

Hotel Tax Asked For County Stadium

A proposed tax on hotels and motels to finance construction of a downtown stadium has been endorsed by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The tax proposal is part of the 1971 urban, county legislative program on which the counties of Genesee, Kent, Macomb, Oakland, and

The five counties represent 75 per cent of Michigan's population.

AMONG THE priorities in the legislative package is a Wayne County request for more funds from the state to match social service expenditures.

Genesee and Kent Counties are asking to keep 17 per cent of any increase in state income taxes, and Macomb County wants supplemental payments for its medical care program.

Oakland County's chief concern is a revised formula for taxing gasoline and the weight of vehicles traveling its

The proposed hotel - motel tax would apply only to counties with populations of 1.5 million or more and would specifically be levied against individuals and businesses which provide lodging for transients.

Such a tax could generate a half million dollars per year for stadium financing, according to Richard E. Man-

Manning, a Democrat, represents Redford Township and parts of Dearborn Heights. It is the Legislative Committee of which he is chairman that recommended the tax to the full board.

the state, a downtown stadium could be financed without taxing Wayne County residents," said Manning.

The Legislative Committee recommended a tax rate not to exceed five per cent, which presumably be added to the charges of hotel and motel guests. Revenue would be deposited in a special fund and used only for the leasing or construction of a stadium, says Manning.

During coming months the Legislative Committee will coordinate closely with representatives of the other

Besides Manning, other members of the Legislative Committee are:
Roscoe L. Bobo, Ecorse;
Joseph Cardinal, Dearborn;

James DeSana, Wyandotte;
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will become chief scout executive for the Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts of America on Aug. 16, succeeding the retiring Joseph H. Brinton. Wyckoff, a 20-year veteran of professional scouting, has been assistant to the chief executive and has served in Indianapolis, Jackson and in New Jersey.

Bendix Net Up In 3rd Quarter

Bendix Corp.'s earnings for the third fiscal quarter showed a 32 per cent increase although sales and royalties increased only slightly.

For the first nine months, sales actually decreased while profits rose.

Third quarter earnings were \$10,118,000 or 62 cents a share compared to \$7,787,000 or 47 cents a share (restated) for the same period last year.

A.P. Fontaine, Bendix

chairman and chief executive officer, said the improved earnings continue to benefit from the steps the company has taken to reduce costs and improve efficiency.

"In addition, most of our major markets are holding firm or improving, despite the fact that the general economy has not improved substantially," he said.

FOR THE FIRST nine months, earnings totaled \$28,126,000 or \$1.71 per share. In the first nine months of fiscal 1970, earnings were \$25,547,000 or \$1.54 per share and net income was \$20,547,000 or \$1.24 per share after deduction of an extraordinary charge.

A worldwide manufacturer of electronic, automotive, aerospace, industrial and

forest products, Bendix reported sales, royalties and other operating income of \$1,268,638,000 in the first nine months of the current fiscal year. This compares to \$1,280,184,000 for the same period of last year.

The 1970 figures are restated to reflect the consolidation of certain foreign operations and the acquisition of American Forest Products Corp.

"The market for Bendix automotive products continues to be good," Fontaine said. "The demand and price levels for building materials supplied by American Forest Products Corp. have improved in recent months and the prospects for further improvement are good."

"WHILE SALES volume of our aerospace operations is lower than previous years, as it is throughout the aerospace industry, our profits in this market have been improved," he said.

Fontaine said markets for the company's line of automation and industrial products have failed to show improvement. "This reflects the general lack of recovery in that industry," the chairman said.

"BECAUSE THE majority of hotel and motel guests are visitors from outside the metropolitan area and outside



CARL W. LARSON of 29571 Pöritan, Livonia, has been honored for his 25 years of service to Ross-Operating Valve Co. of Detroit. He was given a service pin with three diamonds mounted in it, along with a bronze ash-tray stamped with the firm's trademark. He is a foreman in the manufacturing division of the company.

Club Is 5th

The Western Wayne chapter of the National Assn. of Accountants was awarded fifth place in the annual Stevenson trophy competition of NAA. This competition, which began in 1974, is designed to spur local chapters to offer maximum educational benefits to their members. They compete in such activities as membership growth and retention, public relations, and educational and community activities.

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The board of directors of Burroughs Corp. has declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents a share on the common stock of the corporation, payable Oct. 20, 1971 to shareholders of record at the close of business, Sept. 24, 1971.

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