

Oakland Home Rule Topic Of Day-Long Talks

One of the first steps in considering the home rule option for Oakland County will be taken April 16 when 300 interested citizens and leaders gather at the Oakland County Service Center in Pontiac to examine the broad concept of county home rule.

Often defined as "the power granted to local governments to frame, adopt and amend charters for their government and to exercise powers of local self-government," home rule is provided in Michigan under the new state constitution and the Michigan County Home Rule Act of 1968.

The process of adoption requires a voter approval to the election of a charter commission, followed later by a voter approval of a specific charter for the county.

LEADERS ATTENDING the conference "County Home Rule: A New Look for Oakland?" will be offered all aspects and many experiences of home rule governments. Speakers may relate in a more meaningful way to their constituents.

Robert F. Patnales, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, will welcome conference participants, followed by Mary Mead Bowden, District 4 county commissioner, who will outline the goals of the meeting.

Bernard Hillenbrand, executive director of the National Association of Counties, will preside over the day's activities.

"County Government: East and West" will be discussed by Edwin Michaelian, county executive in Westchester County, N.Y., from the standpoint of an elected executive.

AN ACADEMIC view of home rule will be presented by Dr. Charles Adrian, former chairman of the Michigan State University political science department and now at the University of California at Riverside.

The existing Michigan Home Rule enabling legislation will be discussed by Robert Queller, of the Citizens Research Council.

A wrap-up question and answer panel will feature many of the speakers, plus three Michigan legislators: State Rep. James N. Callahan, chairman of the House Committee on Towns and Counties; State Sen. George W. Kuhn, chairman of the Senate Committee on Municipalities, Elections, and State Sen. Anthony Stamm, chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

Due to seating capacity in the Commissioners' Auditorium, participation is limited to 300. Registration and information is available through Oakland University's Conference Department, Rochester. Phone 477-2900 ext. 2175.

The April 16 County Home Rule conference is sponsored by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in cooperation with Oakland University, Commission and the Metropolitan Oakland County Planning and the Metropolitan Fund.

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OU Students Gearing For Clean Air Race

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The race will allow OU engineers a chance to apply the diversified education they have received and to use a systems approach in engineering a prototype electric vehicle, Gibson said.

Oakland, along with the entire nation, shares in the growing concern over the present automotive pollution problems. The current race and the ex-

Pollution Talks Are 'Without Theatrics'

An all-day conference on air pollution for Monday, April 6, billed to be "without theatrics" and vaudeville routines, is being sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD).

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ESD headquarters in the Rackham Building, 100 E. Farmsworth, Detroit.

Cost is \$20, which includes luncheon and all seminar materials. John E. Kinney, consulting

permentation which makes it possible, can do much to advance the state of the low pollution type vehicles, he said.

OAKLAND'S CAR, now being constructed in the basement of Dodge Hall of Engineering on campus, will be a late model compact which will have a completely rebuilt chassis with much of the original sheet metal being replaced by fiber glass.

The Oakland electric car will operate on a 20 horse power series wound DC motor, normally 120 volts with a weight of 250 pounds powered by approximately 2,000 pounds of batteries.

This combination should allow the vehicle, which will weigh approximately 4,000 pounds, to be driven at nearly 60 miles an hour, he said.

engineer, will be featured speaker.

HE EARNED public fame and engineers' admiration in a Kansas City speech last January when he said, "Engineers were alarmed about pollution and ecology 20 years ago, but we couldn't get anyone to listen; and now we can't get anyone to shut up."

In addition to Kinney, the conference includes a morning panel session with guest experts from each level of government.

Donald Walters, director of the abatement division of the national air pollution control administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; James Kelly, commissioner of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission; and Mort Sterling, director of Wayne County Air Pollution Control efforts, are expected.

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