

## Esch bill bucks state rail abandonment

U.S. Rep. Marvin L. Esch (R-Ann Arbor) has introduced a bill which would prevent rail abandonments in Michigan and other states from going into effect without full congressional consideration.

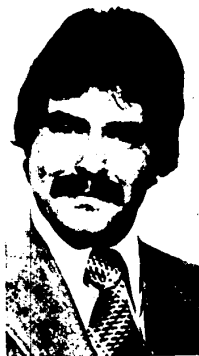
"There are more than a dozen major rail abandonment bills which would seek to subsidize branch lines

for periods of time from one to 10 years. I believe that some action will be taken to protect lines from immediate abandonment," Esch said.

"But under present procedures there is no way that the question of branch line abandonment can possibly be resolved prior to the date that the final system plan for the northeast

rail system is scheduled to go into effect."

Under present procedures, the final system plan will automatically go into effect by mid-November, "including the abandonment of more than 1,100 miles of rail line in Michigan. I believe that many of these lines are essential to Michigan industry and to Michigan workers," Esch said.



Esch noted that present congressional plans would let the Final Systems Plan go into effect through "silence" while working on implementing amendments and national rail revitalization questions.

The Esch bill will postpone final consideration of the rail reorganization for 60 legislative days. "The FSF at this point raises more questions than it answers," Esch said, "not the least of which is the total cost of the package."

## Autograph king displays book

Gene Reeves, the "autograph king" of Canton Township, will display what he says is the world's largest autograph book in Northville for a benefit this weekend.

The book will be on display in Northville Square, 133 W. Main, Friday through Sunday. Reeves will appear

with the book from 12 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

The Northville Square Merchants Association will make a donation to Reeves' pet project, the Plymouth Center for Human Development, where he plays Santa Claus each year and delivers presents and candy. Reeves is a retired department store Santa.

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## Promoted

James E. Keller of Plymouth has been appointed manager of zone sales for American Airlines in Detroit. He succeeds Eugene E. Rondeau, who recently was appointed district sales manager for the airlines in Buffalo. Keller joined American in 1968. His previous assignment was sales representative for the airlines in Detroit.

## OCC offers short courses

Registrations for the fall series of non-credit short courses offered by Oakland Community College's (OCC) Southeast Campus System are currently being accepted. Classes, which begin the week of Oct. 20, meet once a week for an average of six sessions.

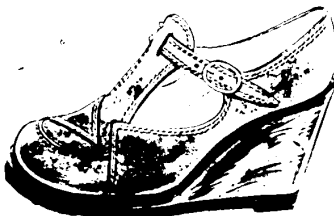
New short courses include bio-energetics, family camping, the gifted child, and living with divorce. Other courses are yoga, astrology, transactional analysis, and belly dance.

Information on how to register as well as a complete list of courses is available in the free Southeast Campus System Short Course brochure. Copies may be obtained by contacting George Cartsons at 548-1232, ext. 42.

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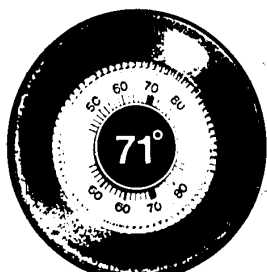
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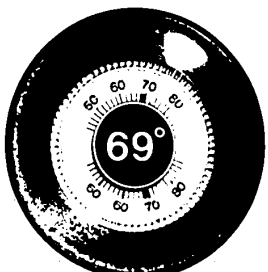
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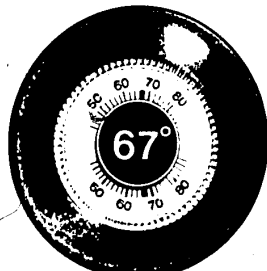
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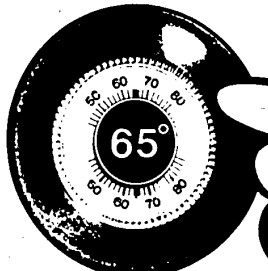
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