



BEARING GIFTS -- Toys representing "The Friendly Beasts at Christmas" played a big part in Larkshire School's holiday winter concert Friday, directed by Mrs. Nancie Combs. The toys will be donated to the children at the Maybury Sanatorium. Pictured, left to right, are Lizzy Donnenfield, Ricky Clayton, Louise Mankowsky and Kathy Deering, all Larkshire first graders.

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725 Draw Student Loans

For a growing number of college students, the question of how to meet costs of higher education is being answered by low interest loans made possible by federal funds.

A total of 725 Oakland University students are expected to receive loans averaging \$550 in the current academic year. The loans will be drawn from a \$398,750 National Defense Education Act loan fund made up of federal funds, OU allocations and repayment income from previous loans.

The current federal grant supporting this program, amounting to \$291,217 from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was among five grants totaling \$421,497 recently accepted by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting. The board made its annual visit to the Rochester campus with the December meeting.

Oakland's NDEA loan program has been in operation since classes were begun in 1959. Through the end of last fiscal year, 1,526 individual students had borrowed a total of \$1,351,174 to help meet their college expenses, according to Rockne C. DeLaney, special accounts supervisor in the OU business office.

NDEA loans are undoubtedly the most inexpensive borrowing the students will ever encounter. The student pays three per cent simple interest annually and has a nine-month grace period after leaving school before he is billed for any repayment. His first payment is due 90 days later--in a full year after leaving school--and he has 10 years in which to pay back the loan.

One purpose of the NDEA loan program is to encourage students to go into teaching, although it is not limited to those who do. NDEA loan fund recipients who do become full-time teachers can receive partial or complete write-offs of their loans and interest.

Those who become teachers in elementary or secondary schools that have a high concentration of low income families, or who teach handicapped youngsters, can write off 15 per cent of their loans for each year of teaching, up to a maximum of 100 per cent of the loanable interest. Those who teach in other schools--elementary, secondary or college level--can write off 10 per cent of their loans each year of teaching, up to a maximum of 50 per cent of the loan and interest.

OU graduates have been able to cancel a total indebtedness of \$401,665 through teaching service in the past eight years, DeLaney reported.

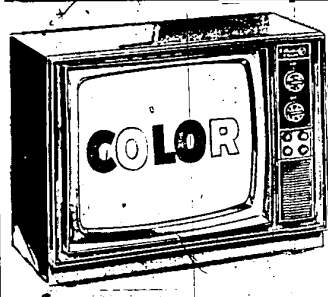
OTHER GRANTS accepted by the trustees were:

- \$15,000 from the Kresge Foundation for improvement and expansion of the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion, home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra during the Meadow Brook Festival season. The work, completed in time for the 1967 season, included construction of a new gate house, with box office and other office facilities, and extension of the stage house to include new dressing rooms for the orchestra and future use of a ballet company.
- \$28,250 from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to continue Oakland's Chinese studies program, under the direction of S. Bernard Thomas, associate professor of history and chairman of area studies.
- \$25,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation to support the development training program of the Academy of Dramatic Art, under the direction of Wilbur W. Kent, Jr.

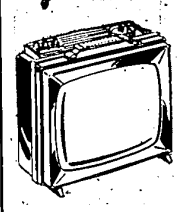
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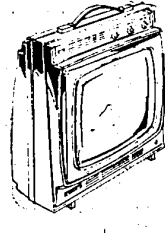
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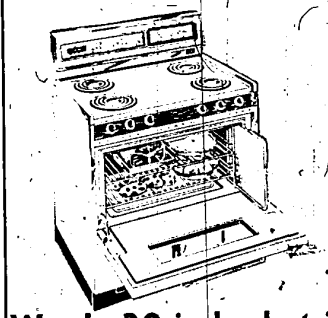
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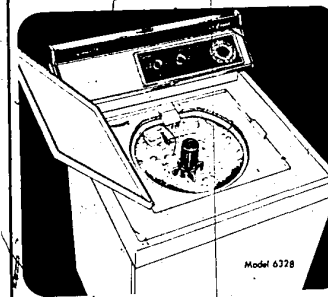
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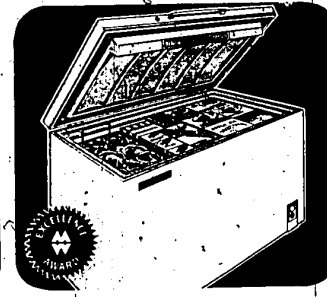
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