

COUNTIES, CITIES TO SHARE MORE ROAD MONEY

Michigan counties and cities can expect their first payment of additional road money from the new highway construction program in October, state officials disclosed this week.

Under the new plan, which went into effect June 1, counties will share an estimated \$6,000,000 and cities \$2,000,000 more yearly than they are getting now.

Because payments are to be made quarterly, the first of the new money will be distributed sometime in October.

This is in addition to the counties' 37 per cent share and the cities' 19 per cent share of the regular Motor Vehicle Fund.

"There has been some misunderstanding about the allocation of funds to local units of government under the new program and some fear that the counties and cities were being cut," said Senator Haskell L. Nichols of Jackson, chairman of the Senate Highway Committee.

"Actually, they will receive more money than they are getting now. The distribution of money under the Motor Vehicle Fund 1 includes 4 1/2 cents of the gasoline tax — was not touched by the new program. The same percentage of distribution will apply — 14 per cent to the State Highway Department, 37 per cent to the counties and 19 per cent to the cities."

"The money allocated to counties and cities under the new program is in addition to those funds," Nichols said. "Furthermore, as state trunkline construction comes under the new program, more of the State Highway Department's share of the old funds can be spent on roads not named in the new act."

"Thus, there will be more money available to build the roads Michigan needs — state trunklines, county roads and city streets. This program will benefit all the people as it goes into full operation," Nichols declared.

"The fact that the bill is given immediate effect means that Michigan highways will benefit from the added funds this summer," he added.

Library Cooperates In State Portrait Survey

The Historical Society of Michigan and the Detroit Historical Society are jointly cooperating in the Michigan Portrait Survey. The purpose of the survey is to list all of the oil portraits in Michigan. They will be listed by subject, artist, and location.

A compilation such as this will enable writers, historians, museum exhibitors and others interested in artists or personalities to select among many — rather than use as an illustration the one at home.

A listing of over 2,500 portraits from about 25 counties in the state has already been compiled. The only way such a project can be brought to completion is through the help of interested persons in the state. Forms are now available at the Farmington Library for local persons who may have such information.

A woman appealed to New York City officials to rid the air there of sulphuric acid fumes, saying such fumes dissolve nylon clothing right off the wearer. And with today's women being almost completely clothed in nylon, that's the naked truth.

Township Board

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South Farmington Road near Colfax. The resolution authorizes the building inspector to grant a permit for only this purpose, but in connection with the understanding that all of the building and zoning regulations must be complied with.

It was pointed out that both the building and the property have been inspected by members of the Board and found to be satisfactory. The final vote was 5 years and 1 day.

Curie, president of the Clarencville Civic Association, advised the Board that the township was requesting action to halt the flow of sewage into the lake from the Blackwell Street as well as alleged violations regarding the Western Tool and Die Company building and operation. Curie stated that the particular complaint would be filed in writing to the Board and that court action would be instituted if necessary.

The Board declared its intent to enforce the zoning ordinance in connection with property on the west side of Orchard Lake Road, south of Fourteen Mile Road. It is proposed that the property be zoned from Residential to Commercial, which includes 4 1/2 cents of the gasoline tax — was not touched by the new program. The same percentage of distribution will apply — 14 per cent to the State Highway Department, 37 per cent to the counties and 19 per cent to the cities."

The Board stated that applications are now being accepted for the position of Township assessor. Blanchard pointed out that several applications have been received and that a concentrated effort should be made to secure additional applicants so that the position can be filled as quickly as possible.

HINTS TO HELP CHILDREN ENJOY SUMMER VACATION

Children need some help and plans during the summer months in order to have a pleasant vacation. Dr. Joseph G. Molner, Detroit public health commissioner, remarks.

Sufficient rest is as important during the summer as it is during the school year. Meals should be eaten on time and served at regular intervals. In the excitement of play children may want to "grab a bite," but regular meals will provide more adequate fuel for their food requirements and give them a period of relative quiet in an otherwise exciting day.

If swimming is included in the summer activities, choose a swimming pool or beach where the water is approved by the Department of Health and if possible where there is a life guard on duty. Take advantage of summer swimming and see that children have an opportunity to learn water safety. Swimming can be lots of fun and good exercise. Children should be taught not to go into deep water unless they are good swimmers and never to go alone. They should be taught never to venture into strange water until they have asked about holes or strong undertows.

Dr. Molner has these suggestions to parents:

Teach children a clean and safe place to play.

Teach them to play safely.

Teach them never to chase a ball into the street.

Set them a proper example in crossing the street safely.

Teach them that the rules for riding bicycles apply in the street as well as during the school year.

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The woodcock was banded in Antrim County, one of 24 tagged thus far in a continuing Conservation Department study of the elusive little marsh birds.

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WIDESPREAD VIRUS NOW CLASSIFIED AS HEPATITIS

A growing number of Michigan communities appear to be suffering slow-moving, massive epidemics of infectious hepatitis, according to the Michigan Department of Health. In many family groups, health authorities said, the use of gamma globulin has proven an effective means of protection for those exposed.

A virus infection which attacks the liver, infectious hepatitis is spread from person to person in much the same manner as typhoid fever.

If a member of a household develops infectious hepatitis — gamma globulin — or gamma globulin can provide protection for other members of the family. Immune globulin has been widely used to afford a measure of protection against measles and polio, but perhaps its most important use will turn out to be against infectious hepatitis.

There were 1,419 cases of infectious hepatitis reported in Michigan last year, as compared with only 48 cases reported in 1950. It was only recently — since World War II — that infectious hepatitis has been recognized as a virus disease. Formerly called catarrhal jaundice, and still mistakenly referred to by many as yellow jaundice, it is becoming one of the most widespread infectious diseases in the state.

Looking Ahead

By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

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eral government today is operating thousands of business enterprises, with an investment of \$15 billion in taxpayers' money; and that as a general rule the taxpayers' government's economy would be better off if these government enterprises were closed.

"The government business-type enterprises," said the Hoover Commission Report, "except in a few instances, pay no taxes, pay little or no interest on the capital invested . . . moreover, invariably the goods and services produced by the government enterprises could be obtained at less cost (saving tax money) through private enterprises."

The report emphasized a danger to which the House Committee on Government Operations last year pointed: "From 1929 to 1948, public wealth has grown 278.3 per cent while private wealth has increased only 78.7 per cent . . . In 1929 the public wealth represented only 15 per cent of the total national wealth; in 1948 the public wealth amounted to 27.3 per cent . . . Is this 'creeping Socialism'?"

Encouraging steps already have been taken by the present administration to halt the trend. Synthetic rubber plants and some other enterprises have been sold to private, tax paying companies. But this is a mere start. If the citizens set behind the Hoover Commission recommendations further constructive improvement in our government and our general welfare will be forthcoming.

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WEST POINT PARK

By MISS L. A. AULT
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A reunion of the Emerson Ault family was held at the Ault residence on Mayfield Avenue Sunday, July 2. About thirty were in attendance. They came from New London, Ohio; Monroe, Michigan; and Detroit as well as Livonia. An outdoor picnic dinner was served.

Area residents in attendance at a family picnic held at the Loren Read farm near South Lyon on Sunday, July 2, included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees. The picnic was a reunion of descendants of John and Eva Rowe.

On the grounds of their home on Shadyside Avenue July 4, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Roddy entertained a group of friends and neighbors at a picnic.

Mrs. David Dahline of Brentwood Avenue, attended a family reunion in Flint on July 4.

Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault held a picnic near the outdoor fireplace on the grounds of their property on Shadyside Avenue July 4.

A dinner party was held at the Albert Nacker home on Farmington Road on Wednesday evening, July 2, to honor the 83rd birthday of Mr. Nacker, for many years a well-known resident of this community. Dinner guests were relatives and members of the immediate family.

A quiet celebration at his home on Mayfield Avenue July 4 honored the 39th birthday of George Welsh.

At Mt. Carmel Hospital Tuesday, July 5, an eight pound three ounce daughter, Diana Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nacker of Westmore Avenue.

Monday evening, July 4, guests of the John Altman of Shadyside Avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Heltinger and their children from Ranch Hill on Burk Road and Mr. George Juntilla and his family from Detroit.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. Alta entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Altman, Jr., and their son, John, from Livonia; and Mrs. May Holland and her three children from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Skow and their three children, of Mayfield Avenue, were July 4 dinner guests of Mrs. Skow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Koenig, in Detroit.

Mrs. Anna Currie of Redford was in charge of the program at a Stanley Perry held at the home of Mrs. Grace Simpson on Mayfield Avenue Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Varhol of Chicago were houseguests for a part of this week of the former's brother, John Varhol, and his family on Shadyside Avenue. In their honor, a picnic get-together of relatives from this section was held at Kensington Park Saturday, July 9.

Miss Pauline Varhol is accompanying her uncle and aunt back to Chicago and will remain for a three-week visit.

Frederick Seibert of Shadyside Avenue spent the Fourth of July week end at Lewiston in northern Michigan.

Mrs. Marnie Muir of Detroit is a two-weeks guest of her son, Arthur Muir, and his family on Shadyside Avenue.

City Zoning

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various sections of the ordinance. Several revisions were made in the ordinance periods as specified and there were some changes in the maximum limits set for outside signs other than billboards.

It is expected that at least one additional joint session will be held to discuss the zoning map, which is to be a part of the zoning ordinance. The Council has not indicated as yet whether additional public hearings will be held on the map. Several property owners have requested that at least one more hearing be held on the proposal.

Three out of four traffic accidents happen in clear weather on dry roads.

Publication Available For Trout Fishermen

A recent Conservation Department publication clarifies some of the issues at stake in the long-standing feud between trout fishermen who use bait and those who prefer artificial flies.

"Comparison of Mortality Between Fly-Fished and Worm-Hooked Trout in Michigan Streams," a 44-page booklet, is available for 50¢ from the Institute for Fisheries Research, Ann Arbor.

Another study, "The Movement and Recovery of Tagged Walleyes in Michigan, 1929-1953," is available at the same price.

News item says thousands of wives now support their husbands. Well, it's about time their husbands got equal rights.

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