakeup may result in friendlier dealings with Democrats, who in recent years had been excluded from any vice chairmanships or appointments to other county boards.

McConnell said she would give up her seat on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), a seven-county planning agency, to someone of the Democratic caucus' choosing.

The good feeling did not, however, extend to a Road Commission vacancy. Republicans last week appointed one of their own, former 18th Congressional District GOP Chairman Larry Littman of Troy, to the vacancy. The Road Commission remains 3-0 Republican.

Littman's appointment expires at the end of the year, but there is little doubt he will be selected for a full six-year term in January.

THE REPUBLICAN caucus



Lawrence Littman on road commission

changed five committee chairs, leaving only two chairs in place. G. William Caddell of Walled Lake remains at the helm of the budget-writing finance committee, and Anne Hobart of Waterford stays in the chair at planning and building.

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Seniors' rebates are flowing now

The Michigan Department of Treasury is mailing 1986 homestead property tax rebate checks to senior citizens who filed early.

"This is the first time in state history we have been able to send property tax rebate checks to seniors before they have to make their December property tax payment," State Treasurer Robert A. Bowman said.

"Michigan's strong financial position and available cash resources allow us to get seniors their money early."

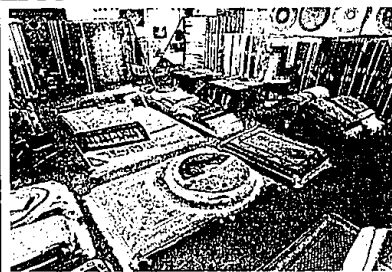
IN THE PAST, seniors and all other Michigan residents received their property tax rebate checks in the spring after filing their income tax returns.

Getting their checks early will help them have enough money to make their winter tax payments to local governments. Olivia Maynard, director of the Office of Services to the Aging, said, "Now, seniors don't have to draw on their savings to pay their tax bills."

Michigan's property tax rebate

system returns some \$600 million to homeowners, the largest rebate system in the country.

More than 480,000 senior citizens received approximately \$233 million in 1984—that means 82 percent of eligible senior citizen homeowners receiving property tax rebates. The average rebate was \$552.

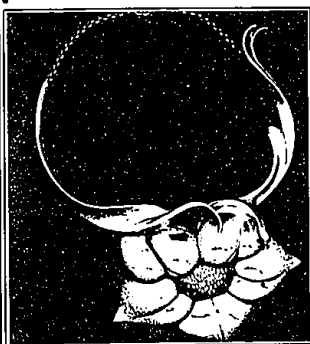


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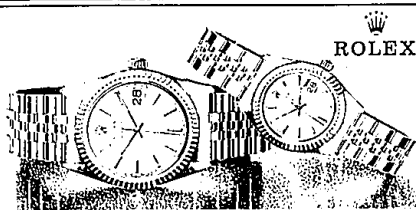


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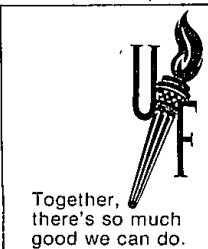
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