

Area reps back auto repair bill

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With all six area representatives backing it, the Michigan house has passed, 32-20, a bill to require licensing of auto repair mechanics by 1981.

An earlier version of the bill required shops to post a \$10,000 bond and contained a grandfather clause that would have exempted mechanics of six years' experience from taking a state certification exam.

But a house senate conference committee removed those two provisions which many felt would force small shops to close. The house then adopted the conference report.

The changes helped win the support of Rep. W. V. Brotherton (R-Farmington). "I opposed the parts where we tried to grandfather the mechanics," he said.

The senate version said auto repair

shops would be required to give customers a written estimate of costs for repairs of \$50 or more. But Brotherton said the final version allows customers to waive a written estimate when the work is expected to cost less than \$25. Repair costs could exceed estimates by 20 or 30 per cent, whatever is smaller, only with customer approval.

"Customers learn more people than anything except food," said Brotherton.

"The whole purpose of the bill was to upgrade the level of mechanics. Many people

lost around in the business for years and yet are as incompetent as I am."

Post office does more than deliver your mail

This is one week that you can thank the postal service for the mail you don't get.

The week of Feb. 22-28 has been designated by Postmaster General Benjamin F. Baker as Postal Consumer Protection Week to emphasize the importance of consumer protection and inform the public of its availability to users of the mail.

According to Postmaster Edward L. Baker, "The postal service provides safeguards in the transportation of mail against mail fraud and false representation, and provides assistance with mail-order and service problems."

"Our consumer protection program works through the inspection service, consumer advocate, judicial office and the consumer protection office of the law department," Baker said.

These four departments resolve complaints of alleged mail-order swindlers. When a complaint is made, the postal service decides whether to investigate for possible commercial deception or to handle it informally. The customer is notified in either case.

If it is believed that false representation by mail exists, the consumer protection office works with information provided by postal inspectors and initiates administrative proceedings to stop such mail.

Should the proceedings find that the results are being used to promote schemes to obtain money by misrepresentation, the judicial office issues a mail-stop order that returns all subsequent mail to the sender.

The consumer advocate provides representation in cases of delayed or lost mail, non-receipt of mail-order purchases or refunds, extension of rural routes, delivery schedules and employee conduct.

"If you have any problems with the mails contact your local postmaster or the postal inspectors. We want to help," Baker said.

Real estate speaker project is available

United Northwestern Realty Association (UNRA) will furnish speakers and information to schools scheduling career day conferences for students.

The program is keyed to a 10-minute film which discusses the varied professional opportunities in the real estate field. A number of veteran brokers and sales persons also will discuss getting started in the field, educational and licensing requirements and procedures and techniques.

Guidance materials will be furnished and speakers will respond to questions. UNRA also furnishes real estate speakers to local organizations such as civic and fraternal groups, women's clubs, PTAs and others.

Call the UNRA public relations office at 478-1700 to complete arrangements.

POAM announces essay contest

High School students throughout the state are eligible to enter the Police Officers Association of Michigan's annual essay contest and win up to \$1,000 in savings bonds.

This year's essay topic is "A Student View of Today's Police Officer in Our Bicentennial Year." Essays must be typewritten and cannot exceed 1,500 words.

First prize is a \$1,000 bond, and second prize is a \$700 savings bond. Third prize is a \$500 bond, fourth is \$300 fifth is \$250 sixth is \$150 and seventh is \$100. The remaining 18 finalists will each receive a \$25 bond.

Entries must be accompanied by a statement from either the school principal, teacher, clergyman, or parent stating that the student wrote the essay unaided.

Mail essays to Secretary, Police Officers Association of Michigan, 2187 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, 48053. Student's name, address, city, state, zip code, phone number, school name, age, grade, parent or guardian's name and address must accompany entries on a separate sheet of paper attached to the front of the essay.

The POAM reserves the right to publish any entry whether or not it is chosen a winner. Essays cannot be returned.

Media centers get state funds

A total of \$1.36 million in state and federal funds for Regional Educational Media Centers (REMCs) has been approved recently by the State Board of Education.

The funds will go to 23 regional centers throughout the state during the remainder of the 1975-76 school year. Included in the funding is an allocation of \$272,894 for the Wayne County Intermediate School District and \$125,322 for the Oakland County Intermediate School District.

By pooling resources the REMCs provide audio-visual materials and services to school districts that the districts are unable to provide themselves. Through group buying, the REMCs save thousands of dollars a year, according to state superintendent of public instruction John Parler.

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