

For scholarship Club locates right student

By SUSAN AVERILL
He was, in effect, a high school dropout, one credit shy of the number needed for graduation. Although Bob Gibbs entertained some thoughts about college, it didn't appear in the offing. Meanwhile, he'd just help out his father in the landscaping business.

Particularly impressed with one student's interest and initiative, Wells recommended Bob Gibbs. One short interview later, Gibbs found himself with a fully paid, two-year scholarship. He was quite sure what to make of the situation.

THE CATALYST uniting the two elements came in the form of Fred Wells, buildings and grounds supervisor for the Rochester school systems.

"TO START WITH, Fred called and said they wanted me," Gibbs said. "It was a case where I wasn't sure I wanted them. I had thoughts of wanting to go on to college, but not so quick."

"Mrs. Donald Polk (chairman of the NFGC scholarship committee) is the one who approached me and asked if there was anyone in my class who might be interested," Wells said.

"He wrote a proposal on a landscaping project," Drue said. "It took him six weeks to finish writing it. Then he came to my house and drew several different plans."

In addition to being grounds supervisor, Wells is licensed by the state of Michigan as a vocational instructor in landscaping, a class he was teaching in 1973 at Rochester High School.

DRUE WAS QUICK to point out that he wasn't really looking for free landscaping.

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