SEMCOG Picks Bloc Leaders

Chairmen for 1971 for the four blocs of the Southeast County Board of Commiss-Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) General Assembly have been elected.
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Dateline: Outdoors

By LEM MESEE

It's funny how fishermen's attitudes change from one end of Michigan to another. Here in the southeastern part, the sucker is considered a despicable fish, and the prevailing attitude is that only an ethnic minority group would angle for and consume them.

consume them.

But over on the St. Joe
River right about now, the
banks are lined with silent
majority types, from Lake
Michigan up to Berrien
Springs, who have no qualms
about the sucker.

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ICE ON the inland takes is getting mushy, and the trout season doesn't open until the end of April, so from late February until early in May, it's the sucker which keeps fanatical fishermen occupied. The farmers have a little time on theis hands, and I think the foundry workers time their strikes for the sucker runs. The suckers congregate in deep pools. The angler who can find a pool of them can haul away a gunny-sack full of them. Leave your line sphning rod at home, and instead haul out that ancient standard reef, the four-foot metal rod, some 15-pound lishline (no musofilament), and some two-ounce or four-ownee sinkers.

Except for a few hardy souls along the Huron River, few fishermen go after suck-ers at this time of year, and I strongly suspect it's due to snobbishness. But if you do fish for suckers, and that social-climbing neighbor with the Grant's and the schnauzer wants to know what you're after, just tell him: "The whistlemouthed bass."

The river is swollen with run-off from melted snow, and the current is swift, so you'll need a big sinker. Bait is a big nighterwaler. (You can get 'crawlers out there, but a dealer in Oakland Counly tells me he won't have any till mid-April.)

You never hand-hold the and lay not control the and the you get forced the and lay of the control the and lay to the hold of for the tunk-tunk that signals a bite. The old-timers add an emissale is himment — a tiny bell clamped on the rod tip.

LEGALLY the sucker is a

clamped on the rod tip.

LEGALLY, the sucker is a 'rough' fish, which means there's no size limit, no creel limit and no closed season. But that doesn't mean a sucker can't give a pretty good account of himself on the line. A 1½-pound specimen can put up a thrashing battle, and you'd better have a landing net along. (One time when I forgot my net, my dirty little poodle leaped into the river, seized the fish by the back, and landed it for me.)

The sucker is bony, to be sure, and he's got a muddy-lasting brown streak in the sucker is bent to the sucker is the sucker is bent to the sucker

Towns Lagging In Park Work

LANSING
Some 187 local project requests calling for \$\$.9 million in recreation bond money were recently forwarded to the State Legislature for its final action, reports Michigan's Department of Natural Resources.

The latest requests, cleared by the DNR in consultation with the state recreation advisory committee, represent the fourth slate of local proposals to be approved for legislative consideration.

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Under three revious rounds Under three revious rounds of screening and legislative review dating back to September 1969, a total of 196 local projects have already qualified for \$11.7 million in recreation bond funds. DNR officials and local leaders have signed work agree-







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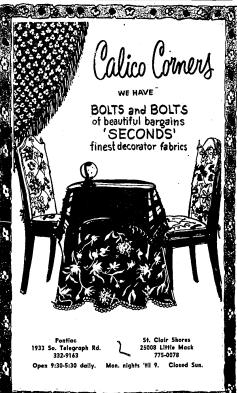
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