

Education Vital 'Industry' in Michigan

One of Michigan's outstanding "industries" turns out priceless "products" used in every field of human endeavor.

The industry is education and its products are the graduates of its vast network of schools.

The magnitude of this industry is staggering.

Michigan currently spends well over a billion dollars a year for public education.

OF THE STATE'S 7,823,194 residents (1950 Census), 2,144,501 or 27 per cent, are attending public, private or parochial schools.

There are 1,080,740 youngsters in public and 303,500 in private and parochial elementary and secondary schools.

The other 160,291 students are enrolled in Michigan's 60 public and private institutions of higher education.

There are 2,092 autonomous school districts in the state, ranging from one-room primary districts with one teacher and a handful of students to the mammoth Detroit District, with 10,000 teachers, 286,000 students and more than 300 buildings.

PUBLIC EDUCATION at the lower levels has a long, rich history in Michigan.

In 1805, Father Gabriel Richard, who later helped found the University of Michigan, gained support from the Territorial government to set up local schools for

both Indians and the children of white settlers.

These were the first vocational schools in the nation and formed an historical basis upon which the State has built what is considered today by educators to be the finest system of vocational schools in the world.

Another early religious leader, the Rev. John R. Pierce, also pioneered in public education. In 1833, at Marshall, he drew plans for a State-wide public education system that included an office to be known as "Superintendent of Public Instruction."

His plan was adopted when Michigan became a State in 1837 and led to similar systems in other states. Michigan thus may claim to have established the first public educational plan of the type now in use in all 50 states.

And another 20,403 students are enrolled in the 13 publicly-supported two-year junior and community colleges—the largest of which is Flint Junior College, with 3,774 students.

These 22-tax-supported institutions thus enroll 126,029 of the State's 160,291 students in higher education, or 78 per cent of the total.

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University of Detroit, the nation's largest Jesuit school, with 10,846 students.

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And the establishment of new publicly-supported institutions is still going on—the four-year Grand Valley State College is now scheduled to open near Grand Rapids in the fall of 1953.

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expanded at the elementary and secondary levels.

HIGHER EDUCATION is equally diverse.

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Education Convention

Attending the 99th annual convention of the National Education Association in Atlantic City, N. J., are members of Birmingham's Education Association. Pictured (from left) are Charles R. Buell, president, Ad Bronson, past president, and Edward Vanderlan, president-elect.

Stiles Is Attending

William B. Stiles, 1613 Graefeld, Birmingham, is attending the third Modern Language Institute at the University of Colorado. He is a teacher at Seaholm High School.

The institute, sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education under the National Defense Education Act, is the largest of about 70 modern language institutes sponsored by the federal agency and is the only one to offer training in three languages.

The institute will continue through Aug. 19.

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Paul Turk Earns Honorable Mention In MSUO Contest

Paul Turk, 19, of 1051 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham, received honorable mention in Michigan State University Oakland's first annual campus newspaper writing contest.

Turk, a freshman, earned honors with two stories, one a report of a faculty-coed basketball game; the other a St. Patrick's Day treatment of a story about overdue library books.

Susan Bierstein, 18, of Hershey, Pa., a freshman, who has been editor of the student newspaper, The Oakland Observer, since April, won top honors with an editorial.

THE EDITORIAL, "Senseless Death in the Barnyard," urged reduction of an old farm for use by student-faculty drama groups.

As a result of Miss Bierstein's editorial plans to move the barn part of the former Meadow Brook Farm operation of the Alfred G. Wilsons, have been delayed and a student-faculty group has been appointed to outline plans for its use.

Articles by Lauree Ann Webb, who was editor of The Observer from last fall until April, won both second and third place honors.

HER SECOND PLACE winner was an interview with MSUO Professor of Art John Galloway. Her third place winner was an editorial, "Quantity Demands Quality," which explored the structure of and response to MSUO's lecture-concert series.

Miss Webb, 19, of Utica, is a sophomore.

Contest judges were Dr. Robert Hoopes, dean of the faculty; Dr. Gertrude White, assistant professor of English; and Loren Pope, assistant to the chancellor.

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Chrysler Asks Accounting Of Newberg

A request to order William C. Newberg of Bloomfield Hills to account for money and property "wrongfully and illegally received" as an officer of Chrysler Corp. was filed by the company in Wayne County Circuit Court last week.

The request took the form of a cross-complaint filed in the former Chrysler president's suit against the company last January. Newberg's wife, Dorothy, is also named in the suit.

Newberg's suit sought to dissolve an agreement he had made with the firm last July to pay Chrysler \$450,000 he received in profits from two of the company's suppliers. Newberg claimed he had signed the agreement under duress.

UNDER THE TERMS of the agreement, Chrysler agreed to withhold suit on its claims. The cross complaint, said the company, is a result of Newberg's attempt to break the agreement.

Chrysler believes that Newberg "may have engaged in other wrongful transactions which are not known to it and may have been concealed."

The cross complaint states that the sum of any such profits are unknown to Chrysler because the Newbergs concealed it with their other assets.

THE COMPLAINT calls for an accounting of Newberg's official conduct and his and his wife's part in any transactions.

Visits WMU Campus

John Piggott of Birmingham is among visitors from the Western Michigan University campus this summer in preparation for fall registration.

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