

# 19th District To Get \$574,000 In Park Funds

About one-twelfth of federal land and water conservation funds for states' use this fiscal year will be coming to north-west Wayne and west Oakland county.

Local projects in Livonia and Farmington will be among those benefited.

The 19th Congressional District will receive \$573,704 of the \$9 million being disbursed, announced Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Farmington).

The Oakland portion will receive \$547,078 and the Wayne portion \$26,626. It is to be used for land acquisition and development.

Equal matching funds from the state or lower jurisdictions are required.

Total funds coming to Michigan are \$1,978,810.

ALL OF THE WAYNE funding goes to Livonia's Compton and Castle Gardens Park development projects—\$26,626.

Farmington's Drake Road

# How Power Failure Hit Us

Livonia and Farmington were hardest hit by Sunday's power failure, and other local areas reported very slight service interruptions.

An automatic throwover switch saved St. Mary Hospital in Livonia from a two hour and 11 minute interruption of electric power Sunday as most of Livonia blacked out.

No major problems were reported, although Detroit Edison Co. offices were flooded with calls.

Several schools and industries in the affected area were closed anyway.

Installed previously for just such emergencies, the throwover at St. Mary switched that facility to another power source.

ICE BROKE A line feeding power into the Livonia substation of the Detroit Edison at Farmington Road and Schoolcraft about 6:40 p.m.

It caused four distribution circuits to fail, throwing 7,000 Edison customers into darkness.

Affected was the area bounded by Five Mile Road on the north, Merriman on the east, Plymouth Road on the south and Levan on the west.

Service crews restored power at 8:31 p.m.

This was the only major power failure in Observerland.

SEVERAL "SPOTTED" outages occurred in southeast Oakland county the same day, beginning at 2:55 p.m. and affecting about 1,500 customers in areas one to three blocks square.

Edison crews made "25 to 30 repairs"

A company spokesman said no circuits were broken. Cause of the problems was moisture seepage into lines and transformers and some freezing.

Farmington, Franklin.

park acquisition project will receive \$18,000.

Bulk of the Oakland county portion goes to the Holly Recreation Area for three projects, two for development—\$27,757 and \$18,283—and one for land acquisition—\$60,118.

Pontiac's Hawthorne Park land acquisition program will receive \$45,000.

City of Pontiac Park and Recreation development gets \$20,000.

Oakland County's Springfield Oaks acquisition at Davisburg receives \$27,500.

WHY DID SUCH a relatively small area earn such a large proportion of the funds?

"Because the local governments have done a good job in applications, especially Livonia," said McDonald.

The Interior bureau of outdoor recreation.

The funds are revenues from entrance and user fees at federal recreation areas, proceeds from the sale of surplus federal real property and the federal motorboat fuels tax.

STATES RECEIVE 40% divided equally among the 50 states. Five % is reserved for unforeseen needs. Another 40% is divided among the states, territories and the District of Columbia on the basis of population.

Federal resources and programs get 10% and out-of-state visitor use gets 5%.

The apportionment to the states and territories exceed those of the previous year by \$16 million.



IMPORTANT PURCHASE -- The contents of a letter change the situation in Somerset Maugham's play "The Letter." Rehearsing a scene from the Farmington Players production are, from left: Alice McDonald, Sel Sisto and Noral McNelly. The production opens Feb. 13 for a nine performance run in the Players Barn on 12 Mile. George Mullin (474-2873) is taking ticket reservations.

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Southfield and West Bloomfield Township were among the affected communities.

IN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, the loss of power shut off traffic signals at six intersections and caused two small fires.

Five firemen regularly on duty were assisted by 11 off duty firemen.

Full power was restored in Farmington about 7 p.m. after an outage of about two hours.

Power lines were down near Grand River west of the city due to water entering the lines and then freezing.

MOST SUBURBAN communities experienced "flickering." Some portions of Redford Township suffered a power interruption of "about 30 seconds." The Edison The Edison Co. wasn't required to dispatch service crews for this, however.

When the service went out in Ann Arbor, several students were caught between floors in elevators.

# Ground Class For Pilots Set

A private pilot ground school course will be offered by the Henry Ford High School evening adult education program beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Registration is already underway for the course, which has a fee of \$20.40 for residents and \$28.60 for non-residents.

The school is located at 2000 Evergreen, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Detroit.

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