

The Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health will hold its annual luncheon meeting at noon today at the Von Gables, Dr. Clyde R. Sinton of Children's Services, Lafayette Clinic, Detroit, will discuss "Children's Psychiatric Services: Past, Present, Future."

Youth Looks at the Constitutional Convention

(Editor's Note: The essay was written by Robert M. Smart, 14, of 555 W. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. It was named as the Oakland County representative in

the Michigan Week editorial writing contest for students. Robert is a freshman at Walled Lake High School.)

Your state and mine! The one state so easily identified on the map of the United States of America. Some call it the "mitten" state from its unusual contour or shape; some call it the "Water Wonderland" for no other state can boast of the beauty of the Great Lakes. We know its motto—from the great seal of Michigan—

"Si Quæris Peninsulam Amœnam 'Circumspice'—(If you seek a pleasant peninsula look about you.)"

The beauty of our state holds forth in all seasons of the year, and attracts thousands of people from all of the other 50 states to make annual visits to enjoy its many and varied facilities for fun and relaxation. Snow-covered ski slopes and warm blue waters beckon even Alaskans and far away Hawaiians to the Michigan.

Michigan to the North, to the South, to the East and to the West, offers more than beauty and fun.

IT IS A GIANT state of industry, transportation and agriculture. Its cities are prosperous, its farm lands are rich, its schools, colleges and universities rank among the best in our nation.

We salute and take pride in every fibre that weaves our state in its greatness; that is why the citizens of Michigan turn with supreme interest to Lansing, our state capital. For it is there that 144 delegates of Michigan Constitution Convention were in session.

Of what importance is this to you and me? Every issue and ev-

ery change in the Michigan Constitution affects our success and well being in every walk of life in the decades ahead.

IT IS MY PURPOSE to arouse interest and study of the Michigan Constitution Convention which is now drafting a document of extreme and vital importance to every citizen of our state.

What are the revisions to be considered?

1. **Elective Franchise:**—Such points as

(a) Should the long ballot be eliminated?

(b) Should the voting age be lowered?

2. **Legislative Department:**

(a) What should be the constitutional basis for representation in the legislature?

(b) Should terms of office be increased?

3. **Executive Department:**

(a) Shall the number of elective officials be reduced?

(b) Should terms of office be increased from 2 to 4 years?

(c) Should civil service system be changed?

4. **Judicial Department:**

(a) Should judges be appointed rather than elected?

(b) What change should take place in the organization and jurisdiction of the courts?

(c) Should there be a centralization of judicial administration—to be considered in the Justice of the Peace System?

IT IS OBVIOUS that Michigan has changed tremendously since its last constitution in 1908. The state's population has increased more than threefold and it has emerged as a leading industrialized and urbanized area since 1908.

Past experience in Michigan as well as other states shows that there may be many obstacles in the path of constitutional change for 1962. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "Constitutions are deemed too sacred to be touched."

Many people may admit that revision might be desirable, yet the right time "some how" never seems to be at hand.

However, the greatest obstacle to constitutional change in Michigan may be the indifference and lack of a well-informed citizenry.

That is WHY all interest and study should turn us as loyal citizens TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION IN LANSING.

Parents may enroll kindergarten pupils for next year at Conant, Eastover, Hickory Grove, Pine Lake, Vaughan and Wing Lake schools during the week of May 28-June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Children who will attend the new George Gough Booth School will be enrolled at Wing Lake School.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL program, for students from kindergarten through grade six, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon with all classes except typing meeting on Mondays through Fridays at the Vaughan School.

Subjects offered are reading, phonics, spelling, handwriting, language and arithmetic. Classes will be held from June 25-July 20.

Typing will be offered for elementary students at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School from 9 to 10 a.m., beginning June 18 and continuing until July 27.

ENROLLMENTS for academic and typing classes are now being taken at the board of education offices. Mrs. Kathleen Flint may be contacted for further information.

Students interested in driver education may contact the high school.

Employment Service Continues to Take Pupil Registrations

Area high school students may continue to register with the recently instituted High School Employment Service office located at the Birmingham Community House.

The service is a joint cooperative program participated in by Seaholm, Groves, Brocher, Rice, Marian and Bloomfield Hills high schools, as well as the respective boards of education and the Community House.

Merchants or tradespeople may contact prospective employees through the service office. Students who register will be available for work between the hours of 2:30 to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

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