Last '58 Road Money on Way

Distribution of Motor Vehicle Fund collections for the fourth quarter of 1958 to counties, incorporated cities and villages in the state has now been started, the State Highway Dept. disclosed.

The City of Farmington will receive $5,261.73 and Wood Creek Farms Village, $1,299.23.

Oakland county's share, a portion of which is earmarked for use in Farmington township, will be $816,115.11.

The money, mostly from and 21. state gasoline, weight and diesel fuel taxes, is distributed quarterly under provisions of Act 133 and 262 of the 1957 legislature, which combined Act 51 of 1951 and Act 87 of 1955.

It is stipulated that this money may be used for repair and maintenance of community roads only.

Several Solo Acts Selected For 12th JC Minstrel Show

Latin American dances, rock 'n roll music and spiritual songs will all be a part of the twelfth annual "Fine 'N Dandy" Minstrel Show to be presented by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Conroy, show director, announced this week that most of the solo acts have been selected for the show to be presented in the Farmington Junior High auditorium on March 20 and 21.

Judy Clappison, who will be making her fifth Minstrel Show appearance, will do a Latin American number along with her partner, Toni Rozek. Carl Stewart, band drummer, will do a fancy manipulating to keep the girls.

The ever-popular Carolyn Smith will be back for the third year singing and playing the guitar. Bob Hund, a well known Detroit area vocalist will sing a baritone solo.

Carol Feist, Carol Kohanek and Doris Brayton will do the female vocal solos. The maestro of the musical saw, Gene Hymes, has his instrument all tuned up for the show. Harry Farmer will be back with his banjo for his fifth year in the show. Dixie's Dancing Dollies will also be on hand from the Evelyn Kreason Dancing School.

The Kendallarks, a 22 member female choir from Kendallwood subdivision will sing two spirituals. Joyce and Jerry Ray, a brother and sister dancing team, will present a dance number that promises to thrill the audience. An authentic rock 'n roll band led by Duke Temple will play a few numbers to liven up the show.

In addition to the solo numbers and the specialty acts the show will feature the entire JayCee mixed chorus, the various men and cast members and the JayCee band.

Tickets for the show may be purchased from any JayCee member.

A speed record of 107.812 miles an hour for outboard motor boats, set by Hugh Entrop of Seattle, on Lake Washington June 7, has been approved as a world record by the Union of International Motorboating.

Shop in Friendly Farmington!

Art Exhibit Supper Set

A new training cycle for members of Webelos Den, Pack 162, which meets at the Shiawassee school has been started by Assistant Cubmaster Tom Harris.

Members of the den are Arnold Hagstrom, Danny Stye, Thomas Rueble, Ricky Collins, Henry Iverson, Joe McDonald, David Misener and Gene Pound.

The function of the den is to prepare the cubs in the requirements of the tenderfoot rank for graduation into the Boy Scouts.

Assisting Harris is Den Chief and 2nd Class Scout, Douglas Smith.

Time to Get Dog Tags Now

Farmington dog owners are reminded that March 1 is the final date for getting licenses and having their canine pet vaccinated.

Penalties will be assessed after this date, the Oakland County Dept. of Health warned.

It was indicated that, as a result of immunization and strict control of stray dogs, Oakland County has had no cases of rabid animals for the past four years.

The Michigan Dept. of Health reported recently that four rabid animals were found in Michigan during January.

Novel writing is risky in Russia. No matter how careful you are, some committee may sneak up and award you a prize.

Alta Loma Happenings

LYNN ROTH
GR. 4-5481

In order to have a mother's crossing guard at Alta Loma and Farmington Road there is a need for more women to volunteer. If you haven't already contacted Ingrid Nagy call her immediately at GR. 4-1467.

The Farmington High School office called me last week to inform us that a key case was lost and found on one of the streets in our subdivision and anyone having lost one may pick it up at the high school office after proper indentification.

King and Lillian Gates, Moore Drive attended the funeral of Lillian's father a week ago last Saturday in Chicago, Illinois. Lillian's dad died Tueday night, February 10, as a result of a recent heart attack.

DOUG DERNBERGER, 7½ year old son of Roy and Marion came home exitedly from his catechism class at Our Lady of Sorrew with a Imaculate Heart of Mary medal on a chain to be worn around his neck! Doug received this medal for reciting an exceptionally long prayer in his class, being the only child in the room that knew it completely. All his friends were impressed as the medal is quite difficult to receive.

A Thunderbird pulled up in front of Bill and Julie Yochum's home on Hamlin Ct. last week sporting a California license plate. It was the Yochum children's favorite uncle and new aunt they had never met before from San Bernardino, California. Julie's brother drove the additional 400 miles to visit for 2½ days with the Yochum's before going on to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to assume a new position.

TERRY MURTLAND, daughter of Frank and Audrey Murtland of Moore Drive, celebrated her 5th birthday and Valentines Day together with her grandmother (Frank's mother) here to visit for a week with her and the family from Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Joining Al and Agnes Tisch, Ken and Marlene Theobald of Moore Drive enjoyed the Grosse Pointe Barber Shoppers Dinner Dance held at the Detroit Yacht Club a week ago. Cecil and Margaret Harris, of Moore Drive, there also, joined the couples for a short chat at their table during the evening.

Yours truly, Lynn Roth of Cass Avenue, entertained the seven other women in her by-monthly card club last Wednesday night as they played an evening of pinochle before enjoying the tea sandwiches, cookies and coffee that were served at midnight.

Joanne Ross, daughter of John and Helen Ross of Alta Loma, was guest of a girl friend for a week end at Au Gres, Michigan. The girls drove up to join her friends parents at their vacation home near Snow Valley. Their plans included a weekend of skating and tobogganing but the roads were so bad they were forced to stay put and enjoy more quiet two days.

GLADYS KENT OF Cass Avenue took Pauleen Dobrowski, also of Cass, Helen Hartwig and Jerry Hahn of Alta Loma to the Olympia last Saturday afternoon to view the Chicago Black Hawks vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey game. All the girls meet weekly for Ceramics at Helen Hartwigs home and this was a special outing for them.

Paul and Jean Cochrane of Alta Loma entertained Louis and Evelyn Brugman and Gene and Pegg Henderson last Saturday evening with an evening of Pinochle ending the evening with a "surprise" birthday cake for Gene Henderson.

Carl and Mary Ann Misch of Conroy Ct. were host and hostess to sixteen friends for a Valentine Smorgasbord Party in their home. Barbeque chicken was the main dish of the smorgasbord. After eating, the group played charades and topped the evening off with Carl acting as postman delivering comic valentines that Mary Ann had picked out for each of their guests.

JAMES PEPPER of Alta Loma flew down to Atlantic City last Thursday to attend the Superintendant of Schools convention returning home last Wednesday.

Robbie Jenks, son of Lorne and Pegg Jenks of Alta Loma, celebrated his 4th birthday with a luncheon party. His birthday was actually Friday but his friends — Kathy Theobald, Hank Murtland, Sheila Wiseley, Susie Henderson and Robbie's brother Randy — joined him for lunch, games, cake and ice cream on Saturday.

Jerry Porman, son of Walter and Irene Porman of Alta Loma, who has been home for two months after leaving his business administration course at Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Michigan, has transferred to the Detroit College of Sciences and is now majoring in production engineering.

Visit Shrine Circus

Cub Scouts of Den 2, Pack 45, attended the Shrine Circus on February 11. Boys attending were John Overton, Richard Jones, Mike and Jerry McIntyre and Douglas and David Wilson. Accompanying them were Mrs. C. Overton and Mrs. W. Wilson and daughter, Sheryl.

Elected Member of National CPA Group

CPA — Edwin J. Davis of 28923 Scotten, Farmington has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Davis is with the Dunbar & Sullivan Dredging Co. in Detroit.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE

For Biennial Spring Election Monday, April 6, 1959

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Farmington, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Clerk, will, upon any day, except Sunday, and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the Thirtieth day before any regular, special or official primary election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT THE

Farmington Township Office
23715 Farmington Road
ON
Monday, March 9, 1959
- - Last Day

The Thirtieth day preceding said Election

As provided by Section 498, Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1954.

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. on each said day for the purpose of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REGISTERING such of the qualified electors in said TOWNSHIP as SHALL PROPERLY apply therefor.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

ELECTOR UNABLE TO MAKE PERSONAL APPLICATION, PROCEDURE

SEC. 504. Any elector who is unable to make personal application for registration because of physical disability or absence from the Township, City or Village in which his legal residence is located, may be registered prior to the close of registration before any election or primary election by securing from the Clerk of the Township, City or Village in which is located his legal residence, duplicate registration cards and executing in duplicate the registration affidavit before a notary public or other officer legally authorized to administer oaths and returning such registration cards to the Clerk of the Township, City or Village before the close of office hours on the last day of registration prior to any election or primary election. The notary public or other officer administering the oath shall sign his name on the line for the signature of the registration officer and designate his title.

UNREGISTERED PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE

SEC. 491. The inspectors of election at any election or primary election in this State, or in any District, County, Township, City or Village thereof, shall not receive the vote of any person whose name is not registered in the registration book of the Township, Ward or Precinct in which he offers to vote. (As provided under Act. 116, P.A. 1954.)

TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION; APPLICATION, TIME

SEC. 506. Any registered elector may upon change of residence within the Township, City or Village cause his registration to be transferred to his new address by sending to the Clerk a signed request, stating his present address, the date he moved thereto, and the address from which he was last registered, or by applying in person for a transfer. The Clerk shall strike through the last address, ward and precinct number and record the new address, ward and precinct number on the original and duplicate registration cards, and shall place the original registration card in proper precinct file. Such transfers shall not be made within the (30) days next preceding any election or primary election, (unless such 30th day shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in which event registration shall be accepted during the next full working day,) provided that no such transfer shall permit any person to vote in any Township, City or Village in which he had not resided (30) days next preceding any election or primary election.

TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION ON ELECTION DAY

SEC. 507. Any registered elector who has removed from one election precinct of a Township, City or Village to another election precinct of the same Township, City or Village shall have the right to make application to have his registration transferred on any election or primary election day by executing a request over his or her signature for such transfer and presenting the same to the election board in the precinct in which he is registered. Upon receiving such request the inspector of election in charge of the registration records shall compare the signature thereon with the signature upon the applicant's registration record and if the signatures correspond then the inspector shall certify such fact upon said request and the applicant for transfer shall then be permitted to vote in such precinct for that election only. The application for transfer shall be filed with the Township, City or Village Clerk who shall transfer such voter's registration in accordance with the application. When the name of any street in a Township, City or Village has been changed, it shall be the duty of the Township, City or Village Clerk to make the change to show the proper name of street in the registration records, and it shall not be necessary for the elector to change his registration with respect thereto in order to be eligible to vote.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS
Township Clerk

Feb. 26, March 5, 1959

Struggle for Public Library

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problems included an old one, now emphasized—a greatly expanded library was a crying need.

Funds For Library in Wills

Clinton W. Wilber was now retired, living comfortably in his old home at 33914 Grand River Avenue, off the proceeds of funds wisely invested in mortgages and land contracts. Few who knew this tall, jovial, white-thatched ex-banker who loved to play checkers and kid Democrats—whenever he could find one—guessed that he would be the principal benefactor of the library they hoped sometime to see. This fact became known after his death November 5, 1950, as the result of a heart attack. Nor did anyone know that Miss Carlisle, who until her retirement in 1939 had taught many years in the Detroit public school system, would say in her Will:

"The residue of my estate is to go toward the building fund of a new Public Library in Farmington City and Township."

As a teacher, Miss Carlisle knew one excellent answer to the perils of juvenile delinquency—a peril that from all reports was rampant in the days of Socrates. The answer: Books other than comic for the young. Miss Carlisle, who had few close relatives, died August 16, 1954.

Mr. Wilber's will, after designing bequests to relatives and to churches in the vicinity, specified that the residue of his estate should go "to the City of Farmington . . . to be used in the construction of a Public Library Building . . . or as a contribution toward the construction or equipping of a hospital . . . whichever, in the discretion of the Farmington City Commission, seems more desirable; the institution or building so equipped or constructed . . . shall be under the control and management of the Farmington City Commission."

Hospital or Library the Qestion

When the terms of the will became known, the knot of loyal "library builders" in the community realized that, for the first time, adequate funds might become available for a suitable library. But one big IF remained—IF Mr. Wilber's estate was not used for hospital purposes. (Some little "ifs" clouded the horizon, also, as will be explained later.) Nobody, of course, would oppose the building of a hospital. On the other hand, a cursory examination of the potential Wilber assets disclosed that they would fall short of the amount needed for only a small hospital, whereas they would go a long way toward financing a library. The Library Board resolved that, in any event, publicity must be given to the paragraph in the Wilber will.

A suitable avenue for publicity soon opened through the newly organized Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women. That organization's education committee—which included a Library Board member (Mrs. Gibson) and the librarian (Mrs. Leach)—undertook the project. Mrs. Frances Noonan of the State Library was invited to speak to the A.A.U.W. The committee invited the City Council, the Township Board, the Library Board and other interested citizens to the meeting.

Friends of Library Formed

The paragraph from the Wilber will was read. Mrs. Noonan suggested in her talk that a Friends of the Library organization be formed. The A.A.U.W. then called another meeting in Adams Hall of the Universalist Church on October 6, 1952, at which the Friends organized and elected W. Allen Nelson as president.

The Friends of the Library devoted their attention to furthering the library's interests in every possible way, launched a membership pampaign, brought in speakers, initiated Great Books courses, through the cooperation of the public schools, and openly solicited donations for the library. The Friends incorporated June 4, 1954.

The primary question, library or hospital, remained unresolved for a surprisingly long time.

The entire problem was taken up at a meeting of interested citizens June 15, 1954, in the City Council chambers. The Library Board and the Friends of the Library presented their case, and Mayor Kenn Loomis appointed a committee to make a complete study and report to the city and township governing bodies. Edward Moseman was appointed chairman. The members were Mrs. Clarence Stoll, for the Library Board; Harold Whiting, for the Friends; Supervisor Ernest Blanchard, for the Township Board, and Councilman James Cavanaugh, for the Council. Mary F. (Mrs. H. C.) Allison was designated as secretary.

The Moseman Committee on March 19, 1955, submitted a six-page report which aroused wide interest and prepared the way for future action.

Words of Will A Problem

Eventually the authorities decided the Wilber money should be used for a library, partly because a hospital that would serve much of the area was being projected in Livonia.

The wording of the paragraph in the will created two grave difficulties, however, which were resolved only after a special legislative act and an extraordinary interpretation by the Oakland County Circuit Court. The difficulties were these:

1. Between the date of Mr. Wilber's will (February 1, 1950) and his death, the City Commission, which was to be entrusted with administering the funds, had been succeeded by a City Council.

2. Could a library be operated as a joint city-township venture as in the past or must it be strictly a city venture which would exclude the now much more populous township?

The second obstacle was complicated by the fact that Michigan law did not specifically authorize two units of government (like a city and a township) to set up an official library board with the customary powers.

New State Law Is Needed

Difficulty No. 2 was the first to be removed. One objective of the Friends of the Library was to plug the loophole in the Michigan law. Through the efforts of Wendell Brown, one of the directors, the State Legislature passed a special act (No. 1364, June 7, 1955) authorizing two or more municipalities to operate a library jointly and to set up a district library board with comprehensive powers.

Within a few weeks, the City Council and the Township Board passed resolutions to create a district board under the provision of the act. Each governmental unit appointed two members: Edward Moseman and Wilma B. (Mrs. Kenneth) Lachmann, for the township, and C. Goddard Smith and Howard Thayer for the city.

*Mrs. Lachmann resigned later, owing to change of address. Mrs. Gibson took her place. On Mrs. Gibson's retirement in 1958, Mrs. Allison, secretary of the Farmington Friends of the Library, was named by the township to the vacancy in the Library Board.

Estate Funds Still "Tied-Up"

Difficulty No. 1 remained. The Wilber estate had long since been closed by the Probate Court and its assets were turned over to the City of Farmington. Now, however, at the insistence of the new District Library Board, the Circuit Court was asked to reopen the case and to hand down a judicial construction of the paragraph in question. The Court decreed on February 11, 1957, that the assets of the estate should be released by the city to the new Library Board, determining that such action would be "in full accord and agreement with the intent of the testator."

The Farmington City and Township District Library Board of Trustees (by-laws adopted December 11, 1956) launched its administration with a businesslike efficiency hitherto unknown. Mr. Smith, president, immediately called for a survey of assets.

Approve .3 Mill for Library

The Township by an extremely light vote (297 to 167) in a special election February 21, 1956, had authorized a tax levy of .3 mill for administration of the new Library District. On the equalized property valuation set by the State, the tax was expected to raise $10,400 a year. The city agreed to pay from its operating budget an amount equal to the same millage on property within its borders. State aid also would presumably be continued.

The residue of the Carlisle estate, $12,133, was turned over to the Board. The amount of the Wilber funds (eventually, $75,700) was not immediately ascertainable because the land contracts and mortgages were not to be sold at discount.

The businessmen now at the helm quickly saw that the annual income would be insufficient to maintain an adequate library. Worse than that, they realized that the funds in hand would not permit the erection of a building of anywhere near suitable size. For a time, they considered the Wilber home property as a site for the new library. The lot, with 206 feet of Grand River frontage, extended to Shiawassee Avenue, had a valuation of $18,500 to $20,000. The location was excellent; the building funds, low.

Big Fund Drive Staged

Contributions were now earnestly solicited, and the response was good. Donations ranged from $1,000 down to $2. The Friends of the Library gave $1,000; so did the Town Club. Small girls of the "Blue Birds" contributed $10.

One of the many institutions whose facilities were sorely taxed by the mushrooming population was the Farmington Post Office. It had to be expanded.

In July 1957, a real estate developer offered a new site and proposed a new post office building. If the Post Office Department should accept the developer's suggestions, the old Post Office Building on Farmington Road would be abandoned and put up for sale by the same developer.

Decide on Old Post Office

The Library Board and many interested citizens promptly realized that the old building might be suitable, if extensively remodeled, for a library. It would be a vast improvement over the old room in the Town Hall; it would be centrally located, and would have ample parking facilities. The realty company offered the property to the Library Board for $40,000 contingent upon the Post Office Department's approval of the new site and a new building, the plans for which were being prepared by John Allen, Farmington architect.

In a short time the approval came through. The Library Board bought the old building and Mr. Allen was commissioned to draw plans for remodeling. The community was launched upon a major project. For the first time in 80 years, dreams of an adequate library were on the point of realization.

Scores of details had to be worked out. Board members consulted experts on library construction, inspected blueprints and specifications of other buildings and visited numerous ones to make a first hand study of conditions. When, at length, Mr. Allen's plans were approved, when orders were placed for shelving, equipment and furniture, Farmington felt confident that, considering the funds available, the best possible library facilities had been assured.

Mary Kennedy would have been proud of the new library. So would Clinton Wilber, his mother and his aunt, Ruth Carlisle, Mrs. Cook, and dozens of other "library builders" who had passed on. Their Tender Loving Care had paid off at last. The heritage they had created had been cherished and preserved for today's children, and tomorrow's.

Webelos Start New Training

The Cloverdale PTA is now completing plans for an art exhibit to be given on Monday, March 9.

Work on display will be that done by the students at the school. It will be on display from 10 to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 to 2 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A chili supper will also be served for both parents and children from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Example has more followers than reason. —Christian Nestell Bovee.

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