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Life Insurance Conference Held
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Obes of 4847 Wye Oak Road visited last week in Lakewood, N.Y.
They were attending the President's Club conference, sponsored by Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. President's Club is the company's organization composed of field representatives who meet standards of excellence in service to clients and in sales activity.
Obes is with the company's Detroit branch office.

2-BB THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC July 23, 1964
Hills' GOP Women Host 4 Judges

Because of election year interest, members of the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club have decided to continue their monthly meetings throughout the summer.
The first such meeting will be on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Graham John Graham, 2101 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.
Believing that the function of the club is to present to the public candidates who are running for office, they have planned the July meeting around the four judges appointed to the bench last year by Gov. Romney. All are running as incumbents this fall.
The meeting will begin with an informal reception to meet Judge Norman Barnard, of the Oakland County Probate Court, and Judges Arthur E. Moore, Phillip Pratt, and James Thorburn of the Sixth District Circuit Court.

THE JUDGES will then summarize their legal backgrounds, speak about their respective courts, and answer questions from the audience.
In addition, State Senator Farrell E. Roberts, who is running for judge of the Court of Appeals, will talk on the recent legislative enactment that created the Appellate Court.
The public is invited.
Assisting Mrs. Graham in planning the program are Mrs. John Castell, Mrs. John Crisman, Mrs. Robert Lytle, Mrs. Samuel Vetrano and Miss Eleanor Paton.

Two Area Scholars Honored at Trinity
James S. Emmett, a junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emmett, Jr., of 3275 Bradway Blvd., Birmingham, and Thomas B. Woodworth, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Woodworth of 2109 Dorchester, Birmingham, were among the 191 Trinity College undergraduates named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 1963-64 academic year.
To achieve dean's list distinction, a Trinity student must maintain an academic average of 85 or better.
BOTH EMMETT and Woodworth were graduated from E. W. Seasholm High School. Emmett is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honorary society.
Woodworth is secretary of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He is a member of the Jesters, the student dramatics group, and the Hartford Tutorial Program of the Northern Student Movement. He was a Colleague Scholar and has received a dean's letter of commendation.

Sales Seminar Set at Boyne Falls
Two local couples spent the first part of this week attending a sales seminar at Boyne Mountain Lodge, Boyne Falls.
E. G. Ransford of 1711 Cedar Hill Drive, Birmingham, president, and Mrs. Ransford, and John W. Dressler of 5477 Van Ness, Bloomfield Hills, field superintendent, and Mrs. Dressler participated in the three-day event held by the Gleaner Life Insurance Society for local representatives and their wives.

Alumni Education Proposed by OU
DENVER, Colo. — Dr. Lowell Eklund of Oakland University called upon all colleges and universities to work out reciprocal arrangements for the systematic continuing education of alumni.
Eklund appeared before the national conference of the American Alumni Council, comprised of alumni directors of colleges and universities, to give an invited paper describing Oakland University's experimental program in alumni education.
"The Oakland Plan," Eklund said, "is an effort to help find a way by which the systematic pursuit of education by the alumni of our institutions will become the accepted new dimension—the rule rather than the exception—in our traditional educational hierarchy."
"IN TODAY'S mobile society," he pointed out, "universities cannot satisfactorily perform the continuing education process for their alumni through on-camps, back-at-alma mater programs."
"Thus the Oakland Plan calls for continuing education for alumni wherever it can be found and looks toward the time when Oakland and other universities will reciprocate in counseling and education programs to serve the alumni of any university in the area where they live and work."
The Oakland Plan for Alumni Education, now in its second year, is supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.
Describing how the plan has been implemented through undergraduate orientation, placement and alumni education to date Eklund said, "essentially the project involves a professional counselor

working with the graduates to assist them in planning their professional goals and then (in close coordination with their employers) determining those educational experiences which will be necessary for achievement of those goals and identifying the sources of these educational experiences through reasonably convenient and accessible agencies.
"THE EMPHASIS of the program is on frequent and periodic stimulation and prompting of the graduate to pursue, through formal programs, his continuing education on an organized basis."
"Oakland University, however, does not expect to be the sole or even the major source of the educational programs needed; but serves more as a counseling center and clearing house of information on the kinds and locations of these experiences considered desirable, and assists the graduates in organizing them into a timely and effective program of continuing professional and personal development."
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State Told to Accredite Entire School Systems

Michigan has a pressing need to develop a plan which would accredit an entire public or private school system rather than the senior high schools alone, according to Ray E. Kehoe, associate director of the University of Michigan Bureau of School Services.
"We need quality programs for all grades and levels of education," says Kehoe.
"It is important that a balance of quality be maintained in the elementary and junior high schools as well as in the senior high school," he says.

KEHOE REPORTS that during recent years, financial crises have necessitated cutbacks in many school systems. "Such cutbacks have come first and heaviest in grade eight and below. In many school systems one finds a higher teacher-pupil ratio in the lower grades."
"Library services are often nonexistent; art, music and physical education are lacking or sharply reduced in scope. More unqualified teachers are found in elementary classrooms compared to the senior high school."
"A MAJOR REASON for pressures to reduce curriculum services in the lower grades is the desire to maintain an accredited high school program. Costs of accredited secondary school programs have risen sharply in recent years. More curricula for college and terminal students are offered."
"Special education programs for handicapped students are now commonly found; library and guidance services have expanded greatly also. Other factors which account for increased expenditures are salary increases, higher fixed oper-

ating costs and a very rapidly expanding school population."
"IN CIRCUMSTANCES such as these, trouble arises for the administration of the school when, in a period of rising costs income remains stable and possibly even declines," Kehoe says.
"Cutbacks in programs are then necessary and are inevitably made first in the lower grades inasmuch as accreditation pressures are resistant to cutbacks in the high school."
"DURING PERIODS of financial crisis it seems equitable to reduce programs at all levels and to strive to maintain a reasonable balance in the total school program, he declares. School boards should give up accreditation if it must be maintained at the expense of a quality program for one segment in the school system."
"A more responsible approach to the problem of maintaining proper balance of curriculum opportunities in a school system would be to establish adequate qualitative standards for the system as a whole."
Kehoe concludes, "Evaluation of the entire system by accreditation authorities ought to help in reducing or eliminating favoritism of one group within a system at the expense of another."
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