

Old hall has proud history. . .

Meadow Brook Hall was the quintessence of Tudor splendor when it was completed in 1929 — just before the stock market crash — at a cost of nearly \$4 million.

Matilda and John Dodge envisioned it as their country dream house, where they and their heirs might live out their lives in quiet splendor.

But John Dodge died before it was built — a victim of the 1920 influenza epidemic.

Plans for the exquisite mansion were revived after Matilda remarried Wisconsin lumber broker Alfred Wilson in 1925. As part of the "newly rich" of Detroit society, they too wanted a luxurious safe haven, away from the curious public and any would-be kidnappers.

The Wilsons lived in the mansion for most of their lives before dying in the 1960s. Alfred in 1962 and Matilda in 1967.



Virginia Fox is one of many volunteers who works in the grandeur of Meadow Brook Hall.

Grant pays for facelift

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have expensive cosmetic surgery. Meadow Brook will undergo the architectural equivalent of liposuction or a tummy tuck.

"MEADOW BROOK itself is quite a story," said James Llewellyn, OU's senior editor and news director. "As I understand it, the board (then the Board of Trustees at MSU) wasn't going to accept Meadow Brook when it was donated. There was no endowment, and maintaining the structure would be an expensive proposition."

"After they (the board) accepted it, there was talk of simply tearing Meadow Brook down, it was that expensive to maintain. (Maintenance costs are currently estimated at \$3,000 per day.)"

"But Lowell (Eklund) and Margaret Twyman kept it alive. Now it's an institution."

OU offers classes to community

Registration is ongoing for the following programs offered by the Division of Continuing Education, many of which started this week at Oakland University in Rochester.

• **Oakland University Community Chorus**, a 120-voice mixed group that performs classical choral music: 7:30 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays, now to April 17, room 134 in Varner Hall. Interested singers may observe the first night. Tuition is \$30.

• **Beginning WordPerfect** Computer, the latest version of word processing software, taught by office automation analyst Vicki Larabell: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 8. Cost is \$125.

• **Fundamentals of IBM Personal Computer**, taught by Bret Moeller, OU assistant director of Institutional Research: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturdays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 10. Cost is \$115.

• **Enigma of Genius** lecture series, gaining insight into great minds of the ages: Gunther Herbig, director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will lecture and play musical selections of Ludwig van Beethoven 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31. Samuel Sachs, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, will illustrate with slides the paintings of American artist Winslow Homer, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15. Cost of each is \$13.

• **GMAT prep workshops**, personalized training for enhancing chances for admission to graduate business school: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, Feb. 3 and 17 and Mar. 3: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 24. Cost is \$150.

• **For the first time**, students may audit paralegal classes: Auto Accident Law and Cases on Mondays, now to April 2; Bankruptcy and Collections on Tuesdays, now to April 3; Real Property Transactions on Wednesdays, now to April 4; Estate Planning and Documents, Thursdays, Jan. 18 to April 5; Patent, Copyright and Trademark Law on Fridays, April 18 to July 11. Courses are \$165 each. Computer Assisted Research on Mondays, now to April 2 is \$175.

• For more information or to register, call 376-3120, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Before her death, however, Matilda willed Meadow Brook Hall, the 1,400 acres on which it was located and \$2 million to Michigan State University for the establishment of a campus in Oakland County.

THAT MATILDA Wilson would bequeath such a fortune to MSU, rather than to the University of Michigan — or one of the charities she supported — was understandable given her hobbies and lifestyle,

according to Lowell Ekland, the retired dean of continuing education of OU and former administrative head of Meadow Brook who now serves as a consultant.

She spent at least part of her childhood on a farm and had a keen interest in horses. Besides having a school of veterinary medicine, MSU was one of the top agricultural colleges in the country, as reflected by one of the school's previous names Michigan Agricultural College.

Matilda Wilson was on the MSU Board of Trustees from 1932 to 1937. In 1940, she briefly served as Michigan's lieutenant governor.

OU eyes science center

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tall it dominates," he said. It would be the tallest building on the Rochester Hills campus.

Dahlgren said state officials gave preliminary approval to the concept of a science and technology center at OU in 1976, when it would have occupied about 75,000 square feet and cost about \$12 million.

"But there was an economic downturn and plans didn't progress much further," he said. OU received a second approval from state authorities in 1987, this time

for a much bigger facility — and a bigger price tag, estimated to be about \$35 million.

OU DOESN'T PLAN to expand its science or technology programs Dahlgren said. The additional space will merely provide existing departments with "elbow room" they should have had all along, he said.

The math department, for example, will be moved from O'Dowd Hall into the addition, with the geography department moving from Wilson Hall into vacated offices at O'Dowd.

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