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## County Distributes More Than \$1.5 Million In Taxes

Taxing units in Kosciusko county are receiving nearly \$1,708,938.47 as their share of the semi-annual distribution of tax money according to announcement by Tom K. Warner, county auditor recently.

Total allotted to township is \$569,228.06. Of this Turkey Creek receives \$21,073.91; Van Buren \$63,043.83 and Tippecanoe \$67,822.08.

County towns received a total of \$203,365.70 with Warsaw, Wawasee Lake and Syracuse receiving the largest amounts in that order. Total for Syracuse is \$14,215.01; for Milford \$11,570.21; and North Webster \$4,844.59.

Libraries in the county were allotted the following: Warsaw \$14,107.82; Syracuse \$4,241.34; Pierceton \$2,700.05; Mentone \$2,696.49 and Milford \$701.09; total \$26,516.15.

The four school corporations received: Warsaw Community Schools \$355,741.79; Metropolitan School District of Turkey Creek Township \$110,106.97; Monroe Washington \$71,300.10 and Nappanee Community Schools \$31,990.63. Total \$569,139.49.

## 1960 Service Report Of Syracuse Library

Miss Ethel Bowser, librarian of the Syracuse Public Library, prepared the following annual service report to complete the records for 1960.

The Syracuse Public Library received \$10,999.90 from taxes and \$525 in fines and fees during the year 1960. With a balance of \$5,178.52 from 1959, the total assets were \$16,703.42. Of this amount, \$9,895.18 was spent leaving a balance of \$6,808.24 to start the year 1961. Bonds amounting to \$6,000 are held in the Library Improvement Reserve Fund.

Income from 13c levy in Syracuse was \$3,691.67; income from 8c levy in Turkey Creek township was \$7,308.23. The rate for 1961 will be 1c less in the township. Income per capita was \$1.95.

Disbursements included \$5,363.48 for services personal; \$462.22 for services contractual; \$812.48 for supplies; current charges \$484.24; properties \$808.62; books and periodicals \$1,964.14.

The circulation total was \$39,427. Adult circulation was 15,203; young adult circulation was 3,674, and juvenile was 20,550. The percent of fiction circulation was 73; non-fiction 27%.

The average daily circulation for the children's room was 70. This included the circulation at the elementary school and the summer reading program. Adult average was 62 books per day. Days open were 307; hours per week 32. Circulation per capita was 7 books.

11,884 books are catalogued and are for circulation. Four newspapers and 42 periodicals are for reading at the library and for circulation. All magazines circulate except current issues.

Adult books added by purchase were 318; Juvenile 345. A number of gift and memorial books were received and 51 books were rebound; also, the 1959 Syracuse Wawasee Journals were bound.

National Book Week in November and National Library Week in April were observed. Miss Bowser attended a district meet-

ing in May in Bremen.

A 1960 set of Britannica Encyclopedia and a 10 volume set of children's stories entitled "Through Golden Windows" were purchased. The chimney was repaired, a dehumidifier for the basement and new awnings were bought during the year.

Mrs. Jack Ridings and Mrs. Oscar Bjella have served as children's librarians since the death of Mrs. Ray Meek in February.

Members of the board are J. B. Cox, Dr. O. C. Stoepling, Rev. Carl Satre, Richard Miller, Mrs. Ruth Rapp, Mrs. Merton Meredith and Mrs. Joe Bushong. Ernest Buchholz is the treasurer.

### The Letter Box

(The Journal welcomes contributions to the Letter Box. Because of limited space, letters of 200 words or less are most suitable. All letters are subject to careful condensation. Requests that writers' names not be published will be respected, but the names and addresses must be submitted.)

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Editor:

The news item in the January 11 Warsaw Times-Union in regard to suit filed by this court for rent, heat, lights, and telephone, is inconceivable in its distortion of the facts in this friendly suit. After my recovery from a stroke it was necessary to move the Justice Court from bank bldg., under construction, to my home on south side Lake Wawasee because I was unable to climb the 22 steps.

Mr. Lamm gave me permission to move court but he is not allowed to pay rent, heat, lights and telephone by ruling of State Board of Accounts. It is not a law, only an Attorney General's opinion that a Justice cannot be paid these items when the court is established in his home. The Township Trustee, George T. Lamm did with the approval of the township advisory board establish me a court in the Bank Bldg. and paid the light, heat, rent and telephone. There never has been anything but co-operative and kindly relationship in all transactions between George Lamm and Calvin Beck and this court.

Mr. Lamm thinks it fair and is willing for the township to pay these bills but on advise of Township Attorney R. Leon Connolly it cannot be done unless there is an order from the Circuit Court to do so.

That, fellow citizens, is the reason for this court action.

I do not own this home, it is in an estate. In my opinion it is unfair for the State of Indiana to ask Justice to furnish the courts and expenses free. These courts are one of the few departments of government turning money into the State, County and Township.

Last year my fees and Township salary was \$1264.00 and I turned into the Township \$380.25 and \$564.00 to the County. In 1959 I turned in more than twice

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## March of Dimes Research Grants Awarded Only to Top Scientists

By THOMAS M. RIVERS

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 The National Foundation

If there is any one point that we scientists must get across to the "average man" (if there is any such person), it is that conducting a first-rate research program is much more than just giving money indiscriminately to various laboratories.

The key to right giving is selecting the right people to whom to give. This is a most difficult task but it is a job at which The National Foundation has proven itself exceptionally competent.

Research may be said to be a journey into the unknown to push forward the frontiers of knowledge. Inevitably, its nature is such that no man can foretell exactly where it will lead.

But this "average man" to whom we just referred, and who is perhaps dissatisfied with the uncertainties over where research will lead, might be reminded that The National Foundation has shown in the past what it can do—as, for example, initiating the research that developed the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines. This and other major accomplishments constitute the credentials of the world's largest voluntary health organization for going ahead.

A great deal of basic research, of this journey into the unknown, was needed to create the bases which made possible the development of the polio vaccines. This again will be necessary as The National Foundation moves forward in its expanded program which includes birth defects and arthritis in addition

to continued work in polio.

Perhaps you have heard the comment that a camel is a horse put together by a committee. This illuminates what I think is one of the principles of research. Great research is done by great men, not by committees. It is The National Foundation's job, among others, to find those great men, and to see that they have adequate equipment with which to work.

It is natural for the public to want immediate results. For the parents of a child afflicted with arthritis, for instance, to want quick cures is understandable.

But we are trustees of public funds. We cannot spend those funds save for projects that have some promise of success, conducted by people who have shown what they can do.

If our aims in research could be summed up, I would say that The National Foundation operates like a rapier, not a bludgeon. We are selective. We put March of Dimes funds in the exact spot and under the specific man who will make

the most of it. We do not dump millions into hundreds of projects with a vague hope that by the law of averages some may produce.

In short, we try to be as careful in the selection of research projects as an extremely fussy woman is in selection of a spring hat.

The research future is bright. With laboratory methods that have been developed, many under March of Dimes grants, we can move farther and faster than in years past. Indeed, I often think of the polio struggle as a time when we toolled up for what is to come. The methods that were so successful in that polio challenge are now being applied to the greater challenges that lie ahead.

To accomplish what The National Foundation desires requires great men. We have had them in the past. We shall have them in the future and, with public contributions to the March of Dimes, those men will accomplish much for the good of mankind.

Any speed is too fast, brother, if you drive one way and look the other, says the Indiana Traffic Safety Foundation.

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