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(Continued from Page Two) Local committees, state trustees, and those who wait upon the Legislature -- should keep steadily in mind the primary purpose of the trust fund, namely to furnish "emergency help to veterans in case of unexpected difficulties." Anything tending to prevent the accomplishment of that original purpose should be instantly avoided.

The state official was careful to question the value of the projects where the money was spent. His objections centered on the appropriation of money from the trust fund for any purpose other than emergency use.

Although no permanent bureau is desired, Senator Brake is concerned with the effect upon local committees by the Legislature's actions. "One can hear among county committees the expression of the thought that they might just as well use up the complete allotment because otherwise the Legislature will take the money from them," the treasurer warned. "That is not desirable thinking and the practice that promotes it should be discontinued."

Understanding was shown by the state treasurer for the plight of the legislator when he said: "We just recognize that the Legislature has been in a very difficult position. Keeping essential services going in the face of a steadily mounting deficit has not been easy. Perhaps it's safe to say that they reached for more of the trust fund income in desperation and not with the intent to make the practice permanent."

Praise is due to the county committees, the treasurer added. He said that they have been doing a wonderful job and that their decisions have been on the conservative rather than the liberal side.

"There is a distinct advantage in having the real authority in the administration close to the people who are to receive the benefits," he said. "Mr. Brake conceded local committees' might have made errors but attributed them to difficulties in starting the program. He pointed out that 'experience has shown that errors will be more frequent with centralized administration than with local administration.'

What is the best guarantee that the fund will continue to function as originally conceived by the Legislature? Here is Mr. Brake's recommendation:

All who have responsibility in connection with the administration of the trust fund -- the

state treasurer and the county committees -- should be encouraged to

keep the trust fund in the hands of the people.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chavez of Westmore Avenue Thursday, July 9, at Henry Ford Hospital.

Homemakers Meet At MSC July 21-24

More than 1300 Michigan homemakers will be in effect roles this month while attending the four-day meeting, the 26th Annual Homemakers Conference, at Michigan State College July 21-24.

Speakers of the conference, the homemaker demonstration staff of the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service, have completed the program of education events built around the theme, "Better Homes for a Better World."

Highlight of Tuesday's opening program will be an address by Iris Davenport, home economist writer -- editor with Farm and Ranch Magazine in Nashville, Tennessee.

Outstanding speakers scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sessions include Marion Miller, columnist of labor and industry for the state of Maine; Mrs. Edith Sampson, Chicago attorney; E. T. Harwick, Georgia; Mrs. Fern G. White, Kansas City, Missouri; Dr. Elaine Knowles Weaver, Ohio State University; and Mary L. Mott, Michigan State College.

During the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sessions, homemakers will follow the banner of their choice to classes in writing, photography, landscape improvement, household equipment, flower gardening, savings and investments, parliamentary procedure, effective speaking, literature, music, recreation and the Bible.

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