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GETTING THERE TODAY

Trains, and boats, and planes -three things you can't count on to get you anywhere in Detroit suburbs. Mass transit or public transportation isn't available. If you don't drive, walk or bicycle, you might call a taxi.

Public transportation in Detroit suburbs for all practical purposes doesn't exist. The only possible exception is the commuter trains from downtown Detroit to Birmingham and Plymouth. Everyone gets where they are going in the comforts of a family car.

The one-car family is rare in the suburbs today. The kids must be chauffered back and forth to school. Dad drives to work. Mother can't walk to the grocery store. Everything is sprawled out more and more. Walking anywhere isn't a tenable solution, besides there aren't any sidewalks.

Suburbanites have come up with a few answers. Dad can join a car pool and drive only once a week. Mother can join a school car pool and drive once weekly also. And the family teen-agers have discovered bicycling for health, transportation, and environment.

Five years ago suburban high school parking lots were jammed with shiny, expensive muscle cars. The cars are still arriving everyday, but how many would - be drivers in good weather prefer to pedal to

school? The new craze in bicycling in the suburbs enjoyed by the whole family isn't devoid of status. The new 10-speed bikes sport \$200 -400 price tags. These new models are built for speed. With a minimum of effort the cyclist can reach speeds upwards of 50 mph.

Like any mode of transportation, some problems exist. Proper room on streets has not been provided. Motorists tend to feel ownership of the streets and byways making bicycling dangerous on the main thoroughfares.

Standard parking has not been provided for the new influx of bicycles. Rip-offs are common. Bike thieves have changed from a jealous child off for a spin to organized thieves reminicent of the everpresent car thief.

problem exists when a working man must spend two hours or more of his leisure time to transport himself to his place of employment. It isn't practical. It's a waste of human resources. A solution must be found. Suggestions previously made by government study groups are untried and according to some experts, unworkable.

In the Motor City, it is naturally hard to convince thousands of auto workers and those employed in related businesses to leave their cars behind and try something else.

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must be repaired and missing articles must be replaced.

Items that always seem to disappear include curtain rods, towel racks, paper towel and toilet paper hangers. Refrigerator shelves disappear, ornate light fixtures are taken, and in many cases the refrigerator and stove supplied by the landlord even become confused with the tenants belongings.

The landlord must protect himself in someway. A security deposit seems like a reasonable answer. Abuses happen in security deposit returns, but abuses are more common on the other side. Perhaps the landlord should pay interest on the money. If he does pay interest, then he should be allowed to use the money. The landlord should not be left defenseless because his only alternative would be to protect his investment by raising the rent. And who needs higher rent?