



Nursery Graduation

Graduates of the Westmaple Nursery of ten tomorrow at ceremonies held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer receive their diplomas from Mrs. Woggon. Seventy-six children will graduate into kindergarten.

VA Aids Handicapped Home Building Program

Scattered through Michigan are 196 attractive but disused homes you won't find on many street corners, even in America. Their average cost is around \$10,000 and they represent more than \$2,500,000 in Veterans Administration grants to men and women who will never walk again. That's why the homes are unusual. They have ramps and wide doors necessary for wheelchair living. There are no steps or stairs. Key holes, mirrors and light switches, even the coat hangers in closets, are lower. There are exercise rooms and specially adapted bathrooms. The garage door is operated by electronic eye. They have all been built with VA assistance and guidance under a humanitarian program approved by Congress in 1948.

R. M. FITZGERALD, manager of VA's regional office in Detroit, explained today that the law authorizes VA to make grants up to \$10,000 but not to exceed half the original cost of the house, to certain disabled veterans, usually paraplegics or double amputees. In the United States, 6,800 veterans, all disabled as the result of military service, have built homes under the program. The program actually has more than paid for itself, FitzGerald said. Without these special homes,

the veterans would mostly have to live in hospital paraplegic centers maintained by VA. The average cost of such hospitalization is \$20 a day. Because of the "wheelchair" home program, the veterans can live on their own, regain their families, and, in some instances, become self-sustaining. In fact, FitzGerald pointed out that in Michigan particularly have the homes been located in areas compatible to the veterans' ways of life. Several disabled fishermen have built their homes near the lakes. A few who were hunters have turned to the game areas, and those following employment or industrial pursuits have homes convenient to their places of employment. In addition to the 196 homes already built, the Detroit regional office has 68 more cases in various stages of processing.

County Gets Share Of Motor Money

Oakland County will receive \$1,694,301 from the first quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, the State Highway Department has announced. Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said net receipts of the Highway Fund during the first three months of 1962 amounted to \$81,731,659, a decrease of more than a million dollars from last year's figure. The decrease, he said, was because many motorists bought their 1962 license plates earlier than usual and the fund was higher in the last quarter of 1961. Local communities that will share in the fund include: Birmingham, \$64,561; Bloomfield Hills, \$10,767; Franklin, \$9,106; Lathrup, \$11,881; Southfield, \$132,363; and Wood Creek Farms, \$2,864.

Labor's achievements in Michigan have added a brilliant page to the state's history. The Detroit Mechanics' Society, founded in 1818, was one of the first unions in the nation.

Medical Society Reports on Polio Vaccine Report

The Michigan State Medical Society today outlined recommendations regarding the use of Salk injectable polio vaccine and Sabin oral polio vaccine. The statement was issued by MSMS president Dr. Otto K. Engelke, Ann Arbor, based upon the report of a special committee headed by Dr. Robert J. Mason, Birmingham pediatrician. Dr. Engelke said questions received by the doctors indicated the public still was not clear on how to make the most effective use of the two polio immunizing agents. "To put it very simply," Dr. Engelke said, "the Salk injectable vaccine should continue to be used as the primary immunization agent against polio as part of the family's routine and regular protection schedule."

"IN AREAS or communities where a substantial number of the susceptible population is unprotected or an epidemic threatens, however, and where mass immunization programs are indicated, the Sabin oral vaccine may be used. It is ideal for these situations because of its ease of administration."

Local medical societies and public health officials will recommend the proper course of action, Doctor Engelke said. The medical society statement warned, however, that mass immunization programs using oral vaccine require close supervision and detailed record keeping. Good records are necessary so that participants can be given all three doses, at six-week intervals, to protect against each of the three polio types.

Dr. Engelke also said that protective immunization against other communicable disease should not be overlooked or delayed. "All citizens are urged to properly protect themselves against communicable disease, including immunization against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and, in certain areas, against typhoid fever. The need for booster shots and beginning protection for infants should be checked with the family physician," Doctor Engelke concluded.

Constitution's Preamble Remains Unchanged

The preamble of Michigan's Constitution remains unchanged. The delegates did not believe they could improve upon the 1908 wording which says: "We the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution."

Article I of the proposed new Constitution — Declaration of Rights—is Article II of the present document. It follows closely the wording of the 1908 Constitution in stating the fundamental rights guaranteed to citizens, commonly known as our "Bill of Rights."

SUCH THINGS as the right peacefully to assemble, freedom of worship, freedom to speak and of the press, the right to petition the government, the right to bear arms, the privilege of habeas corpus and trial by jury, the right to be represented in court in person or by an attorney—all are included in much the same language. Ten votes in a 12-member jury in a civil case will be sufficient.

Negroes and members of all racial groups are protected, especially in areas of employment, education, housing and public accommodations. The section dealing with discrimination says: "No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation."

This provision is hailed by its sponsors as the outstanding statement on civil rights to be found in any constitution in the United States. An appeal in a criminal case, as a matter of right, is included in the new Constitution.

To the section which says that one shall not be compelled in a criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, a sentence reading as follows is added: "The right of all individuals, firms, corporations and voluntary associations to fair and just treatment in the course of legislative and executive investigations and hearings shall not be infringed." This addition recognizes the fact that boards and commissions are becoming increasingly powerful in state government.

THE HIGHLY controversial section on "search and seizure" means that such items as narcotics, guns, explosives and other dangerous weapons will be permitted as evidence in court even though they were obtained in an illegal search. The Michigan Su-

preme Court has not ruled on the constitutionality of the provision, although several cases arguing this point are pending. Protection of a person's home is continued. The section on subversion, which was added to the present Consti-

tion in 1950, is omitted. Considered a product of the anti-Red movement of the era, it was an unsatisfactory section because the offense was not properly defined. It was believed that this could be enacted as a law if the need

demand it. Insertion of the right to keep arms is considered a safeguard. It would eliminate the possibility that state law could require that all firearms be housed in a central location (such as police headquarters) and used only during specified hours of the day.

The state's first permanent settlements were made at Sault Ste. Marie in 1668, and at St. Ignace in 1671 by Father Dublon and Father Marquette.

B'ham Man Elected By Leukemia Group

James DeGroot, 1921 Bradford, Birmingham, has been elected vice president of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. The foundation, a Torch Drive Agency, is comprised of volunteer workers dedicated to help find a cure for leukemia and all serious blood diseases.

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