



A Democratic Parley

State Democratic Chairman Zolton Ferency (center) outlined areas in which business and professional people can contribute to a campaign effort at a membership meeting of the Oakland County Democratic Business and Professional Club. Here, Ferency is discussing a "Meet the Candidates" dinner, slated for Oct. 16 at the Kingsley Inn, with S. Jerome Bronson (left) and Richard L. Wolk. The consultation took place at the Friday meeting at the Birmingham House Motel.

Highway Dept. Offers Help in War on Poverty

The state highway department is prepared to conduct a work-training program for 400 men under provisions of the recently-enacted National Economic Opportunity Act. Mackie said that this work experience plus the related educational program would be of direct benefit to the health and well-being of the trainees. At the same time, he said, it would help prepare the youthful trainees for careers in such work as soil conservation, erosion control, forest management, roadside development and other related careers. DEVELOPMENT of such a program in Michigan would enable the State Highway Department to accelerate its efforts to beautify Michigan's freeways, Mackie said. Mackie told the governor the state highway department has been conducting a student highway technician training program on a cooperative basis with Lansing Community College since 1957 and with Ferris State College since 1960. About 40 students are enrolled in the program each year. They work six months for the highway department and attend school six months for a period of about two and one-half years. THE PRESENT program could be expanded to accommodate many more students if funds were available, Mackie said. There is a continuing need, not only in the State Highway Department, but in local road agencies as well, for men with this training, and expansion of the program could help meet this need, he said.

Educator Says Today's Students Lack Enthusiasm

The only way a student gets tense emotions and zeal are on noticed nowadays is if he bends his IBM card, according to Charles F. Lehmann, associate dean of The University of Michigan School of Education. "Unless we want our college graduates to end up with only a superficial education and lacking any enthusiasm, action must be taken," Lehmann declares. "In-

ANOTHER INDICATION of lack of student enthusiasm is the issue that the student press brought up this year, he says. "It seems that the earth-shaking issue was women's hours. Such things as antiquated grading systems and curriculum material never got mentioned." Lehmann feels there is a definite need to bring about closer relations between the faculty and students: "For with the growing corporate structure of the university, unless such an association is created and enthusiasm is brought back to the campus, the university will become only a factory turning out a mass of fact filled machines."

Board to Underwrite Mental Health Care

Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board on Friday paved the way for seeking state approval for purchasing services temporarily — on a non-contractual basis — pending development of a comprehensive county program.

Dr. Norman Rosenzweig of Bloomfield Hills, interim psychiatric consultant to the board, explained: "In order to attempt to meet some of the pressing needs, the board will undertake to underwrite the cost of services purchased from qualified physicians or clinics, pending the completion of a comprehensive program."

NO NEW SERVICES will be established for several months; the board will encourage existing facilities to extend their services to qualified residents of Oakland County.

He emphasized, "No contractual arrangements with any hospitals or clinics or agencies have been made by the board to date."

All board proposals first must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Mental Health in order to qualify for matching funds. Oakland County was the first county in the state to form such a board under the new Public Act 51.

The board aims to strengthen services or programs now serving the mental health needs of the residents of Oakland County, and to broaden those services, if necessary. A proposed budget for 1965 was approved Oct. 5 by the Oak-

The U-M educator contends the present honors program attracts only grade getters and fails to bring about desired stimulation for eager students. A program designed to bring together various areas of the social sciences and relate them to present-day situations attracted only one person, he recalls.

"The others, who were originally interested, didn't want to take the chance of having a C go on their record for it did look like a stiff course."

Volunteer Program Aided by Hills Girl

Robin Ruhf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ruhf of Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills, is coordinator of the Student Education Corps (SEC) at Michigan State University.

The corps, which originated in March 1963 at MSU, is a volunteer organization of university students who give their time and talents to serve in schools with large enrollments of economically disadvantaged children.

Miss Ruhf was a volunteer last year in the Lansing schools. The aim of the corps is to provide inspiration and motivation and show these children that education is the key to a better life.

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