

## Local Ford Man Assists in Writing Agriculture Book

A local agricultural engineer is the author of a chapter in the United States department of agriculture's new book, "Power to Produce—1960 Yearbook of Agriculture."

C. B. Richey, chief research engineer of Ford Motor company's tractor and implement division, Birmingham, wrote "A Machine Is Produced," detailing the research and engineering steps required for the development of a hypothetical new and revolutionary farm implement.



C. B. RICHEY

THREE PHOTOGRAPHS of engineering test activities at the Ford tractor and implement division research and engineering center at 2590 East Maple road are included in the new USDA book.

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## In Oakland County . . .

### Barry Makes Sewage Plant Proposal

A proposal by County drain commissioner Daniel W. Barry that South Oakland municipalities build their own sewage disposal facilities in place of the Dequindre interceptor was greeted with some lack of enthusiasm by at least one municipal council.

Barry proposed to the Madison Heights council members at a recent meeting that member cities in the sewage disposal systems construct a primary and secondary sewage treatment plant for their needs. Sewage from system members is now handled by Detroit.

HE SAID already completed preliminary engineering studies indicate construction of adequate facilities could be done at "an exorbitant" cost, in comparison with anticipated Detroit charges. Madison Heights councilmen were annoyed by a report that the proposed treatment plant might be located in their city. The council unanimously supported a suggestion to shelve the Barry plan.

The city engineer was scheduled to meet with Warren officials to discuss rates for using the latter city's plant.

### Communities Share Gas Tax Rebates For Third Quarter

Oakland county cities and villages will receive a total of \$867,653 in state gas and weight tax rebates for the third quarter from the state highway department. Rebates come from the motor vehicle highway fund.

The City of Southfield leads local communities with a rebate of \$50,421. Birmingham will get \$25,563; Troy's share is \$21,498; Beverly Hills receives \$13,272; Lathrup \$9,149 and Bloomfield Hills \$5,643.

Net receipts in the state were \$42,255,054 for an increase over the same period in 1959 of \$794,150.

### Authority Awards First Contract For New Park

The first contract for a recreational site located in sections of both Oakland and Macomb counties has been awarded by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan authority. It will officially start development of Stony Creek Metropolitan park.

The authority board of commissioners awarded the construction contract for \$273,000. It provides for building the upper dam and bridge to carry parkway traffic within the park. The 4,000-acre park is located three miles north

east of Rochester. Work is expected to begin immediately. Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, authority director, said. The park will have a 700-acre lake and space for swimming, boating and fishing as well as picnic areas, roads for scenic drives and nature trails.

TENTATIVE opening will be in 1963, dependent upon funds available to the authority during the next few years.

The first contract was awarded to the E. C. Nolan company and Farris construction company, Center line.

### Clerical Error Fails to Alter Election Result

The election of Donald E. Adams to a two-year term in a new Oakland county probate judgeship will not be affected by a 135-vote clerical error, discovered by Royal Oak city officials. The prediction was made by county canvassers Tuesday.

Adams defeated State Sen. L. Harvey Lodge by 478 votes, in official returns. The vote was 76,187 to 75,599.

The error was made when machine totals were being transferred to paper tabulating sheets, according to Royal Oak city clerk Gladys Holmes. Lodge's votes were mistakenly entered in Adams' column in one precinct, she said.

County canvassers will certify official results. All city figures in the probate election are unofficial.

### Broomfield Says He Will Support Vote Amendment

Congressman William S. Broomfield has added his support to a Democratic proposal to abolish the electoral college and institute direct election of the President by popular vote.

The congressman said he favors a proposal to this effect made by Montana Senator Mike Mansfield (D) and that he would co-sponsor such legislation in the House.

Broomfield, winner of a third Congressional term, said the electoral system was "outmoded and antiquated" but acknowledged that any effort to abolish it "might meet opposition from certain southern states of small population, which derive voting influence from the electoral system."

HOWEVER, he added, "The issue is of such overwhelming national concern that it could win the necessary approval of two-

thirds of Congress and three-fourths of the states for a Constitutional amendment. He pointed to the recent presidential election as a dramatic example of a candidate possibly receiving a majority of the popular vote but losing the election in the electoral college.

### PTA Council Plans Finance Panel At Groves High

A panel discussion on Birmingham school district finances, sponsored by the Birmingham PTA council will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in the Little Theater of Groves high school, 13 Mile and Evergreen.

This meeting will be concerned with future school financing. It will also be the initial local meeting of Phase III of the six-year statewide project on "Studying Michigan Schools."

Otis Dickey, superintendent of Birmingham schools, will lead the discussion and a panel of experts will cover various aspects of financing.

### Two Local Men On Committee For Airborne TV

Two local men are members of the Wayne State university area committee for the midwest program on airborne television instruction.

William J. Emerson, superintendent of Oakland county board of education, and Merritt D. Hill, general manager of Ford tractor division, Ford Motor company, met with other committee members earlier this month.

THE PURPOSE of the committee is to provide guidance for Detroit area schools intending to use the televised offerings provided by the airborne television project.

Educational television programs will be beamed simultaneously from the plate to schools and colleges in six midwestern states.

WSTV is a resource institution to provide local schools with technical-professional assistance.

### Completes Advanced Individual Training

FORT SILL, Okla.—Army Pvt. Geoffrey L. Allen, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Allen, 1392 Birmingham boulevard, Birmingham, completed eight weeks of advanced individual training Nov. 4 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., at the artillery and missile center, Fort Sill, Okla. Allen is a 1960 graduate of Seaholm high school.

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