

New terminal makes airport 'regional hub'

A new \$6 million terminal at Oakland-Pontiac Airport will become "a regional hub for corporate air travel," said the company chairman who built it.

Robert J. Vlasie, chairman of Aviation Group Inc., predicted his firm's Executive Transportation Center will aid Oakland County's industrial expansion "by providing a base for local and national firms who need better access by air to outlying plants and divisions and to customer and supplier locations."

The Executive Transportation Center consists of a four-story terminal for business travelers and flight crews and two large hangars able to accommodate aircraft as large as Boeing 727 jets.

Vlasie also is chairman of Vlasie Foods, Henry Ford Hospital and Cranbrook Institute.

A PLAQUE honoring the late William Bushnell Stout as the father of Michigan aviation was dedicated by Lt. Gov. Martha W. Griffiths.

Stout designed the historic Ford tri-motor transport, America's first all-metal plane. Stout also designed the streamlined Scarab automobile, light-weight and self-propelled railway cars.

Aviation Group President Russell Carle Jr. said the plaque is intended to honor "one of the all-but-forgotten figures in Michigan's business history." The plaque is installed in the ETC's main lobby next to a mural depicting the history of manned flight.

AVIATION GROUP, which built and will operate the ETC facility, bills itself as Michigan's leading Cessna dealership.

Commenting on the market for executive flights, Carle said businesses are relying increasingly on flight for trips of 100 to 1,000 miles. "The ETC also will become a way point for cross-country flights," he said.

"Nearly three-quarters of all Fortune 500 companies operate business aircraft. These companies in 1983 achieved 33 percent higher sales and a 45 percent higher net income per employee than companies without their own planes."

He added that Michigan has 300 airports and registers 6,500 aircraft.



Russell E. Carle Jr.
growing market

Economist takes helm of Wayne Port Authority

The Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority has elected John F. Hanieski chairman and Charles F. Turner vice chairman.

Both positions are for one-year terms.

The Port Authority is a quasi-public corporation, established in 1981. Its members are appointed by the state of Michigan, Wayne County and city of Detroit. Its function is to assist regional businesses in the area of foreign trade by promoting the port of Detroit and improving shipping services.

Hanieski is chief economist in the Michigan Department of Commerce and also was associate director for economic development on the Governor's Task Force for Higher Education.

Prior to joining the Department of Commerce in 1973, Hanieski was an assistant professor of management and then assistant professor of economics at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. He lives in Grand Lodge.

A native Detroit, Turner, of Grosse Pointe Park, is a senior vice-president and officer in charge of the world banking department of Comerica Bank-Detroit. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree in 1959 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in 1964.

Activist actor kicks off series

Robert Vaughn, actor and political activist, will be the first speaker Oct. 9 for the Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall lecture series.

Vaughn's topic will be "Actors as Politicians — and Vice Versa." He will examine the relationship of actors and politicians from the 1930s to actor Ronald Reagan's becoming president.

Vaughn has a doctorate in mass communications and has served as a TV political commentator.

The series' five lectures are held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Room 2 of Bloomfield on Telegraph Road. The lecture is followed by a celebrity luncheon at noon for season ticket holders.

Season tickets may be obtained by sending a check for \$30 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall, PO Box 1829, Pontiac 48056.

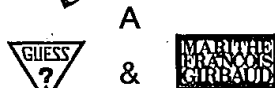
Other dates and speakers in the series will be: Nov. 13, Camella Sadat, daughter of the late Egyptian president; Jan. 8, Roma Romney, Republican National Committee woman from Michigan and author; Feb. 13, Hope Mihalap, known as "the Greek Erma Bombeck"; and March 13, Herold Price Fyhringet on "The American Criminal Justice System."

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