

Convention groups to merge

The Oakland County Tourist and Convention Bureau (OCTCB) and the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau (MDCVB) have merged, according to a joint announcement by Alex Capsalis and Edward C. Kennard, chairmen of the respective boards.

Effective immediately, the name of the new organization will be the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. Under terms of the merger, an Oakland County office will be maintained, probably at the present OCTCB office site in Pontiac.

Four members of the OCTCB board will be named to the current MDCVB board to form the board of the merged organization.

According to Capsalis and Kennard, "Southeast

Michigan has substantial appeal as a convention center, as demonstrated by the recent confirmations to the 1980 Republican National Convention and the 1982 Super Bowl.

"Oakland County is an integral part of the area's appeal, with the Pontiac Silverdome, hotels and recreational attractions, such as Pine Knob and Meadow Brook.

"Coupled with Detroit's excellent facilities, attractions and improved image, our convention product is stronger than ever.

"We believe that being able to work as a single unit, the convention bureau will enable us to be more effective in capitalizing on this area's strong appeal as a convention site," they said.

Edison owners want A-power

Detroit Edison Co. shareholders defeated by nearly a 9-1 margin a proposal recommending to management that nuclear power not be used in the generation of electricity.

The proposal had been included in the company's proxy statement, which was mailed to the 220,000 shareholders of the company's 65.3 million common shares on March 22.

Votes were tallied from proxies returned as well as ballots cast by shareholders attending the company's annual meeting this morning in Detroit, a company announcement said.

The proposal, initiated by a shareholder from Ann Arbor, suggested that the company's plans for nuclear power generation be delayed until certain "key questions" are resolved.

Detroit Edison is the nation's 10th largest electric utility. It does not have any nuclear power plants in operation at present, but does have one plant, Fermi 2, under construction near Monroe.

Fermi 2 is about 85 percent complete and is scheduled for operation in December 1980. Edison also has two other nuclear units, Greenwood 2 and 3, in the planning stages for completion in 1989 and 1991 near Port Huron.

In other action, shareholders also elected two new directors — Rev. Malcolm Carron, S.J., president of the University of Detroit, and Wendell W. Anderson Jr., board chairman and chief executive officer of the Bundy Corporation of Detroit.

I-696 section will be closed

The westbound lanes on the 9.1-mile segment of I-696 (Walter Reuther) Freeway between I-94 in Roseville and Dequindre Road in Warren is closed to traffic for six to eight weeks.

The section of I-696 was opened to traffic on a temporary basis Jan. 4, with notice at that time that it would be closed at the start of the 1979 construction season to finish the freeway.

Two interchanges, median barrier walls, shoulders and pavement joints on the stretch will also be completed.

While the road is closed, a 100 foot section of damaged storm sewer tunnel will be repaired.

The foot-thick concrete pipe cracked when the sandy soil it is buried in settled. Pressure caused a distortion in the 48-foot deep pipe and the concrete cracked.

Eastbound lanes will remain open to traffic for about one more week before they will be closed for the work.

The entire 9.1-mile segment is expected to be completed and re-opened to traffic by June 15.

Later daylight means kids need extra care

Motorists should be more alert during pre-school hours following Sunday's switch to Daylight Savings Time. That's the word from the Michigan Automobile Association.

"Commuters will be driving in winter-like conditions in the morning and should keep an eye out for children on their way to school," said Arthur Gibson, Auto Club safety and traffic engineer. "There is also an increased possibility of fog this time of year."

Gibson suggests the following precautions:

- Dress children in brightly-colored clothing to make them more visible.
- Put reflective tape on bicycles, lunch boxes and jackets.
- When unable to use sidewalks, children should walk on the shoulder of the road facing traffic.
- Cross streets only at traffic signals or patrolled corners.
- Bicyclists should ride with the flow of traffic on the edge of the road when sidewalks aren't available.

New bosses to be coached

Oakland University is hosting two development seminars to help new supervisors and managers improve their job skills.

The "new supervisors" seminar will be held May 3-4 and the "new managers" seminar will be held May 16-17. Each program begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center on the Rochester campus.

On May 3-4 supervisors will develop motivating

and delegating skills, design the appropriate management style, and learn to develop their credibility and authority.

On May 16-17 new managers will examine effective and ineffective communication techniques, increase their motivational skills, and explore the differences between management and supervision.

The programs were developed by R.M. Ames, management consultants, and offered by the OU Conference Department. The fee is \$135 for each seminar including coffee, luncheon, and materials. For more information, call OU, 377-3272.

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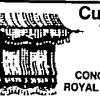
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