



RIBBON CUTTING for the new Kmart Store, located West of Middle Belt on Plymouth Road, is handled by Mrs. Fred Sutton, wife of the general manager, while her family looks on. The group includes: (from left) Robert Dewar, executive vice president of administration and

finance; Kresge President Harry Cunningham; Mrs. Sutton; Mr. Sutton, Livonia Councilmen Peter Venture and Edward Milligan, Monica and Debby Sutton. (Observer photos by Ralph Evert)



HUNDREDS GATHERED in a misty rain to await the official opening of the new Kmart. The doors opened at

10 a.m. Thursday and the anxious shoppers immediately scattered to every department.



WELCOME TO Kmart was the greeting of Robert Dewar, executive vice president of Kresge, during the ceremonies that officially opened a new giant shopping facility to the city of Livonia.



GOLDEN SCISSORS for the ribbon cutting are turned over to Mrs. Fred Sutton, wife of the store general manager, by Norman Milley, of Livonia, Kresge merchandising manager for the central regional office.

Schmidt Tells Why He Likes His Treasury Job

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Weiss, a Clarensville High School graduate, is a senior in journalism at Michigan State University.

By RHODA WEISS

LANSING The office in Lansing's Treasury Building bore some remnants of its past—the past of a man who had been in many phases of public service—education, service and legislation. He is now serving his state in a different capacity.

The occupant of that office is former State Rep. Louis E. Schmidt, administrative assistant in the State Treasury Department, whose name is well established in the Livonia community.

Before coming to Livonia, he was a high school principal and a Navy lieutenant, serving in the Pacific 1944-46. Schmidt became superintendent of Clarensville School District in 1958 and held that position for 18 years.

During those 18 years, the school system more than tripled in numbers, and facilities and staff greatly increased. "I HAD SET some goals as to what I thought Clarensville should have in terms of facilities, staff and curriculum and had felt that most of those had been achieved," he said. "I think the program that was available was relatively broad enough to take care of most of the educational needs left for the future."

The Clarensville High

Gymnastics Show Friday At C'ville

The Clarensville Junior High School boys and girls gymnastic teams will present their eighth annual gymnastic show, "Trojan Circus" on Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium. The show will combine the regular gymnastic events with the various circus-type acts all with a circus background. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Nodacker Accepted

Wilbur C. Nodacker of Farmington has been accepted as a member of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Association of Accountants, which has 375 Oakland members. He is employed by Arthur Young & Co. of Detroit.



LOUIS SCHMIDT, former state representative and school superintendent, declines to say if he's still interested in the legislature.

School auditorium was named in his honor in 1958.

Also during his years in Livonia Schmidt was active in various organizations. He has been a member of educational associations, past president of the Oakland County Association of School Administrators, a member of the Community College Study Committee, past master of the Kalkaska Masonic Lodge, past president of the Clarensville Optimist Club and member of the VFW and the American Legion.

He was a member of the Livonia Traffic Commission, Livonia Youth Commission, Parks-City-Schools Commission, and has been a consultant on several special committees of Livonia mayors.

Awards to Schmidt include the PTA Award for distin-

Rummage, Bake Sale At C'ville

Band Parents and Friends of Clarensville High School will hold a rummage and bake sale on Saturday, May 2, in the Board of Education office. Rummage donations may be brought to the board office before May 1. For pick-up, contact Mrs. Stanley Pozniak at 476-5181.

ished service; Kiwanis, service to the country; Optimists, Service; and the Madonna College education award for 1959.

SCHMIDT was elected state representative of the 35th District (Livonia-Northville) for 1967-68, defeating incumbent Democrat Marvin Stempier.

While in the House, he was chairman of the Colleges and Universities Committee and the special joint House-Senate Committee on School Construction Costs. Schmidt was a member of the Education, Labor, Civil Rights and several other interim committees. Stempier defeated Republican Schmidt in the following 1968 election.

Schmidt was appointed by Gov. Milliken and State Treasurer Allison Green to his present position of administrative assistant in 1969.

Schmidt's present job consists mainly of departmental legislation and its development. "About 19 items will be involved this year, and I have a basic responsibility for the majority of them," he said.

After the legislative drafting of an item, Schmidt presents the major portion of it before committees in the House and the Senate.

He also works as a liaison between legislators and the treasury.

"If a legislator wants information," he stated, "I have a responsibility of checking with various departments to get an answer for the legislator."

WHAT DOES the future hold for Schmidt?

"I enjoy what I'm doing," he commented. "I think I make a contribution. But whether I stay in the treasury depends on the election next fall." Schmidt is a Republican.

Asked specifically about another run for the Legislature, Schmidt declines to answer yes or no. At 60, he's not too old, although some of the GOP's young bucks want to take a crack at Stempier.

And Schmidt still maintains his Livonia residence, driving to Lansing and back each day.

He also mentioned travel. "I would like to tour the country," he said. "It is something I have never done."

Schmidt is married to the former Frances Baumgarten, an elementary school teacher, and they have two children: Betty, a student at Central Michigan University and a married daughter, Barbara Mandany, who holds a master's degree from Eastern Michigan. The Schmidts also have two grandchildren.

DB&T Profit Increase Big

Detroit Bank & Trust showed a 22% increase in earnings for the first quarter of 1970 compared to the same period last year.

Net income was \$5,276,000 or \$2.15 a share after securities gains losses in the first quarter of this year. Last year's figures in the same period were \$4.3 million or \$1.76 a share.

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12'	1.19	1.54	2.56	3.20	4.08
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