### Oakland road toll lowest in 20 years

In 1981 Oakland County recorded the fewest traffic deaths in 20 years, the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA)

Traffic Improvement Association (1117), reported.

There were 145 traffic deaths reported last year, 5 percent fewer than in 1980 when 153 lives were lost in traffic accidents. The last year in which fewer were recorded was in 1962 when the traffic toll stood at 115.

"We are comparing last year's traffic toll to that of 1953 which was 10 percent below the 1979 figure," said Bruce Madsen, TIA managing director.

NO ONE factor or prevention activi-ty could be credited with the decline in fatalities during the past two years, Madsen indicated.

"We are convinced that the economic climate has played a significant role for we have been able to chart a defi-nite correlation between the rise and fall in traffic fatalities and economic trends," Madsen said.

"Statistics show that the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities to the total numbers killed has dropped significantify in Gakland County since the special Alcohol Enforcement and Education Project was launched in 1980," Madsen said.

The direct dollar costs of traffic accidents in Oakland County last year will be approximately \$100 million, according to accident cest figures provided by the National Safety Council.

# Grant assists Super Bowl travel

Thanks to a state grant, SEMTA trains will transport football fans to and from the Pontiac Silverdome on Superbowl Sunday.

"The rail tracks near the stadium are normally used for freight operations and will be used to bring fans to the Silverdome for the first time by SEMTA trains on Jan. 24, said Gary Krause, acting general manager of SEMTA.

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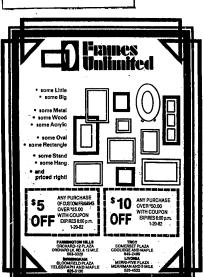
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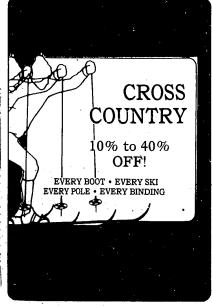
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