

## 2nd Rochester Estate To Be College Site

The board of directors of North Central Christian college today announced their purchase of the Rochester, Mich. estate formerly owned by Mason, Inc., Detroit advertising firm.

The estate is to be used for the establishment of a vocational junior college. Future expansion of a four-year liberal arts college is planned.

Target date for the first students to enter the new school is Sept. 1958.

**THE NORTH CENTRAL** Christian college foundation is made up of business and professional men from Michigan and Ohio who are members of the churches of Christ, said G. Wheeler Uley, foundation chairman. This sponsoring group plans to pattern the new school after Christian colleges already operating in many parts of the country.

"Open to students of all faiths, its purpose will be to furnish a Christian education in accordance with a state-approved curriculum. When expanded into a four-year school, the college will grant accepted Arts and Sciences degrees."

Today's announcement means that the Rochester area will have two institutions of higher learning. Michigan State University plans the opening of a four-year branch in 1959 on its new site three miles west of Rochester.

**LOCATED ON** Avon road, one mile south and one mile west of Rochester, the 32-acre site for the North Central Christian college has long been known for its elaborate landscaped beauty. Present buildings consist of a large residence which will be used for classrooms and several other smaller buildings.

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## Local Men Promoted By Times

Two Birmingham men have been promoted to higher executive posts with The Detroit Times, it was announced this week by Phil deBourbion, 1185 Lake Park, Times publisher.

DeBourbion took over the Times post Nov. 1. William Mills, 1155 W. Lincoln, Times business manager since 1948, has been named general manager. Charles E. Obermeyer, 884 Kenmore, assistant business manager, also since 1948, has been moved into the post vacated by Mills.

Both Mills and Obermeyer are Hearst veterans and well known in the nation's newspaper and advertising fields.

**MILLS JOINED** The Times in 1948, as chief assistant. He came from a similar position at The Washington Times and Herald. A year later he was named assistant business manager.

A native of New York, Mills studied business administration and accounting at Columbia university. He is in the tax department of the Pan-American Petroleum Co., now a Standard Oil subsidiary, before joining the Hearst organization.

Obermeyer was with the Hearst organization during his university attendance at Northwestern university and at one time was personal office boy for the famed Hearst editor and columnist, the late Arthur Brisbane.

**HE COMPLETED** high school and attended Northwestern university while working on The Examiner. He earned a CPA degree and moved into The Chicago paper's paymaster office and when he moved to The Times in 1937, was The Examiner's chief accountant. He, too, was born in New York.

**We Heard It Said By:** RUD GUEST, WJR radio star: "Out in Birmingham, where we live, they give you a ticket if you're in the park over the line in a parking space. The other day I came home and my wife said, 'Give whilkkins, I got a ticket in Birmingham today, and I would not mind so much if two lines had been over the line. But there was only one offending tire.'"

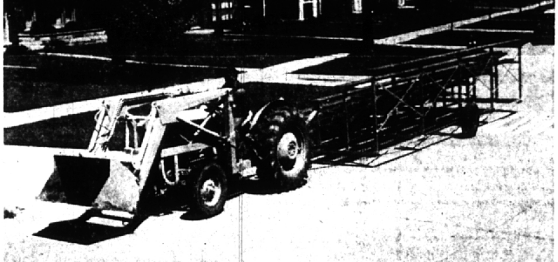
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can be transported quickly and with little labor involved to any park, parade route or other gathering place. Total units acquired will reach 800 people.

## University Launches Science Programs

Michigan State university's science and mathematics teaching center, organized in the pre-Sputnik days of April, 1957, is planning a series of programs aimed at helping to close the gap in science education in Michigan.

For the first time, a two-week conference for selected high school sophomores and juniors, which will permit them to observe scientists and mathematicians at work, is being planned for next summer.

**A SUMMER** institute for community-junior college science and mathematics teachers is scheduled for the summer months. A series of school-and-industry science fairs is being planned in several Michigan counties.

These events, together with the continued backing and promotion of the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS), organized at MSU in 1950, represents a concerted effort to stimulate interest and participation in science scholarship throughout Michigan.

"We got off the ground before Sputnik and are not a part of any 'crash program' idea," stressed Dr. Frederic R. Dutton, Dr. Dutton, professor of chemistry at MSU, is head of the center.

**DUTTON HOPES** to obtain research funds from industry for high school students who could not otherwise take part in the summer program, which will be conducted without benefit of National Science Foundation funds.

"The foundation will finance the national institute for community-junior college science and mathematics teachers, which is planned to coincide with the regular six week summer program," Dutton emphasizes that there should be no effort to "shanghai" all of the bright students into science and mathematics—that it is necessary and important to maintain a balance between non-scientific and scientific learning.

**HE DOES NOT** believe the "crash program" method is the right approach in educating young people and advocates instead a "sustained effort" in learning over a long period of time. "We know so little of the capacity of the gifted youngster," he noted. "A youngster should be identified with science at the seventh or eighth grade level, if not before, following through with science and mathematics courses."

## False Reports Made Settlers Avoid State

Libellous reports against Michigan caused settlers to avoid the territory for many years, according to F. Clever Bald, assistant director of The University of Michigan historical collections.

He reports: "In 1815, Supervisor Edward Tiffin issued a report on the territory. It was in answer to an act of Congress appropriating two million acres of land in Michigan to be distributed to the veterans of the War of 1812."

"Tiffin's survivors reported that Michigan consisted of swamps, lakes and poor, barren sandy land. They emphasized the extreme sterility and barrenness of the soil."

"In conclusion, the surveyor general wrote: 'Taking the country altogether so far as has been explored, there would be not more than one acre in a hundred, if there were one out of a thousand that would in any case admit cultivation.'"

**BALD SAYS** other erroneous ideas about Michigan were published by map-makers and authors of gazetteers and emigrant guides. "It was the invention of a high plain or a ridge of mountains extending from southeast to northwest in the middle of the lower peninsula," says Bald. It seems that this fanciful creation, based upon misinterpreted records, continued for more than 100 years to appear upon maps of the Michigan area.

The upper peninsula was the object of scornful disparagement by the people of southern Michigan to whom it was, of course, an unknown country, says Bald. "During the boundary controversy between the territory and Ohio, a resolution was adopted at Detroit characterizing the upper peninsula as the sterile region on the shores of Lake Superior, destined by wind and climate to remain forever a wilderness."

The throat of the giant blue whale is only six to eight inches in diameter.

## College Expansion To Be Subject Of Library Speaker

The general public is invited by the Friends of the Baldwin public library to hear a discussion of higher education and our jammed colleges Monday night. Dr. Harold M. Dorr, dean of state-wide education for the University of Michigan, will speak at the library auditorium Monday evening at 8:35 p.m.

Dr. Dorr, who is now planning the Iwasbom center of the University of Michigan and was one of those responsible for organizing the new Flint college, will speak on "The University's Expanding Campus."

He will discuss the university's plans for additional higher education facilities for this part of the state.



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