

Seek Grant To Continue Area Study

A \$579,000 federal grant that would subsidize a survey of the over-all economy of Oakland County undertaken early this year has been requested by the county Planning Department, Director George Skrab announced.

The department has already received a \$142,950 grant that has been used to delve into county population, labor force, employment, industrial composition, land use and market structures.

SCRUBB SAID that the earlier program has been limited to gathering facts with only some follow-up analysis. The new grant, if approved, will enable further analysis of present trends and actual planning to further develop those trends found favorable to the area, he said.

The 3-year program could also be enlarged to include study and evaluation of housing, social implications in land development, area income and consumer buying habits.

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County Okays Fire Safety Facilities

Oakland County officials have approved \$37,000 for fire safety improvements at the County Medical Care Facility following an order made by the state fire marshal earlier in the year.

The money will be spent on the installation of fire walls, a sprinkling system and widening of doorways and corridors where non-ambulatory patients are housed.

The approval came on the heels of a United Community Services committee's recommendation that the welfare patients be moved from the facility into the county Tuberculosis Sanatorium for more efficient care and treatment.

THE PROPOSED move also will require some construction changes at the sanatorium to meet state regulations, according to County Welfare Director George Williams. He said it will be at least a few weeks before the county can act.

The fire marshal, however, has indicated that he will inspect the infirmary again within a few days, and if not satisfied that his safety directives are being carried out the county could lose \$50,000 a week in matching state aid, said Williams.

Police Warn School Bus Law Violators

Drivers caught passing a school bus while loading or unloading children will be ticketed, Bloomfield Township police warned.

Police Chief Norman Dehnke said several complaints have been received from bus drivers in the Bloomfield Hills School District concerning the violations.

THE CONSEQUENCES of such actions was pointed out Monday when a small girl dismounting from a school bus fell in front of a passing car and had to scramble to keep from being hit.

Dehnke said police patrols will continue to be especially watchful for motorists disregarding stop signals of the buses. He also warned all drivers to be very cautious when approaching a bus due to the icy conditions of some roads.

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Report Examines New Role of MD

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The 1963 annual report of the Council of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) cites the vast outpouring of medical material by news media, magazines, books and TV drama. The report comments: "The profession has been judged by competent analysts to have been advantaged thereby."

Yet medicine ranges far beyond the stethoscope, the scalpel, medication. Over and above the publicized activities of doctors—a generally reticent breed—are the less well-known developments in medicine, in behalf of the public they serve.

MEDICINE IS changing; a doctor's education can never stop. Emphasis is on science, as reflected in the progressively more exact and refined diagnostic equipment in doctors' offices, in clinics and in hospitals.

This is in turn points up a related development, especially in metropolitan areas of Michigan. In 1963, the time-honored image of doctors making house calls faded further, save in emergencies. House calls in many areas are reminiscent of buggies and cutters that doctors and everyone else—once used. Today, modern drugs bring faster recoveries, once diagnosis has been made.

Population patterns are a factor. People live in widely scattered areas. They can be better served in doctors' offices and hospitals. Hospital facilities, in turn, are rapidly expanding in our metropolitan suburbs.

AS TO THE need for more doctors, MSMS (which had more than 7,000 members in 1963) has gone on record favoring larger classes in the Medical School of Wayne University and the University of Michigan.

A doctor's education is expensive, and everyone else—once used, by doctors themselves (and often their parents). Therefore, in order to help medical students, Michigan Hospital facilities, in turn, are rapidly expanding in our metropolitan suburbs.

Doctors, through the Michigan State Medical Society and their integrated county medical societies, must do have impact in areas related to medicine. The orbit of today's doctor goes beyond the office and hospital. His field is wide; preventive as well as curative measures are his concern.

IN MICHIGAN, recognition of highway hazards and methods of reducing them was shown by the MSMS advocacy of the 1963 state law requiring seat belts in new cars, starting in 1965. Similar research is constantly maintained.

County medical advisory boards were urged to assist the secretary of state where school bus drivers' licenses are suspended and where a physical disability to drive may exist.

MSMS is represented on a study committee to improve detection of

physical or emotional conditions which might reduce driving skills.

IN 1963, the Michigan legislature performed a public service by enactment of the "Good Samaritan Law" which protects physicians from civil liability when using their skills in emergencies such as traffic accidents, unless when giving emergency care they are guilty of negligence or misconduct.

In the field of athletics, the sense of responsibility of Michigan's doctors was also manifested in 1963. The legislature enacted a statute endorsed by MSMS to protect the health of amateur and professional boxers. Stricter physical examinations are provided for, and ring-side physicians may stop any fight, in behalf of the public they serve.

Better protection against foot-injuries by improved helmets was the object of the MSMS offer to help develop better equipment. Letters were sent to professional football officials and those of schools at all levels where foot-injury physicians may stop any fight, in behalf of the public they serve.

EVERYONE employed in the vast field of business and industry can be affected by the operation of the State's Unemployment and Workmen's Compensation laws; an MSMS committee was formed in 1963 to work with the State Bar of Michigan to recommend changes to promote "health and sound philosophies of medical care."

Doctors recognize that there are two great healing arts: physical and spiritual. Interpenetration raises the question: is medicine always enough? This field of thought brought about an MSMS Committee on Religion and Medicine to establish communication between physicians and the clergy so as to "enhance the total care of the patient." The doctor and the clergyman, on opposite sides of a sick bed, should understand each other's problems.

SO FAR AS physical ills are concerned, the family doctor has records of the whole family. MSMS urges every family to have a family doctor. Those who move are counseled to get a recommendation from him or the county medical society in the new location, as to another family doctor. Records and medical background can be transferred. This continuity is to the mutual advantage of the new doctor and the family.

MSMS FACES up its own Centennial in 1965 with a sense of continuity, too. It starts 1964 with a new executive director, Hugh W. Brennan, succeeding William J. Burns, who retired after nearly 25 years' service. Headquarters of the society are in East Lansing. The building, occupied in 1961, is a landmark of beauty in an area where such distinction is hard to come by.

The 1963 MSMS Council's Annual Report shows that while doctors feel a responsibility for the health and well-being of everyone else, they don't rely entirely on the admonition: "Physician, heal thyself." They have their own health and accident plan!

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Happenings

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by more than \$1,000 by the end of the month. To remain in the first class, a postage must sell at least \$47,068.82 worth of stamps per year.

The police department intends to "bear down" on motorists who double park their cars on West Maple avenue between Pierce and Bates streets. The "bearing down" program, which promises to result in a deluge of traffic tickets for violators, was endorsed Tuesday night by the City Commission, before whom Chief of Police John P. Hackett appeared to tell of the troubles caused his officers, to say nothing of the traffic hazard created by drivers who dash into stores in those two blocks for quick purchases.

Miss Mary Louise Hills, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hills of West Long Lake road, was introduced Wednesday evening at a dinner-dance given by her parents at the Colony Club. Miss Hills is a junior at Smith College this year. An out-of-town guest at the debutante party was Miss Betty Young, strand of Chicago, who arrived Wednesday afternoon.

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1948

Christmas observances in Birmingham will open with the Community Carol sing at 5:30 o'clock Christmas Eve in Municipal Park and will be announced by the ringing of church bells throughout the community. As in the past, special music will be furnished by a brass ensemble from Baldwin high school. The capella choir from the school and the choir of the various churches will join with residents in the singing of traditional Christmas carols.

Downtown merchants, who have nice wide driveways which are used for parking purposes by theatregoers, will have to take matters into their own hands—they count on the support of the city. So ruled City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall Monday night. "It appears to me that the parking of vehicles upon private property is a problem existing between the property owner and the person parking the vehicle," Hascall said.

As the final gun blasted so did Birmingham blast Hamtramck's hopes for the Eastern Michigan league invitational championship crown by trouncing the Cosmos 53-39, winners over Lansing Sector and Fordson, in the first round at Mt. Clemens Thursday night. Only to have a sharrowpointing Port Huron quintet turn the tables on the Maples by eking out a 35-33 victory in the last few seconds of the second round Friday night.

State Traffic Tolls Hit All-Time Highs

Michigan is closing out 1963 with an estimated 1,890 traffic deaths, the highest toll since 1951, along with new all-time highs of 123,750 persons injured and 255,500 accidents, according to projections cited in the year's summary of activities by the State Police and reported by Commissioner Joseph A. Childs.

Deaths and accidents were up for the second year in a row while the toll was the fifth consecutive annual increase in injured.

The provisional figures mean a 16 per cent increase in deaths over the 1962 toll of 1,571 while injured and accidents are up 14 and 10 per cent respectively over the previous high marks of 108,143 and 233,078 set last year.

THERE WERE NEW yearly highs as well in mileage, vehicles and drivers which contributed in a measure to the worsened Michigan traffic picture. Mileage was up seven per cent to 35.5 billion, vehicle registrations gained four per cent to 3,546,000 and Michigan drivers increased two per cent to 4,285,495.

The death rate per 100 million vehicle miles rose 11 per cent to 5.2, the highest since 5.3 in 1957, while the cost of accidents mounted 18 per cent, or \$50 million, to a new high of \$350 million.

While the State's traffic problem became more serious, the State Police by Civil Service Commission order reduced their work week beginning in July to a maximum of 48 hours. This in effect means the department's strength by one-seventh, as it was necessary to go on a five-day week compared with the former six-day week of 54 hours.

THE YEAR'S projections included 13,522,300 miles on traffic patrol out of an estimated total department mileage of 21,528,000. Troopers made 190,000 arrests for traffic offenses and 21,300 on criminal complaints, assisted 76,120 motorists, issued 406,150 oral warnings, investigated 119,500 cars, and made 163,500 property and 32,800 liquor inspections.

Michigan's crime rate continued to increase, figures for 1962 showing a gain of 5.9 per cent over the comparative base year of 1960, while the population gain in that two-year span was only 2.2 per cent.

Two persons were killed and 346 injured in 564 rural school bus and related accidents in 1962, according to the department's annual report. Compared to the previous year, the number of deaths was unchanged while injuries decreased one and accidents increased 58.

There were 236 deaths and 191 injured in 457 water accidents in 1962. Compared with 1961, these were decreases of 36 in deaths, 40 in injured and 103 in accidents.

State Hospital Needs Continue To Expand

The role of state hospitals in the newly-developed community mental health program will be an ever-important one, according to Michigan Department of Mental Health Director Charles Wagg.

He was addressing the Oakland County chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health and the county's newly-formed Community Mental Health Board, several county officials, and three state representatives from the area, Lloyd Anderson, Henry Hogan and William Hayward.

WAGG URGED the use of facilities at Pontiac State Hospital to develop a "spectrum of treatment for the mentally ill."

He suggested that an outpatient clinic could also be established, although the role of the state hospitals is usually to provide long-term inpatient care.

State hospitals will continue to be the best training ground for psychiatrists and mental health technicians, according to Wagg.

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