

September jobs a record

Michigan's employment picture remained fairly stable from August to September as the state's seasonal adjusted jobs rate edged down to 7.3 percent, said the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

September 1988 also set an employment record for the month.

"Labor force conditions were normal for this time of year, showing little change during the month," said MESIC Director Richard Simmons. "Both the labor force and employ-

ment had small increases in September while unemployment registered a slight decline."

According to estimates prepared by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, Michigan's unemployment total fell by 3,000 to 334,000. In August, the jobless rate had been 7.4 percent, with 337,000 out of work.

A year ago, September 1987, Michigan's unemployment rate was 7.9 percent with 361,000 out of work.

THE CURRENT September unemployment rate is the lowest for the month since 1978, when the rate was 6.8 percent, Simmons said. Employment reached a record September high, surpassing the previous high of 4,208,000 in September 1987.

The state's work force rose by 6,000 to 4,572,000, while employment grew by 9,000, climbing to 4,238,000.

Employment grew in the state's manufacturing sector in September

as model changeovers were completed, resulting in worker callbacks in the automotive and steel manufacturing industries.

State and local government showed employment gains with the resumption of school.

Among the nation's 11 largest states, Michigan's September jobless rate was the highest. Texas was second at 7.0 percent and Massachusetts had the lowest rate at 3.0 percent.

\$8.5 million grant aids area sewers

Oakland County will receive a federal grant of \$8.5 million for the Evergreen Farmington Pollution Control Facility system.

County executive Daniel T. Murphy was notified by U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, of

the grant toward the four-year, \$80 million-plus program.

The district includes: Auburn Hills, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Franklin,

Keego Harbor, Lathrup Village, Orchard Lake Village, Southfield, Sylvan Lake, Troy and West Bloomfield Township.

The project will reduce combined sewer overflows in the Rouge River watershed. Combined sewers handle

both stormwater and sewage.

Construction of the first segment will begin next summer, Murphy said. It will include a retention pond, relief sewers and upgraded sewage pump station. Cost of the first phase will be \$21 million.

'Baby showers' teach child care

Expectant parents and those with children under a year are invited to "community baby showers" sponsored

by the Oakland County health division. Co-sponsors include many ethnic groups.

"These programs are offered in response to the high numbers of mothers receiving inadequate prenatal care, babies born at low weights and the high number of infant deaths," said Peggy J. Yancey, program coordinator.

Programs will cover family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, prenatal and infant care, employment and self-esteem. Lunch will be served, and each participant will receive a gift. Child care is provided.

Dates and locations of the programs are:

• South Oakland — Friday, Oct. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sierra School, 28509 Alden, Madison Heights; to register call 399-2880. Sessions are held in English, Arabic and Hmong.

• North Oakland — Friday, Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holland Community Center, 469 S. East Blvd., Pontiac; to register call 338-9211 or 858-1459. Sessions are held in English, Spanish and Hmong.

MNB seeks more capital

Michigan National Corp. has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed public offering of \$100 million in securities.

One offering of \$50 million will be for redeemable subordinated debentures due in 1998. The second is \$50 million of cancellable mandatory stock purchase contracts.

The offering is being managed by Merrill Lynch Capital Markets. Principal reason for the offering is to raise additional primary capital.

Michigan National Corp. is a Midwest regional bank holding company with assets of \$8.7 billion. Its principal subsidiary, Michigan National Bank, has 200 branches throughout Michigan.

Therapist joins OU

Faye M. Cobb has joined the Oakland University physical therapy faculty as Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks scholar for the 1988-89 academic year.

Cobb is a registered physical therapist with nine years experience and was previously the coordinator of the physical therapy assistant program at Macomb County Community College.

The King/Chavez/Parks program is supported by the Michigan Legislature and includes broad outreach programs for minority high school students and minority Ph.D. scholars.

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