

News Media Helps National Foundation

To the Editor: The Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation wishes to extend to you our very sincere thanks for your splendid assistance during the 1961 March of Dimes campaign. Truly, the news media offers to us an unsurpassed aid in bringing the National Foundation's program to the public. Your fine cooperation has assisted us in furthering the fight against the crippling effects of polio, birth defects and arthritis. RICHARD E. SPEESE, Administration, The National Foundation

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

State Hospital Open House Attracts 3,370

To the Editor: We have recently concluded our 15th annual open house at Pontiac State Hospital (April 30, May 1 and 2) and wish to express our sincere appreciation for the vitally important part your organization played in making it a success. Through the media of communication the public has become better informed regarding mental illness. Much of the stigma and many of the misconceptions associated with the mentally ill have been greatly alleviated because of your efforts in educating the public.

THIS YEAR'S open house brought 3,370 visitors to see and learn about a mental hospital setting. Last year the total attendance was 5,002.

Of major significance were the comparable Sunday responses of 1960 and 1961. Last year our figure was 1,943 and this year we broke a Sunday record with 1,471 for a three-hour period, 1 to 4 p.m.

All the more remarkable is the fact that we have no idea in advance what Sunday will bring because reservations are at a minimum.

We always know Monday and Tuesday attendance because the high schools are involved and reservations are generally confirmed two and three months ahead.

IN OTHER words, that important segment of society—the general public—learns about our open house because of the public service programs in newspapers, radio, television and the other means of communication.

So you see, we have your organization to thank for informing the

War

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limited as it was, and the war was beginning to take on new character.

THAT SAME week, the Confederate Congress took action that would change the war's character from then on. The congress adjourned at Montgomery, resolving to meet again at the Confederacy's new capital in Richmond.

And accordingly on May 28, President Jefferson Davis rose from his sick bed at Montgomery and boarded a private railroad car, where he again lay down in a special bed, to make the trip to Richmond.

On that same May 26, word reached young George Brinton McClellan, commander of the Union's Department of the Ohio at Cincinnati, that Confederates were burning railroad bridges in western Virginia.

McClellan immediately wired orders to Colonel B. F. Kelley in Wheeling to move two scores of men from Wheeling and Parkersburg to save the railroad.

AND, IN a move that would characterize his later career, McClellan issued a proclamation to the people of western Virginia. The Union troops, he said, were coming at "your friends and brothers . . . as enemies only to the armed rebels who are preying upon you."

Next day, Kelley's men moved out for a campaign that would catapult McClellan into fame. Next week: The Battle of Philippi.

Le Club de Paris Meets Second Time

Le Club de Paris adult and junior groups will meet May 26 and May 27 for second organizational meetings.

Adults interested in studying the French language and culture are invited to the gathering at 7:30 p.m., May 26 at the Showcase, 136 Brownell. Teenagers also may attend.

Children will meet there for the second time at 10 a.m. May 27. Their officers are Charles McMath, president; Bill Baskell, vice president; Charlton McMath, secretary; Lisa Purdy, treasurer; Janet Fisher, assistant treasurer; and Beth Muzzy, publicity.

MR. AND MRS. Jean Pierre Autechand, 645 Purdy, Birmingham, instructors in French at Brookside, Seaholm and Harlan elementary and high schools and formerly of Paris, sponsor the non-profit organization.

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Thank you again for your wonderful cooperation, interest and support in this much-needed cancer crusade campaign. For you have rendered a great service to the people in your communities.

HELENE HOLBROOK (Mrs. Lester E.) Woman's Crusade Chairman, Chairman of Volunteer Activities, S. O. Unit, Michigan Cancer Foundation, 1788 Coolidge, Berkle.

State Distributes Shares Vehicle Highway Funds

The Michigan State Highway Department has started distributing Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Collections to the state's 83 counties and 610 incorporated cities and villages for the first quarter of 1961. Oakland county will receive \$1,715,708 with Birmingham receiving \$65,654, Bloomfield Hills—\$10,996, Beverly Hills—\$26,400, Bingham Farms—\$1,974, Franklin Park—\$9,246, Lathrup Village—\$11,987, and Southfield—\$136,377.

Net receipts of the Highway Fund for the first quarter amounted to \$82,954,002, representing an increase of \$24,020 over the same period of 1960, according to State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie.

MACKIE SAID GROSS collections amounted to \$84,414,191, from which collection costs of \$1,488,916 and the Waterways Commission's share amounting to \$171,273 were deducted.

All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes, license plate fees and a small amount of miscellaneous fees are deposited in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

After deductions, the money is distributed under provisions of state law which provides that 47 per cent goes to the State Highway Department for use on state highways, 36 per cent to counties for use on county roads, and 18 per cent to incorporated cities and villages for their roads and streets.

UNDER THIS FORMULA, the State Highway Department will receive \$38,988,591 as its share of the first quarter collections, while the counties will receive \$29,058,901 and the incorporated cities and villages will get \$14,981,720.

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