

Revenue Sharing No Help--Suburbs

By KATHY MORAN
In times of financial duress, any plan that would feed money into Michigan cities, townships, and villages would be expected to be met with enthusiasm.

But a number of alleged pitfalls in Gov. William Milliken's local revenue sharing plan drew criticism and skepticism from Oakland County municipal leaders recently.

The major objection of Observerland municipal leaders is that their cities, townships and villages wouldn't get any more money because of their lower-than-average "relative tax effort."

At a conference on the proposal sponsored by State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), state budget analyst David Morris explained the plan which would shuffle funds that are returned to local governments from the state.

LOCAL UNITS now are given portions of the intangibles tax, the sales tax and the income tax based on the population figures for the area.

"All state revenue sharing with districts is based on population," Morris said.

"However, the needs or demands for services are not uniform across the state." "State aid is sufficient in some communities whereas in some communities it only meets a fraction of the need," he said.

The controversial section is this:

In an effort to redistribute state aid to communities that need it the most, the governor has proposed a formula that would use the number of mills levied in each unit of government to determine the unit's "relative tax effort." Each unit's city, township or village millage would be compared with the state average.

In communities where the relative tax effort is above the state average, more state aid

would be allocated. But communities which fall below the state average would ultimately receive less state aid.

The formula only includes cities, townships, and villages. The communities would still receive a portion of the sales tax.

UNDER THE PLAN, the only Observerland city to benefit would be Garden City. Because of its high tax effort, Garden City would increase its take of \$17.95 per person to \$18.90.

Other Observerland communities fall below the state average. But a "grandfather clause" is included in the proposal which would insure that the cities would get at

least the same amount of state aid in 1971-72 as they did for the current year.

The grandfather clause was a point of contention for Pursell who said that with the grave economic woes facing the state, "we can't afford new programs." The clause would cost the state an estimated \$7.6 million in 1971-72, 4.5 million in 1972-73, \$1.4 million in 1973-74, and "nearly zero" in 1974-75.

JOHN DINAN, Farmington city manager, told the meeting of 16 Oakland officials that he favored the Michigan Municipal League's plan over the state plan because it would take a city's total tax load into con-

sideration - including school millage.

"We feel the total tax vote should be considered," he said. Farmington would lose out because it has a low millage for the city but a high school millage.

Morris said that the school millage was excluded in the local revenue sharing plan because: "How do you know that it is the municipality that needs the relief?"

He said that the governor's education reform package deals with the problem of high school millage.

"That is why you have to consider both together," he said, referring to the revenue sharing and education reform packages.

Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples also expressed dissatisfaction with the plan.

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PLYMOUTH
Second Lieutenant Joe T. LeBlanc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. LeBlanc, 18443 Danbury, Plymouth, has been awarded his silver wings at Moody AFB, Ga., upon graduation from U.S. Air Force pilot training.

The lieutenant is being assigned to Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam, where he will fly with the 1st Pacific Air Force, headquarters for air operations in Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific area.

LeBlanc was commissioned in 1970 upon completion of Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Tex.



KENNETH L. HULSING, 12619 Beacon Hill, Plymouth, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corp., which operates three hospitals in the area: Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren, the Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton and the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Highland Park. Hulsing is director of engineering for the Detroit operations of GM's Detroit Diesel Allison Division.

Ends Basic

PLYMOUTH
Pvt. Timothy J. Buchman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Buchman, 7704 Alton, Plymouth, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Armor, Ft. Knox, Ky.

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State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) is making a name for himself among the athletic members of the upper house in Lansing.

A month ago the freshman senator won the annual legislative bowling tournament at Holiday Lanes.

This week he moved outdoors and won the annual golf tournament with a 40 for the nine holes.

"Just got lucky on a couple of long putts," was his only reaction.

It was the first time a freshman won either tournament.

ASC Taps Pierre For Area Job

Daniel F. Pierre has been appointed customer service manager at the Plymouth Division of Associated Spring Corp.

Born in New York City, Pierre graduated from the University of Massachusetts, with a BS degree in mechanical engineering.

He joined Associated Spring in 1961 in Bristol, Conn. After graduating from the corporate training program, he was assigned to the Gibson Division, Mattoon, Ill., as a product engineer.

In May 1966, Pierre transferred to the Milwaukee Division, where he has served in various assignments, including product engineer, chief product engineer and customer service manager.

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