

\$10 Million Gift

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to \$32,000, by 1965 to 753,000 and by 1970 to 926,000. Current college population of this area is estimated at 44,000, and by 1970 will be 103,000.

UNTIL SUITABLE housing facilities will be constructed, the new university branch will receive only commuting students. Availability of the branch, however, will open educational opportunities to thousands of young people in this area who, due to costs of living away from home, otherwise would not get university training.

Unaccountably, Oakland County has been bypassed in the development of Michigan's outstanding system of higher education. President Hannah told the luncheon audience, "Despite this handicap, it has grown in population and wealth."

"I am sure the legislature, which must approve the establishment of branches of existing institutions, will agree that it is high time that the young people of this area have economic area had educational opportunities equivalent to those provided in other parts of the state."

"IT IS TO the eternal credit of those who live in this area that they have combined their thinking and their resources to make available for the young people of Oakland county and vicinity what can, in time, become one of our state's outstanding educational, cultural and technical centers."

Meadow Brook Hall, considered to be one of the outstanding private residences in the world, is in itself an art treasure, and housed

within it are some of the world's most famous paintings and valuable objects d'art.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are retaining a life interest in the residence on the estate, but these, too, will eventually become a part of the campus of the branch college.

SPEAKING FOR herself and her husband, Mrs. Wilson, (widow of John F. Dodge, co-founder of the original Dodge Motor Co.) revealed their pleasure in turning over to Michigan State University their vast Oakland county properties.

"My long association with the University (she was a member of its governing board from 1931 through 1937) has shown us the tremendous contribution it is making to our educational and cultural life."

Mr. Wilson and I have admired the institution's policies and believe it to have great possibilities for this area. We are very happy to have achieved this objective."

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The Wilson's gift follows two weeks of the gift of the former resident of Henry Ford, Fairlane, in 1954, together with \$6,000,000 to the University of Michigan for a suggested technical branch of the Ann Arbor institution in Wayne County.

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His report showed a decrease from \$1,949 in 1955 to last year's total of \$4,014,370.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale-Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eclectic.

Family Seeks Witnesses To Fatal Crash

With the only witness on record stating that he viewed the accident through a rear view mirror, the family of 16-year-old Roy Blasiola, Jr., are seeking further witnesses to the accident at Trowbridge road and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, in which the youth was killed Dec. 23.

William Prokopy, of 1707 Sheffield road, Birmingham, brother-in-law of the dead youth, said the boy's family were tortured by the fact that reports contend Roy neglected to stop at the intersection where the fatal crash occurred.

Prokopy said there was no insurance or legal settlement involved in the family's attempt to talk to witnesses, and that it was only for their peace of mind. Prokopy said he would appreciate a call from any person who saw the accident.

THE ACCIDENT occurred about 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28. It involved a 1956 Plymouth blue four-door sedan driven by Roy, and a 1956 black Lincoln driven by Lawrence Moxley, 25, of Ruxton.

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For the first time since 1946, the City of Birmingham chalked up a "no traffic fatalities" record for the year 1956.

Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said that 15 persons were killed in traffic accidents within the city limits from 1947 through 1955. Two fatalities each occurred during the years 1953 and '54, with only one death in '55.

Though recent radio reports said the National Safety Council had cited Birmingham as one of the safest cities in its population group in Michigan, Moxley said that he had not yet received word of the council's action.

"The report probably was released from the Safety Council's Chicago headquarters," Moxley said.

Commenting on Birmingham's no-fatality year, one police officer said proudly, "That's good law enforcement."

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as yet proved acceptable. Swanson then realized that his vision slowly was approaching actual possibility.

It was not until December 1, however, that the Wilsons came to a personal decision that they would give their estate to Michigan State University. At that time it was not decided whether to offer it to the University of Michigan or to Michigan State University. Both institutions, however, had been told of the possibility of the gift to the state.

He first told his county plan board associates about this proposed university branch at their recent Dec. 15 meeting.

In the meantime, Swanson, still on his own, began to contact numerous Michigan industrial corporations, notably the large automobile makers, as to their part in the development of this new educational center.

SWANSON ALREADY had learned that the Wilsons desired to emphasize the technical phases of education, "to sort of develop a Michigan smaller counter-part of MIT," explained Swanson.

It was while making these industrial contacts that Swanson contacted his son-in-law, Mr. Swanson, when I referred to my somewhat worn hunting outfit. "Do you know what we had as the main course for dinner? It was plain, old-fashioned pork and sauerkraut, and served by this remarkable woman who, though possessed of great wealth, continued to manifest her life-long ability to walk with kings yet not lose the common touch."

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They made the 165-mile trip from Budapest to the Austrian border, on foot and by wagon cart, in four and a half days.

Three months' wages. Costs for clothing were raised for Communists, so that a loaf of which cost a Communist 10 might cost a Hungarian 8, Kontz said.

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