

Oakland pols want subway vote

By TOM LONERGAN

A number of Oakland County residents and politicians agreed on one item Tuesday: They don't want a subway in Detroit.

More than 30 persons, nearly half local public officials, spoke at a public hearing in Pontiac on the 1980 regional transportation plan proposed by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

The hearing, held in the County Board of Commissioners auditorium, drew about 120 persons. SEMTA has held a series of public hearings throughout the metropolitan area the past two weeks. They are required before the regional transportation authority makes a final decision on its plan.

SEVEN OAKLAND County officials, led by County Executive Daniel Murphy, told a panel of seven SEMTA Board of Directors members that the

proposed Woodward corridor subway would serve too few in the region and cost too much.

Both Murphy and Board of Road Commissioners Chairman Fred Houghten, R-Rochester, called for voter referendums on the light rail transit portion.

Houghten favored a referendum asking Oakland, Wayne and Macomb county voters to choose between an all-bus and SEMTA's "preferred plan," which includes a Woodward light rail line from downtown Detroit to Eight Mile Road. The subway portion would run from downtown to Grand Boulevard.

Murphy said voters should have a say on projected new taxes for regional transportation before any plan takes effect.

SEMTA expects to ask voters in 1982 for an operating tax to cover an estimated deficit of \$60-70 million no matter whether an all-bus or combined bus-rail plan is approved.

TEN OF THE 14 residents who spoke opposed the subway.

Lou Geising, of Bloomfield Hills, a school teacher in Detroit, said SEMTA should pay more attention to the other "power centers" of the region, naming Southfield, Troy, Livonia and several other suburban cities.

"I think it's crazy," he said referring to the subway. "It would begin in nowhere and it would end in nowhere."

"Tell the feds to take back their \$600 million bribe. We don't want it," said Dave Miles of Birmingham. The federal government has committed at least \$600 million for capital costs of the proposed rapid transportation system. The preferred plan's capital cost is an estimated \$1.4 billion, with half going into buses and half into light rail.

While in the minority, several residents staunchly applauded a subway.

Hank Liese of Rochester said he believes in Detroit's renaissance, "as unfashionable as it may be." Liese, who

works in the city, supported a subway to McNichols.

"It's time for Detroit to move out of the dark ages as far as mass transit is concerned and into the 20th century."

COUNTY EXECUTIVE Murphy said he's not convinced the subway is needed.

"Instead of creating economic activity, subway construction would simply redistribute existing activity from one part of the region to the other."

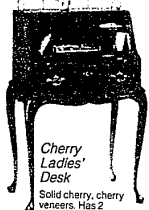
Houghten said SEMTA could "scrap downtown rail entirely," implement an all-bus system and expand commuter rail service on existing railroad rights-of-ways. Houghten echoed Murphy's view that a Woodward rail line would shift some economic development from the suburbs to Detroit.

The subway was also rapped by county Commissioners Lillian Moffitt, R-Bloomfield, John Peterson, R-Rochester, and Henry Hoot, R-Troy.

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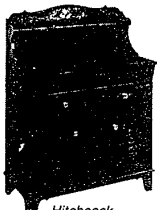
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... my true love gave to me, a parridge in a pear tree.



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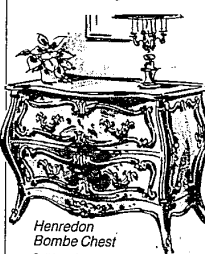
On the 3rd Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, three French hens.



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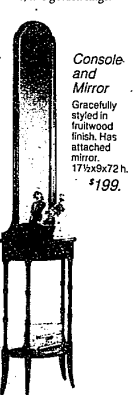
On the 4th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, four calling birds.



Henredon Bombe Chest
Striking 18th Century reproduction from the Folio 10 Collection. Brass pulls, Umbria finish. 36 1/2 x 18 x 27 h.

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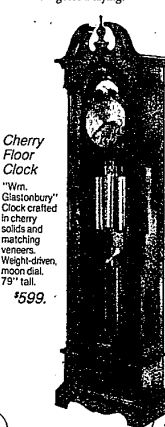
On the 5th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, five golden rings.



Console and Mirror
Gracefully styled in fruitwood finish. Has attached mirror. 17 1/2 x 9 x 72 h.

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On the 6th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, six geese a-laying.



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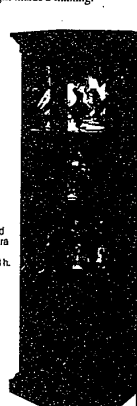
On the 7th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, seven swans a-swimming.



Ethan Allen Oriental Curio
A rich combination of ebony finish, camel-colored mappia burl and mirrored back panel. Lighted. 24x13x80 h.

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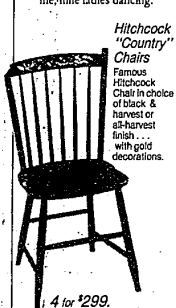
On the 8th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, eight maids a-milking.



Cherry Curio
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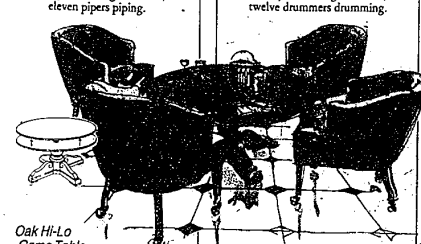
On the 10th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, ten lords a-leaping.



Wall Clock
Ashburn finish over ash solids & veneers. Has 6-day wind with gong strike. 14 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 40 h.

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On the 11th Day of Christmas
... my true love gave to me, eleven pipers piping.

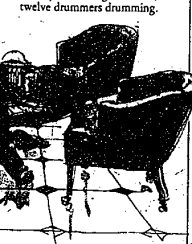


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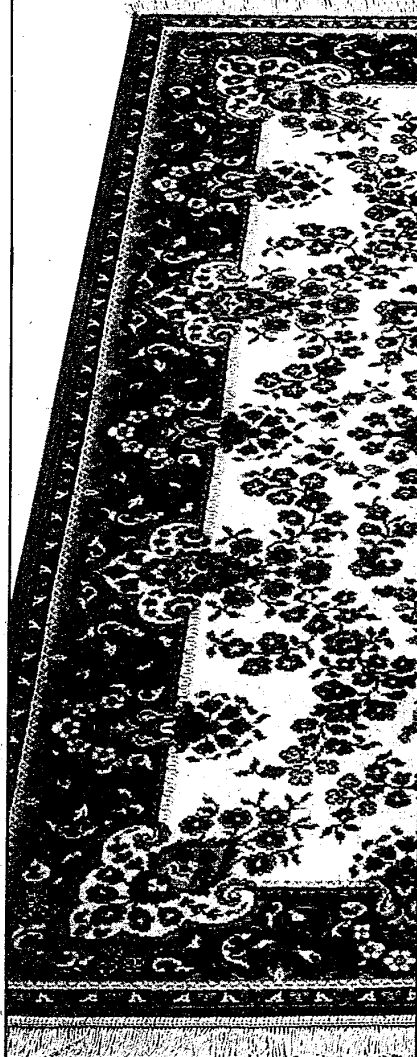
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