

# Vigilance Committee Seeks Tax Signatures

The Vigilance Tax Committee reports that the total signatures received as of April 23, was over 215,000, just 6,000 short of the required minimum of 221,000 required to force the state legislature to act on the committee's proposal.

The totals for the tri-county area are as follows: Wayne leading with 91,722, Oakland second with 71,255 and Macomb third with 41,932. The City of Detroit is the leading city with 21,229. Warren is second with 19,421, Royal Oak third with 18,693 and Dearborn fourth with 14,152.

Many cities are near the goal established by the committee at the start of the campaign and they are Beverly Hills, Clawson, Ferndale, Lathrup Village and Oak Park. The cities of Berkley, Farm-

ington, Southfield and Grosse Pointe exceeded their goals.

THE COMMITTEE also adopted a resolution at its last meeting to support the efforts of the Southern Illinois Citizens League which is fighting the principle of non-resident taxation nationally.

Each committee member has been asked to strive for at least ten completed petitions prior to the next meeting May 25. The general public is also asked to return their petitions whether completed or partially completed to the headquarters, City Hall, Royal Oak, as soon as possible.

"It is our desire to have at least 20,000 additional signatures to serve as a cushion in the event some names are rejected," said Berkeley Mayor George W. N. chairman of the Vigilance Tax Committee.

Once the required signatures are obtained, plans to submit the petition to the Secretary of State in time for action by the legislature during the September session will be discussed with fiscal reform and taxation matters.

## Christ Church Men Hear Talk By E. M. Estes

The Men's Club of Christ Church Cranbrook will hear guest speaker E. M. Estes, general manager of General Motors' Pontiac division, at their next meeting Monday night. All men are invited; dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Estes joined GM in the summer of 1954, attended General Motors Institute in Flint for four years and then studied at the University of Cincinnati (from which he received a degree in mechanical engineering) for two more years.

For many years, he worked as an engineer and inventor, and was a part of the team which introduced the automobile industry's first high-compression engine in 1947.

HE WAS APPOINTED chief engineer of Pontiac in 1956, and was named general manager in 1961.

A Birmingham resident, he is married and has three sons. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, a director of the Oakland University Foundation, a member of the Oakland University Scholarship Committee and a member of the board of regents of the General Motors Institute.

## 3 Brothers Hurt In 2-Car Crash

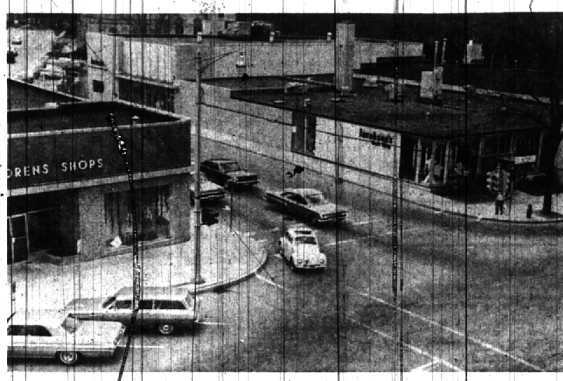
BEVERLY HILLS — Three brothers were injured Wednesday morning in a two-car crash at W. 13 Mile Road and Fairfax.

Taken to William Beaumont Hospital here Wesley Skowron, 19, one of the drivers and his two brothers, Steven, 10, and Gary, 6, they live at 30707 Marshall, Southfield.



### Changing Times

The intersection of N. Woodward and Willets has undergone many changes in the last 10 years. The old photograph, taken by Jacobson's Birmingham General Manager Wilber Mason, shows the intersection before his company erected the Children's Shops on the southeast corner and the Men's Shop on the southwest corner. The Children's Shops (below) were opened in 1956 and the Men's store in 1962, connecting with the Home Decorating and Beauty Shops. (See story 1-A)



## Arts Council Announces '63-'64 Concert Programs

Oakland University Community Arts Council will present seven programs in its 1963-'64 series, according to Dr. Lowell Eklund and Mrs. Edmund L. Winkler, council co-chairmen.

Four of these will be evening events in the auditorium of Pontiac Northern High School. The other three are scheduled for Sunday afternoons on the university campus.

Pianist Ruth Slenczynska will give the opening night performance Oct. 5. A native Californian and the daughter of a music teacher, Miss Slenczynska was a child prodigy, giving her first recital at the age of four. Two years later she played in Berlin and at eight, made her first concert tour of the United States.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE being made to have a folk singer for a Sunday in November. The council's recent survey of members showed this to be a popular attraction.

On Dec. 22, the Pontiac Symphony together with the Oakland University Chorus will present the Christmas portions of "The Messiah." The symphony will perform other traditional works in addition.

The concert will be presented in the university's intramural building.

The Vienna Choir Boys are slated for Jan. 20 at Pontiac Northern. With a history that dates back to 1403, the choir now makes its home in Aargarten Castle, Vienna. Under the direction of Father Josef Schmitt, some 20 boys of the 100-member group will be touring this country next year, a part of their education and training.

Ginnell of Waterford Township art co-chairmen of the talent contest; Philip Wargelin of Pontiac, rising chairman; Robert Harris, Rochester, staging; Mrs. William Furlong, Drayton Plains, ushers, and Mrs. Ralph Norrell is in charge of artists arrangements.

SERVING ON the Council's board of directors are Ralph Norrell and Mrs. Addison Oakley of Pontiac; Mrs. Howard Wilson and John Quinmyer, Rochester; Mrs. Thomas Sprague, Russell Grinnell, Mrs. Fred Fekart and Margaret Ann Beattie, Waterford; and Mrs. Thomas Hart and Mrs. Charles Bloomfield of Birmingham.

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CLASSIC GUITARIST Andrea Segovia will appear Feb. 15 at Pontiac Northern auditorium. Born in Spain, Segovia is self-taught and has given concerts all around the world. Because of his style and influence, the guitar has attained new and prominent stature in the concert world.

The third on-campus event will feature Robert Facko and Dr. David DiChiera, duo-pianists, in an afternoon program Mar. 10. Both make up the university's staff. DiChiera is an assistant professor of psychology and Facko, a lecturer in music. This will be a return engagement for the pair who played to an overflow audience at their concert this past month.

THE UNIVERSITY of Michigan concert band will conclude the series in April in a program at Pontiac Northern. The date has not been finalized. The band toured Europe and South America last year.

Dr. Eklund of the university and Mrs. Winkler, of Drayton Plains, representing the committee, were named co-chairmen at the Community Arts Council's April meeting. Mrs. John Quinmyer of Rochester was elected secretary and Robert McGarry of the university staff continues as treasurer.

Mrs. James Moon of Bloomfield Hills is campaign director. Mrs. Norman Chel and Mrs. Russell

## Troy Invites Kindergarten Pupil Parents

Parents of youngsters entering kindergarten in the fall of this year are invited to attend Troy's annual kindergarten round-up Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troy High School gymnasium.

It will provide an opportunity to register one's child, to meet teachers and others who will be working with the child in the fall, and to receive information that may help the child achieve a good start in school.

A state or city certified record of birth will be required before a child can be accepted in kindergarten.

If parents have a birth certificate for their child now, they are asked to bring it to the registration meeting. Birth certificates can be secured, if the child was born in Michigan, by writing to Michigan Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Lansing.

The child's full name, father's name and mother's name, child's place of birth, birthdate, fee, of \$1 are required.

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## Budget

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account and the police department.

THE GENERAL account is up about \$14,000 due to increases in retirement, \$7,000; insurance, \$1,400; social security, \$2,300; and Baldwin Library \$3,000.

The police department's request is up approximately \$100,000. GARE said. This, he said, was due to the increase in the number of school crossing guards approved this year by the commission and the proposed addition of a detective and a patrolman.

GARE SAID he had discussed the addition of two persons in the police department with Chief Ralph W. Moxley and believes the increase is necessary. The new men would be placed on the third platoon, one in the detective bureau and the other in the patrol division.

An added request of \$120,000 in the planning department budget would provide for a study to determine the feasibility of an urban renewal program within a small area of the city.

A MAJOR request from the recreation department asks for consideration of an appropriation of \$15,000 from capital improvements for the construction of two tennis courts on the property leased from the Birmingham School District at Oak and Glenburn.

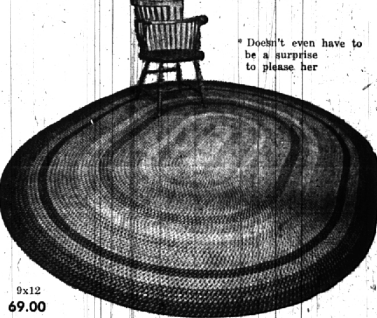
Gare said the request was an attempt to provide some recreation facilities in the northwest section of the city.

The manager praised the various department heads for their cooperation in helping him prepare the new budget.

"Special commendation should go to Jim Purkis for his part in preparation of the budget," Gare said.

"He has simplified the preparation to as great an extent as possible and has furnished invaluable information to me for finalizing the budget."

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