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\$288,453 Set For Road Work In County Area

Michigan's 83 counties will make a record \$50 million worth of highway improvements during 1961, the Michigan State Highway Department reported today. Oakland County is slated for \$288,453 of the total road work planned.

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said the estimate is based on program reports submitted to the Highway Department by the County Road Commissions under provisions of the Motor Vehicle Highway law.

4-C THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC April 6, 1961

MRS. OTTO PRESTON MRS. HAROLD WALKER

'Music and Listening' Musicales's Final Concert

"Music and Listening" will be the theme when Birmingham Musicales members and guests meet for their final concert of the season on April 13 in the Birmingham Community House at 1330 pan.

Mrs. Otto J. Preston, pianist, will highlight the program with a group of Chopin and Beethoven numbers. Mrs. Harold L. Walker is director of the Birmingham Maternal Singers appearing on the program.

Elmer Rosenberg and Mrs. Richard O. Ruppel.

The Musicales's Woodwind Ensemble will open the program. Members include Dorothy Delton, Arthur Walton, Louise Kitchner, Marion Stone and Martha Welton. Mrs. Preston will perform three Chopin numbers. A Chicago pianist, she received her bachelor of music degree from the American Conservatory of Music.

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"THIS REPRESENTS an increase of nearly 14 per cent over the estimated \$44 million spent on road improvements by the counties during 1960," Mackie said.

Mackie said the big increase is the result of an advance by the Highway Department of Federal aid secondary road funds.

THE COUNTIES will receive an estimated \$7 million in federal aid funds this year compared to about \$3.5 million last year. Counties must match federal funds on a 50-50 basis.

Mackie said reports from the 83 counties show they modernized 304 miles of highway on the federal aid secondary system last year, built 23 bridges and installed five railroad crossing flashers.

CHAIRMAN OF the day is Mrs. D. L. Tate. Mrs. Robert L. Williams, hostess chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Donald Biggs, Mrs. Mrs. Joseph Beckley and Mrs. John F. Danke, co-chairmen of the tea, have asked Mrs. Howard Halstead, H. S. McFarland and Mrs. Arnold Berndt to pour.

THE TEA tables designed by Mrs. Matthew Cammareri will display a garden motif in pink and white centered with a water fountain and floating water lilies with silver candelabra equipped with crystal vases.

Serving on the tea committee will be Mrs. Walter Kasten, Mrs. C. L. Bouchard, Mrs. Grayson Dashiell, Mrs. D. L. Tate, Mrs. Frederick Froehner, Mrs. Robert Lynd, Mrs. Ralph Main and Mrs. A. F. Ayers.

Vacationing in Hawaii

Hawaii-bound aboard the SS Matsonia, which sailed from San Francisco on March 26 are Mr. and Mrs. James K. Van Hook of Sunnydale Road, Birmingham.

THE BIRMINGHAM Maternal Singers will close the program with a group of seven numbers. The group will be colorfully costumed, wearing powdered wigs and will perform without accompaniment.

After her marriage to Dr. Otto J. Preston of Flint, she did some coaching with Mischa Kottler of Detroit and has made many benefit appearances as a pianist.

BEFORE MOVING to Birmingham, Mrs. Walker sang professionally as a concert, oratorio and radio artist and is well known in the middle western states as well as Metropolitan Detroit and in Canada.

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Contralto to Sing At South Oakland Community Concert

Florence Kopleff, young American contralto, will be heard in recital Friday at the Oak Park High School Auditorium. This is the fourth concert of the 1960-61 season of the South Oakland Community Concerts Association.

New York City born and entirely American trained, Florence Kopleff began her career with the Robert Shaw Collegiate Chorus. When that group became the famous Chorus of today, she was its contralto soloist. She has appeared as soloist with many of the great orchestras, including the Detroit Symphony on March 29.

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