Quest for Superbowl gets \$43,000 more grease

By TIM RICHARD
The Oakland County Tourist and
Convention Bureau got a 50 per cent
shot in the arm as it seeks to bring the
1981 Super Bowl pro football champiorship game to Pontiac's Silverdome.

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The Oakland County Board of Commissioners on May 18 voted an additional \$43,000 to the group.

It will boost the budget from the current \$82,000 to about \$125,000, said Henry M. Hogan, chairman of the bureau.

The county earlier in the budget

year had veted a \$40,000 appropriation.

SOUTH END commissioners indignantly scorned the tourist and convention bureau as "a maggot feating on the taxapyers" and "a cancer on the body politic."

Hogan said the new funds would enable the group to promote bringing in Super Bowl with mailings, printing of newspapers, buttons, receptions for National Football League leaders and 'owners and a "bilitz" of trade associatosis in Columbus and Cleveland.

Overhead and staff salaries 'run

\$5,000 a month (or \$60,000 of the \$20,000 of budget), said flogan. Without the new money, no promotion of the Super Bowl project would be possible.

Observer & Eccentric area commissioners split their votes along party lines. In favor were Republicans Henry Hoot of Troy, Paul Kasper of Bloomfield Hills, Robert McConnell of Farmington Hills, John McDonald of Farmington, Lillian Moffitt of Bloomfield, Joseph Montante of Orchard Lake, Ralph Moxley of Birmingham, Dennis Murphy of Novi, Robert Page of Birmingham and John

Opposed were Democrats Alexander Perinoff and Larry Pernick, both of Southfield

Southfield.

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy said the amount was modest compared to the \$275,000 the Gity of Detroit spends on the metropolitan hourist bureau and the \$1 million it is budgeting for its economic development corporation.

Commissioner Henry Hoot (R-Troy), who sponsored the appropriation, said dourism brings in "clean taxes, not on Oakland residents, and we don't have

to provide them schools, police and fire protection."

COMMISSIONER Alexander Perioff (D-Southfield) doubted the wistem and legality of the appropriation. He asked a written opinion from the board's counsel, Robert Allen, on the legality of a county's contributing to a private agency.

Perioff called the tourist bureau 'maggot, feeding on taxpayers' money . We have a serious problem with court fattilities,' he added, recalling that the Michigan Legislature is in

Devil drink is target for

with a Boston burlesque dancer Fanne Fox, led the Arkansas Demo crat to admit he was an alcoholic. A year later, he resigned from the

Wilbur Mills

Former U.S. Rep. and recovering alcoholic Wilbur Mills will be keynote speaker for the 25th anniversary of Brighton Hospital on Aug. 5.

The hospital is one of the country's

The hospital is one of the country's first and leading facilities for the exclusive treatment of alcoholism. Alcoholism contributed to Mills' downfall from one of the most powerful positions in Congress. In January 1976, Washington D.C. police found Mills, then chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, in the Potomace River Trial Basin, after he apparently had too much to drift, and the political political

New an atomey for a New York law New an atomey for a New York law firm, Mills devotes much of his time to speaking about the treatment of alcobolism. Nearly 8,000 former patients, ben-efactors and friends of Brighton Hospi-tal will be invited to the anniversary, with "Sharing the Joy of Sobriety" as the theme.

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Brighton hospital accepted its first patients in a converted farmhouse in the fall of 1953. The hospital, which completed a \$2 million renovation and expansion in March, 1975, is located on Grand River at Kensington, near the present I-96 freeway.

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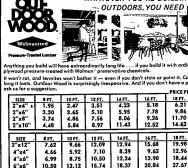
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