John R. Gnau Jr. of Bloomfield Township, a member of the Michigan Republican Party finance committee, has been selected 1985 chairman of the Board of Oakland County Road Com-

missioners.
Gnau, 52, is president of Gnau, Carter and Jacobsen, Consultants, with offices in Bloomfield Hills and Washington, D.C.

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THE THACE-MAN board establishes policies for management of a 2,500-mile countywide road system. Its 1983 budget is \$31.4 million.

The board elected Richard V. Vogt of Berkley vice chairman. Fred D. Houghten of Rochester continues as the third road commissioner.

Gnau was chairman in 1976 and 1977, and was vice chairman in 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1982. He has served as an Oakland County road commissioner since January 1975 and is currently in his second strypar term by appointment of the County Board of Commissioner.

sioners. His current term expires at the end of 1986.
The new chairman was a Bloomfield Township trustee from 1970-74 and a member of the Bloomfield Township Planoing Commission from 1969-71. He served as Michigan chairman for Reagan-Bush in 1980 and on the finance committee of the Michigan Reagan for President Committee.

VOGT, 52, was chairman in 1982. He is beginning the fifth year of a six-year appointment as a county road commissioner. His term expires in 1984.

Vogt was an elected county commissioner in 1973-74. He was vice chairman of the county beard's Personnel Practices Committee and served on the Transportation Aviation and Human Resources committees.

Vogt was appointed to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission from 1975-78.

He is employed in cost accounting with General Dynamics Corp.'s land

systems division in Warren and is chairman of Unit 28, UAW Local 412, representing salaried, technical, office and professional employees at that di-

HOUGHTEN, 52, has been a road commissioner since 1977. He has been nominated by the board to a second six-year term through 1983.

Houghten, director of regional development with the Community National Bank of Pontiae, is chairman of the policy committee of the County Road Association of Michigan. In 1974, he served on GW Milliken's 74t-County Transportation Alternatives Committee.

e. Houghten, a former elected member Houghten, a former elected member of the County Board of Commissioners, was its chairman in 1975 and served as its finance committee chairman from 1971-74. He was the first chairman of the Council on Environmental Strategy of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.



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CONSUMERS FIRST need to decide

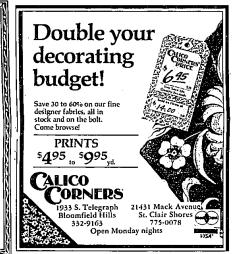
The next step is comparison shopping, "It's much like the procedure was for buying a stereo about five years ago. You have to go to at least two or three stores, look at and work with the equipment if possible and talk to the salespeople," she pointed out. Hathaway said potential buyers should also look at operation manuals to make sure they understand the language. "However, they should realize it's not going to be as simple as plugging the computer in and pushing a button. It's not like operating a loaster," she explained.

SERVICE CONTRACTS and war-ranties should also be examined, she says. "Especially if they're buying

more expensive systems, people may want to consider those retail outlets offering the best service contracts."
With new equipment coming out almost every day, Hathaway says it's unrealistic for buyers to believe their
equipment will remain "state of the
art" for long.
"Buyers need to buy when the time is
right for them. Their ability to use the
equipment will not be diminished by innovations that follow, but buyers may
want to purchase equipment that can
be adapted for future soltware innovations," she said.
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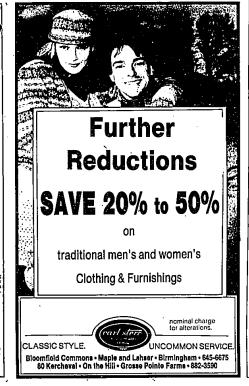
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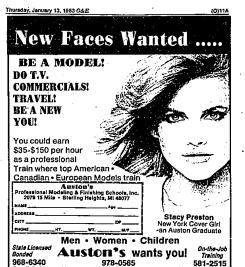
No age group will remain unaffected by the computer age. "We've already seen an enormous expansion of the home video game market," she said. "





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