

How transit woes are being solved

SOUTHFIELD Future plans for mass transportation in Michigan will be the monthly topic discussed when the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) meets on Jan. 15 in Southfield.

Speaker will be James C. Kellogg, deputy director of urban and public transportation for Michigan's Dept. of State Highways.

The meeting will be in the Raleigh House, Telegraph near 10 Mile in Southfield, beginning with a social hour at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the technical session. Tickets are available at the door for \$7.50.

Kellogg will discuss the new two cent gas tax increase and tell how one-half cent of this will be used to finance the public transportation programs.

Kellogg will also talk about the Dial-A-Ride (DART) program and Amtrak service programs in Michigan as well as future plans for the state.

He will end the evening by presenting his views on how

Vocational ed views surveyed

School districts in Oakland County have mailed questionnaires to 1973 graduates of high school vocational programs as part of a statewide effort to find out how useful students themselves rate vocational training.

The survey is also expected to provide information on the need for placement service for high school graduates.

Young people enrolled in the Oakland Vocational Area Centers, as well as local high school programs, were on the mailing list.

Local districts, intermediate districts, and the State Dept. of Public Instruction will use the information to plan future vocational training.

Former students are asked if they are employed, how they got their jobs, and if the jobs are related to the vocational training received in school.

Vocational education planners want to know how adequate former students think their vocational preparation was and if they would recommend the programs to other students.

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SALLY SPEDDING, principal of Northbrook Elementary School of Southfield School District, was recently given a special award by the Michigan Vocational Guidance Assn. (MVGA) for service and dedication to vocational guidance. Miss Spedding, one of the organizers of MVGA in 1967, is shown with Beth Boyer and Tommy Brill, students at Northbrook. This is the first time the award was given to an individual not associated with a college or university.

County gets \$13 million from trucking industry

LANSING Oakland County benefited from some \$13.2 million paid in truck taxes during fiscal 1972, according to the Michigan Trucking Assn. (MTA).

That sum includes about \$5.7 million in truck taxes distributed to local governments and some \$7.5 million in the truck portion of state and federal expenditures in Oakland County.

The funds, gasoline tax rebates, were earmarked for improvements to county and local road systems.

The truck portion of the money represented 30.8 percent of the total amount of special state highway user taxes of \$41.9 million spent in Oakland County, reports the MTA.

During fiscal 1972, Southfield received \$1 million in gasoline tax rebates, of which \$335,000 is estimated to have been paid by truckers.

Farmington received a total of \$124,000 with truckers contributing an estimated \$38,400.

Taxes on the trucking industry returned to these municipalities in 1972 are:

- Lathrup Village, \$21,900;
- Quakertown, \$4,140;
- Wood Creek Farms, \$5,700;
- Beverly Hills, \$54,500;
- Bingham Farms, \$3,100; and, Franklin, \$15,725.

The MTA is a lobbyist for the interests of management of all types of trucking companies.

The MTA reports, that the trucking industry employs some 315,000 in Michigan, or one out of 10 persons employed in the state.

The annual payroll of the trucking industry in Michigan exceeds \$3 billion and pays more than \$221 million in state and federal highway-user taxes each year, more than \$4.2 million a week.

During 1972, the MTA claims, truckers spent more than \$286 million to purchase gasoline in Michigan and

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Beth Shalom elects leader

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Installation will be held at a congregational dinner in January.

Tax assistance helpers needed

PONTIAC Volunteers throughout Oakland County are needed to help senior citizens, low income, and Spanish speaking persons fill out their 1973 income tax returns.

Training by an IRS instructor is being offered for those who would like it on Jan. 17 and 18, in Pontiac. Materials to study will be available and volunteers may work as many or as few hours as they wish.

The program is being sponsored by the Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity (OCCOE). Volunteers will work out of any of OCCOE's 11 offices in Ferndale, Madison Heights, Wallingford, Hazel Park, Holly, Ortonville and Clarkston.

Persons interested should contact Cindy Chamberlin, OCCOE volunteer coordinator at 196 Oakland Ave., Pontiac.

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