

Hertel seeks Great Lakes cruise ships

By a vote of 18-9, the House Merchant Marine Subcommittee has passed a bill co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, which would pave the way for the re-establishment of U.S. flag cruise ship service on the Great Lakes.

The bill will go to the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee before it can move to the floor of the House of Representatives for passage.

"The reintroduction of luxury liner service on the Great Lakes would be a great benefit to our state's tourist industry," said Hertel, whose 14th District includes part of Troy. "Estimates indicate that visits by the 900-passenger vessels could generate as much as \$250,000 a day in each port-of-call."

There has been no overnight cruise service on the Great Lakes since 1961, when the last two such ships were decommissioned by their owners, he said.

Specifically, Hertel's bill provides a one-time exemption to the requirement that ships flying the American flag be American-built. It would permit Cruise America Line of Florida to purchase

and operate two Danish-made liners (the Cunard Princess and the Cunard Countess) on the Great Lakes, along the East and West coasts and in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The kind of romance and excitement that these ships could generate would be a great help in Michigan's efforts to regain economic strength," he said.

Learn to organize space, time

Dorothy Lehmkuhl, a Birmingham home management consultant, will conduct an organizational course entitled "Clutterbug Systems" beginning Thursday, Sept. 29, in the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow.

This course is designed to help homemakers who are overwhelmed with too many activities, paperwork and possessions. Students learn how to organize space, use professional equipment, keep desks clear, overcome procrastination and deal with such items as

unread periodicals.

Business persons have also applied its time management and organizational aspects to their business.

Lehmkuhl, "a reformed clutterbug," developed her course two years ago and has since taught at community centers in Birmingham, Farmington, Troy and other suburban areas. She has spoken to various community organizations on the subject.

The course, which runs from 1-3 p.m.

Thursdays for five weeks, costs \$30.

Daytime classes also will be taught through Troy Adult Education, 879-0101; Madison Heights Community Education, 545-5585, and Grosse Pointe Community Education, 345-2178. An evening course will be conducted at West Bloomfield Adult Education, 851-7500.

For more information about the Rochester Community House class, call 651-0622.

MDOT to test reflectors on I-275 highway stretch

An unit segment of I-275 freeway will receive recessed pavement reflectors to improve night visibility. The experimental program was announced by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The six-mile section is between I-96 (Jeffries) in Livonia and I-496 (Reuther) in Novi. Bids were taken in Lansing this week, and M-DOT said installation is

expected in a month. Results of the project will be known in March of 1985.

MDOT will conduct before-and-after studies of accident data to see if the reflectors improve safety. Raised reflectors were tested but found impractical because of high costs and damage from snowplows.

Egyptian architect to speak

An Egyptian architect will discuss designing and planning in the Middle East at 7:30 tonight in a free public lecture in the architecture auditorium of Lawrence Institute of Technology, 21000 W. 10 Mile near Northwestern in Southfield.

Kalam El Kafrawi, who now lives in Paris, has executed a number of proj-

ects in Spain, France, Kuwait and Egypt and has taught in Egypt and France.

Kafrawi notes Islamic countries have feared Western technology would obliterate their cultures, but he has been able to synthesize Islamic traditions and western technology.

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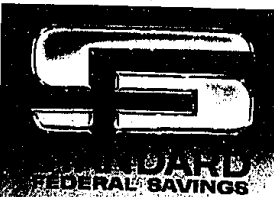
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