



Slogan Winner

Elliott F. Oakwood, 2071 Daintree, Birmingham, receives a handshake and a \$25 check from Col. M. K. Heimstead as first prize winner of a slogan contest of the U. S. Army Ordnance Tank-Automotive Command at the Detroit Arsenal, Oakwood, a mechanical engineer in the Design Branch of the arsenal, came up with the command's 1951 motto "Automotive Arsenal of America." Col. Heimstead is Deputy Commander of OTAC.

B'ham Areas Place High In School District Taxes

Total tax levies for all purposes in southeastern Michigan school districts last year ranged from a low of \$1.72 to a high of \$3.85 per \$10,000 assessed valuation. Oakland County school districts fell within the higher range with Birmingham having \$2.92, Bloomfield Hills, \$2.11, W. Bloomfield, \$2.12, and Southfield, \$2.02.

These comparisons were contained in a report, "Per Pupil Valuation: The Comparative Resources and Expenditures of Southeastern Michigan's School Districts," prepared by the Southern Michigan Metropolitan Community Research Corp.

THE REPORT, according to Walter H. Bucher, the corporation's executive director, shows a wide disparity in tax resources among the school districts of Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The wealthiest district in the Detroit Metropolitan area has almost 20 times as much property value supporting each of its pupils as does the poorest.

Contrasts were even greater a year ago. However, annexation or consolidation of school districts has served to eliminate the most glaring inequities of school district wealth and poverty as illustrated by the taxable property supporting each school child.

NINE DISTRICTS have annexed themselves to larger or wealthier districts during this school year alone, reducing the total number of school districts in the six counties to 172.

School districts account for more governmental expenditures in Michigan than all municipalities, townships and special districts combined. Yet the expenditure per pupil varies considerably among the region's districts.

The average operating expenditure (not including building or site improvements, capital purchases, or interest on debts) per pupil in the six-county area was \$378.67.

WHILE WAYNE COUNTY districts showed the highest per pupil expenditure averaging \$362.23 and Monroe County the smallest averaging \$325, Oakland County averaged \$351.38 per pupil expenditure. Birmingham averaged \$354.77, Bloomfield Hills, \$418.81, W. Bloomfield, \$344.80, and Southfield \$339.32.

Generally, the poorer the school district, the more pupils are assigned to each teacher. The average number of pupils per classroom teacher for all of southeastern Michigan was 20.7 and for Oakland County was 25.1. Birmingham's average was 25.6, Bloomfield Hills, 22.7, W. Bloomfield, 26.3, and Southfield, 22.7.

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UNIVERSITY ACCEPTS 5 AREA STUDENTS FOR MUSIC CLINIC
Gene Karrow, 6865 Halyard, and Mary Gregory, 3237 Susanne Dr., students at Wiley Groves High School; Susan Y. Stinson, 164 N. Williamsburg; Rachel A. Weaver, 440 S. Cranbrook Road and Judith Vallin, 427 Covington Road, students at Derby Junior High School, have been accepted for the 16th annual music clinic for high school students of band, orchestra and voice to be held July 8-16 at Indiana University.

Approximately 500 music students from grades nine to 12 will attend the clinic which will provide practice and performance under the direction of well-known conductors. Eight states will be represented.

HE'S A GRADUATE
Alan Thomas Haywood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Haywood, 6023 Indianwood Trail, Birmingham, was graduated from the Michigan School for the Deaf, Flint, on June 15. Alan has been enrolled at the school since September, 1952. Dr. Clyde Blocker, Dean at Flint Junior College, will address the graduates at the exercises.

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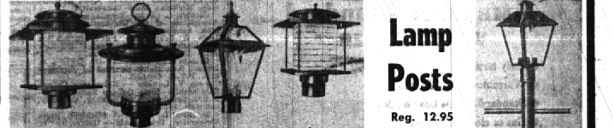
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