

Nat'l Library Week April 3-9

"Open Wonderful New Worlds-Wake Up And Read" is the slogan for National Library Week that will be celebrated throughout the United States the first week in April.

The week is sponsored nationally by the National Book Week Committee and the American Library Association. In Michigan, it is sponsored by the Michigan Library Association, the State Library, and the Michigan Council for Better Libraries.

On a purely local level, it is a time for you to give serious thought to your local library, to visit and use it, to ponder on what it means to you and the community, its value and its shortcomings, and how it best can serve you, and how you can enhance its worth with a continuing and developing program.

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U-M Survey Shows More Doctors Are Specialists

A survey of medical manpower in Michigan reports "striking changes" have taken place during the past 25 years in the age, urban-rural distribution and the type of practice of Michigan physicians.

The greatest change has been in the degree of specialization of Michigan doctors.

THE STUDY, of a series conducted over three years by S. J. Axelrod (M.D.) and W. R. Mills (Ph.D.) of The University of Michigan, is reported in the current issue of the Michigan State Medical Society Journal. Specialization, long thought to be limited to doctors in large cities, has made "impressive gains throughout the state, even in the most rural areas," say the researchers.

They report that one-fourth of the doctors in the Upper Peninsula, the most rural region of the state, are full-time specialists.

Nearly half of all Michigan doctors limit their practice to a particular branch of medicine. And of these, more than half have been certified by American

Specialty Board examinations.

Age levels of doctors in different regions also show change.

In the 1930's most older doctors were in rural areas. In Detroit 89 percent of the physicians were less than 55 years old.

TODAY, THE northern part of the Lower Peninsula has the youngest group of doctors in Michigan. Seventy-seven percent

are under 55. In Detroit today, only 66 percent are below 55, compared to 68 percent below that age state wide.

The U-M investigators say "Michigan has experienced a slow but steady decline in its physician-population ratio since 1930."

Although other states have seen the number of rural physicians drop rapidly over the past quarter-century, the study showed that the urban-rural proportion of physicians in Michigan has remained unchanged.

Dr. Axelrod, the chief investigator, says the study was made for the U-M Committee on Medical Education Needs, and is part of an extensive survey on

the state's medical manpower.

A report on the supply of medical students appeared last fall. Other phases of the five-part survey deal with the supply and distribution of osteopaths, the types of practice of physicians and their movement in and out of Michigan.

Open New YWCA

The new building of the Oakland Branch of the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit, a Torch Drive agency, at 839 South Crooks Road, Clawson, will be formally dedicated Sunday March 20, at a 3 p.m. ceremony.

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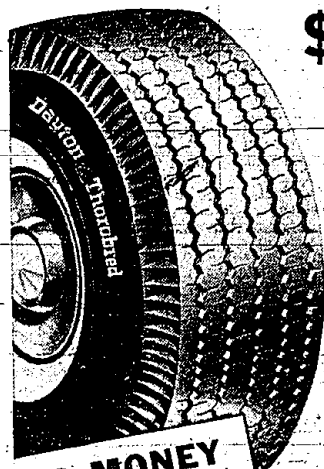
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