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ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS PROVIDE ELECTORS WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR LIVELY DEBATE ON VARIOUS ISSUES

Marenisco Annual Meeting

Marenisco - An auditorium filled with people and charged with emotion was the setting for another go-round for the U.S. Forest Service and its proposed YACC project for the Gogebic-Ontonagon area, Saturday's Annual Meeting of electors of Marenisco Township in Gogebic County had to delay old business for new as the voters spoke out again in opposition to Forest Service purchase of a prime tract of lake-shore property - one hundred and forty-three acres - which USFS plans to convert to a base facility for a Young Adult Conservation Corps operation.

Marenisco Supervisor Rich McKenzie was forced to use his gavel on several occasions as citizens tried to state their feelings on the matter... sometimes several at one time.

The property offered for sale by the Society of the Divine Word, a religious order headquartered in Illinois, is presently under option to the Forest Service. A Society spokesman responded to citizen questions openly and courteously. It was suggested at one point in the meeting that perhaps the Society would consider selling only the retreat buildings and the property immediately surrounding them if the Forest Service could be convinced to purchase the smaller parcel. However, the spokesman for the Society stated that it was his understanding no subdividing of the property would be agreeable from his client's point of view and Supervisor McKenzie concurred, referring to earlier conversations he had with Society representatives.

After a considerable period of discussion, some of which involved a Forest Service representative present, numerous citizens and Supervisor McKenzie, a motion was made from the floor that the Marenisco Township Board at its next regular meeting oppose by resolution the U.S. Forest Service acquisition of Villa St. Thomas.

McKenzie requested a vote be taken with eligible township electors identifying themselves as they voted. He explained that this measure appeared necessary to avoid the possibility of charges arising later that persons not eligible had participated in the vote. A large majority voted in favor of the motion, although there were a significant number of no votes as well as abstentions.

Forest Service representative Charles Bartley refueled the fire by accusing the citizens of the township of opposing employment opportunities for the youth of the nation. He stated that a YACC project would not materialize in "the state of Michigan" because of such opposition.

A second motion from the floor followed quickly on the heels of that statement and the citizens present again overwhelmingly supported the motion calling for a resolution by the Township Board in support of the Young Adult Conservation Corp project in Marenisco Township... with the stipulation that it was not necessary for the Forest Service to purchase yet another private parcel of property on which to build such a camp.

An individual in the audience asked the Forest Service to consider utilization of either of two properties already owned by USFS, both of which have existing buildings suitable for the project's purposes. The spokesman stated that neither of the two properties is being utilized at the present time to anywhere near full potential. Another member of the audience reacted to the attempt by Bartley to place blame for a failure of the USFS to site a YACC camp in the area onto the area's residents. Barely able to conceal his anger at such an accusation the citizen spoke of a lifetime of concern and interest in the youth of the country - and closed his statement with the motion to "support the YACC program

in the Township," but not at the Villa St. Thomas site.

The concern of the majority seems to center around the withdrawal of yet another large section of private property from the township tax rolls. More than the present valuation of the land, the future potential as a prime development site is the factor in the debate. When the possibility of a future application by the Society for a tax exemption based on its religious status was mentioned, one citizen spoke out saying, "Better the Catholic Church receive an exemption now than the Forest Service take it off the tax rolls forever."

Before proceeding on to other business before the meeting, Supervisor McKenzie called a short recess... to clear the air and improve the tempers of those present before continuing with the Annual Meeting.

Matchwood Electors Debate Board of Appeal For Township

The electors of Matchwood Township held their Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 1st at the Topaz Community Hall.

Business conducted by the group included budgetary matters for the up-coming year. The annual audit of township books was discussed. Clerk Karl Magnuson will investigate obtaining the services of a CPA. After considerable discussion and verification of legal requirement and citizen interest, the appointment by the township board of a three-person Board of Review was authorized. The board will be appointed at an upcoming regular meeting of the township board and will work with the Supervisor and assessor Milt Woodard throughout the balance of 1978, familiarizing itself with matters of valuation and taxation of township properties. The group would then be prepared to sit as a Board of Review at the legally determined times in 1979.

Discussion of hazardous traffic areas at several points in the township resulted in a trustee being requested to seek counsel regarding the formulation and execution of a township ordinance to regulate parking in those designated areas.

A report on the tentative format of by-laws for the county chapter of the Michigan Township Association was received. Several suggestions for change were reviewed including a recommendation that "all elected officials be allowed to serve and participate in law-making or policy-making decisions."

A resolution was drafted opposing the proposed Forest Service acquisition of the Villa St. Thomas property located on Lake Gogebic in Marenisco Township, Gogebic County. Copies of the resolution will go to appropriate authorities.

An invitation to participate in an area meeting regarding Forest Service proposals to designate certain portions of the township as well as other areas in the Upper Peninsula as Wilderness was received. The board was urged to notify residents of the township of the meeting time and purpose and request attendance. The meeting will be held at the Ontonagon County Courthouse on April 15th and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

COUNTY TO RECEIVE MORE IN CETA MONIES

Ontonagon - James Hainault, Ontonagon County controller, has been notified by the Manpower Consortium that another allocation of Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds for Title 6 programs has been granted to Ontonagon County.

Hainault said he does not know the amount of the grant, but he urged non-profit organizations and governmental units with interest in having a project funded to call him with the project description and the number of persons to be enrolled.

Unemployed persons wanting jobs thru the program must be registered at the local Michigan Employment Security Commission office before they can be considered.

A special meeting of the Ontonagon

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Carp Lake Annual Meeting Discusses Hospital Dilemma

White Pine - The electors of Carp Lake Township held their Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 1 at the Elementary School in White Pine.

An unusually large turnout for the meeting was apparently due to a discussion on the agenda by the Township Board relative to possible acquisition of the LaCroix Hospital in White Pine by the township from present owners, Louisiana Land & Exploration Company.

Supervisor Joe Lenatz explained to the meeting that an actual offer to deed the facility to the township had not yet been made by company officials, although it was considered a possibility, and public input regarding such a transaction was requested.

A number of citizens spoke up in favor of the township accepting the facility if and when it were to be offered. There were a number of questions raised, however, by others in the meeting who apparently felt that not enough detail regarding future management, use, liability, etc. had been presented to allow for a decision at this time. Supervisor Lenatz further explained that at this time only an authorization for the Township Board to "accept the buildings and land if offered" was being requested of the electors. A motion was made to give the township board the option and authority to accept the gift of the hospital buildings and property if offered by LL&E. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. Lenatz stressed that "no action involving any cost to the taxpayers of the township would be taken without prior notice to the township's voters so that public meetings could be held to consider all relevant factors and vote on the issue."

It was suggested by Lenatz that there were several interested parties in regard to future management of the hospital.

Among other business discussed at the meeting was the following:

A report on progress toward establishing a township cemetery was given by Lenatz and Jeanette Johns. Johns had investigated the possibility of purchase of an existing church-cemetery location within the township. She reported that the present owners were willing to sell. The matter will be pursued by the township board.

Bill Born reported on progress toward obtaining a senior citizen housing unit within the township. Various requirements to be met are availability of land site and sufficient demand for such a facility. A minimum of double the number of applicants to the planned number of units is necessary. The building construction itself would be handled by private investor/developer.

The Supervisor reported on planned public projects which had been referred to WUPPDR including a firehall addition and improvements to the skating rink.

Hiring of a part-time deputy for the township was approved. Cost of training and salary can be funded through the Federal CETA program.

Lenatz provided a summary of the changes in the valuation of the township from last year. He stated that should the state attempt a county-wide spread of the state equalized valuation, the township would fight the decision as it had in other years.

Discussion of the continuing difficulty encountered by the township and other townships throughout the county with the DNR regarding the land-fill areas revealed that it may be necessary for the county to apply for a block grant - enabling location and construction of three landfill areas to serve the needs of the entire county. The DNR had issued a complaint list to the Township and has threatened a June closing if its demands are not met.

Various citizen complaints were heard including violation of zoning ordinances and lack of animal control. Vandalism in the township was also discussed.

Approval was given to last year's annual meeting minutes and the date and location for the monthly board meetings will continue as last year. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Konteka, White Pine.

(More CETA Funds For County From Last Column)

County Board of Commissioners was held on April 1 to consider requests for slots as the consortium requires that individuals be on the program by April 7.

The following requests were made by the various commissioners for their districts as well as a general request for employees:

Ontonagon - 8; Rockland, 2; Greenland, 2; Stannard, 1; Interior, 2, ETC schools, 2; Eergland schools, 1; McMillan, 1; Lake Gogebic Senior Citizens, 1; White Pine schools, 3; Carp Lake Township, 1; Forestry, 1; CETA coordinator, 1; Fair Board, 2; and Mental Health Center in White Pine, 1.

Hainault was told that because of the high unemployment rate of the county and because the project funds previously allocated to Ontonagon have been used up, the county would probably receive enough funds to cover its current projects.

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL SITES CREATING LARGE DEBATE FOR ENERGY DEPARTMENT

Washington - Permanent disposal facilities for nuclear wastes cannot be established before 1988, three years later than previously planned, a government task force says.

But the study group from the Energy Department reported additional short-term storage for the radioactive waste from commercial nuclear power plants will be needed by 1983. The northern part of Michigan's lower peninsula contains deep underground salt beds that have been mentioned as a prime spot for dumping the waste. However, the report did not recommend any specific method or site for disposal.

It limited itself to outlining the technical possibilities and problems involved in getting rid of materials that remain dangerously

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radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years. Shortly before the report was made public, President Carter announced a new cabinet-level task force, this time involving various agencies and the White House, to prepare definite policy recommendations on the disposal question and submit a report by October 1st.

The department task force report concluded that most experts agree that radioactive wastes can be buried safely. Commercial nuclear wastes are now stored at the power plants, but their capacity is being exhausted and the report said by 1983 there will be a need for additional storage elsewhere. The reason the three-year delay in establishing permanent disposal sites, the report said, was because of problems in choosing sites and meeting licensing requirements. Site selection is a controversial issue since few people want radioactive wastes buried near their own communities.

John M. Deutsch, head of the study, said it estimated that permanent storage and disposal of nuclear wastes, not only from commercial power plants and fuel processing but also from military weapons programs, would cost anywhere from \$13 billion to \$23 billion between now and the year 2000.

Deutsch said the total waste disposal expense would increase the cost of nuclear-generated electricity to consumers by only about three or four percent.

Last October, Carter proposed that the U.S. government accept and dispose of the nuclear wastes of both domestic and foreign atomic industries, charging them a one-time fee to cover all costs.

(Editor's Note - It is suggested that readers review the last three paragraphs at least several times before putting the article behind them!)

-THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

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Frankly Guest editorial Opinionated Poor forestry

Upper Peninsula residents are not alone in protesting attempts by the federal government to "preserve" hundreds of thousands of acres of forestland by declaring them wilderness areas.

Poor forest practices on federal timberlands are costing the nation heavily in lost payrolls, lost taxes and an artificial scarcity of timber that means higher prices for almost everything made of wood, according to a vice president of Georgia-Pacific Corp., one of the nation's largest timber producers.

"If such forest management malpractice isn't halted by public awareness, the cost to consumers and the public generally will total billions of dollars a year," William J. Moshofsky recently told a symposium on stewardship of the nation's forests.

"Rather than protecting consumers as well as the national forest, Congress is bowing to small special interest groups seeking everything from huge roadless areas, for exclusive use by hikers, to blocking timber utilization on a sustained growth basis in order to protect obscure insects and plants," he said.

Healthy forests are being allowed to rot, Moshofsky said, because professional foresters are blocked from doing their job

by a continuing stream of new laws and red tape coming out of a disinterested Congress.

He cited government figures revealing that six billion or more board feet of timber dies unharvested each year on national forests.

Moshofsky said Congress has just set aside another 1.3 million acres of wilderness area in addition to some 14 million acres already created.

"Most people, except those directly involved, are unaware that another 65 million acres have been locked up in the contiguous states for study as potential future roadless wilderness and another 100 million acres of Alaska are under consideration for wilderness and similar preservation status," he said.

"That's a huge fee, highly limited recreation area for a few people, for which most of the 216 million people in the nation must pay without receiving any benefit."

His point is particularly well taken in the U.P. To say a backpacking, leaf-loving wilderness freak — whose total knowledge of trees is gleaned from the one-sided writing of his counterparts — knows more about forest management than an experienced forester or logger, is utterly ridiculous.

ROBERT H. SKUGGEN - EDITOR - DAILY MINING GAZETTE

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 15TH MEETING AT THE ONTONAGON COUNTY COURTHOUSE (9:30 A.M. (EST)) HAS BEEN VERY GOOD... AND IS GROWING DAILY. EVERY RESIDENT OF THE WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA AREA INTERESTED IN THE HEALTHY FUTURE OF THIS LAND AND ITS SAFEGUARDING FROM RAMPANT LAND GRABBING AND LAND USAGE LEGISLATION SHOULD MAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS FORUM. DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR'S IS JUST ANOTHER VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS.

The Editor

THE LAND TRUST MOVEMENT — WHAT IS IT AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM — MORE IMPORTANT, WHERE IS IT GOING?

Belchertown, Mass. — Members of a "back to land" movement, finding less and less land to move back to, are trying an idea that dates from colonial times — the community land trust.

"I know what it means to work the land, and I love it," said Carl Davies, 24, striding through deep snow in the woods near this western Massachusetts town. "And I think everyone should have the option to be a farmer."

So Davies and about 30 other Hampshire and Franklin County residents, eager to save farms and fight the spread of condominiums and shopping malls, formed the Valley Community Land Trust.

The United States has about 50 community land trusts, and the number is growing. Typically, the nonprofit, tax-exempt trust acquires farm land and then leases it to people who can not afford market prices.

"The idea is to preserve community resources so somebody 20 generations from now doesn't look back in contempt at what we did," said Harold Skelton of the National Community Land Trust Center in Cambridge.

He said most community land trusts in this country are modeled on the Jewish National Fund, a trust that owns and leases about two-thirds of the farm land in Israel.

The Valley Land Trust is small — it doesn't even own any land yet — but its goals and problems are instructive.

The trust's members have been unable to agree on whether to accept dona-

tions from foundations, even those oriented toward social change, such as flour heir George Pillsbury's Haymarket Foundation in Cambridge.

Since the land trust's policies are made by consensus, anyone can veto acceptance of a grant.

Meanwhile, Davies said, developers and speculators keep buying up land. Although farms once covered western Massachusetts, more than half of the agricultural land in the region's lower Connecticut Valley went out of production between 1950 and 1969.

Throughout the country, land is held by fewer and fewer owners, and values keep rising from development and speculative pressures. As a result, the community land trust — grounded in the tradition of the early New England town common — has sprung up across the nation:

The largest community land trust in America is in Albany, Ga., 5,700 acres on which it has tried to provide farms and towns for landless people, most of them blacks.

Although the concept emphasizes community rights, it also retains some individual property ownership. The farmer has the right to any improvements he makes on the land, and a 99-year renewable lease can be inherited — so land can stay in a farm family.

Since the trust retains development rights, the one who inherits the leased agricultural rights pays fewer estate taxes — which have forced many farm families to sell their land.

(More about land trusts next week.)

BLM & STATE DNR NOW ASKING FOR INPUT FROM PUBLIC FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND LAND USE PROPOSALS

Lansing - The Michigan Land Trust Fund Board wants public input on proposed land acquisition for recreational use.

Beginning April 1 the Department of Natural Resources will have proposal forms available for anyone wishing to nominate lands for purchase by the state. Land acquisition proposal forms may be obtained by mail from the DNR's Office of Budget & Federal Aid, 6th Floor, Mason Building, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909. The deadline for submitting proposals is June 1.

The Michigan Land Trust Fund Board will purchase the recreational lands with funds raised by the sale of oil, gas and mineral leases and royalties on gas and oil wells located on state-owned lands.

The board was established by the Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976.

A third of each year's revenue, plus the interest and earnings from the trust fund itself, is available for land acquisition.

Washington, D.C. - A notice of eventual rules to help guide the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in developing land use plans for millions of acres of public lands has just been published.

The intent of the notice is to give the public an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions in the process of developing regulations.

Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus, said, "These regulations will determine the course of the department's planning efforts on the public lands administered by BLM. Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and other legislation, many of BLM's natural resource decisions must be based on land use plans. Because the rules will be so important, we hope the public will give thought now to what they should include, while their ideas can be most effectively considered."

Lowell J. Udy, BLM's Eastern States director, added that the rules will apply to resource inventories and future planning for areas throughout the 31 eastern states, in addition to western public lands. Currently, emphasis is focused on some 45,000 acres of public lands and 2,800 scattered islands in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Other eastern BLM responsibilities include 38 million acres of subsurface mineral ownership, for which future planning studies also will be guided by the proposed procedures. One such land use study is currently in progress in North-Central Alabama.

"We particularly invite the view of other planning agencies and interest groups in those areas where BLM planning has begun and where close coordination will be necessary," Udy said.

The regulations will set out policies and procedures for both multiple use plans and resource inventories. They also will set forth policies and procedures for involving the public in land use decision-making, including guidelines for coordination with state and local governments. Also included are standards and benchmarks for judging the adequacy of plans.

A discussion paper which will be helpful in preparing comments is available from the Director (210), Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240; and from BLM's Eastern States Office, 7981 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Written comments will be accepted until May 15. They should be mailed to the Director (210) at the above address. The period for comment will be extended if it appears necessary to do so in order to gain full public participation.

During the discussion phase, BLM is working with appropriate governors, state and local governments, and interested groups and organizations, to explain the scope of the needed regulations and the issues involved.

Once the regulations are prepared as proposed rules, they will be published in full in the "Federal Register" and further public review invited.

Washington, D.C. - Organizations and individuals are being asked by Secretary Cecil D. Andrus, of the U.S. Department of the Interior to help develop ground rules and guidelines for carrying out an inventory of potential wilderness areas on public lands administered by the department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Secretary Andrus said, "This is an important process and we want the widest possible public involvement from the start. Wilder-

ness is a necessary part of our total environment and we want all interests to be involved in developing our approach to the inventory program."

"It should also be made clear that during the study period, most multiple-use activities such as mining, mineral leasing, wildlife management and utilization, livestock grazing, fire management and even use of off-road vehicles can continue.

This will be possible as long as such activities are planned and controlled to protect the wilderness potential of the involved study area."

Lands administered by BLM were not covered by the Wilderness Act of 1964 but the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 directed that appropriate areas administered by BLM be evaluated for wilderness consideration. The first step for the agency is to come up with an acceptable method of identifying potential areas.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act spelled out BLM's wilderness role, and established criteria for the agency's approach to the wilderness designation process.

To meet the program's objectives, BLM needs a viable process for conducting its inventory and review of potential wilderness areas. In order to develop such a process, the bureau is sending copies of its proposed policy and review procedures to interested organizations and individuals, along with a covering letter requesting a careful review and comment on this proposal. Anyone who does not receive a copy may request one by contacting the Eastern States Office of BLM or Director (370), Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D.C. 20240.

In addition, public comments will be received during public meetings to be held in appropriate states where public lands are located. A national meeting in Washington, D.C. will also be held to initiate the effort. Comments will be received until May 17, 1978.

According to Lowell J. Udy, director for BLM's Eastern States area, meetings will soon be scheduled in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, where some 45,000 acres of public lands and 2,800 scattered islands are under BLM jurisdiction.

BLM's proposal outlines the concepts the agency plans to follow, and it offers tentative policy and procedures for the wilderness inventory, study and reporting process. It does not consider specific sites other than those already designated as natural or primitive. The major emphasis during this preliminary stage is to determine if the draft process adequately meets what the public would like BLM officials to consider in conducting the wilderness inventory.

Once this inventory procedure is approved, bureau field personnel will launch the wilderness inventory process, with maximum public participation. Areas identified as not having wilderness characteristics during this inventory will be dropped from further study while those found to have wilderness potential will become wilderness study areas subject to interim management to protect wilderness values.

Wilderness study areas will be reviewed and then recommended to the President as either suitable or unsuitable for inclusion in the Wilderness System. The President will make his recommendations to the Congress which will make the final wilderness determination. Areas found unsuitable for wilderness by the Congress will revert to their original status and management.

COUNTY ELECTION BOARD OF CANVASSERS TO WRITE REPORT ON RECOUNT REQUEST

Ontonagon - Matt Schuster, chairman of the Ontonagon County Board of Canvassers, held a meeting on Monday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. to draft a written report on the board's findings in the attempted recount of village clerk's ballots from the March 13 Village of Ontonagon election.

As required by law, the board will submit the report to the judge and the prosecutor. Board members said after consulting with prosecuting attorney Roy Gotham they were informed that there are no provisions in Michigan statutes for a recount of ballots in which any possibility of getting to the ballots exists.

The recount had been requested by Mrs. Carol Seid, who was defeated by 16 votes for village clerk by incumbent James E. Clark.

FED FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM IN MANAGEMENT TROUBLE

St. Paul, Minn. - The spring flood season is fast approaching, but already the federal flood insurance program is awash in a deluge of paperwork.

The problems are compounded by a decision of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to shift the administrative contract for the insurance program from a consortium of 132 insurance companies to a single firm, EDS Federal Corp.

Insurance agents complain of problems in getting application forms and say they haven't been told how to properly fill out the information required in the forms once they get them.

There is a heavy backlog in the processing of claims and to complicate things even more, the Upper Midwest region is currently operating without an administrator.

"EDS found a hell of a back log nationwide when they took over," said Stuart Rifkind, an assistant director at HUD's Chicago office. "They've set up teams that are working 24 hours a day on claims and processing of insurance applications."

Since Jan. 1, when the administrative change took place, almost one-third of the applications for flood insurance have been kicked back to agents because of errors, said Jim Ross, assistant manager of promotion and education at EDS Federal.

The federal flood insurance program requires that application for coverage be made at least 15 days before claims can be filed for flood damage. The requirement is intended to keep consumers from rushing into the insurance program while flood waters are lapping at their doors.

Despite the delays, Ross said the countdown on coverage begins when the insurance agents send the application forms to EDS, regardless of whether the forms are correct or not.

With the flood season on top of the country, the major regional center at Chicago still is without an administrator. The Chicago office is responsible for Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Rifkind said it probably will be 30 days before an administrator takes over the Chicago office.

Problems with paperwork prompted insurance agents in Crookston, Minn., and Fargo, N.D. to turn to Rep. Arlan Stangeland, R-Minn., for help. Stangeland invited EDS officials to Crookston to explain the program.

"The problem was that the agents were getting the forms and didn't understand the program," Stangeland said, adding that the agents were concerned "because we're only two weeks to two months away from a potential flood."

The HUD insurance program was set up by Congress to alleviate some of the strain put on the Federal government by the annual \$2 billion spent on disaster relief.

On the average, the insurance sells for 25 cents per \$100 for residential coverage up to \$45,000 and \$200,000 for business.

In 1976 about \$81 million in claims were paid. The payments came from \$57 million in premium income, investment income of \$1.5 million and a \$50 million trust fund in which excess profits were deposited.

VANDETTE OPPOSES PANAMA TREATY

Chassell - Republican Congressional candidate Ed Vandette of Chassell became the first of the six candidates seeking U.S. Rep. Phil Ruppe's seat to oppose passage of the Panama Canal treaties.

Vandette said the treaties "not only give away the Canal to the shabby dictatorship of General Torrijos, but also commit the U.S. to paying for the right to give it away."

Two weeks ago, the U.S. Senate voted to ratify the first of two treaties dealing with the Canal, according to the Carter Administration, the first accord guarantees neutrality of the Canal.

A second pact, to be voted on in mid-April, transfers ownership of the Canal to Panama in the year 2,000.

"I wonder how many Americans understand that these treaties require their country to pay Panamanian dictator Torrijos \$60 million each year for the next 25 years," Vandette asked.

"Or, that when the Canal is presented to the one man ruler, we will give him over one billion dollars worth of supplies and equipment," he continued.

"As an American, I strongly object to my government agreeing to not build a Canal in any other part of Latin America unless

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Panama agrees, which of course it won't," Vandette added.

Under the treaties as negotiated by the Carter Administration, the United States agreed not to build a new canal in any other part of Central America without Panama's consent. During the Administration of the late Lyndon Johnson, it was estimated a sea level canal through nearby Nicaragua could be built for \$3 to \$4 billion.

"I am absolutely sick that the U.S. Senate has agreed to one-half of the most colossal give away of the century," Vandette said, "and I hope the Senators will come to their senses and vote down the second treaty when it comes up for a vote next month."

Vandette said that if he is elected to the House of Representatives, he will work for a vote in that chamber on the treaties.

"Under the Constitution, the House must also pass on the disposal of U.S. property. The fact that we're giving Torrijos \$1 billion in U.S. goods and property is enough evidence for me that the Carter Administration is proposing to dispose of property won by the U.S. government," he said.

"I am confident the House would turn down such a move and send the issue back for badly needed re-negotiation," Vandette predicted.

Vandette is President of the State Board of Education and served as Ruppe's campaign manager in the 1976 election race. He announced his candidacy for the seat Ruppe is vacating on February 20.

INTERIOR TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETS TO STUDY TAX ISSUES

Trout Creek - The Interior Township Taxpayers Group, at a recent meeting, adopted a suggestion concerning the handling of property assessment cards.

The group voted to ask that all property assessment card entries be made in ink, with no erasures, and that any changes be dated and initialed. The suggestion has been directed to Township Supervisor Leslie Curtis and the Board of Review.

Carl E. Ogren, chairman of the Taxpayers Group, who also is chairman of the Board of Review, said that in the past many entries on the cards have been made in pencil and that there have been "an enormous number of erasures."

He noted that up to now there has been only a single card file which has been stored at the county's equalization department most of the year, being returned to the township only for board of review sessions, but that under a new law townships will keep a file of their own.

At the meeting the group also discussed the proposed state tax limitation amendment and several members volunteered to circulate petitions for the amendment which have been provided by Taxpayers United in an effort to obtain enough signatures to have the proposal on the ballot for the November election. Ogren said today almost 100 signatures have been obtained in the township.

The Taxpayers Group was organized recently as a non-partisan, informational organization. Ogren said it has been working with the supervisor and other township elected officials. John Pelkola is the group's treasurer.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in Trout Creek. All Interior Township taxpayers are invited to attend the sessions.

AIR BAGS - A HUMAN HAZARD?

Detroit - Air bags are "more dangerous than a hangman's noose," according to a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer, who says he helped develop the auto safety devices.

Emil Greneir, 67, of Ann Arbor, is so convinced air bags are dangerous that he has filed for a U.S. patent categorizing them as execution devices.

Greneir said the force of an air bag inflating is enough to break a person's neck. The devices, he said, are triggered by nitrogen gas which is under 3,000 pounds per square inch pressure. The bag inflates in 15-thousandths of a second. Auto companies have begun testing air bags for use in complying with a federal order that all U.S. built autos have passive restraint systems by the 1980s. Federal traffic safety officials contend air bags or automatic seatbelts could save thousands of lives each year by protecting passengers in auto crashes.

"What I did in filing for the patent was simply to dramatize the fact that the air bag can actually break one's neck," said Greneir.

"It's my hope that this patent application will bring facts out into the open where they can be discussed. As an engineer who participated in the air bag development, I know it's so but the point is the American people don't know it, and they're being deprived of this information by the Department of Transportation, which is selling something and doesn't want the American people to know its deficiencies," Greneir said.

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Monday Thru Saturday
-6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.-
Sunday - 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Monday - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday thru Thursday
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Reopens at 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.
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Marquette - The 10th annual U.P. Summer Recreation show will be at the Lakeview area here on April 14-16.

Sponsored by the Hiawathaland Snowmobile Club, show times will be 6-10 p.m. April 14; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. April 15; and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 16. Admission is \$1. per person, with anyone under 16 admitted free if accompanied by parents.

A wide variety of recreational equipment will be on display. Stand-up comedian and song-and-dance man, Joe Sodja, along with Tom & Sherrie's magic act, will provide the entertainment.

Baraga - The beaver and otter season in the local area closes at 5 p.m. April 16th.

In announcing the date, the Dept. of Natural Resources set April 18 as the final day for sealing hides. Pelts can be sealed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Baraga, Calumet and Wakefield offices.

Bergland - Parent-teacher conferences will be held at the Bergland Community School at 1 p.m. Friday, April 7. School will be dismissed at noon for all grades.

His Banner Over Me Is Love is the theme for the first annual Copper Country Holy Spirit Conference to be held at Suomi College, June 2nd and 3rd.

The last planning committee meeting was well attended with about 40 people in attendance. You are urged to attend the next one which will be held at the Sacred Heart Church basement in L'Anse, April 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Eight people were asked to be on the Executive Board for the conference: Herb Manning, L'Anse; Rev. Roy Tahtinen, South Range; Marvin Niemela, Hancock; Rev. Kenneth Toth, Calumet; John Hermanson, Houghton; Bernard Lambert, L'Anse; Marilyn Hon, Calumet; John Carter, Chassell

The three main speakers for the conference will be Rev. Rodney Lensch, well known in Lutheran Charismatic Renewal, Rev. James Slow, director of Our Master's Haven Retreat Center in Eagle River, Wis. and Fr. Peter Minelli, director of Worship and Ministry of the Marquette Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

Some of the topics of the workshops for the conference will be Prayer and Fasting, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, To Love as Jesus Loves, Restoration in Christian Family, Personal Relationships, and Unity in the Body. There will be talks given by the three main speakers at the general sessions. Workshops and opportunities for prayer and healing will also be available.

Sleeping Accommodations are available at Suomi at \$5.00 per bed and meals for \$9.00. Donations for the conference and pre registrations should be in by May 12. Checks should be made payable to Copper Country Holy Spirit Conference and mailed to: Mr. John Carter, Rte. 2 Box 29, Chassell, Mich. 49916.

For further information contact: Mrs. Marie Moller, Rte. 1 Box 111, Aura Road, Aura, Mich. 49906. Telephone 906-524-6548.

Escanaba - A public hearing on the 1979 plan for services to senior citizens in the Upper Peninsula will be held at the Ishpeming Senior Citizens Center, 320 S. Pine Street, at 1:30 p.m. (EST) Friday, April 14.

The hearing on the proposed plan will be conducted by the U.P. Area Agency on

Aging of the Upper Peninsula Commission for for Area Progress (UPCAP) in accordance with state and federal regulations allowing public comment and recommendations.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing. Advance summaries of the proposed plan may be obtained at the Ishpeming Center or by contacting the Area Agency on Aging in care of UPCAP at 118 N. 22nd St. Escanaba, 49829.

Mass City - A writing contest is being planned in the Greenland Mass Elementary school.

Each child may write on any subject that he or she wishes, and may submit a poem, a story, or an essay. Entries are to be first submitted to the child's teacher, who will point out any mistakes. This first copy will be turned in Monday, April 17. The work will be returned to the child for correction and recopying after which final submission is due Monday, April 24.

Judges will be former teachers at the school, Mrs. Aune Nara, Mrs. Elma Lukkarila and Mrs. Ruth Alford, free-lance writer.

Winners will be announced May 8. First, second, and third-place prizes and honorable mention will be awarded in each of the six grades.

Local service clubs and individuals are making donations toward the cost of the prizes. Anyone wishing to contribute any amount may contact any of the judges.

The White Pine Women's Club has begun a "Mother's Day" raffle. Proceeds will go to the Kidney Machine Fund. Prizes to be given away are a handmade sewing chest by Melvin Repaal, an original painting by Frano Skoviak, a crocheted pillow by Mrs. L. Ranta (Margaret Nulu's mother), and two records. Just recently added to the list of prizes is a handmade bracelet by Denise Wierzbicki. Tickets are on sale now at the Arts and Craft Show in the Mineral River Plaza for 50 cents each. Sales will continue till May 12, 1978, when the drawing will be held.

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Michigan

Lansing - A tiny bill moving slowly thru the Legislature is creating big headaches for many Michigan businesses and professional organizations.

They say the measure, which passed the Senate last year, and is now before the House, could severely cripple their ability to support political candidates.

The bill itself would create only fourteen words of new law, and supporters maintain it merely closes a loophole in the state's campaign finance law. But others privately say the bill is an attempt to crack down on one of the seamier aspects of politics — the laundering of campaign money by large corporations through a chain of political committees.

The proliferation of such committees — which are set up with corporate dollars — make it difficult to trace the origin or extent of a candidate's financial support. Corporations may set up such committees with company money but cannot give corporate funds directly to candidates.

The bill, advocates say, is designed to restrict the number of political committees a corporation can maintain and thus clarify where a candidate is getting his backing.

But business and professional groups, including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce say the legislation would effectively block their political efforts.

"It does more than close a little loophole," said chamber spokesman Bob LaBrant. "The bill could drastically inhibit our ability to participate in the political process."

The chamber became so concerned about the bill that it hired a law firm to study its legal and political ramifications. The firm's analysis concluded the measure "will have far-reaching effects on the political climate in Michigan and will seriously impair the growing efforts of the Michigan business community to participate in political activities."

LaBrant said, "It goes to the heart of business participation in the political process."

Although the measure is designed to stop the flow of cash from large corporations to various political committees, it also would affect chambers of commerce and trade associations in the same way. Under the bill, those groups — which often have a large and diverse membership — would not be allowed to maintain enough committees to represent their various interests.

"I don't believe it was the intention of the bill to do this to the chamber," LaBrant said, "but that's what it does."

He also said the bill would sway the balance of political power in favor of organized labor, which is not restricted under the bill.

"Passage of the bill would further widen the disparity between labor and the business community as it relates to political participation," LaBrant said.

Lansing - Members of the House Conservation, Environment & Recreation Committee should wear white wigs when they debate House Bill 5866.

The proposal resurrects a political question out of the days of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton — should only land owners have the right to vote?

To the horror of the nation's landed aristocrats, Americans generally settled this issue in the 1820s in favor of the common man's right to vote regardless of his real estate holdings.

This liberalizing trend still hasn't trickled down to one publicly financed corner of Michigan government. Every citizen of the state lives in a soil conservation district, governed by a five-member board of directors. Members of those boards advise local government on soil conservation, land use, and zoning. They also preside over the spending of nearly \$350,000 a year in state money parceled out among the districts. But only residents of a soil conservation district who own three or more acres of land can vote in annual board elections.

House Bill 5866 would wipe put this property-ownership rule. Rep. James Barcia, D-Bay City, is its chief sponsor. Co-sponsors include Reps. Trim, D-Davisburgh, Spaniola, D-Corruna, Prescott, R-Tawas City, and Cramton, R-Midland.

The bill is backed by top officers of the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, who say population shifts and changing attitudes toward land preservation have led to greater interest in the work of the state's 84 soil conservation districts.

Many city and suburban dwellers grow home gardens these days. Such urban agriculture

culturalists often look to their soil conservation district offices for hints on growing better crops.

Other urban residents just want a say in how open lands are developed in their neighborhoods.

As a result more and more people turn out for annual soil conservation district elections. Some go away mad when they can't vote because they don't own three acres of land. Ironically, a district resident doesn't have to own land to become a board member. Arthur Pursel, of rural Climax near Kalamazoo, owned only an acre of land with a house on it when he was elected to the board of the Kalamazoo County Soil Conservation District.

Pursel, vice president and farm loan manager of the American National Bank in Kalamazoo, is now treasurer of the state association.

State money helps pay operating expenses for district offices. Board members decide how this money is spent. That's another reason, say backers of HB 5866, for throwing voting privileges open to all district residents.

Rep. Paul Porter, a Quincy dairy farmer and a member of the Conservation Committee, doesn't agree.

The conservative Democrat, who owns 400 acres, says farmers have too much invested in land to let non-land owners vote in soil conservation district elections.

Board members don't decide how land will be used. But they advise township trustees and planning commissioners on such matters. Election of board members "could get out of hand" if the three-acre rule was scrapped, Porter says. "I can't see any reason to change it," he said. "It's worked perfectly in the past."

Lansing - Michigan's answer to the federal Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" bill is a handy thing for politicians to support in an election year.

That's why Senate Bill 395, approved several weeks back by the Senate Labor Committee, appears destined for quick and kind treatment in the legislature.

It has a title that would grab the interest of any vote-hungry politician. Sponsors (which include 30 of the Senate's 38 members) call their creation: "A bill to provide for a full employment and economic equity plan."

The words "full employment" and "economic equity plan..." have a sweet ring to them, especially when, in the case of SB 395 lawmakers can favor them without paying the usual political dues. The proposal makes no apparent assault on interest groups or serious demands on the state treasury.

Whether it achieves its stated objective, moving Michigan's economy closer to full employment and economic equity, is another matter. The bill would establish a joint legislative committee and an executive advisory council, each generally responsible for charting the impact of governmental action on the number of jobs in the state.

Branches of the state labor and commerce departments already deal, to some extent, with this topic, as do the House and Senate labor committees, the Senate Corporations and Economic Development Committee and the House Economic Development Committee.

Senator Gary Corbin, D-Clio, the bill's chief sponsor, argues that these and other committees and agencies lack focus in dealing with the state's economic health. Specifically, he says, they often don't have enough information to gauge the impact of their actions on the job market. "There's no connected plan to move in a specific direction," he says.

SB 395 is supposed to generate such a plan, while creating mechanisms to study the relations of jobs to decisions in areas such as social services, health care and workers' compensation insurance. The measure resembles the Humphrey-Hawkins bill now in Congress that would stimulate increased national employment.

That proposal would push the federal government into formulating plans to reduce unemployment to four percent of the work force or less. Some of this would, of course, require federal funding including business stimulation subsidies.

Portions of the funds would go to state governments for local distribution.

Corbin and other backers of SB 395 say Michigan would have better luck snagging a share of these federal dollars if the state has specific plans for cutting unemployment.

But writing plans, including full em-

ployment plans, is one thing. Getting politicians and bureaucrats to abide by them is something else!

Sooner or later even the most innocuous programs interfere with someone's economic interests. A state full-employment plan isn't likely to depart from this reality.

But that's not an issue in SB 395. All it does is create the committees and councils to do paper work. If the bill becomes law it would lead to collection of reams of data on the race, age, skills, income, geographic locations and salaries of members of Michigan's work force.

Politics will dictate how this information is used. That will most likely happen long after next November's election. Meanwhile, SB 395 will give lawmakers a chance to vote for full employment without doing anything specific about it.

Lansing - A bill establishing new work standards for young persons has been signed into law by the governor.

The new law also eliminates discriminatory work standards for male and female minors. Currently, males can work longer hours than females in some jobs.

"Because unemployment falls heaviest on young people, it is essential that we revise our youth employment guidelines to eliminate arbitrary and often discriminatory restrictions," said Milliken.

The measure sets the minimum employment age at 14, although youngsters 11 and older would be allowed to work as golf caddies.

The law also regulates working hours for young persons. The law exempts married minors and those in the military. It is also designed to provide greater protection for youths working on farms or in other forms of agricultural labor. The law specifies that agricultural employers must conform with state safety standards. Milliken also signed into law a bill which consolidates the state's youth programs within the Dept. of Social Services. A special agency will be created in the department to monitor and evaluate state youth services. The agency also will establish guidelines for counties to use in adopting local plans for young persons.

Lansing - A bill designed to stimulate the construction and rehabilitation of downtown businesses is headed for the House after winning overwhelming approval in the state Senate.

The bill, which cleared the Senate on a 28-2 vote, may be sidetracked in a House conference committee, since the House earlier passed its own version of the bill and may not accept the Senate draft.

The House, meanwhile, voted to establish committees to investigate the state Civil Service Department and alleged abuse of patients within mental health institutions.

The economic development bill would provide tax incentives to anyone who improves his business, builds a new one or replaces his firm from the ground up. Similar to recent laws granting tax breaks for the rehabilitation of industry, the measure is intended to breathe new life into rundown central urban areas.

The bill would permit a business to be rehabilitated and improved without a property tax hike for 12 years — despite its increased value after the work was done. A building which is torn down and replaced would also get a total write-off of new taxes. Anyone beginning a new business in the area could get a tax break of 50 percent of the value of his new property.

Backers of the measure say effective use of the law would spur development, increase jobs and ultimately hike tax collections as economic activity increased.

The question now is whether the House will accept the Senate bill, or insist on its own version, which is more restrictive. It limits tax breaks to downtown areas only, while the Senate bill, although designed with central urban areas in mind, would apply to any type of community.

House members, meanwhile, voted for a resolution calling for a full-scale investigation of civil service. That investigation would focus on nearly 3,000 state workers who got their jobs without taking civil service tests. Those employees are known as "provisional" workers, ideally hired on a temporary basis until the department can fill the jobs thru testing.

But some lawmakers have charged that state agencies can hire provisional employees to circumvent the civil service system. They claim that many of the temporary workers are allowed to retain their jobs for months or years. The resolution would set up a 10-member committee to investigate the department and its procedures.

The House also passed a resolution, earlier approved by the Senate, setting up a special committee to study allegations of abuse and neglect at state mental institutions.

Lansing - A task force made up of experts loaned by private companies, unions and foundations, has given the state advice which will result in savings to taxpayers of some \$46 million a year through steps taken to improve efficiency of agencies and colleges. The report came from the state's Efficiency Task Force.

The report said the state carried out 155 of the task force's recommendations to save the \$46 million in state monies and also another \$24 million of federal monies.

Another 191 proposals are being put into practice and should save another \$69 million in state funds and \$29 million in federal money each year, according to the task force chairman, Oscar Lundin.

One-shot savings of \$6 million in state and \$5 million in federal funds also have been realized to date.

But that still leaves some 216 recommendations to be acted on out of the 562 put forward in November of 1976.

At that time the task force said its ideas could save the state as much as \$190 million a year.

Lundin said some leftover proposals need much more work, while others need more study before action can begin. Some 108 were considered not feasible by state agencies, but ought to be pursued said Lundin.

Among specific steps taken to save money were the following:

New ways of handling information in the Dept. of Social Services helped cut error rates on welfare programs, saving more than \$30 million in state and federal funds;

Steps by the Dept. of Highways & Transportation to minimize engineering costs, saving \$4.2 million in combined funds;

Not filling empty positions at the Liquor Control Commission-\$800,000, not filling some spots at Dept. Social Services-\$8 million;

Altering or increasing of several state fees to cover the cost of regulation;

Elimination of almost 400 cars from the state auto fleet, avoiding increased costs of \$2 million and operating expenses of about \$900,000.

Lansing, Mi. - State regulators are challenging proposed rate increases for hauling cement, steel and general freight across Michigan.

The state Public Service Commission suspended the increases last week saying they were excessive and unjustified.

Instead, the PSC scheduled hearings on the proposed new rates which are intended to offset a 6 percent wage hike due union truckers April 1.

The proposed rates increase the amount commercial carriers may charge shippers. The higher costs to shippers would eventually be passed on to the public in higher prices, a PSC official predicted.

The increases go into effect automatically unless suspended by the PSC. The commission then has 60 days to hold hearings and make a final decision. It can ask for another 30-day extension of current rates.

Specifically, the carriers asked for: 1) A 7 to 8 percent hike in transporting cement. 2) An 8 percent increase in charges for hauling mill iron and steel. 3) Ten percent more for moving janitorial supplies and general commodities, including boxes and cartons of dry freight. 4) A 6 to 8 percent increase in certain classes of general freight. 5) A 22 to 28 percent increase in special rates that haulers may charge for delays that cannot be avoided by truckers. 6) A 7 percent jump in the price of transporting coal, sand and gravel. 7) A 6 to 8 percent increase for hauling paper and paper products.

"The charges were either excessive or not justified," said Hugh Roach, head of the PSC's transportation division. He said the increases should generally parallel the truckers' additional wages, roughly two-third of carriers' expenses.

"The fact that wages go up 6 percent doesn't mean that rates need to go up 6 percent," he said. "The extra freight charges would send up the price of goods hauled, be tacked onto the cost of the goods and eventually filter down to the general public."

But Robert McFarland, a lawyer representing Allied Delivery System Inc. of Detroit, protested that the rate suspensions were only a tactic to delay the final increases.

"We're troubled by the procedure to suspend the rates," he said. Increases in driver wages, insurance and fuel charges are costing Allied \$55,000 a month, McFarland said, while the increases would generate about \$50,000 a month in revenues.

Lansing, Mi. - Michigan high school students should be tested for reading and math skills while there's still time to help those who need it, says Gov. William Milliken.

Noting that both students and parents seem unhappy with the quality of education

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in the state, the governor told the state Board of Education Wednesday he favors mandatory tests for all high school sophomores.

Mandatory tests are now given only to 4th and 7th graders. Last year about half the state's 150,000 sophomores took the tests under a voluntary program.

Results of younger pupils' test scores released last week showed general improvements in reading skills, but a third of the children still are not reading at what the state considers an acceptable level for their age groups. Many also lack adequate math skills, according to the tests.

"The statewide testing program is very important in helping to measure how well our students are learning," Milliken said. "It is clear that many parents, and many students, are dissatisfied with the education today, both in Michigan and in the nation."

National

Washington - A federal report released last week shows the Milwaukee Road may be faced with a shutdown despite an anticipated \$5.1 million guaranteed loan from the Federal Railroad Administration.

The Interstate Commerce Commission report said the federal funds, plus an anticipated \$5.8 million cash dividend from a railroad subsidiary, the Milwaukee Land Co., "should postpone for a few months the probability of a crisis."

William McCormick, who heads the ICC's financial analysis section, was asked what was meant by the term "crisis" and he replied, "a shutdown."

He added that the government would find alternative ways of providing rail service if a shutdown occurred.

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., commenting on the report, said the final approval to allow the Milwaukee Road to use the two outside sources of funding "is in the hands of Judge Thomas McMillan, who is overseeing the bankruptcy proceedings."

The Milwaukee Road has applied for reorganization under federal bankruptcy laws.

Aspin said he intended to "redouble my efforts to ensure that the government does everything possible to keep the railroad operating."

He said one of the railroad's main creditors had requested an injunction to prevent use of the land company's funds.

He said the attempt by Continental Bank of Chicago to block the use of the dividend could prove important because the land company's reserves might have to be called upon later.

McMillan is to consider the Continental request on April 10 in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

Aspin said the ICC report showed a 26 percent decline in the number of Milwaukee Railroad freight car loadings for the four-week period ending Feb. 25, compared with the same period in 1977.

He said the decline could be attributed to a decrease in the demand for grain, severe winter weather and the coal strike.

Washington - What's in President Carter's urban policy for your area?

Potentially, city parks, neighborhood health clinics, outdoor art fairs and job programs.

Those are some of the goals of the President's urban policy revealed last week -- an \$8.3 billion strategy relying heavily on financial incentives for business investment in distressed cities.

Before the Carter policy has any effect, the spending programs must pass Congress. Most will be debated as part of the fiscal 1979 budget, which will be considered this spring to take effect October 1.

Much of the new spending can be expected to draw criticism on Capitol Hill. Of the \$8.3 billion, \$4.4 billion is in new spending requiring congressional approval.

Key members of both the House and the Senate have previously indicated they will study carefully a proposal to create a national development bank to provide subsidies for businesses building or expanding in distressed areas. There also is concern on the Senate Banking Committee over a \$150 million housing rehabilitation loan program.

The urban policy's various job programs, some of which would require congressional appropriations, are aimed at the hard-core unemployed and at youths aged 18 to 24.

Carter would also make \$150 million available for parks, community basketball courts and swimming pools.

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Under Carter's \$20 million Liveable Cities proposal, grants from the National Endowment for the Arts could finance neighborhood arts groups and underwrite projects such as outdoor art fairs.

Such efforts are relatively inexpensive--compared with the billion-dollar public works program or \$1.5 billion in business stimulating tax credits which Carter proposes, but they are integral parts of his effort to make cities "a more attractive place to live and work."

Carter also expressed hope that the federal government can help "marshall the thousands of Americans who want to contribute their time and energy" to neighborhood improvements.

ACTION, the federal volunteer agency, wants \$40 million to match the needs of neighborhood groups and volunteers with special skills, an attorney or a carpenter, for example. The agency also would provide grants averaging about \$5,000 to neighborhood groups for "dress up" projects. The money would pay for equipment such as paint and brushes, or trees and sidewalk flower beds.

A \$15 million HUD program would directly aid neighborhood rehabilitation groups in addition to the proposed \$150 million for housing rehabilitation loans.

A \$50 million Community Health Center proposal would finance clinics in poor urban neighborhoods lacking adequate medical care.

A \$150 million proposal would provide the first spending increase since 1974 for social service programs -- such as day care for working mothers and Meals on Wheels, for the elderly.

Washington - There will be 17 million more jobs available in the United States by 1985, but if you want one of them you'd better stay in school, the Labor Department says.

A high school education has become the minimum standard of entry for most jobs, Labor Secretary Ray Marshall said while releasing the department's massive Occupational Outlook Handbook.

The volume comes out every two years. It describes various jobs, what qualifications are required, working conditions and earnings, job prospects and chances for advancement.

Potential employment in various occupations through 1985 is assessed in the handbook.

According to the new edition, there will be outstanding growth in clerical work, particularly for cashiers, receptionists and secretaries.

On the other hand, prospects are dim for composers, historians, mathematicians and newspaper reporters.

Discussing the educational requirements, Marshall said even a four-year college degree is not the sure ticket to a good job that it once was. He said that in recent years, more and more college graduates have been forced to seek employment fields not traditionally entered by college graduates.

Overall, the handbook says, the growth of the economy is expected to create 17 million new jobs by 1985. An 29 million workers will be needed to replace people who die or retire.

Washington - Congressman Philip E. Ruppe, R-Houghton, has launched a renewed attack on the U.S. Navy's Project Seafarer/ELF. In a letter to the Michigan delegation and members of the House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, the leading Congressional Seafarer critic asked his colleagues to support efforts that will direct the Navy to explore alternatives to ELF and remove Michigan from consideration as a site for Sanguine, Seafarer or an ELF system.

Next month the House Armed Services Committee is expected to make its recommendations for military authorization requests for the 1979 fiscal year. Ruppe last year scored a major victory in his Seafarer battle by convincing the same committee that the project was not needed. The committee voted to delete all funding but research and development funds which were later restored by a conference committee.

This year the Navy is asking Congress to approve \$40.5 million for the extremely low frequency communications project. However none of the money has been earmarked for actual construction.

In his letter, Ruppe said that even though the Navy has again changed the name of the system, "the scaled-down version (ELF) is just as questionable and unwanted in Northern Michigan as Sanguine or Seafarer."

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Ruppe repeated his long-standing criticism of the project beginning with the limited effectiveness of Seafarer and ELF. According to a General Accounting Office report released last October, Project ELF would not only be less effective than Seafarer but also have an even lower transmission rate.

"It seems to me," Ruppe said, "that after 18 years of research and expenditures exceeding \$160 million, the Navy has yet to make a good case for Project Seafarer, much less for its location in Michigan. I feel it would be a waste of the taxpayers money to authorize another \$40 million on a questionable Michigan-Wisconsin ELF proposal."

On another point, the Houghton Republican again raised the issue of selection of Michigan as a site, when other more favorable sites along the Laurentian Shield were ignored. The President's Council on Environmental Quality has questioned the adequacy of the Navy's Environmental Impact Statement and has asked the Navy to provide information as to the alternative locations for Seafarer and ELF, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. The Navy has so far not complied with the request.

The House members were told that the "trail of broken promises" by the Federal government to Michigan residents has in turn caused a serious erosion in the public trust of Navy commitments and intentions.

"The ELF system," explained Ruppe, "is merely a foot in the door to future expansion of the full-scaled antenna that would involve 4,000 square miles. The arguments are even stronger this year for deletion of ALL ELF funding."

Washington - The first of a new generation of large, powerful icebreaking tugs is expected to begin operating on the Great Lakes during the 1978-79 winter season.

Admiral Owen W. Siler, head of the Coast Guard, told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that a total of four 140-foot icebreakers are on order for the Great Lakes. The first will arrive next winter and the other three are scheduled to go into service in 1979-80. They will replace four aging 110-foot tugs.

The new tugs will be two and a half times as powerful and able to break twice as much ice as existing ships, Siler said.

He disclosed that the Coast Guard is designing a more advanced icebreaking vessel for the Great Lakes to be ready about

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1985.

Siler was questioned closely on the Coast Guard's plans for the lakes by Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., subcommittee chairman. Siler said the Coast Guard has been able to keep the Great Lakes open to shipping during this winter and the last two winters, although he said ore carriers decided on their own to halt operations for five weeks last winter. Sixteen ships were being assisted on the Great Lakes as of March 2, the admiral said. "It has been a tough job," Siler said. "And in some cases the ice is almost solid to the bottom."

Siler also was questioned about reported problems with the Coast Guard's last ice-breaking ship project, the sister ships, Polar Star and Polar Sea, both built for Arctic duty. He said the ships have a sophisticated new propeller system designed to operate more efficiently in icy waters and that there have been some bugs in this new system.

Siler defended the new ships' design, and said each vessel is capable of running and breaking ice 20 feet thick.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., asked why the Coast Guard wasn't building the new icebreaker sooner. Siler indicated that the Coast Guard has a more urgent need at the moment to replace its aging ocean patrol cutters.

Washington - The United States recorded the worst trade deficit in its history in February as the nation imported \$4.5 billion more than it sold abroad, the Commerce Department says.

The monthly deficit, the 21st in a row, surpassed the record \$3.6 billion last October and was a blow to Carter administration attempts to reduce the deficit below the \$26.7 billion total for all of last year.

U.S. exports totaled \$9.9 billion, a decline of 1 percent from the \$10 billion reported in January. Imports were a record \$14.4 billion, 16.5 percent higher than in January.

Analysts have cited the nation's large trade deficit as one of the reasons for the decline of the dollar against foreign currencies in recent months.

Imports of oil from the Middle East have accounted for most of the nation's trade deficit in the past two years, but the rising imports in February were widespread.

Iron and steel imports rose \$160 million, while machinery and transport equipment purchased from abroad rose 10 percent to \$3.9 billion.



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"LOAD OF LOGS" ADDITION Brent Thorgren Photo

Kenton - Forty-two white pine logs from the Ottawa National Forest will be used to help recreate the 1893 World's Fair Load of Logs -- "the largest log load to ever burden a sleigh." Loggers from the Ewen area with the help of U.S. Forest Service personnel from the Kenton Ranger District of the Ottawa have been busy harvesting trees selected for the "load." "The individual trees were chosen for their quality and distribution in the stand," states Glen Wankel, Acting Kenton District Ranger. Many of the trees, though they contained good quality logs, were well past maturity as evidenced by their dead tops. They trees selected were widely spaced apart and most were not within sight of one another.

With diameters of up to 30 inches or more, the pines challenged the loggers who were responsible for their removal. Using saws designed for smaller trees, the sawyers relied on years of experience and skill

to safely drop the giants. To fell each pine two cuts were required on both sides of each tree. As they fell, the impact of the pines shook the ground for hundreds of feet. The Logs selected for the load are estimated to contain 32,850 board feet of wood. The tops and small logs of the pines will be processed into lumber and other wood products.

Yet with all the activity it will soon be difficult to see that any trees have been removed. Wankel attributes this to the careful planning and cooperation that went into the selection and harvesting of the pines.

The re-creation of the original "Load of Logs", part of Michigan's exhibit in the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, will be displayed on a permanent site near the town of Ewen. The site will be developed as a historical attraction for visitors to Michigan's western Upper Peninsula.

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DEER BROWSE CUT ON OTTAWA

March and early April may hold the promises of spring to some, but on the Ottawa National Forest lingering deep snow and scarcity of reachable browse make this one of the most critical times of the year for white tailed deer survival. "By late winter, upland areas near deer yards have already been heavily browsed and can no longer provide the food needed to support wintering deer," states Ottawa National Forest Supervisor, Marv Lauritsen.

Coordination and timing of timber sale activity in areas near deer yards in a valuable tool in the management of the deer herd. Local loggers not only help improve the timber resource and supply needed wood products, but provide immediate benefit to wildlife as well. Tree tops, downed by

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logging activity, furnish a ready and reachable source of nutrition for hungry deer. The availability of this food promotes deer survival through the winter and decrease fawn mortality in the spring. The vegetation which will grow back or "regenerate" the harvested area will furnish browse for deer in future years. "This is a good example of how timber management can help maintain and improve the wildlife resource for future public benefit and hunting enjoyment in the seasons to come," Lauritsen added.

Recent field checks at active timber sales by Forest Service personnel revealed large numbers of deer feeding in the immediate vicinity of timber cuttings. Although competition for the browse was observed as being intense, most deer appeared to be in good condition.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Rt. 1, Box 125
Trout Creek, Mi.
March 29, 1978

Editors
Nonesuch News
White Pine, Mi.

Dear Editors:

Who would ever think of comparing Interior Township with Washington, D.C.? What could they have in common? Would you believe rapidly rising house values?

In a recent national news article it was noted that Senator Kennedy's Washington, D.C. home had increased in value 67% in the last five years. We wonder why that reporter didn't come to Interior Township. Our assessed prices on houses went up 33 1/3 percent in just one year. While houses in Washington, D.C. were going up 60%, in Interior our houses went up over 100%.

Yours truly,

Alex M. Caughran

Box 182
Ontonagon, Mi. 49953
March 29, 1978

Editor
Nonesuch News
White Pine, Mi.

To The Editor:

The recent proposal that the county should utilize wide area spraying of insecticides to control insects for the benefit of area residents and tourists should be cause for serious concern.

The chain of life is complex beyond understanding. The haphazard addition of chemical substances, especially those clearly labeled as poisonous, to this chain of life poses a real threat to our health, our children's health, and in the final analysis the well being of the entire area.

The observation that the bee population was unaffected by last year's spraying is without scientific grounds. The claim that this insect poison is not harmful to birds, plants, and water is at best a misunderstanding of the deeply interwoven nature of all living things.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt any substance sprayed over our area will eventually find its way into the bodies of any person, animal, or fish which drinks water from our lakes and rivers.

The concern for the well being of tourists is admirable. However, without question, tourists are attracted to our area because of the clean, unpolluted environment and any activity which alters this situation would be a disservice to all involved.

We already have harmless means of insect control at our disposal. Mosquito netting, bug repellent, and light attracting electric bug killers are efficient localized means of dealing with insect pests without the risk

of serious and irreparable damage to our environment.

Let us work together to maintain Ontonagon Country as a healthy place to be for tourists and residents alike.

Sincerely,

Bill Spitz

White Pine, Mi.
April 3, 1978

Editors
Nonesuch News
White Pine, Mi.

Dear Editors:

Because of some obvious misconceptions of persons residing in Carp Lake Township, I feel compelled to explain the different options available regarding the White Pine Hospital.

Should the hospital be turned over to the township, there are options, i.e.-such as grants, available to governmental units not available to private concerns. There are also endowments possible from insurance companies and private industry.

It is my opinion that, should it become necessary for Carp Lake Township to subsidize, a millage referendum would be a must!

In my opinion it would be a "sad day" if we were to lose our hospital because we were too lax to study the facts.

Dan Piper

RUPPE DRAFT DRIVE GAINS STEAM

Ontonagon - Organizers of a drive to draft Rep. Philip E. Ruppe as a nominee for governor do not believe he has slammed the door and are continuing efforts to place his name on the state ballot.

Clifford Koivisto, coordinator of the draft Ruppe movement, said the congressman's statement that he was not a candidate "at the present time" was not "Sherman-like," and he believes that once Ruppe sees the groundswell of support for him, he will change his mind.

Koivisto said 500 petitions are being circulated throughout the state and another 500 are being printed in response to public demand.

The former county GOP chairman said letters are coming in daily and the group is certain to have more than the number of signatures required to file in Lansing on June 6.

He indicated surprise at the number of requests to circulate petitions and quoted a Grand Traverse woman as saying: "We need an honest gentleman who lays his cards on the table face up and doesn't fool around with the joker under the table."

Koivisto said a Saginaw man has collected 2,000 signatures and has requested 100 more petitions.

"With or without Phil Ruppe's blessing, Michigan needs the kind of leadership he has to offer and we will continue our draft to make him the governor of the state," Koivisto said.

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ONTONAGON COUNTY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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St. Ann Catholic - Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran (LC-MS) - 11:00 a.m.
United Methodist - 9:00 a.m.

BRUCE CROSSING:

Apostolic Lutheran - 11:00 a.m.
Bethany Lutheran (Wis. Syn.) -
7:00 p.m. Saturday Evening.

EWEN:

First Lutheran (LCA) - 8 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic - Sat. 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
St. Mark's Episcopal - 11:00 a.m.
United Methodist - 11:00 a.m.

GREENLAND:

St. Peter & St. Paul - Sat. 5:30 p.m.,
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

United Methodist - 6:30 p.m.

MASS:

St. Paul's Lutheran (LCA) - 10:00 a.m.

PAYNESVILLE:

Our Saviour Lutheran (LCA) - 9:30 a.m.

ONTONAGON:

Assembly of God - 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Baptist - 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) - 9 a.m.
Holy Family Catholic - Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun.
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Lutheran Free - 9:00 a.m.
Siloa Lutheran (LCA) - 9:00 a.m.
United Methodist - 9:00 a.m.
St. Paul Lutheran O (LC-MS) - 9:00 a.m.

ROCKLAND:

St. Mary's Catholic - Sat. 7:30, Sun. 8:30 a.m.
United Methodist - 11:00 a.m.

TROUT CREEK:

Assembly of God - 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Catholic - Sat 5:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran (LCA) - 11:00 a.m.
United Presbyterian - 9:00 a.m.

WHITE PINE:

Faith Lutheran - 11:00 a.m.
St. Jude Catholic - Sat. 6:00 p.m., Sun.
8:00 and 9:30 a.m.
United Methodist - 11:00 a.m.

The following article on the duties of the County Clerk - Register of Deeds is a part of a quest series of articles provided our readers by the Citizens Committee for Better Government Inc. In Ontonagon County, as it is in some of the other counties, the offices of Clerk and Register of Deeds are combined. Both offices will be covered separately beginning with the duties and functions of the County Clerk and some attention will be given to the question of whether or not the two offices combined are compatible.

COUNTY CLERK

The important office of County Clerk is provided for and required in each county of the State by the Michigan Constitution and by statutory provision.

The legislature of the State of Michigan when it enacts laws covering state, local county officers and functions has had the authority to impose other duties upon the clerk as may relate to service to the state, county and township functions, including services to be provided directly to the public. Whenever there is any legislation enacted and the legislators do not know who to assign the work to, it usually winds up being assigned to the clerk.

The Constitution and the law provide that the Clerk shall be elected every four years at the general election and shall give bond and be obligated to faithfully, truly and impartially carry out the duties and functions of the office and to pay over moneys delivered to the hands of the clerk and to deliver to any successor all the books, records, papers, seals and all else in the office to any successor.

The County Clerk is the general recorder of various official county records, such as births, deaths, marriages, service discharges, business and professional registrations, and of the records and doing of the Board of Commissioners and Circuit Court records. The County Clerk is the clerk to the Circuit Court; is secretary to nearly all official county boards and commissions, including the Board of Commissioners. The Clerk administers the county payroll, makes and accounts for county disbursements and claim settlements; receives, disburses and accounts for all child support moneys; maintains the major accounting records of the county; is the administrative official of the County election commission, Chairman of the election scheduling committee, and the clerk of the County Board of Election Canvassers; renders clerical assistance to the jury board, assembles the master jury list and witnesses the drawing of Jurors; and executes themajority of county contracts and obligation. The office of clerk handles direct service to the public, a counter service, such as the processing of applications approved, and other permits and licenses as provided for by law; and performs numerous statutory recording and clerical services including the preparation and publishing of the official County Directory. The Clerk's office, also, responds to numerous telephone calls each day to search records of the Circuit Court and all other records which are public records in the office. Additionally, many individuals are served who are requesting certified copies of births, marriages or deaths and any other public record requested or ordered.

The position of the office of the Register of Deeds, is likewise imposed with duties covering a mass of intricate details, and that heavy load will be subsequently described in the next issue. However, since the activity related to real estate transactions and chattels put a heavy load and burden on the Register of Deeds phase of the combined offices a serious question arises which is being considered by every county that has combined the offices of Register of

Deeds with the County Clerk.

A careful review of the varied and important duties of the two offices will show that the two offices for important reasons should not be combined. Common sense dictates that the two offices are not compatible. The duties of the two offices are unrelated and varied. The Register of Deeds, as a single office, is required for full and adequate function, to devote the same number of hours per day to the performance of the duties of his office as in any other office in the courthouse. It will be noted when the duties of the Register of Deeds are detailed that such duties are just as exacting, and require as high a degree of ability, skill, judgement and educational qualifications as those of any of the major offices, except Prosecuting Attorney.

One can not see where there is any financial saving by having the offices combined. There must be a chief deputy in both the Clerk and the Register of Deeds department of the combined office. A clerk replaces a Register who now personally, handles much of the clerical work. Where the offices are combined it follows that the Clerk will obtain a substantial raise in pay. Actually, with all of the other duties of the clerk, imposed by law, the clerk cannot begin to become acquainted with the laws which govern the functions and duties of the Register of Deeds. It follows that one or the other of the offices must suffer in service or interest-regardless of the diligence of the Clerk. A common objection heard on this issue is that combining the offices is that it takes away certain rights from the people in that it does not permit the combination to be voted upon by the electorate. Others have declared their experience as Clerk-Registers offices stating that they could see no advantage to combining the offices. It is deemed that the employees are basically not interchangeable. While it is true that both offices do keep records they are governed by a completely different set of rules and regulations.

If we agree that County Government is of, by and for the People how can one sit by passively while their offices are being eliminated and their powers weakened or diluted. Certainly, the answer to modernization and implementation is not by the elimination of offices or services.

In the next issue the Committee will provide further information on duties of the Clerk as Clerk of the Court which will be followed by a detailing of the duties and functions of the Clerk as pertains to the Register of Deeds phase of the office.



A.A. QUESTIONNAIRE OFFERED

In order to determine whether or not a person has drifted from "social drinking" into pathological drinking it is well to check over a list of test questions, which each one may ask himself or herself and answer for himself or herself truthfully.

It is possible - but not at all probable - that you may fool somebody else. But you must be honest with yourself - you must want to become and remain dry because alcohol has you "licked" - if you want the help of Alcoholics Anonymous.

WHO ME?

An alcoholic? Well, here are some test questions, answer them yourself.

1. Do you require a drink the next morning?
2. Do you prefer to drink alone?
3. Do you lose time from work due to drinking?
4. Is drinking harming your family in any way?
5. Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily?
6. Do you get the inner shakes unless you continue drinking?
7. Has drinking made you irritable?
8. Does drinking make you careless of your family's welfare?
9. Have you thought less of your husband or wife since drinking?
10. Has drinking changed your personality?
11. Does drinking cause you bodily complaints?
12. Does drinking make you restless?
13. Does drinking cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?
14. Has drinking made you more impulsive?
15. Have you less self-control since drinking?
16. Has your initiative decreased since drinking?
17. Has your ambition decreased since drinking?
18. Do you lack perseverance in pursuing a goal since drinking?
19. Do you drink to obtain social ease? (In shy, timid, self-conscious individuals.)
20. Do you drink for self-encouragement? (In persons with feelings of inferiority.)
21. Do you drink to relieve marked feeling of inadequacy?
22. Has your sexual potency suffered since drinking?
23. Do you show marked dislikes and hatreds since drinking?
24. Has your jealousy, in general, increased since drinking?
25. Do you show marked moodiness as a result of drinking?
26. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking?
27. Has drinking made you more sensitive?
28. Are you harder to get along with since drinking?
29. Do you turn to an inferior environment since drinking?
30. Is drinking endangering your health?
31. Is drinking affecting your peace of mind?
32. Is drinking making your home life unhappy?
33. Is drinking jeopardizing your business or job?
34. Is drinking clouding your reputation?
35. Is drinking disturbing the harmony of your life?

NOTE: The test questions are not A.A. questions but are the guide used by John Hopkins University Hospital in deciding whether a patient is alcoholic or not.

In addition we in A.A. would ask even more. Here are a few.

36. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory (black-out) while, or after drinking?
37. Have you ever felt, when or after drinking, an inability to concentrate?
38. Have you ever felt "remorse" after drinking?
39. Has a physician ever treated you for drinking?
40. Have you ever been hospitalized for drinking?

If you have answered Yes to any two or the Test Questions, there is a definite warning that you may be an alcoholic.

If you have answered Yes to any two of the Test Questions, the chances are that you are an alcoholic.

If you answer Yes to three or more of the Test Questions, you are definitely an alcoholic. No one in A.A. will attempt to tell whether another person is an alcoholic. This you must decide for yourself, by yourself, and for yourself. Then with an open mind and a sincere desire, without any mental reservations, you may take the first step in A.A.

"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable"

(This message paid for by contributions of the A.A. (world-wide) Fellowship.)

ONTONAGON DUMP CONTINUES AS ISSUE

Ontonagon - The Village of Ontonagon may be hauled into court to "show cause" why it is operating an unlicensed dump.

Village manager Steve Worachek told the village council last week that he had received a letter from Earle Olson, regional supervisor for the Resource Recovery Division of the Dept. of Natural Resources, claiming the village has done nothing about its dump since a meeting with the county in March of 1977.

Worachek, however, disputed this claim, saying steps have been taken to get an approved landfill.

The state contends the village is operating its dump with no controlled access, no attendant, periodic burning, no control of blowing, and does not cover up the refuse each day with "six inches" of dirt cover.

Worachek suggested the village consider continuing to operate its dump rather than going to a county-wide system, saying it may be cheaper for village residents.

The council instructed Worachek to continue his investigations of this proposal.

MEN OF VISION NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT

New York - What this country needs said Edward David, is men of vision - dedicated, imaginative, innovative people who are willing to risk fortune and personal well-being to achieve a goal.

What this country is getting, he said, is regulation, planning, centralization. Bland, "no conflict" people are chosen over more controversial, innovative people. Technology is thwarted.

Said David: "It is becoming more difficult to put knowledgeable, dedicated people into critical slots, particularly in government." The absence of conflicts, he said, is deemed more important than ability.

David former science adviser to President Nixon and now president of Exxon Research and Engineering Co., is one of a growing fraternity who fear the misuse and distrust of technology is endangering our future.

Many people have an unwarranted fear of technology as costly and dangerous, said David. Governmental decisions involving it often are made by non-technologists. Business sometimes overmanages it.

The dangers of technology are exaggerated, said David. "The only proven danger from a microwave oven is heat," he insists. An automobile driver incurs more risk than a person living near a nuclear power plant, he argues.

And costily? Isn't it through technology that we lower production costs? Hospital use of the C.T. scanner has been limited as too costly. Says David: If we permitted mass production the cost would dive.

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SCHOOL BOARD PETITIONS DUE 10TH

Ontonagon - April 10th is the deadline for filing for school board offices in all of the four school districts in Ontonagon County. The school elections are set for June 12.

In the Ontonagon area District, one Board of Education seat is up for election, that of Jeanne Rosemurgy. Since Rosemurgy is the secretary of the board, petitions can be obtained from the acting secretary, Clarence Wilbur, or the school office.

Trustee terms currently held by Robert Liston and Larry Hanson expire in the Ewen-Trout Creek District this year and, in addition, voters will select a trustee for the three-year unexpired term of Terry Hoffman, Kenton, who has resigned.

White Pine voters will select two trustees for four-year terms. The terms of Don Johnson and Fred Heil expire in the White Pine District.

In the Bergland District the terms of Dennis Erickson and Margaret Wilber expire and the June 12 election will select two trustees. Petitions to run for office can be obtained at the school offices in all of the Districts.

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In government, said David, the conflict-of-interest syndrome is like a disease, often discrediting or ruling out the most qualified and experienced people.

The nation seems to be losing its taste for excellence and dedication," he wrote recently. "We are opting for bland, stodgy, marginal competence." Innovation, as a consequence, deteriorates.

Speaking at a recent meeting on technology and society, hosted in Erie, Pa., by the Lork Corp., David stated flatly that the Federal Drug Administration had damaged innovation in the drug industry.

"If you look at the number of new drug introductions before the 1962 hearings and make a plot against time, you find there was a steep decline in new drug introductions shortly afterward," he said.

"It is now down to relatively few per year in the United States, whereas before the law it was on the order of 25 to 30 per year," said David, who feels governmental "cures" often cause problems instead.

Business, so dependent upon technology, sometimes thwarts it too. "We all know that creative research requires license, for it is uniquely an individual effort requiring personal inspiration," he wrote recently.

But overplanning and overmanagement in business are perhaps of the same genre. An early cash flow analysis, for example, can be deadly to a creative process whose payoff, if any, is far in the future.

Attempts to plan the root stages of the innovative process, David believes, "can destroy the very ingenuity they seek to manage.

PREGNANCY SERVICES GROUP MEET

Pregnancy Services of Ontonagon County held its regular monthly meeting on March 27 at the Holy Family Catholic Church Hall. Joanne Kyle of the Western U.P. District Health Department was guest speaker. She described her background of nurse-practitioner and public health nurse. Ms. Kyle went on to describe the many and varied services the Public Health Dept. offers the general public. Public Health nurses can make home visits to an expectant mother to help her prepare for her new baby and answer any questions she may have. After delivery, the nurse can come again to check if there are any problems and again help the mother with the baby's care. Further visits can be made if there are problems. This type of care is free. Some other services provided by the Public Health Dept. are Family Planning Service to qualifying women, free T.B. testing, Adult health screening and inoculations clinics. Ms. Kyle stressed that volunteer organizations such as Pregnancy Services can help much in a community alone with existing agencies.

The next regular meeting will be April 24.

FORESTER ISSUES REPORT ON LAND HOLDINGS DISTRIBUTION

Following report was submitted by District Ranger Dan Murphy of the Bergland Ranger District, Ottawa National Forest. Recent news reports and other services have indicated that some 70 percent of Michigan's Upper Peninsula was federally owned. The actual breakdown is as follows:

- Private (individual ownership) Acreage, 3,946,000, 37.2 percent.
 - Private (corporate and large companies), 2,572,000, 24.3 percent.
 - State - 2,094,000 acreage, 19.8 percent.
 - Federal - 1,921,000 acreage, 18.2 percent
 - County and other local units, 51,000 acreage, .5 percent.
 - Total - 10,584,000 acreage, 100 percent.
- Source - Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Resource Conservation & Development Project Plan, Soil Conservation Service and other Cooperating Agencies, Page 32.
- While this source is dated 1972, any changes would probably amount to only tenths of percentage points. Note that total ownership is about 39 percent of the total.

ONTONAGONITE ELECTED PRES. - MTU STUDENT COUNCIL

Ontonagon - Dave Tucker, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Tucker, Ontonagon, was elected president of the Michigan Technological University Student Council in balloting last week.

Tucker defeated John Bosio, Houghton, 760 to 669. A third candidate polled 471. Tucker represented his junior class on the council thepast year. He is an honor student in the pre-med program at Tech and a 1975 graduate of the Ontonagon Area High School where he was sophomore, junior and senior class president and valedictorian of the 1975 graduating class.

PROJECT FUNDS THROUGH ASCS - APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

EWEN - Gogebic and Ontonagon county land owners are encouraged to plan their 1978 conservation practices now and apply for funding of the projects through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, according to Bertha Huhtala, county ASCS executive director, Ewen. Gogebic County persons interested in obtaining 75 to 80 percent of the cost of such work up to \$2,500 per farm may sign up at the Ironwood Township Community Building, Lake Rd., Thursday, April 6, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., she said.

According to the director, practices included in the 1978 Agriculture Conservation Program, with this year's emphasis being placed on enduring structures, include waterways, diversions, erosion control, pollution abatement, stream protection and forest stand improvement. Other practices include improving vegetation cover, liming, land smoothing, tree planting and construction of water impoundment reservoirs, she said. Program funding is limited, she said, so it is important that applications be placed early at the ASCS office, Ewen.

Persons interested in obtaining further information on the ACP may contact the ASCS office at 988-2430; the Soil Conservation Service, Ontonagon, 884-2141, or the Cooperative Extension offices at Ontonagon or Ironwood.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
Allan Slye - Extension Director

Having exactly the varieties you want when it's time to put them in the garden and the opportunity to carry through with a crop from seeding to harvest, these are a couple of reasons for growing your own vegetable transplants.

Growing your own transplants is also a good way to avoid some serious problems. White flies and plant diseases may be present on purchased transplants.

Diseases of course can be a problem with home-grown plants. The most common is damping-off, a fungus disease that kills young seedlings. Avoid it by using a sterile potting soil or synthetic growth medium.

You can make your own soil mix with peat, vermiculite and soil and then sterilize it in the oven or pressure cooker, but it's really kind of silly to go to all that work when you can purchase prepared, synthetic soil mixes. They're most expensive, of course, but in the small quantities the home gardener would use, they make a lot of sense.

The containers used for growing transplants aren't critical, except in the case of melons, cucumbers, squash and watermelons. These crops will not tolerate being ripped out of the soil they're started in and transplanted bare root into another container or a garden spot. They should either be sown directly into the garden after the danger of frost is past or be started in peat pots so they can be set container and all into the ground.

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WHITE PINE ENTERS THREE IN STATE MUSIC COMPETITION

White Pine had three entries in the Michigan State Solo & Ensemble Festival at Bay De Noc College, Escanaba.

Robin Hoyt, piano, 90 points, 1st division rating. Christine Nelson, Flute, 78 points, 2nd division rating.

Solo must pass proficiency tests in addition to performing solo. Test includes scales, études, and sight-reading. Also receiving a II rating were the clarinet quartet with Mary Paoli, Julie Simmons, Brenda LeMay and Mary Hilborn.

A job well done by all three entries.

AREA SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

TROUT CREEK

- Monday - Hot dogs, corn and green beans, rice pudding.
- Tuesday - Ground beef in gravy, potatoes, peas, dessert.
- Wednesday - Turkey and bologna, cold cuts, potatoes, beets, dessert.
- Thursday - Roast beef, green beans, fruit dessert.
- Friday - Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, fruit.

EWEN

- Monday - Ravioli, green beans, fruit.
- Tuesday - Spaghetti, cabbage, peaches.
- Wednesday - Hot beef sandwiches, french fries, corn, pickles, bars.
- Thursday - Beef in gravy, potatoes, peas, pears.
- Friday - Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, apple crisp or applesauce.

PAYNESVILLE

- Monday - Pork, potatoes, corn, peaches.
- Tuesday - Baked brans, with weiners, lettuce salad, apple pie.
- Wednesday - Turkey roll, potato salad, carrot sticks, cookies.
- Thursday - Spanish rice, cabbage-pineapple salad, pudding.
- Friday - Soup, cheese slices, biscuits, bars.

WHITE PINE

- Monday - Spaghetti, Cole slaw/dressing, Fruit, Bread/butter/milk.
 - Tuesday - Roast turkey, Whipped potatoes/gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables fruit, cranberry sauce, bread/butter/milk.
 - Wednesday - Choice of cream of tomato or chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich, carrot stix, fruit/peanuts, ½ pt. milk
 - Thursday - Beef stew, toss salad, fruit, bread butter/milk.
 - Friday - Pizza burger/bun, potato chips, corn, fruit, ½ pt. milk.
- No school - Week of April 17 - 21. Spring vacation.

"Growing Vegetable Transplants"

Tomatoes, peppers, and cole crops like broccoli and cabbage are much more resilient and can better tolerate being transplanted. Even these crops will benefit from being seeded into individual containers.

Any time you transplant a plant and damage its roots, you disrupt its growth. This slows the plant down and pushes back the time it will come into production. Sowing seeds into individual containers, especially a lot of root damage and minimizes disruption of the growth process.

Once home-grown seedlings get past the stage where damping-off is a hazard, the biggest problem is usually insufficient light. A sunny window sill or even a south-facing bay window will not provide enough light for good growth.

To grow compact, healthy transplants in the home almost always required the use of supplemental light. This is why many growers go to a cold frame or plastic lean-to or even a small greenhouse to grow their plants. In one of these structures, plants get all the available light as well as the sun's heat.

Proper temperatures are necessary for good plant growth. Though 65-75 degrees F is usually given as the desirable temperature range for transplants, they can grow at temperatures as low as 58 degrees or as high as 80. All other things being equal, the warmer it is, the quicker they will grow. But they will manage even under dialed-down conditions, as long as they get enough light.

The older a plant is when it's transplanted the longer it takes to adjust. Therefore the younger the better for transplants.

Tomato seedlings grown under near ideal conditions should be no more than five to six weeks old when they're set into the garden. Plants grown in the home may take a little longer.

Some people think that starting seeds in February and nursing the plants along until they can plant them outdoors in May will give them a big head start on production. But this isn't the case. By the time these plants go in, they already have flowers and fruits beginning to form. The plant trying to mature fruit doesn't have any energy to spare to build a strong root system and plenty of foliage to make the food it needs to produce a crop. So the plant never gets much bigger than it was when it was planted and it yields very poorly.

It's better to start with a smaller plant that can quickly adapt to outdoor conditions and spend a few weeks growing vegetatively. This will insure that it's well established and prepared to produce a good crop.

Though we do not advocate a drastic hardening-off procedure before setting transplants into the garden, we do recommend placing flats or trays of plants outside during warm May days for a week to 10 days before planting. This will help them get used to direct sun, wind and cooler temperatures.

A high phosphorus fertilizer used as a starter solution will promote root growth and help the plant get settled in the garden quickly. Prior to planting, transplants grown in a prepared medium probably won't need fertilizing until they are about four weeks old. Use a soluble houseplant fertilizer. Water it onto the plants and then wash the foliage with water to prevent fertilizer burns.



HOMESTEADING 1970'S STYLE

Edward Erickson, mayor of New Hope, a suburb of Minneapolis, is about to bring back homesteading. He says his plan to give away city-owned land to people who will build their first houses is aimed at young married couples who want to live in New Hope but can't afford to buy a house there.

"Average payments on new houses are running between \$400 and \$450 a month," the mayor explains. "Young people can't handle that and are discouraged. There are numerous programs to help poor and low-income people get into homes, but couples with jobs are almost totally forgotten. They earn too much to be eligible for subsidies, but not enough to buy houses."

New Hope's population is 26,000, and the median age is 36—and rising. (A few years ago it was 31.) This is part of a future problem faced by numerous small American cities. Younger people move away, and older residents remain. Soon a community finds itself with a majority of citizens over 50, many of whom are on fixed incomes. Since some areas freeze property taxes for senior citizens, they are forced into deficit spending. That's why Mayor Erickson is eager to attract young homeowners.

The eight-acre tract that New Hope is giving away will accommodate 18 houses and two small parks. The city will develop the land, using federal grant money to install water and sewer facilities.

Similar developed lots in New Hope are valued at about \$10,000 to \$15,000.

With the land giveaway, young couples will be able to build a two- or three-bedroom house for an estimated \$30,000 or less. To insure quality housing, the city is hiring an architect to draw several floor plans. Homesteaders will be obliged to choose one of the models, which will then be constructed by private contractors. "We'll get our investment back by taxing the property at the regular rates," Mayor Erickson says.

The lots will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis to first-time homeowners, with residents of New Hope given priority. Speculation will be discouraged, because lot recipients will have to agree not to sell their homes for seven years. If they sell within that time, any profit they make would have to be returned to the city.

Mayor Erickson realizes that his homesteading program is not going to make an impact on the housing problem of middle-income young couples. However, he hopes it will serve as a model for other cities. "Government agencies are the largest landholders in the country," he says. "Why don't they return some of the land to the tax rolls? I can't think of a better way to do it than by giving land to deserving young people who will improve it and have a decent home to live in at the same time."

Coming Events

White Pine - The Porkie Mt. TV Company would like to publicly thank the people and organizations that contributed to the Dues Drive for the period of 3-1-78 to 3-31-78. To date the company has collected \$5,690.00 It is vital to the continued operation of the tower that those people who contributed last year do so again this year. If you have contributed, call your friends and ask them to give. The company needs your help.

The following contributors are listed: H. Peterson, Rockland American Legion, J. Maloney, G. Scott, T. Stone, S. Juntunen, E. Kekke, W. Johnson, C. Store, D. Aho, H. Stephens, L. Lamoureux, G. Pennala, M. Erickson, T. Hendrickson, M. Robertson, E. Johnson, B. Racine, V. Anderson, H. Kangas, S. Lanker, Jr., H. Kowaleski, W. Fezzy, H. McClure, W. Born, H. Keranen, J. Peterson, A. Karttunen.

Ontonagon - A new chapter of Emotions Anonymous will begin in Ontonagon Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and will meet each Thursday thereafter.

A spokesman for the new organization said Emotions Anonymous does for the person seeking emotional health what Alcoholics Anonymous does for the alcoholic. EA follows the 12-step program as adapted with the permission of AA for persons with emotional or living problems.

The spokesman continued that there are no dues or fees for EA membership and it is a spiritual, not a religious program to be of help to people of all faiths or of no recognized faith.

No names are used and the spokesman concluded that, "If you have gone the whole route of other methods of treatment and have not found inner peace and serenity if your life is like the 'shoe that pinches,' you are invited to discover as others have, that EA meetings are warm and friendly and important in striving for and maintaining emotional health.

EA also meets in White Pine every Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Apt 201, Bldg. 2.

The AFL-CIO Retirees Chapter will meet at the White Pine Union Hall Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Last Laugh

In case you haven't realized the full extent of inflation it can be brought home to you by watching some of the old movies on TV.

Here's one we saw recently. The young reporter bounds into his girlfriend's house, throws his snap-brim fedora into the air and yells, "Guess what Marcie! I just got a raise to \$50 a week. Now you can quit your job and we can get married and start a family and buy a car and maybe I can even buy you that fur coat you've always wanted."

Here's another one we caught. This gang is planning a payroll heist. One guy says to the three guys, "This is our last job. We can all retire after this one. There's at least \$25,000 in that money bag."

"Twenty Five Thousand!" says one of them, his eyes bugging out.

"Yeah, says Big Louie. "We need two more men for the job, so that's a cool \$4000 for each of us. We'll be on Easy Street."

At today's prices that won't even buy them a getaway car and two gallons of gas.

With today's inflation the people sitting around watching old movies in 1999 may be seeing something like this.

Rocko calls the gang together and says, "I've got a really big caper planned. This will be our last big job." (the dialogue doesn't change much, does it?)

There was another flick where the kid-nappers demanded \$35,000 ransom from the factory owner to return his daughter. "I can't get that kind of money," he yelled into the phone.

He could today if he didn't let his wife go to the grocery store for a few weeks.

Coming next week, a movie with Redford and Newman. They steal cars, siphon out the gas and throw the cars away!

Ontonagon - The Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department will hold regular monthly clinics on Thursday, April 13, 1978.

The Ontonagon Clinic will be held in the offices of the Health Department located in the Medical Care Facility. The time of this clinic will be 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The Ewen Clinic will be held in the Ewen Library from 11 until 11:30 a.m.

Inoculations for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, rubella, regular measles and mumps will be offered. This is a free clinic and a parent or guardian must accompany the child to sign the consent form for these inoculations.

Tuberculin testing will be done every Monday from 8 to 9 a.m.

The next meeting of the Crafts Club will be held Thursday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ontonagon Township Library. The purpose of the meeting is to learn more about needlepoint, which Charlotte Lackie will be demonstrating. Small pieces of canvas will be furnished to anyone wishing to participate. Please bring a small needle with a large eye and 4-ply yarn in at least 2 different colors. Call 884-4787 if there are any questions

The Copper Country Chapter of the United Ostomy Association will meet on Sunday, April 9th at 3 p.m. at Portage View Hospital, Hancock. An interesting program is planned and refreshments will be served. For more information call Mary Burgess at 885-5372.

Are you interested in improving your reading ability, decorating a cake, golfing or caring for bees?

The Ontonagon Area Community Schools will be offering enrichment courses for speed reading, cake decorating, caring for bees and beginning golf lessons. You may sign up for these classes by calling 884-4720. Classes will be offered as soon as enough people sign up for the respective courses.

So Much Of What We Call Management Consists In Making It Difficult For People To Work!

RED CROSS OFFERING AQUATIC TRAINING AT SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Ontonagon County Chapter of the American National Red Cross invites interested persons to attend one of its aquatic, first aid and small craft schools to be held in late spring of this year. Of the more than 20 Red Cross aquatic schools held throughout the United States each year, the closest to Ontonagon County is Indian Mound Reservation near Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, said Mr. Dan Linna chairman of the Ontonagon County Chapter. The school starts June 4 and ends on June 11, he said.

"These Red Cross schools help meet the need for qualified swimming and lifesaving and boating instructors," said Mr. Linna.

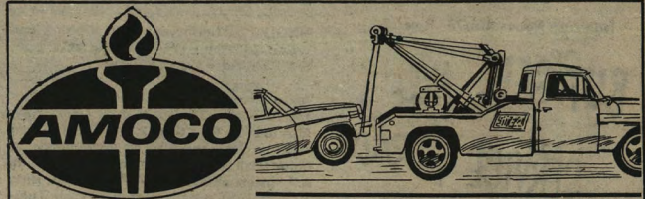
"This spring and summer, at campsites and college campuses around the country, hundreds of new instructors will be trained at these 7-to-10-day schools." Mr. Linna added that a limited number of prerequisite courses may be offered in conjunction with the instructor training courses at some of the Aquatic Schools.

A comprehensive curriculum of lectures, seminars, course instruction and practice sessions at Indian Mound Reservation will teach the techniques of basic canoeing, canoeing instruction, basic sailing, sailing instruction, and water safety instruction, Mr. Linna said. In order to attend, persons must be 17 or over, physically fit and better than average swimmers.

Educators have termed Red Cross Aquatic Schools "the most exceptional system of schools in America," according to Mr. Linna. Persons who successfully complete instructor courses are qualified to teach Red Cross small craft and water safety courses in chapters, to conduct such courses for the businesses or industries in which they are employed, to become camp waterfront directors and swimming instructors, or to teach such courses in secondary schools and colleges.

Facilities at Indian Mound Reservation will include volunteer instructors who combine, in the highest degree, knowledge of the subjects with the ability to teach others how to teach, said Mr. Linna.

For further information contact your local community school office.



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For Sale - Gem-N-I Rocks and Jewelry. Wholesale-Retail, P.O. Box 815, White Pine. Mich. 49971. By Appointment, 885-5525. Brazilian Agates (whiteskins). \$1.50 per lb. India Agate (banded and yellows) \$1.50 per lb. Botswana Agate \$2.00 per lb. Copper Brick (small pieces), \$1.50 per lb.

Wanted - Girl or Woman to help with house-cleaning. Transportation furnished. Phone 885-5742.

For Sale - Baled hay and straw. Call 988-2461

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PAUL'S DINING ROOM will be closed Wednesday, March 29 thru April 16th. **BAR WILL REMAIN OPEN, REGULAR HOURS**

For Sale - 7 1/2 Western plow, hydraulic pump and controls. Plow hanger for Chevy truck, \$300. Phone 884-2674 or 884-2838.

BINGO - There's new Bingo at St. Jude's Church in White Pine. MORE fun and bigger prizes. Starts at 7 p.m. each Sunday.

For Sale - Farm Fresh Eggs & Round No 1 White Potatoes. Also, will buy and truck cattle to livestock market. Call 827-3410.

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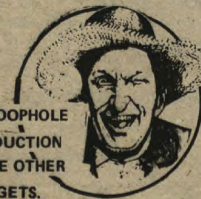
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DANCE, At the AMERICAN LEGION, Saturday, April 1. Music by "Vigilance" from 9:30 to 1:30. White Pine.

Child Abuse or Neglect - Ontonagon County Call: Children's Protective Services. Weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (906) 884-4951 or weekends (906) 667-9681 for emergency service.



A TAX LOOPHOLE IS A DEDUCTION THAT THE OTHER GUY GETS.

BINGO - Thursdays - At the American Legion in White Pine. Starting at 7 p.m. Every Thursday except holidays.

White Pine A.A. & A-Anon meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. A.A. at Union Hall, A-Anon at Apt. Bldg 2, Apt. 201. Open meetings last Thursday of each month at Union Hall. Public is invited. Mon. morning A.A. meets at 9 a.m. at Apt. 201 Apt. Bldg 2, A-Anon meetings are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Apt. 201, Apt. Bldg 2, in White Pine.

For Sale - Kitchen table and 4 chairs, \$5.00; Twin bed spring, (needs fixing) and mattress, \$5.00; old-time 4 drawer dresser, \$5.00; small lamp table, \$3.00; Phone 885-5657 after 5:30.

Furnished house-keeping units for rent. In White Pine. Phone 885-5329.

For Sale - 2 Dump trucks. 1 for parts, 1 runnable. Both for \$500. Phone 885-5330.

For Sale - '64 Hardtop, 2-Dr. Pontiac. Phone 884-2876 (Call after 4 p.m.)

For Sale - 1970 3/4 Ton Chevrolet Pick-up. V-8 Auto., new tires, topper, in good condition. Phone 885-5767.

For Rent - 2 Bedroom company home. Kitchen furnished (all appliances) \$90 per month. Available May 1st. Phone 885-5558

Lost - Thursday night, March 29, in the Konteka or parking lot, a fine gold link bracelet with a small round bar. Has sentimental value. A reward is offered. Phone 884-4132 (until 4 p.m.) 884-2897 (after 4:30 p.m.).

For Sale - Male Poodle, 3 months old - AKC Registered - Phone 885-5417.

For Sale - 30" electric range - "Magic Chef" w/ view window on door. REasonable. Phone 883-3257.

Giveaway - 3 female puppies, 6 weeks old. Mother is poodle. Phone 884-2344.

For Sale - 3 bedroom mobile home, all carpeted, included in price, dishwasher, stove, air conditioner, skirting, porch, drapes and curtains. By appointment Phone 885-5243.

Wanted - Porcupine Mountain TV wants 1978 dues. Dues for the year are \$20. Mail to: Porcupine Mt. TV, P.O.Box 114, White Pine, Michigan 49971.

FREE - McCall's Pattern. Get details at JAN'S FABRIC SHOP. Carter pajama knits, 1/2 price; Still room in sewing classes. Morning classes are free with purchase of fabrics for class. Sewing machine repair man will be here April 10th. Track sweat suits make to order.

Local Chapter of Emotions Anonymous meet in Ontonagon every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Pauls Lutheran Church and in White Pine every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Apt. Bldg 2, Apt. 201. Everyone is welcome

Wanted to Buy - Used furniture. Living room chairs, couch, kitchen chairs. Phone 885-5610

ATTENTION PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners is anticipating an allocation of CETA Title III Summer Youth Employment slots to employ 14 to 21-year-old economically disadvantaged youth. Those public and private non-profit organizations wishing to be work sites this summer should submit a written request for positions to the Ontonagon County Controller's office no later than April 21st. The request should include the number of positions desired, type of project or work to be performed, and any participant age requirements.

LEAGUE BOWLING AT THE KONTEKA

Monday Night Mens League

W.B. Thompson	38	10
First Nat'l Bank	27	21
Smokies	27	21
Barbers	25	23
Pauls	22	26
Wm Parts & Supply	20	28
Legion	18	30
V.F.W.	15	33

HTS & G, Legion, 2856 and 1062; HIS, M. Razmus 599; HIG, E. Yankovich 233.

Tuesday Night Womens' League

Binkley's M & C	41	15
Jean's Beauty	34 1/2	21 1/2
Rainbow M & C	32	24
Konteka	27	29
Red Owl	24	32
True Value	22 1/2	33 1/2
Go-Inn	22	34
Piper's Inc.	21	35

HIG, M. Gentiline 226; HIS, P. Hill 563; HTG & S, Binkley's M & C, 857 and 2267.

Wednesday Night Mens League

Toomey's Creation 5	46	14
Northland Equip.	38	22
Champion Inc.	32 1/2	27 1/2
Porkie Mts. Ski Hill	28	32
Konteka 7 Arrows	28	32
Armo	24	36
Salt Lick Inn	21 1/2	38 1/2
Copper Inn	21	39

HIG, Koski 220; HIS, Green 543; HTG & S, Champion Inc. 950 and 2785.

The Wednesday Night Men's League will hold its annual bowling banquet at the Konteka this Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30. After a smorgasbord dinner, awards will be presented and the election of next year's officers will take place.

Women's Wed. Night Late Shift League

Giovanoni's	35	21
The Medic's	32 1/2	23 1/2
Citizens St. Bank	31	25
The Fig Leaf	29 1/2	26 1/2
Antonio's	29 1/2	26 1/2
Evenson's	29	27
Konteka	21 1/2	34 1/2
The Shoestring	16	40

HTG & S, Citizens St. Bank 472 and 1369; HIG, D. Gentiline 195; HIS, M. Gougeon 506.

Friday Night Mixed League

Binkley's	33	15
First National Bank	33	15
Charter, Inc.	27	21
Williams P & S	26	22
Piper's Inc.	24 1/2	23 1/2
Konteka	21 1/2	26 1/2
Koch Products	15	33
Coratec	12	36

HTS & G, Binkley's 3207 and 1138; HWS & G. B. Rexses, 529 and 214; HMS & G, F. Gentiline 573 and 221.

Sunday Night Couples League

Apothecary	38	18
Toms Barrel Stoves	35 1/2	20 1/2
Louie's Texaco	34	22
Salt Lick II	25 1/2	30 1/2
Salt Lick I	18 1/2	37 1/2
Hers and His	16 1/2	39 1/2

THS, Apothecary 2103; THG, Salt Lick I, 760; MHS, W. Saubert 559; MHG, D. Immonen 214; WHS, B. Manninen 495; WHG, P. Saubert 196.

GOLDEN VALLEY BOWL

Tuesday Night Women's League

Community Bar	86 1/2	33 1/2
Tulppo's	77	43
Golden Valley Bowl	76 1/2	43 1/2
Nordine's	67 1/2	52 1/2
Gamble's	63 1/2	56 1/2
Settler's Co-op	60	60
Jan's Fabric	54 1/2	65 1/2
Korsman's	53 1/2	66 1/2
Townsite Motel	52	68
A & A Hardware	52	68
Tige's Bar	41	79
Joe & Dee's	36	84

HIG, S. Kangas 224; HIS, A. Wesman 598; HTG, Tige's Bar, 949; HTS, Tulppo's 2715.

Thursday Night Women's League

Shop-o-rama	74 1/2	41 1/2
Pisani Bud-wisars	73 1/2	42 1/2
Sunnyside	67	49
Nordine Lumberjills	64 1/2	51 1/2
Koni's Beauty's	63	53
Community Bar	63	53
Bruce Mfg.	59 1/2	56 1/2
Lakeview Cafe	57 1/2	58 1/2
State Bank of Ewen	57	59
Norma's Beauty Break	44	72
Santini Pabst	43 1/2	72 1/2
Dick Wagner Agency	29	87

HTS, Bruce Mfg. 2756; HTG, Dick Wagner Agency and State Bank of Ewen 953; HIG, M. Cestkowski 223; HIS, M. Cestkowski and L. Silk 611.

Public Notices

NOTICE

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Nonesuch Post 462, American Legion Located At White Pine, Michigan Has Applied To The Michigan Liquor Control Commission For Renewal Of Its Club License And That It Is The Intent Of The Liquor Commission To Grant Said License Upon Expiration Of The Present License."

"Dated: March 22, 1978"

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

..... **POLICE CAR BID.**

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 1978, for a new police car for the County Sheriff's Department.

Bids must conform to procedures and specifications and must be submitted on the bid form provided by the county.

Additional information, specifications and bid forms are available at the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department, at 620 Conglomerate St., Ontonagon, Mi. 49953. Phone - 884-4170.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

James Hainault
County Controller

BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED

By The
McMILLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
Ewen, Michigan
Until 4 P.M., Wednesday,
April 26, 1978
For
..... **ONE FLOOR SAFE**

Measuring 30" Wide By 25" Deep
By 46" High, Mounted On Wheels.
Good Condition.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids to be addressed to the undersigned.

Gerald A. Flourie, Clerk
McMillan Township
Box 197
Ewen, Mi. 49925

We should not be discouraged if our prayers go unanswered; if some were, we most certainly would have grave reservations about the sanity of God.

J. K. STUART