

# School Boards Urge Aid for Exceptional

Special education for the gifted may become the next area of attention for Oakland County schools.

At a meeting of delegates from the school boards of 17 districts, Birmingham and Oak Park urged County Superintendent William J. Emerson to expand the working definition of the "exceptional child" to include the highly talented as well as the handicapped.

Bennett Root of Birmingham said the appeal for a recent millage increase in his district had been based on the need for special planning for the gifted. The first-to-one victory at the polls, Root said, gave some indication of the public

support for extra measures for the highly intelligent and creative child.

EDWARD A. Simon, Oak Park trustee, said his district had placed high priority on implementing a citizen report on the needs of gifted children. He strongly urged that Oakland Schools provide a way for districts to exchange information and to include nationally known experts in the education of the gifted on the list of future resource people.

The school board delegates were holding their third meeting of the year to study the financial needs of the intermediate school district for 1965-66. Emerson outlined a no-expansion budget of \$397,109, in which the only increase in cost are contracted salary increments.

Emerson proposed a \$4,000 increase to pay the cost of some two dozen teacher conferences and conventions which are held during a school year. Fees to visiting speakers are now paid by ticket sales to individual teachers or school districts.

A \$1,250 per semester salary for an executive in the automotive industry may be better than average.

At least that is one conclusion that might be drawn from a new book, "Who's Who Among Automotive Executives," just published by Trends Publishing Co. of Detroit. There are 26 1/2 pages of names beginning with "M"—more than for any other letter of the alphabet.

# New Book Lists 'Who's Who' in Auto Industry

The auto industry upsets the statistical averages as to names. There are 21 officials named Johnson in the book, not to speak of two Johnsons. This is ahead of the customary leader in such tabulations, Smith. There are 19 Smiths, putting that group in an unaccustomed second place.

IN AN industry where the name "Ford" is prominent, there are eight officials by that name in the book—representing four companies in addition to the Ford Motor Co.

The new volume includes some 2,300 biographies of executives of nearly 200 companies. They are listed alphabetically and are also cross-indexed in 11 different general classifications, such as engineering, purchasing, manufacturing, etc.

"Who's Who Among Automotive Executives" is the first hard cover compilation of its kind. According to the president of Trends Publishing Co., Stanley H. Brama, of 372 Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills, it is the first of a reference series which will be produced from time to time.



Birmingham's own Ecumenical reporter, Ruth Vogt, says farewell to religious and civic monuments in Rome before she leaves for home. Mrs. Vogt went to Rome, she says, "to help my church, via dear Pope John's dreams, to pull itself up to the 20th Century with its tremendous problems." Mrs. Vogt's assessments of the Council have been exclusively reprinted during the past six weeks in The Eccentric.

# Rome Correspondent To Mount Soap Box

By RUTH VOGT  
Special Writer

ROME—Dear Ones: This being my "Epistle from Rome" the only question I wish to ask here is: Have you got my soap box made and is it waiting for me down in the basement? (Hope you put castors on it as directions implied 'cause they'll facilitate easier pushing for you.)

Because you see, after being exposed to eight full weeks of all this Ecumenical climate over here in Rome via the Second Vatican Council's third session, it looks as if religion has, at last, flowered into a glorious maturity.

THIS DOESN'T mean, of course, that we'll slight our daily prayers, our Sunday worship or not remember every Commandment, but it means that we have re-examined the world, its huge problems, right from the family on up to peace questions, and our leaders and thinkers seem quite anxious for us Christians to face them "head on."

Yes, this is the real golden age for the things of God. This is the era when Christians can actually bear witness to what they have for so long given lip service to.

May that soap box be ready. I'm filled with the glory and vision of what can be done! Bless you all, Mom

# NO LONGER will people who call themselves "Christians" be satisfied with merely going to church on Sunday, saying their daily private prayers and trying hard not to break the Commandments.

No, it appears now that religion must embrace much more than this. Let me put it another way.

From all the brilliant discussions and a speeches which are being lugged home, and that's why 10 pounds of clothing was shipped last week to make room for this printed material, it looks as if our leaders and thinkers are pleading with all their flock to "get with it."

# County Slates Retarded Youth Information Day

The 13 newly-elected members of the Legislature from Oakland County will be honored guests at the Retarded Children's Information Day Program next Saturday in Kimball High School, Royal Oak.

The program is being sponsored by the Oakland County Council for Retarded Children in an effort to acquaint the public and members of the Legislature with the need for expanded services to the mentally retarded.

Highlight of the day's activities will be the first public appearance in Michigan of Dr. Stafford L. Warren, assistant to the President for Mental Retardation. Dr. Warren will speak at luncheon on federal-state implementation of new legislation for the retarded.

Stanford Wallace, president of the Oakland Council, said: "THIS INFORMATION Day Program is open to the general public as well as parents and those engaged in service to the retarded."

"Much needs to be done at the state and local levels to assist the thousands of mentally retarded in the metropolitan area who are being denied educational, work, and care services. Our objective is to mobilize an informed public to fill these service gaps."

Wallace said reservations for the Dr. Warren luncheon may be made by contacting the Council's secretary, Mrs. Margaret Serronati at 3513 South Elder Road, Orchard Lake.

# New College Trustee Named To Fill Vacancy

Clifford H. Smart of Walpole Lake resigned as trustee of Oakland Community College at a special college board meeting.

Smart was elected to the State Legislature on Nov. 3, and may hold only one public office under the new Michigan Constitution.

Trustees unanimously elected David W. Hackett of Avon Township to fill Smart's unexpired term on the college board. Hackett was a runner-up in the Community College election last June.

# Record Registration at WSU Expected

Final registration for the winter quarter at Wayne State University is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 6 and 7. Students will register in alphabetic groups according to their last names.

Since a record turnout is expected, students intending to return after an absence are urged to save time by obtaining registration forms now. Registration forms by mail may be received by calling the Records Office. Classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 11.

contribution to the Community College during his term of office.

Hackett, 41, is employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. A graduate of the University of Detroit, he is married and has seven children.

# Auto Show Reduces Admission Prices For School Kids

Special arrangements have been made to accommodate school children visitors to the Detroit Auto Show, Jan. 9 through 17 at the Detroit Artillery Armory, W. 8 Mile near Northland.

A reduced admission of 25 cents will be charged for children and teenagers through high school age between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, Jan. 11 through 15.

The regular admission to the show is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years of age.

Boye Tope, show manager, said that arrangements also have been made for free parking of school buses carrying groups of school children. He added that the adult sponsor or teacher of any organized group of school children would be admitted without charge.

# Christmas Spirit

On Christmas Eve  
Some folks believe  
There is no Santa Claus.  
But when I see  
A Christmas tree  
I know there is because  
Each tiny light,  
With halo bright,  
That's shining without pause  
Reminds us of  
The Christ Child's love.  
There is a Santa Clause!  
Carol Aust

# Schools In Line For County Funds

The Oakland County Treasurer's Office has released \$6,416,760 which represents 10.66 per cent of November apportionment of state aid money to be distributed to the various schools in the county.

School districts and their allocations include Birmingham, \$407,160; Southfield, \$291,000; Bloomfield Hills, \$127,000; Troy, \$142,000; West Bloomfield Township, \$241,000; Oakland County Special Education program, \$11,000; and Oakland Schools, \$21,080.



# Manufacturers Bank is looking for people to open savings accounts

People like Joan Miller. Occupation? Secretary. Hobby? Collecting travel folders and dreaming about vacations that never seem to come true. Because the vacation she wants usually costs more than the cash she has on hand.

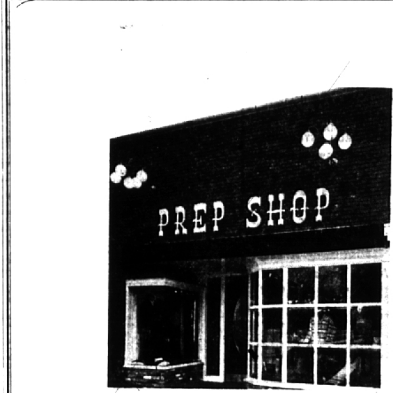
So... last year, she didn't go to Hawaii. The year before, she didn't go to Europe. And this year, she isn't going to Mexico.

Yet, any one—perhaps, all three vacations—could have come true, if she had started a savings account at Manufacturers Bank.

Joan Miller is one of the people Manufacturers Bank is looking for. A person who should be saving money, but isn't.

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