

German bus angles ways in suburbs

It looked like a cross between a bus and a caterpillar as it wormed its way across Maple and down Woodward Avenue.

The accordion bus, as it came to be called, impress impressed bus drivers and dozens of passengers with its comfort and maneuverability while on a brief visit to the Detroit area two weeks ago.

At the invitation of the Southeastern Michigan Transit Authority (SEMTA), the West German prototype bus with an accordion-like center spent four days on the road in Wayne and Oakland counties to see if it might be practical for Detroit area routes.

Developed by Fahrzeugwerkstätten Falkenried GmbH, the bus is already in use in several European cities, said Joan Kolodziej, public affairs specialist for SEMTA.

"We wanted to see if it would be practical in this area," she said. "We found it can go anywhere that our buses now go, but has the advantage of more room. It has seating for 57 passengers, but with standing room it will hold 170."

SEMTA's 40 foot buses now accommodate a maximum of 85 passengers, she noted.

Although SEMTA officials think the bus might be ideal for its busier routes, such as along Woodward Avenue during peak hours, it would take at least five years to get the buses on the road, said Ms. Kolodziej.

"We have to go through an extensive procedure to get projects funded," she said. "And the bus isn't being manufactured here."

While at the SEMTA terminal in Troy, the bus was studied by officials from General Motors of Canada who might be interested in producing it, she said.

During its four-day visit, the bus was driven from a park and ride lot in West Bloomfield through to Birmingham and downtown along Woodward Avenue.

"Most passengers seemed to like it," she said. "They thought it was smoother riding. The drivers liked it's turning radius."

Because it isn't in production in the United States, cost estimates are rough, she said. The nearest estimate on its price tag is \$140,000. The prototype cost \$500,000 to build because each part was handmade.

SEMTA officials are now awaiting a report on the vehicle from the Urban Mass Transit Administration, before considering whether it might be a practical addition to its fleet.



A view of Boston

Mrs. Hilary Elmagrabi, son Peter and daughter Nadia, of Farmington Hills, were among recent visitors to John Hancock Observatory, Boston. The Observatory is located on the 60th floor of the John Hancock Tower, 740 feet above street level.

Anderson promoted

J. Robert Anderson of Farmington Hills has been named president of Ford Motor Co. Land Development Corp.

He joined Ford in 1963 as a financial analyst. After holding various financial management positions, he became an assistant controller of the company in 1972. He was appointed assistant treasurer in 1974.

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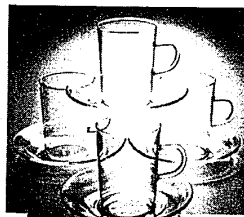
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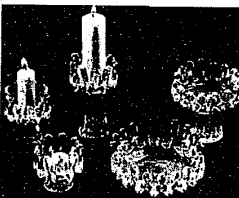
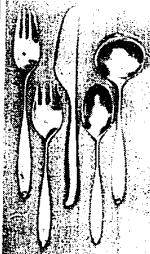
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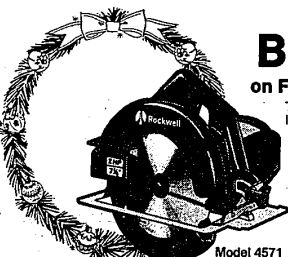
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