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 Students of good government therefore, advocate making the governor's office a strong office and holding the chief executive strictly accountable for the degree of Michigan's progress in the family of states.

IF FUTURE Michigan governors are to have effective control over the executive branch, then such constitutional changes as these deserve consideration.

1. Permit the governor to create a responsible "cabinet" through appointment of all top administrative officers, except state auditor.
2. Limit the number of executive departments to about 20 and restrain the legislature from adding separate executive agencies.
3. Make the governor responsible for the nature of services rendered by state employees. Accomplish this by giving the governor more control over personnel matters—an area largely controlled by the civil service commission.
4. Permit the governor to investigate and remove any officers for cause any time, not merely during the legislative recess. Students of good government should be particularly concerned with the removal of the chief executive if perhaps more vital to effective administration than is the appointive power.

Extend the governor's term to four years, thus permitting him to devote more attention to long range planning for the state's needs, and having a more practical period to carry out such programs. Similarly extend the terms of other officials.

With a two-year term every act tends to be viewed in terms of impending elections, observes Professor Greenberg. "This is compounded by the fact that some state officials are elected every year, and the results always reflect on the governor."

Schedule state elections in the "off years" to divorce national issues from state politics, thus focusing the public spotlight more sharply on problems closest to home.

ADMINISTRATION of justice in Michigan continues to follow basic lines laid down in 1908, when article VII—the judicial article—of the Michigan Constitution was drafted. Authorities agree that effective administration of justice requires a unified judicial system which is independent, flexible and responsible.

On examination of the 1908 judicial article, which remains essentially in its original form despite three amendments, some citizens find the article inadequate in meeting the above standards.

MANY FAVORING change



Annetta Wonnberger, her daughter Jo Anne Wonnberger Wheaton, Cranbrook Summer Theatre school, which opens its nineteenth session June 20 in Cranbrook's Greek theatre. Jo Anne, who

of the theatre, is returning to the staff after an absence of two years. She will assist Mary Marton Geiger in the intermediate division.

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IT INCLUDES work in all phases of theatre, including participation in plays, and includes also afternoon recreation in Jonah pools or the Cranbrook tennis courts.

Enrollment is planned primarily for the North Woodward communities, but students from farther away are accommodated when there is place. Director is Carl G. Wonnberger, drama head and head of English at Cranbrook.

Curtain Up for 19th Summer at Cranbrook

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JO BERR FREDERICKSON of Birmingham and Mc. Holyoke colleges will be head of the junior division, and Jo Anne Wonnberger of Birmingham and Michigan State will be a general assistant in the Junior-intermediate division.

In addition, Carol Weston of the theatre school, will teach swimming in Jonah pools. The theatre school program lasts all day for six weeks in the junior and intermediate divisions and eight weeks in the senior divisions.

rule for counties have failed at the polls in the past quarter century, leading some citizens to look to a constitutional convention as a way to rectify the problem.

WHILE THE township is regarded by some as an anachronism, Michigan has chosen to strengthen township government in recent years. Michigan is one of the few, if not the only state, to do so according to Professor Greenberg. Township government were first organized in Michigan in 1827 in response to frontier needs.

Few changes have been made since that time despite the telescoping of distances through auto, motor and airplane travel and the hodge-podge patterns of population movements, which rarely are influenced by actual township lines. As a result, the township conforms only by happenstance to a particular trade or community

DESPITE ITS cultural obscurity, the township today has become a significant unit of government in Michigan. Why? The question arises as to how the township and legislative acts have infused new power into the township.

When the population of a township exceeds 5,000 persons, problems arise as to providing adequate police and fire protection, zoning, etc. Under the home rule provision of our constitution, Michigan cities but what of urban townships that exceed such a move?

THE LEGISLATURE is still restricted by constitutional provisions from varying the government form of the township. Some citizens maintain, therefore, that constitutional revision is necessary to empower the legislature to provide optional forms of township government.

A far different type of headache arises in metropolitan areas that are undergoing rapid growth. Overlapping governmental jurisdictions and providing of services to areas unrelated to political boundary lines are two manifestations of the problem.

A SOLUTION currently favored by some is the metropolitan federation, such as has been effected in Dade county, Florida, and Toronto. However, the Michigan constitution would require changes if citizens are to realize "metropolitan government." To have the political degree of flexibility, local government units would have to make the decisions. The legislature would have to forego undue concern with local problems and their solutions.

The state constitution importantly reflects the situation of 1908 when the state was largely rural. Today many Michigan counties and townships are becoming as urban in character as the cities.

A LARGER degree of home rule will be demanded by some local units. Concerned over lack of adequate tax sources, cities will increasingly agitate for easing of property taxes. Instead they may seek constitutional authority to tax incomes or to levy a payroll tax or to devise some other form of taxation.

These are some of the mounting pressures that cause some citizens to seek constitutional revision and the holding of a convention for that purpose.

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