

Michigan State Makes 1950-51 Budget Request

Legislative appropriation requests covering Michigan State College operating costs, and agricultural research and extension for the 1950-51 year have been filed with the state budget office, according to Karl H. McDonel, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. The college requested \$9,305,830 toward the cost of operating the college, McDonel said. Estimated income from other sources will bring the total operating budget to \$13,731,478, he said.

The appropriation bid is \$1,005,325 over the \$2,800,492 requested last year and \$1,992,576 over the \$7,543,254 actually granted by the Legislature, McDonel said.

Increases in the total budget request do not represent parallel increases in operating costs, he said. The college will need approximately \$500,000 to offset an anticipated decrease in student fees as the number of veterans enrolled under the G. I. Bill declines, thus the net increase is \$1,532,336.

Commenting on a proposed allocation of \$100,551 for salary adjustments, McDonel said, "The comparatively low salary schedule for teachers continues to be the greatest obstacle to the growth and development of Michigan State College."

Non-teaching functions of the college in the field of agriculture were estimated to cost \$2,345,000 in a separate budget request, McDonel said.

For the Cooperative Extension Service, \$1,075,000 in state funds was requested to supplement \$841,000 in federal funds. Plans call for expansion of the resident specialist extension staff in fields of vital interest to Michigan farmers, he said.

For the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, a state appropriation of \$1,939,000 to supplement \$175,373 in federal funds has been asked. It is proposed to hire research specialists for study of soil conservation, fruit and vegetables, and X-disease of cattle. Proposed new projects of the Experiment Station will include bean growing and marketing, care and breeding of fur-bearing animals, irrigation, and dairy breeding and sterility problems.

College officials have also requested \$240,000 to match funds under the Hope-Fanning program of research in agricultural marketing.

Seven Michigan counties have more than 300 lakes, including Marquette, Luce, Iosco, Gogebic, Oakland, Schoolcraft and Barry.

Banker Says "Solve Parking Problem" To Improve Farmington Business

Howard M. Warner, president of the Farmington State Bank and lifetime resident of Farmington, says to improve business the merchants in Farmington should "solve the parking problem by arranging for a large public parking lot."



HOWARD M. WARNER

He also has a conclusion about parking meters.

Mr. Warner says "Parking meters would cause considerable confusion in the beginning, but in time, I believe, would be beneficial to business."

Farmington business has occupied most of Mr. Warner's life except for the period from 1939 to 1949, he has always been in business in the city. During that time, he was with the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission, spending his time at Lansing and Detroit.

Mr. Warner, born January 4, 1893, now lives at 34011 Grand River. He is a graduate of Central High School in Detroit and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

He married Clarissa Martindale on June 23, 1919. They have two sons, Allen M., 21 and a senior at Washington and Lee College, and

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MSC "Flying Classroom" To Make European Study

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Carl M. Horn, director of continuing education at MSC, said the touring educators would visit main cities in the Allied military control zones and, possibly, touch down in Czechoslovakia, behind the iron curtain.

Plans call for a careful study of political, social, economic and educational conditions and programs in each of the various countries. The participants will be financed through scholarships provided by various organizations in each state. Educators taking part will be selected by special state educational committees.

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(Continued from Page Two) Internal revenue in Washington, requested a conference at Oklahoma City. This was held, and Bolch, for reasons best known to himself, came all the way to Oklahoma from Washington to participate in the conference. Lohm and Seltzer, who also participated, informed him that the Mid-Continent case was fraud and should be prosecuted.

Despite this, Commissioner Bolch ordered the investigation stopped and had the case transferred to Washington.

When the case reached Washington, a conference was held in Bolch's office, at which general counsel Charles Oliphant was not represented. This is highly unusual. For, ordinarily, a criminal case must go to the chief counsel's office for disposal. It does not go to the office of a deputy commissioner.

COUNSEL BY-PASSED

However, Bolch ordered it to his office and although the general counsel was not represented, the defaulting oil company was represented by Benjamin Saunders of the law firm of Charley Hamel.

Hamel, former head of the board of tax appeals, and formerly in the internal revenue bureau, is a Republican who sometimes has been retained by leading Democrats suffering from tax troubles. It was Hamel who expertly handled the income-tax cases of Boss Frank Hague of Jersey City and Mayor Ed

Kelly of Chicago, both during the Hoover administration.

At this conference, commissioner Bolch finally decided to let Mid-Continent off for three million—instead of six million recommended by the T-men. He also decided against any appreciable fraud penalty.

Only after this was decided did Bolch send the case to general counsel Oliphant with instructions to close the penial side of the case—in other words, drop criminal prosecution.

Deputy Commissioner Bolch was former head of internal revenue intelligence in New York, at which time he was close to many Tammany leaders. He was sent to his present key spot in Washington by Joe Nunan, another Tammany man, who once served as commissioner of internal revenue.

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