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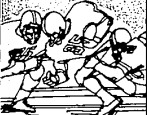
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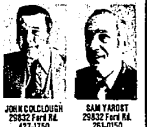
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Businessmen were told by a federal attorney how to help fight "white collar crime." U. S. Atty. Ralph Guy Jr., speaking to the Westland Chamber of Commerce last week, stressed that non-violent crime is more serious than street crime, and he urged businessmen to adopt attitudes that would help in reducing the problem.



JOHN W. OLDHAM of 25101 Chapelweigh, Farmington Hills, has been elected vice president and general counsel of Dura Corp., producer of automotive equipment. Oldham has been secretary and corporate director of industrial relations for the Detroit-based subsidiary of Walter Kidde & Co., Inc. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit law school and joined Dura in 1970 after working for American Motors, Chrysler and Metropolitan Life.

Guy listed several ways businessmen can avoid getting involved in white collar crime and help curb the growing national problem. One problem is that people usually pay more attention to more visible aspects of the crime problem. American history also works against an effective solution to the white collar crime, he said.

Regional Council Values Stressed

County commissioners in southeast Michigan have been urged to continue involvement in a council of governments to "avoid creation of another layer of government." Lawrence R. Fernick of Southfield, a member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, and chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), sent the message to all county commissioners in the seven-county region.

He cited action by the National Association of Counties (NACO) in annual conference which urged county officials to support "different workable approaches" to regional problem solving. The NACO "plank" on regionalism states: "Local elected officials of counties and cities should support regional councils as the forum where they can discuss and seek solutions to regional problems. Local elected officials in each area should decide the questions of mandatory or voluntary membership and the basis for voting and funding. The regional council, in this context, is not another

layer of government, nor an agency having operational or service delivery responsibilities. The regional council is a means for local governments to identify regional issues, to examine possible solutions, and to decide what agencies should be responsible for implementation." The statement concludes: "This association strongly urges federal and state governments to recognize and follow these principles in determining the organization and authority of regional structures and to support decisions made by local elected officials on regional issues. We particularly stress the need for elected county and city officials to control all regional agencies and to determine regional boundaries."

Grannan To Leave SEMCOG

James P. Grannan, chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has announced he will resign as chairman after Nov. 19 and won't seek reelection as a councilman in the city of Fraser. Grannan said he was declining to seek reelection in Fraser to spend more time with his family. Since SEMCOG requires that its chairman be an elected public official, he also has to step down as SEMCOG chairman.

lem, businessmen can act to combat white collar crime, which includes the annual \$1.5 billion hijacking losses. There are a lot of high-jackings, he said, because there is a ready market for the stolen goods, particularly clothes, liquor and cigars. He advised chamber members to avoid "bargains and deals" offered to them at substantially reduced prices. Businessmen should also be aware of a new business venture or investment plan

which promises a large return within a short period. When dealing with an unknown business, check out the firm's background, he advised. He urged businessmen to call police departments if they see something that "doesn't look just right."

Guy said that self-discipline among businessmen is important and noted that local chambers are stepping

up their consumer protection activities. "Businessmen are not only the victims of white collar crime but also pay the lion's share of the taxes to support law enforcement agencies to fight crime," he said. "Businessmen have a double stake in being alert to white collar crime. He urged merchants to adopt an attitude of high personal morality and general respect for courts and institutions to help fight white collar crime.

Fourth Friday attendance figures which regulate state aid will be discussed, and a date will be set for a public hearing on the budget.

Budget figures will be on the minds of board members when the Clarenceville Board of Education convenes its regularly scheduled meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday in the board room of its offices located on Eight Mile Road.

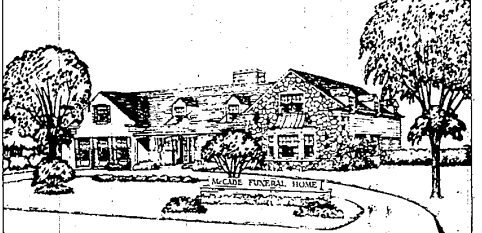
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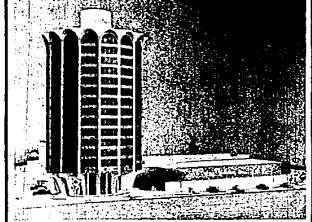


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