

# 'Demonstrate concern'

## Bankers top UF quota

At the first of five United Foundation report luncheons, Torch Drive volunteers reported that \$4,038,874 have been raised to date, or 18.7 percent of this year's \$43-million goal.

Contributions from the metro Detroit-area banks, which are part of the Torch Drive Commercial Unit, were highlighted at the meeting.

Representing the banking industry, National Bank of Detroit Executive Vice President Thomas H. Jeffis II addressed more than 350 volunteers at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and reported contributions of \$1.8 million, or 102.2 percent of quota.

"IN THESE difficult times, the banks have once again demonstrated their concern for the residents of our

tri-county area," Jeffis said. "Their outstanding support of the 1982 Torch Drive will help meet the increased need of our community."

Reports were heard from four chapter campaign units. The Industrial Unit reported \$1.5 million, or 27.6 percent of quota; the Commercial Unit reported \$2.5 million, or 34.8 percent of quota; the Service Unit reported \$1.8 million, or 28.9 percent of quota; and the schools, government and professions unit reported \$1 million, or 28.2 percent of quota.

The Pacesetter Campaign also reported contributions of \$2,308,921.

The major accounts unit, which consists of 515 organizations ranging in size from 15 to 9,000 employees in the

tri-county area, reported nearly 27.4 percent of quota.

To date, 64 organizations qualify to receive Gold Honor Awards, the highest achievement in Torch Drive giving.

**WINNERS OF THE 1982 UF Communications Contest** also were announced. Receiving top awards for their winning entries were Burroughs Corp., Detroit Diesel Allison, Detroit Edison and St. Clair Health Services. Special Awards of Commendation were presented to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, Detroit Edison and Fisher Body Division-General Motors Corp.

Cost for all report luncheons are met through the UF's meeting sponsorship pool. Local corporations, labor unions and organizations make special contributions to this pool. In addition to their Torch Drive gift, to cover expenses for official United Foundation functions.

The 1982 Torch Drive continues through Nov. 4. Contributions to this campaign support health and community-service programs at 136 charitable organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

## DRC cancels thoroughbreds — bad economy

Citing "the slumping economy" and "falling attendance," general manager David Karoub said the 1982 thoroughbred season at the Detroit Race Course in Livonia is canceled after Sunday evening's program.

The original schedule called for the DRC to race through the weekend of Nov. 13-14. Karoub noted that by Sunday's closing action, the DRC will have completed 90 days of racing, six more than in 1981.

He said that "only in deference to the state racing commissioner's office, the state of Michigan, the horsemen and the fans have we continued racing this year as long as we have."

Karoub said that he has been in day-to-day contact with racing commissioner Bill Ballenger, who "is looking forward to meeting with representatives of the racing industry regarding the future of thoroughbred racing in Michigan."

Karoub said that "in hindsight, it may have been a poor business move to race as long as we already have this year."

## County opposes annexation bid

By Suzie Rollins Slinger  
staff writer

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted 15-7 to oppose an annexation request by two Southfield developers.

The commissioners will send their resolution to the State Boundary Commission, urging it to deny the request made by Norman Allan and Al Posen.

The developers' want their 20-acre parcel in Franklin Village annexed to the city of Southfield. The ultimate decision lies with the State Boundary Commission. No hearing date has been set.

**FAVORING THE** resolution were Republican Commissioners Marilyn Goding of Bloomfield Hills, John McDonald of Farmington Hills, Joseph Montane of Orchard Lake, John Olsen

of Huntington Woods, Lillian Moffitt of Birmingham and Robert Page of Birmingham.

Opposed were Democrats Alexander Perce and Lawrence Pernick, both of Southfield. They contended that under the state constitution, all persons have the right to petition.

Moffitt introduced the resolution to the commissioners several weeks ago. At that time she said she opposed "self-serving individuals who wish to disrupt municipal boundaries without the vote of citizens."

ALLAN AND POSEN want to build a large residential development on the east side of Franklin Road between Farmbrook and Greenbriar.

Developers have asked for the annexation to Southfield to get public sewer and water facilities that are prohibited in Franklin.

## Van Roekel, county road engineer, dies

Paul Van Roekel, a 25-year Oakland County highway engineer, died last week. The Waterford Township resident was 57.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Drayton Plains.

As county highway engineer since 1957, Van Roekel was chief operating officer of the Oakland County Road Commission, a 500-employee agency responsible for construction and maintenance of 2,557 miles of public roads.

He was elected president of the transportation Officials Division of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association in 1981.

Van Roekel served as the only county

highway engineer on the board of the National Association of Counties from 1974-75. He was elected president of the National Association of County Highway Engineers in 1972.

A native of Oshtemo, Iowa, Van Roekel served in the U.S. Air Corps immediately following his high school graduation. A first lieutenant, he served as navigator on 35 B-17 missions over Europe in World War II.

He earned his engineering degree at Iowa State University.

The road commission's main facility in Waterford is named the Paul Van Roekel Service Center.

He is survived by his wife Ann and their three adult children.

## Heat saving tips to be given

Practical guidelines to help homeowners who are interested in saving money on energy bills this winter will be the topic of a special home energy forum this evening.

The free forum starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Park Community Center, 14500 Oak Park Blvd. (9 1/2 Mile Road).

Much of the information will be detailed by Esther Shapiro, director of consumer affairs for the city of Detroit.

Virtually all of the guidelines will translate into potential financial benefits for homeowners, said Henry Lybeck, Oak Park city engineer.

The program will feature a question-and-answer session. Light refreshments will be available.

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