

Highway Dept. Gives Funds To Counties

The State Highway Department has started distributing fourth quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections to Michigan counties and incorporated cities and villages.

State Highway Commission John C. Mackie said receipts of the Highway Fund during October, November and December of 1962 amounted to \$46,177,670, a decrease of \$1,539,825 compared to the same period of 1961.

Major reason for the decrease was that sale of 1963 license tabs fell off considerably compared to license sales during the same period in 1961 when motorists were issued their first new license plates in three years.

OAKLAND COUNTY'S share totaled \$926,130 while Birmingham received \$36,108.

Beverly Hills was paid \$14,757; Bingham Farms, \$1,078; Bloomfield Hills, \$6,028; Franklin, \$5,192; Lathrup Village, \$6,722; Orchard Lake, \$2,879; Southfield, \$75,091; Troy, \$33,898; and Wood Creek Farms, \$1,599.

All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and license plate fees go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Southfield Gets Funds For River Rouge Study

The City of Southfield has received word from the Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that funds have been allotted to them for four plain information studies in the River Rouge Basin.

Representatives of several communities involved in the study of the northern branch of the River Rouge met Feb. 5 in Southfield to organize the work program for the project.

The meeting was called by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, sponsors of the study, and was attended by representatives of the Corps of Engineers, the Michigan Water Resources Commission, the cities of Southfield, Detroit and Lathrup Village and the Oakland County Drainage Commission and the Oakland County Road Commission.

Due to the limited amount of funds provided nationally for the study, a high priority was established for the northern section of the northern part of the Rouge.

This section includes parts of the cities of Southfield, Detroit and Lathrup Village and of the villages of Franklin, Bingham Farms and Beverly Hills.

MAYOR S. JAMES Clarkson of Southfield expressed the deep interest and concern of his city in the project.

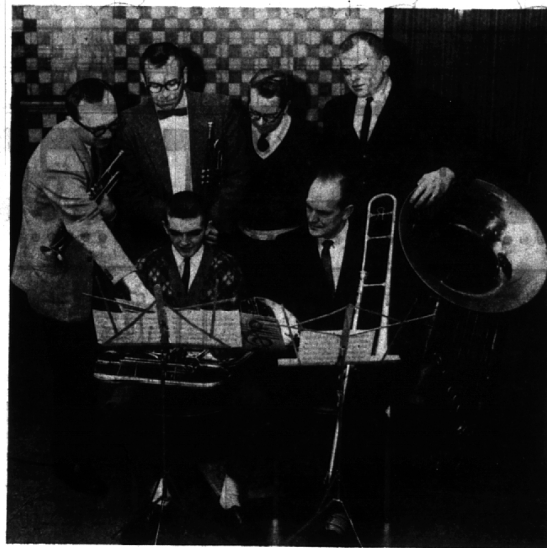
He noted that almost all subdivisions drained toward the River Rouge and that the run-off problem was being accentuated by expressway construction in the city and land-filling operations.

He emphasized that the city was concerned to protect the natural beauty of the city, with its ravines and open space areas, as a residential community.

Representatives of the agencies discussed means of making and installing crest gauges and bench marks at strategic points designated by the Corps of Engineers in the river basin.

THE URGENCY of these steps was recognized in the light of anticipated run-off from the winter thaw and spring rains.

Following completion of the flood plains information study, the Engineers will publish a report of their findings which will be made available to interested agencies and the general public without charge. The report is scheduled for publication in 1964.



Rehearse for Benefit

Giving their instruments—and music—that last minute polish is the Ars Nova Brass Ensemble. They will play at a benefit concert, sponsored by the Birmingham Alumnae chapter of Women of Wayne to be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in auditorium of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. building, 23509 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Proceeds will go for scholarships for three Wayne State University students from this area whom the club is sponsoring. Members of the ensemble are (from left) standing: Ray Strepek of Southfield, Don Schultz of Troy, Frank Balaam of Orchard Lake and Fred Johnson of Beverly Hills. Seated are Tom Johnson of Birmingham and Richard Schelsensky of Southfield. All are WSU alumni.

CON-CON WEEKLY REPORT

Convention Researchers Prepare Guide Booklet

A simplified statement of the major provisions of the proposed Michigan constitution is contained in a recently published booklet, "Voters' Guide to the Proposed Michigan Constitution of 1963."

The booklet is authored by Sarah Lueders, a research assistant for the Constitutional Convention. It was prepared at the suggestion of the convention's co-directors of research—Dr. William H. Combs of MSU, Dr. Charles W. Joiner of the U of M, and Dr. Alfred H. Kply of Wayne State University.

In the booklet's preface, the research directors write: "We believe the booklet merits the consideration of every voter for it puts the proposed constitution in context with the government of this state as we know it today and affirmatively states how that government can be carried on under the proposed constitution."

TO AID AND inform the casual student of the new document, Miss Lueders divides her discussion of the proposed constitution into six parts:

1. The checks and balances operating to control the three traditional branches of government—legislative, executive and judicial.
2. The basic rules laid down by the document for such vital governmental functions as elections, qualification of officials, civil service and local government.
3. Provisions relating to the raising and expenditure of governmental funds.
4. Guarantees of individual rights.
5. Proposals for education.
6. Provisions permitting changes to meet changing conditions.

Three useful charts appear at the conclusion of the booklet. They illustrate in simplified form the workings of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government under the terms of the proposed constitution.

Fifty thousand copies of the "Voters' Guide" have been printed and are being distributed as a public service by the Michigan National Bank. Copies are available on request from any office of the bank.

Dells of Bloomfield Elect New Board

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Dells of Bloomfield Property Owners Association held their first board meeting at the home of Stanley R. Anderson, the former president.

The following directors were elected officers of the association for 1963: president, Thomas H. Holden, 5967 Wing Lake Road; vice president, Alvin R. Pluntree, 5255 Kellen Lane; treasurer, William A. McQueen, 5275 Wing Lake Road; secretary, Paul W. Reed, 6051 Kellen Lane.

Pupils Attend Seminar at S'field High

SOUTHFIELD — Twenty-eight advanced students from Southfield High School have been meeting since September, 1962, in a college-type seminar to study and analyze community problems.

The group meets Tuesday evenings at the high school under the direction of instructor James G. Owen. They are divided into five sub-groups who study Southfield's physical surface, finances, public relations, civic center and city charter. They also meet as a group in a "seminar-at-large."

Their major project is to organize and conduct a "meet your city night" at the school. It would be an open house for citizens and city officials with displays from industries, schools and city departments.

THE SEMINAR has been financially backed by Mr. and Mrs. Al Eagen of Southfield and the Ford Motor Co.

Guest speakers in the past have been Mayor James Clark and Council President Hugh Dohany, Superintendent of Schools Dr. John W. English, high school principal Robert Hall and others.

Chairman of the sub-groups are Jeanne Saul, Lorry LePaule, Jim Messaro and Rick Ramseger.

B'ham Reservist Ends Air Force Studies by Mail

Capt. Joseph A. Gerak, AF Reserve, 482 Baldwin, Birmingham, was recently cited by Vice Admiral Rufus E. Rose, USN commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, for having successfully completed the college's correspondence course.

Entitled "The Economics of National Security," the correspondence course is based on the curriculum of the resident course conducted at Fort Lesley J. McNair for senior military officers and government officials.

The one-year correspondence course is open to qualified civilians in government, business, industry and the several professions as well as to officers of all military components.

Dr. Ira M. Altshuler was selected chief of staff of St. Clair Hospital at the annual meeting of the psychiatric staff on Feb. 12.

B'ham Couple Hosts Olivet Parents' Unit

The executive committee of the Parents Association of Olivet College held its winter meeting Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis VanWey of Blossing Lane, Bloomfield Hills.

VanWey is president of the Parents' Association.

Special guests included Quentin Bogart, director of development of Olivet College, and Florence Cascadan, dean of women of Olivet.

Local residents attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bergenson of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd of Birmingham and Dr. and Mrs. Resuel Howe of Bloomfield Hills.

Completing the executive committee were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dorman of Marshall, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Giles of Ypsilanti; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Rogers of Detroit; and Mrs. Anton Westveld of New Baltimore.

Doctor Honored

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Cub Scouts Vie With Model Cars In Racing Derby

Forty-three boys from Cub Scout Pack 1016 will participate in the Pinewood Derby at 7:30 p.m. March 8 in the Bloomfield Village School.

The Cub Scouts have made model cars, weighing not more than six ounces, from blocks of wood and will race these in competition.

Plaster plaques, made by the older Cubs in the pack as a project, will be awarded as prizes to winners in each den.

Two small trophies also will go to winners, one for the best-styled car and the other for winner of the over-all event.

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