

Foreign Auto Market Ebbs, Hare Reports

The popularity of foreign cars in Michigan has begun to ebb, according to a report issued by Secretary of State James M. Hare. It shows that registrations of most imported cars which had held steady or risen during the first six months of 1950 began receding, falling from an all-time high of 2,426 in August to 2,019 in September to 1,742 in October.

"We believe that many factors are responsible," Hare said. "For one thing, as American-built cars have proved their worth, many prospects who had previously adopted a wait and see attitude began buying native automobiles."

Other factors in the decline suggested by Hare were lower prices on good used cars, the general slowness of business conditions, the heavy inventories and bargain sales on unsold 1949 vehicles, and the introduction of many new 1951 American-built small cars.

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Annual Members Night Postponed

The annual members night scheduled for Dec. 1 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science has been postponed indefinitely, it was announced today.

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 Birmingham Recreation Director Don Martin and Parks and Forestry Director Charles Gale (center right and left) watch workmen install a lighting system at Eton Park ice rink. The multi-purpose lighting system will facilitate longer hours of ice skating during the winter and tennis playing during the summer. The rink was scheduled to open Thanksgiving day but warm weather has halted plans. Recreation officials hope to have the artificial rink ready for use by the weekend. Hours will be from 3 to 6 and 7 to 10 p.m. Activities will include hockey, learn-to-skate classes, figure skating, adult night, mothers and preschoolers and rental sessions. Rink queries will be answered by calling Midwest 7-0064.

Use Right Number Says Association

A good many money-saving corners can be cut in building a home if the proper grades of lumber are selected, says the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

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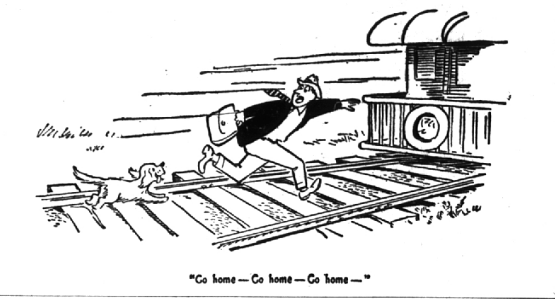
Lumbermen point out that for every \$2 saved in original cost, \$1 extra can be saved in interest in 20 years.

Are Ceilings Low?

If you have room with ceilings that are too low, here is a suggestion for correcting the problem. Panel the room with vertical panel boards of soft-grained Douglas fir or west coast hemlock. Be sure the panel boards have a definite pronounced pattern to give added emphasis to the vertical lines and this will have the effect of raising the height of the room.



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MSUO Breaks Ground For \$2 Million Building

Michigan State university Oakland broke ground last Thursday for a \$2 million science engineering building which the faculty hopes to make an example of educational efficiency and economy.

The building which is the first on the MSUO campus to be provided by state funds will cost only about one-third per square foot as much as industry spends for a like structure, or about \$17.50 as against \$50.

The other buildings have been provided by the philanthropy of the Alfred G. Wilson, the Kresge Foundation and the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

PROFESSORS William H. Hamner and Paul Tomboulian are planning to extract every possible educational hour per dollar invested. They plan to use laboratories about 46 hours per week.

A study of the U. S. office of education found that the average college laboratory is in use less than one-quarter of the time. Further, MSUO is making plans for year-round classes.

Drs. Hamner and Tomboulian are also planning to increase the size of their laboratory classes from the usual 10 to 20 to 30 as students each. Along with this, each laboratory bench will have a year-round class.

CLASSROOMS vary in size down to 14, but the building is to be so flexible that partitions can be knocked out or installed to alter class sizes as new developments in teaching may indicate. The building can also be expanded by additions.

Utilities are to be carried clear to the end of the building to make future expansion economical. The two large lecture halls will be air conditioned at a concession to MSUO's plans for year-round operation.

Drs. Hamner and Tomboulian achieved their economies in construction by cutting corners on fixtures, walls, partitions and floor coverings.

No corners were cut on equipment, lighting or ventilation, however. The structure will be as safe and as fireproof as modern technology can make it. And the equipment for use in teaching will be the best there is.

THE PROFESSORS are planning to schedule three sections a day in each laboratory, keeping it in use nine hours a day, five days a week.

One wing of the building will be ready for use next Sept. 1 and the entire structure Nov. 1. Laboratories will be put into use only as needed to fill the 46-hour week. The others will be equipped and used as demand dictates.

Construction of the building was authorized by the Legislature and the \$600,000 was appropriated to begin construction Oct. 1.

Architects are O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach.

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Attack on America could come without warning, swift and devastating. A massive nuclear attack against our military centers, major cities and industrial areas could bring widespread death and destruction despite our superior military strength. A strong Civil Defense with fallout shelters built into homes, office buildings, factories and schools, by their millions of lives. Non-military preparedness could spell the difference between life and death for this nation.

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