

Dial system still a long way off

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

For years, Oakland County officials have been talking about putting in a county-wide emergency 911 telephone system.

Today, the talks go on. And on the county is just barely inches closer to getting the quick-dial, three-number system.

"We are not close to getting this system at all," said Marijs Vickers, who works out of the Oakland County executive's office as coordinator of the county's advance programs group. "It will take a considerable amount of time."

Vickers is in charge of a special committee set up last July to sort through the details of installing a county-wide 911 system. On the committee are representatives from Oakland County fire and police departments and city administrators.

Troy is represented by city manager Frank Gerstenecker, who is just slightly more optimistic in assessing where the talks are now at.

"Well, you could say we are a few steps closer," Gerstenecker said. But he said, there's still a long way to go.

TO UNDERSTAND why it takes so long to install a 911 system in Troy and Oakland County, Gerstenecker suggested looking on page B23 of the Michigan Bell North Woodward area telephone directory. On that page are listed the numerous telephone exchanges that service not only Troy but surrounding communities such as Clawson, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, parts of Avon Township and Birmingham Farms.

Troy would need a 911 system that could quickly sort through all the municipal boundaries and send the emergency call into the right community.

"We want to keep out of Troy calls from other communities and let those go through that are in Troy," Gerstenecker said. "We couldn't do this with a regular 911 system because of the overlapping of exchanges."

The answer Michigan Bell came up with to solve the overlapping exchange problem is called Enhanced 911 (E-911). Computerized equipment would quickly sort through all the exchanges and route the call to its proper destination.

E-911 was unfolded to county and city executives and police departments last June and has been the subject of

numerous committee meetings ever since.

THE NEXT meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Troy Community Center. At that time, local police, fire chiefs and city administrators will be filled in on the ins and outs of the system and its costs.

Few question the need for the quick-dial system. Emergency fire and police calls in Troy now go into the same number — 524-3419. But for those who don't keep this number near the phone, or for those who forget the number is posted nearby, precious seconds are lost looking up and dialing the number.

The emergency 911 number is widely known across the country. Gerstenecker recalled the time, when in another community, he was near a person having a heart attack. "I picked up a pay phone and, without paying or looking for an emergency number, dialed 911 on the chance they had the system," he said. They did, he said, and help was immediately sent.

Troy police chief praised the E-911 system for its sorting-out capabilities. "We want it and we want it as soon as we can get it," Donovan said. Gerstenecker said if Troy went

ahead with a regular 911 system, not E-911, parts of Troy would have to be excluded from the system because of the overlapping exchanges.

Temple to break ground

Easter Sunday will feature a groundbreaking ceremony for members of the Zion Evangelistic Temple of Clawson. Members of the congregation will gather at the temple's new site, on the east side of Livernois north of Big Beaver, at 5 a.m. for the ceremony.

The congregation numbers 2,500 people. It is led by the Rev. Leonard Gardner, who grew up in Troy and was a member of the first graduating class of Troy High School in 1955. Now in Clawson, the church has outgrown its present building. The new temple will seat 5,000 persons. Plans for the 35-acre site include an athletic field, baseball diamonds and tennis courts.

Tropical TANNING TABLETS

TAN SAFELY WITHOUT SUN & AGING SUN RAYS
Safe as the Food You Eat
MAIL TO TROPICAL TAN

Box 67, Sterling Hight., MI 48077
Up to 2 months supply \$29.95
979-1442



PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL AMBULATORY CARE CENTER
39500 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48050
471-0300
COMMUNITY SERVICE A COMMITMENT

24 HOUR EMERGENCY CARE CENTER
471-0300

PEDIATRICS
Manny Agah, M.D. John Romanik, M.D. Jerome Finck, M.D.
Yani Calmids, M.D. 478-8040 Donna Opie, M.D.

FAMILY DENTISTRY
Alan Kessler, D.D.S., P.C. Mark Angellocci, D.D.S. Terry Nielsen, D.D.S., P.C.
Marie Clair, D.D.S. 471-0345

INTERNAL MEDICINE
James Livermore, M.D. 478-8044 James Crowl, M.D.

ALLERGY
Robert E. Weinstein, M.D. 478-8044

LABORATORY AND X-RAY
471-0300

10% Discount on Local Moves With This Ad

Special
1 months free with 3 months storage
Free Estimates on Long Distance Moves

Livonia Moving & Storage
11825 Mayfield, Livonia 427-6350

YOU SAVE 2 WAYS
James H. Will

When you Pre-Plan your funeral with **WILL Funeral Homes**

- Your funeral is guaranteed at today's prices. You are protected against inflation.
- You guard against overspending. You specify the kind of funeral service and costs you wish.

Call us — your Pre-Need Specialists
937-3670

English Gardens

Two Complete Garden Centers and Nurseries

DEARBORN 7055 1st Ave. at Dearborn 214-4131
VISA AND MASTERCARD
W. BLOOMFIELD 6375 Orchard Lake Rd. near Maple 851-1506

DAILY 9:00 to 9:00 — SUNDAYS 9:00 to 6:00



Flower-Shop-Fresh EASTER LILIES

At English Gardens you choose From the Largest Selection and the Finest Plants. Set in Wicker Basket or Wrapped in Foil-And-Ribbon To Say "HAPPY EASTER"

6.98 to 11.98

ALSO Flowering Azaleas, Roses, Gardenias, Hydrangeas, Cinerarias, 6.98 to 12.98.

Special Group of Easter Gift Plants
HYACINTHS • CHRYSANTHEMUMS • TULIPS **4.98**

African Violets **2.49** Foliage Plants in Hanging Baskets **5.98 to 14.98**

Large, 3 to 5 Ft. Foliage Floor Plants, 10-in. Pots
ANEG PALM • FISCH BENJAMINA
SCHOFFERIA • BRACHNA MARCHANTA **14.98 to 19.98**
MEMORIAL VASES for Cemetery Plots ... **9.98 to 16.98**

Permanent Special

ZOTOS PERM
\$18.00 COMPLETE MON THRU SAT
WITH FCAM \$28.00 COMPLETE
SENIOR CITIZEN SETS \$6.50

London Room of Hair Fashions
15430 Merriman • Livonia 427-4264

McCabe funeral home

31950 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, Michigan 553-0120

DETROIT LOCATION 18570 Grand River Ave. 836-3152

MAKE IT EASY

A Clear Point of View

E-Z FRAMES
from Burnes of Boston

50% off
Clear acrylic box frames

5x7	reg. 6.00	sale 3 ⁰⁰
8x10	reg. 8.00	sale 4 ⁰⁰
11x14	reg. 12.00	sale 6 ⁰⁰
16x20	reg. 20.00	sale 14 ⁰⁰

Farmington Hills - Orchard 12 Plaza Orchard Lake Road at 12 Mile 553-3320
Birmingham - Bloomfield Plaza Marie and Telegraph 626-3130
Troy - Somerset Plaza Maple and Coolidge 649-2489
Livonia - West-Five Plaza Merriman and 5 Mile 525-4522

IGA


Orchard - 10 IGA
24065 Orchard Lake Rd.
Mon.-Fri. 9-9
Sat. 8-9 Sun. 9-5

DOUBLE COUPON

ORCHARD-10 gives you 100% more on all (cents off) manufacturer's coupons up to and including 50¢ face value. Other retailers and free coupons excluded. Limit 1 coupon for any one product. Coupon plus 100% bonus cannot exceed price of the item. Offer in effect now through Saturday, April 10, 1982.

FAME Semi-Boneless Whole Hams

\$1.28 Lb.
Halves \$1.38 Lb.




Tab, Sprite or **Coca Cola**

\$1.99 PLUS DEPOSIT




GRADE A RIVERSIDE, FAME OR HONEYSUCKLE Hen Turkey

68¢ Lb.
10/12# Avg.



WOODLEY'S Large Eggs

77¢ Doz. Ctn.



PAUL BUNYAN Whole Boneless Hams

\$1.58 Lb. Halves \$1.68 Lb.



Golden Yellow Bananas

3 Lb. **99¢**



IGA TABLETITE Beef Round Steak

Full Cut **\$1.88** Lb.
Sold As Steak Only



IDAHO Baking Potatoes

\$1.99 10 Lb. Bag

IGA Bonus Coupon

Miracle Whip **\$1.09**

Limit one coupon per family. Coupon valid only on Miracle Whip. Coupon cannot be used on other coupon items. Good through Saturday, April 10, 1982.

Save 49¢

