

Evening School Expects 2,200

More than 2,200 suburban men and women are expected to enroll in some 150 adult education and extension courses in Livonia when the winter evening term starts in January.

Following a regional cooperative policy established by the Livonia Board of Education, all suburbanites can enroll for the same fees as paid by adults in the 39-square-mile Livonia district.

Detailed information regarding the winter term offerings can be had by phoning the Livonia Evening School office. A schedule of all extended school class offerings

is available in high schools or at the Board building, 1525 Farmington Road south of Five Mile.

THE 150 OFFERINGS are in home and family life education, language arts, health and safety, practical arts, fine arts, and business education.

Winter term courses will be held at Bentley, Franklin, and Stevenson high schools and at Emerson, Frost, Riley, Holmes, and Whitman junior high schools. Registration for all courses will be taken at Bentley High, Hubbard road, south of Five Mile, on January 10, 11, and 12.

Detroit Asks Parley In Water Fight

It may be the season that's having an effect, but the Detroit Water Board, reported beligerent last week over Livonia's challenge of an \$11,000 October water bill, has extended an olive branch and asked an opportunity to sit down and talk things over.

It was not suggested where the conference be held, Detroit, Livonia, or under the mistletoe.

Recently, through Chester Pierce, counsel for the Wayne County Drain Commission, Livonia officials were warned that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors would be asked to withhold approval of Livonia board petitions pending settlement of the quarrel between the suburb and the city's water board over whether the new

wholesale water rate became effective Oct. 1 or Nov. 1.

MAYOR HARVEY W. MOELKE also had ruffled the Board's fur further by protesting against the rate increases on a percentage rate instead of a flat rate to all communities buying water from the board.

He called the policy unfair, said Detroit's own users were buying a bargain compared to the out-county communities where the percentages varied.

Detroit's rate was 15 percent, up to \$1.35 from \$1.17 a 1,000 cubic feet (7,500 gallons).

Livonia's Water Commissioner David L. Jones cited conflicting letters from Gerald Remus, general manager of the

Detroit Water Board, fixing the date the raise became effective. Referred by Moelke for a legal opinion, the city's Law Department decided the raise was effective Nov. 1, and the October extra \$11,000 was withheld pending "justification."

The action was followed by a request from Remus' office for payment, and reports that pressure would be exerted to end Livonia's challenge, Moelke said. There were reports that drainage bond requests would be tabled by committee.

Moelke said that Pierce had pulled no punches at a conference when he announced the pressure plans.

However, a letter came from the Water Board over signature of Gerald L. Dessert, secretary, asking for a conference to be attended by the mayor, members of the City Council, Remus and Commissioner John H. McEwen "to see if the difficulties could not be resolved."

Dessert said the matter had been discussed by the Board after Remus made a report for the first 50,000, dropping it slightly for larger users.

While the Council went along with the opposition to the October bill, there was little reported enthusiasm among members for Moelke's fight on the percentage policy for raising rates to communities.

Pierce reportedly said that Livonia's challenge could upset the county's financial position, since the revenue is needed for its bond program. If other communities withheld checks for the raise for October, the amount could be considerable. Moelke suggested that the board already has a number of delinquent accounts among its 67 clients.

EMPLOYEES OF THE Board of Supervisors denied knowledge

of the reported plan to withhold approval of Livonia bonds in view of the fight with Detroit, declaring that the Detroit majority never votes as a block. The city has 60 supervisors, out-county 61.

The mayor said water bonds are revenue bonds, drainage bonds are general obligation bonds. The county's tax and credit are not pledged on water-bond issues, he said. So, he added, the city's challenge would have no effect on the drainage bond business.

Moelke added that the city has not refused to pay the \$11,000 for October, but has withheld it pending legal decision on the effective date.

If the board persists, four Livonia drain projects were before the Drains Committee for consideration this week. Donald E. Ivey, staff assistant to the Board of Supervisors said. They were to be considered at a meeting called by Willis H. Hall, committee Chairman. Livonia would be represented.

CONCERNING the suggested meeting with the Water Board representatives, Moelke wrote Dessert: "We will be more than happy to meet with you at any time."

"I would appreciate it if Mr. Remus would provide our community with communications from the office of Civil Defense which state that it is required that a water intake be placed a minimum distance of 50 miles from the city of Detroit. Mr. Remus made this statement at the public hearing held by the Water and Sewer Committee of the Board of Supervisors."

"I would also appreciate having available the increases made by the Board of Water Supply to your customers within the city of Detroit. It would be helpful to have all the pertinent information available which establishes the basis for the different water rates to the several outlying communities in Wayne county, including the city of Livonia."

The mayor hasn't called off his lawyers in behalf of peace.

Livonia Eyes Deal On Trash

Livonia officials plan to seek a modern new trash disposal system in Louisville, Ky., to determine its application here. The trip will be part of the research going into the proposed Livonia-Plymouth authority.

Mayor Harvey W. Moelke said the Louisville installation is a hammer-mill operation which sorts trash according to weight and substance.

"IT MIGHT BE this would enable us to develop a salvage operation," he said. "At Pittsburgh, for example, we even saw broken glass being sorted out and sold."

The development came as Plymouth officials delayed completion of the joint plan with Livonia, asking for a study of needs.

"This is like the wedding of the elephant and the mouse and I certainly wouldn't want to enter into anything like that until I had completed an exhaustive study," Plymouth City Commissioner James McCon was quoted as saying.

Livonia officials said a great deal of research must be made before either city knows which direction it will take—an incinerator, some other type of disposal equipment or expansion of its landfill.

"ALL LIVONIA wanted to do was establish an authority which could be used for this purpose if we jointly decided to do anything," he said.

Legal documents have been prepared to establish the authority under a 1966 state law empowering the two municipalities to jointly solve a mutual problem or government.

Moelke On County Tax Group

The Wayne County Board of Supervisors has created a committee to "explore alternative methods by which the county can be assured continued tax revenues in a like or greater amount."

Livonia's Mayor Harvey W. Moelke has been appointed a member by Mel Ravitz, a Detroit city councilman and chairman of the board. Ravitz named 18 members, and will serve as an ex-officio member. The supervisors adopted a resolution Oct. 30 setting up the study.

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