

Tri-County Car Pool Program Structured To Conserve Gasoline

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has announced plans to initiate a computerized car pool program for people who live and work in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

SEMCOG Executive Director James L. Trainor said the car pool program is in response to President Nixon's call for national cooperation at all levels to help ease the energy crunch.

Depending on its success, the program has the potential of saving up to 200,000 gallons of gasoline daily, according to SEMCOG figures.

Trainor said the SEMCOG will work:

Employers will supply interested workers with a simple questionnaire asking for their name, home address, work address, and the hours they work.

The employers will then return the questionnaires to SEMCOG for data processing. SEMCOG will match people who live in the same area and work for the same employers or employers located near each other. This information will be summarized by census tracts and returned to the employers, who in turn will distribute individual lists to employees.

Each participating worker will thus have a specific list of people who live nearby, with the same working hours and approximately the same work location. It is then up to the workers to get together and to start their own car pool.

Employers who participate will be charged by SEMCOG at a rate of 35 cents per employee plus a five-cent monthly maintenance charge to keep lists updated. This would come to an annual cost of roughly 90 cents per year per employee. These charges will offset the charges SEMCOG must pay to run the program through its computer.

"We are prepared to start the program immediately," said Trainor. "We feel we have the ability to undertake such a program since we already have the necessary computer programs as well as the technical expertise to provide an effective service in this vital area."

SC Cuts Lighting And Heat

Unless there is a sharp change for the worse, it will be business as usual at Schoolcraft College during the energy crisis.

This was assured when President Nelson Grote informed the Board of Trustees at its monthly meeting that the school has on non-rupturable contracts with all of its suppliers.

"We have contracted for 900 gallons of gasoline," he told the board, "and we have been assured that deliveries will be made on schedule."

Under what he termed an energy conserving program, every other light has been turned off in the hallways and thermostats have been turned down. But there is no threat of closing any portion of the educational facilities.

While there have been a number of complaints regarding the glaring lights in the acres of school parking lots, Grote informed the board that the school has no control over this lighting system.

He explained that the lights were installed by the Detroit Edison Co. on a lease purchase plan and Edison controls operation of them until the purchase is finalized.

Clarenceville Meetings Set

The next meeting of the Clarenceville Board of Education will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the board office, 2830 W. Eight Mile Rd.

The Athletic Boosters Club will meet Monday, Dec. 10, instead of the original date of Dec. 3. It will be held in the high school home economics room at 8 p.m.

Botsford School PTA members and Botsford children will be treated to a holiday show on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The Tudor Singers from Frost Junior High School in Livonia will appear. Also entertaining will be the Jan-San puppets.

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College President's Son Dies

Steven Charles Grote, 7, son of Schoolcraft College President and Mrs. C. Nelson Grote, was buried yesterday at Morehead, Ky., his birthplace.

The boy died early Saturday morning less than 20 hours after being stricken with a brain hemorrhage.

The condition which caused his death apparently had been present since birth, a college spokesman said.

Steven was stricken at breakfast Friday morning and taken to St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was transferred to Children's Hospital, Detroit, where the condition was determined to be an aneurism and inoperable.

Steven was a second grade student at Cass Elementary School. His grave overlooks the Morehead State University campus where he lived until three years ago when his father died as dean of the School of Applied Science and Technology there to head Schoolcraft College.

Services were held at the First Christian Church in Morehead Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Roy Roberson officiating.

The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the research center of Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, or the pediatrics department of St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead, Ky., 49351.

Besides his parents, survivors are a brother, Mark, 9, two sisters, Carol, a senior at the University of Michigan, and Jan, a freshman at Central Michigan University; and two grandparents, Mrs. Roy McGee of Illinois, and C.E. Grote of Florida.

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