

THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

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lage of townships with 750 residents so much money from the state that they get along with no local taxes whatsoever. Most Michigan townships get 75% of their income directly from the state.

A similar situation exists in the field of school finance. State aid to local school districts is tremendously complicated: not easy to explain or understand. But under present regulations, certain school districts receive much more help than others. A check shows that the existing formula permits some districts to operate completely at state expense without local taxes, while others cannot function even

with the aid of local taxes. Twelve school districts, for instance, concluded the year with bank balances amounting to five times or more the amount of state aid they received. On the other hand, 27 had no funds at all or had deficit balances.

So it's still too early to say what the final outcome of Michigan's financial mess will be, but it is certain there will be much financial soul searching, political posturing and wrangling before anything is done.

Michigan again leads all the states when it comes to issuing fishing licenses, having sold 1,124,000 in 1952. California is second with some 65,000 fewer, or 1,059,000. Wisconsin and Minnesota ranked third and fourth. But after leading the list of states for several years in hunting licenses, Michigan dropped to second place, Pennsylvania ranked first with a reported 1,070,000. Then comes Michigan with 952,000, or 18,000 fewer. New York and Ohio are third and fourth.

About 2,833,000 automobile license plates were issued for 1953, only little more than twice the amount of fishing licenses sold in the state.

A bill to give sportsmen state-sponsored life insurance may be introduced in the Legislature. Sponsored by Rep. Hugo A. Nelson (R., Indian River), the idea is to raise the price of the hunting license to cover death, hospitalization and doctor bills resulting from hunting or automobile injuries on hunting trips. License rates would be increased no more than 50 cents, says Rep. Nelson, to pay \$10,000 for deaths and foot other bills.

Last year 22 sportsmen died of gunshot wounds; about 100 were wounded. The legislator added that more fishermen drown each year than hunters die, but he would prefer to tackle fisherman's insurance after he was successful with game license hikes.

The Wolverine State was on top in a recent survey to find the state having the highest percentage of home ownership. In Michigan 87.5% of all dwelling units are owned by the inhabitants. New York showed the lowest percentage — 77.5. Following Michigan is Minnesota with 86.4%, Indiana, Idaho, Oregon and Utah were grouped closely behind.

FORTY NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY IN FARMINGTON

Announcement was made this week by officials of the Farmington City and Township Library that the following volumes have been added to the shelves:

For adults: "Citizens of the World", "How to Improve Your Bowling", "Love for Lydia", "Fog of Doubt", "Roving Commission", "Case of the Grinning Gorilla", "Infant and Child in the Culture of Today", "Memoirs of Herbert Hoover", "Postmarked Moscow", "Oil Heated Handbook", "Valley of the Giants", "People of the Desert", "Baseball Rules of 1953", "Power of Positive Thinking", "Sojourner", "Velvet Doublet", "Showers and Parties", "Back Down the Ridge".

For juveniles: "Pelle's New Suit", "Wonder Tales of Horses and Heroes", "Lasso Your Heart", "Ghosts, Ghosts, Ghosts", "Paul Revere and the Minute Men", "Aviation from the Ground Up", "Kites", "Climb A Lofy Ladder", "Lost Tug Boat", "Train That Never Came Back", "Complete Nonsense Book", "We Live in the South", "White Fang", "Sun, Moon, Planets", "Betsy Ross and the Flag", "We Haa from Korea", "Rep-tilies", "Lincoln's Little Correspondent", "Max McLeod Bethune", "Custer's Last Stand", "Come, Chuckie, Come", "At Bat with the Little League", "Mary Poppins".

Farmington Students To Receive MSC Degree

Harold A. Bahr, 20953 Dunkirk, will be among some 384 students at Michigan State College who will receive degrees at winter term graduation exercises to be held in the auditorium on Monday, March 16, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Fay V. Saenger, president of Western Michigan College of Education at Kalamazoo, will give the commencement address.

Of the 384 degrees to be awarded, 266 will be bachelor degrees and 118 will be advanced degrees. Included in the total are 301 degrees going to men and 83 to women.

On March 17 the Army R.O.T.C. of Michigan State will present 16 graduating men with Second Lieutenant commissions and the Air Force R.O.T.C. will present 12 men with commissions the following day.

Add a pinch of salt and a dash of Worcestershire to pep up canned baked beans.

Marine Sgt. Dom Ludos To Visit Parents Soon

The arrival of Marine Staff Sergeant Dom Ludos is expected this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ludos of 1925 Milburn.

Sgt. Ludos is returning from Korea where he has spent the last 15 months. He served during World War II and now has fifteen years in the service to his credit. After his furlough, Sgt. Ludos will be stationed in Quantico, Virginia.

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Methodist Youth Group Busy With Many Projects

Recently the Methodist Youth Fellowship undertook the project of purchasing a Bible for the Intermediate Group on the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast.

The Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings from 8:30 until 9:00. The meetings consist of a period of devotion, leadership training and recreation. The group is under the sponsorship of Mr. D. Gerald Domes.

Sunday night, March 1, the group visited the St. Matthew's Church for an evening of recreation directed by Lyle Domes. On Saturday night, February 28, the group held a roller skating party at Riverside Roller Rink.

Legion To Celebrate Anniversary March 23

The 34th anniversary of the American Legion will be celebrated by the Groves Walker Post of Farmington on Monday, March 23, with a potluck dinner, official announced this week. The party will be open to the residents of the Farmington community.

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A trained technician will screen the children with the Massachusetts Vision Testing Instrument. This is merely a screening device, not a diagnostic test. Parents will be notified if the child's vision is not within the normal range. The child should then be examined by a qualified eye specialist. The program is expected to begin in the latter part of March.

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