

Why Oakland Aid Rose \$12 Million This Year

By JACKIE KLEIN

The Oakland County Dept. of Social Services spent more than \$38 million in 1970 for care and maintenance of indigent residents, a \$12 million hike over 1969.

The increase in public assistance, especially in the ADC and food stamp programs is attributed to the General Motors strike, changes in responsible relative and residency laws, increased unemployment, liberalization of the food stamp program, and increased public awareness of social services programs, according to the annual department report.

Of Oakland's 900,000 persons, 44 per cent are on the program was \$6.5 million

welfare. County programs accounted for less than 10 per cent of the total expenditure with the rest in state aid programs.

THE COUNTY'S general relief budget for 1970 was \$1.5 million with increased costs and caseloads leaving a year-end appropriation deficit of \$617,000. The county received 40 per cent in matching funds from the state.

Total expenditure, for an average of 2,880 general assistance cases in 1970, was \$2.7 million.

The largest state program is according to the annual Children (ADC). In 1969, the county's total expenditure for

with a monthly average of 2,569 recipients.

In 1970, the expenditure leaped to \$11.8 million and the caseload nearly doubled to a monthly average of 1,714.

Some causes of the increase are the Supreme Court decision that a person become a resident of the state or area where he is receiving aid, a court order stating the resources of stepfathers could not be used in determining needs of stepchildren, increased unemployment and general economic conditions and the General Motors strike.

In 1970, some 830 recipients were referred to the work incentive program, a jointly sponsored Dept. of Social Services and Michigan Employment Security Commission project.

THE COUNTY'S total cost for the food stamp program was \$6.6 million in 1970.

The Dept. of Social Services provides a variety of services to dependent, neglected, abused or delinquent children with protective and rehabilitative programs.

Oakland is responsible for 100 per cent of the cost of hospitalization for indigents not eligible for the state Medicaid program. Total 1970 expenditure was \$311,000 for 425 cases.

There were more than 17,000 old age assistance warrants issued to county residents in 1970. Assistance is provided to persons 65 or over who have a budget deficit and property within the allowable maximum.

Monthly checks are sent for deficits and the increased cost

of living has made it necessary for many senior citizens to apply for assistance when their social security and other resources are insufficient for their needs.

Total 1970 expenditure for this program was \$1.188 million and the average monthly grant increased from \$64.58 to \$66.05 from 1969. Average monthly caseload was 1499.

Persons 18 years or older who are incapacitated for a year or more due to injury, illness or other limitations, may be eligible for aid to the disabled. They must meet the same income and resources requirements as applicants for old age assistance.

Average caseload in 1970 was 1,199 with an average monthly payment of \$97.25 per case for a total of \$1,400 million.

A monthly average of 46 persons received grants under the aid to the blind program at an average of \$97.26 per case for a total \$3,877 cost.

Plan Your Career As Frosh

Students must be realistic in their vocational planning from the beginning of their college careers, according to the Jack Shingleton, director of the placement bureau at Michigan State University.

"It is becoming increasingly important for college students to start thinking about their careers as soon as they enroll," Shingleton said. Shingleton, who estimates that the market for the 1972 graduate will be as tight as it was this year, predicts that the technical and business fields will have the most demand in relation to supply.

Shingleton recommends that students ascertain their interests and personal limitations early in their college career, using self-evaluation as a primary tool in vocational planning.

He then urges them to tailor a college curriculum that will allow them the proper credentials for their work, keeping in mind the marketability of their chosen field.

He encourages students, if possible, to obtain career-related work during the summers of their sophomore and junior years.

Finally, he recommends that students begin diligently seeking employment very early in their senior year.

"Indecision and lack of tenacity are the two biggest hang-ups in job seeking," Shingleton said. "Anyone who is serious about wanting to work should be able to find employment of some kind."



SENATOR TO SENATOR --- With the eyes of Teddy Roosevelt upon them, U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.) meets with the two senators representing Michigan at the 25th session of the American Legion Girls Nation. They are Gail Attenburg (left) of Sprucewood, Farmington, and Jean L. McNulty of Birmingham.

Tipton Gets Board Job

Roy R. Tipton 36610 Lyman, Farmington, has been elected to the board of directors of the Detroit Association of Life Underwriters for the 1971-1972 year.

The Detroit Association, made up of more than 2,000 agents of various companies, is an arm of the National Association of Life Underwriters headquartered in Washington, D.C.

McDonnells At Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McDonnell of Farmington recently attended the International Appraisal Conference, sponsored by the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, in Montreal.

Mr. McDonnell is a member of the society's Oakland County chapter.

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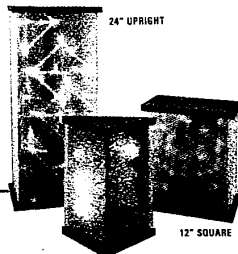
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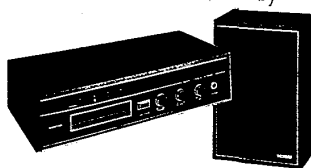


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