

Volunteers Honors Local Tribute Fund

Former members of the Tribute Fund of the United Community Services were honored last Tuesday at the Detroit home of Mrs. John E. Decker, fund chairman, when they were invited to attend the fund's annual meeting and luncheon.

Among those honored from Bloomfield Hills were Mrs. Don Ahern, Haverhill Drive; Mrs. William Gossett, 420 Goodhue Road;

THEY HEARD REPORTS of the work done by the Tribute Fund

in providing hearing aids, artificial limbs for the handicapped, wheel chairs for invalids, numerous comforts for the aged, and other assistance given in 1968 to help unfortunate people referred by social and governmental agencies.

The U.C.S. Tribute Fund provides its services through contributions made in honor or memory of someone and by holiday card gifts.

Ask Hospitals To Provide Mental Clinic

General hospitals in Oakland County have been asked to include psychiatric outpatient clinics in their operational set-up by the new Community Mental Health Board.

The board is currently waiting to hear results from a letter sent to Pontiac General Hospital, William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and the new Providence Hospital currently under construction in Southfield.

MEANWHILE, THE BOARD'S earlier consideration of establishing the country's first outpatient clinic at Pontiac State Hospital is being held in abeyance.

Two reasons were given by board chairman Paul N. Averill as to why general hospitals would be preferred as outpatient clinics.

Averill pointed out that county funds would be hard to keep track of once allocated to state hospitals which serve several counties. Also, people are less apprehensive about seeking psychiatric help at a general hospital rather than at a state hospital.

THE LATTER REASON is of prime importance, according to the board, since the purpose of the clinic is to encourage mentally ill

persons to seek early treatment so that they won't have to be committed.

The board also learned that United Community Services will provide them with direct staff assistance so that the board can tackle the over-all problem of mental health on a local level,

without limitations.

In this respect, the board is also considering hiring a full-time program director, but not necessarily a psychiatrist, they said.

Four of the members have been sent to New York City for a two-day study of a community mental health program in action.

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John Rumsey (left), president of the Bloomfield Township Library Board, accepts from Supervisor Homer Case a deed to four acres of land donated for a library site. The property, located on the southeast corner of Echo and W. Long Lake roads, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Green, 2600 Turtle Lake Road. The Greens have been residents of the township for 30 years. To date, no millage has been passed to provide funds for the construction of a library.

This & That

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to lay aside personal visible efforts to "play for Presidential position"—unless such efforts be those that result from greater concentration upon achieving continuous success on his present job.

After all, as the famed Teddy Roosevelt once declared: "The best recommendations for being raised to higher positions of public trust are created by doing the very best you can on the job now held—without any unnecessary distractions spawned by the lure of a higher public office somewhere else."

He who takes pride in his ability to call his home (and his wife's) his very own, who spends much of his spare time in keeping it in good repair; he finds pleasure and profit in maintaining the grounds in colorful "attire" so to speak. It's being a resident of Freedom and Liberty's "home" a great privilege? Didn't our forefathers fight to get and keep it? As citizens now, shouldn't we keep it in good repair?

A Florida observation: On the average, there are more people in the Sunshine State who seek full or part-time jobs than there are jobs. This is because of the tremendous influx of "retirees" who have taken up full or winter residence there.

In the case of many retired persons, especially men, they are reluctant to accept full-time employment, for by earning too much they will lose all or too much of their social security income.

Florida, however, is trying to acquire more larger manufacturing industries, in order to provide more year-round employment for its residents at higher than customary lower wages.

The Sunshine State's land areas, you may be sure, are rapidly being turned into subdivisions. Where, but a decade or two ago, only southern pine, wild grasses, and other noxious bits of vegetation flourished, now new homes are going up— with some of the most varied of mortgages ever assembled. So long as Florida obtains its traditional allotment of sunshine you may be certain that its population will continue to increase.

Arizona's U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater recently came to Grand Rapids, Mich., and made his first formal speech on behalf of his candidacy for the Presidency. He left no doubt where he stands on important civic and economic questions of today.

In brief, he opposes centralization of government in Washington, D. C.; he is against extravagant expenditures of taxpayers' money as hand-outs to win votes. He defends the free enterprise system, with its competition as a defense of the public interest. He wants to restore rightful governmental responsibilities and procedures to the 50 States. He vigorously opposes appeasement to Communism. Goldwater eloquently presents his case for the restoration of a citizenry possessed of sufficient self-reliance and initiative to "make democracy a vigorous manifestation of personal liberty and its twin called freedom."

His campaign promises not to be non-pamphlet, decorated with double-talk—but with kind of political campaign that most citizens should demand, regardless of party. It's now up to Barry to offer more details about his entire program.

Reading Method To Be Discussed For Educators

Dr. Walter Barbe of Kent State University, Ohio, will speak Friday at the second in a series of conferences Oakland Schools is conducting on different methods of teaching young children to read.

He will meet with administrators at 1:30 p.m. in the Oakland Schools offices and will address primary teachers at 3:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills High School.

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