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GOVERNOR'S U.P. TRIP A "??"

Lansing - Gov. William Milliken sets off on his three-day swing through the Upper Peninsula this week, his first major trip since announcing for re-election last month. The Governor is billing the trip as a "listening tour which will give U.P. residents an opportunity to personally tell me and other state officials their thoughts on state government and what it should be doing."

Some Democrats argue that it is difficult to determine who will do the most listening: the Republican governor and his aides or the people of the U.P., to the governor's political rhetoric.

The Demos charge that the trip is little more than a gubernatorial campaign jaunt, aimed more at winning votes in November than at listening to the gripes of area residents.

One, Walt Sorg - a spokesman for the House Democrats - complained that "I'd like to find out how much it's going to cost the state to pay for the governor's trip."

However, even the Democrats must find it difficult to separate the governor's official duties from his campaign strategies. As Sorg explained, "He's still the governor, no matter what he does."

This is the same argument that the governor's aides use in defending the U.P. trip as a legitimate function of the state's chief executive. They maintain the trip will have few political overtones, and point out he's made it in non-election years, too.

One aide to the governor says that Milliken has instructed his aides to downplay the political nature of the trip.

That advice has resulted in a reduction in the number of purely political functions such as benefits and luncheons for Republicans which the governor will attend while in the U.P.

The aide, Robert Berg, stated that this trip "is no more political than any trip made by the governor at any time. If they (Democrats) think it's wrong for him to get out and talk to the people then that's their problem."

As Berg put it, "He's still the governor, and still has the responsibilities that go with that office."

The trip, which will begin tomorrow, will cover six counties, and will be highlighted by a special conference at Michigan Technological University in Houghton on Saturday.

Six state department heads will hold workshops in their areas of specialty at this conference, which is open to the interested public. The department heads attending include: Keith Molin, Commerce; Pat Babcock, Labor; John Woodford, Highways and Transportation; Gerald Miller, Management and Budget; Howard Tanner, Natural Resources; John Dempsey, Social Services.

On Thursday and Friday the governor is planning to visit Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Marquette, Ontonagon, Ironwood, Iron River, Calumet and Houghton-Hancock, with brief stops at locations in-between.

MACK BILL ON SWAMP TAX INCREASES CLEARS SENATE

Lansing - Local governments would receive about \$5 million extra a year under a bill boosting payments for land the state has taken over because the owners failed to pay property taxes.

The measure, approved 33-0 by the Senate last week and now sent on to the House, would boost the state's so-called "swamp tax" from its current 58 cents an acre to \$2 an acre.

The increase in funds from the tax would go to counties, townships, and local school districts.

Michigan has some 3.5 million acres of land taken over by the state because of the owners' failure to pay taxes on it. In place of the taxes, the state makes payments to the local units in the form of the "swamp tax."

Although 81 of the state's 83 counties - all except Wayne and Eaton - contain such state land, most of it is in northern Lower

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Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The U.P. contains 1.6 million acres alone.

Lawmakers from those areas have complained that the state does not pay local government enough for the land. Sen. Joseph Mack, D-Ironwood, sponsored a bill which would require the state to pay property taxes on the land at the prevailing local rate.

But the Senate Finance Committee scaled that down to the \$2 an acre level. Under the current formula, the "swamp tax" is to jump to only 62 cents an acre next year.

Under the bill, 30 percent of the revenue going to local units would go to counties. Another 30 percent of it would be turned over to the townships in which the land is located. The remaining 40 percent would go to the local school district.

At the current rate, the state is paying \$2,043,876 in lieu of taxes on public land. Under the revision the state would pay \$7,047,848, or an increase of \$5,003,972.

MILLIKEN FORECASTS HEALTHY CONDITIONS FOR 1978

Lansing - The Milliken administration forecasts a healthy economic year for 1978, but says that both the coal strike and car sales pose potential fiscal problems and bear watching.

And state Budget Director Gerald Miller said he will urge the Legislature to curb spending until the outcome of the coal dispute is settled and its effect on the economy determined.

In a generally rosy report to state lawmakers, Gov. William Milliken said that the year will continue to see economic growth in Michigan. And he urged the Legislature to "seize upon the current expansion to encourage private business to create more jobs."

Noting that unemployment remains high, he called for legislation to provide special incentives for businesses which expand job opportunities in downtown urban centers.

He again urged passage of increased financing for transportation, and reform of workers' compensation laws. He said his proposed financial relief program - which includes modest tax cuts - would offset the effects of continuing inflation.

The forecast is based, Miller said, on the assumption there will be a \$25 billion federal tax cut effective Oct. 1. Should that not occur, he said, Michigan may have "severe problems" in 1979.

He also forecast economic damage if the coal strike lasts another month or more. But if the president's use of the Taft Hartley Act succeeds in resuming production, Miller said he saw no lingering effects of the dispute in Michigan.

"We see 1978 being a good year, a continuing year of expansion," Miller said. "We see no reason... for that expansion not to continue."

But he acknowledged, "we're a little concerned about auto sales." He said there has been customer resistance to the newly scaled-down intermediate models, but said he does not expect a serious drop in sales.

In other areas of Milliken's report, the administration:

-Predicted slight drops in both motor vehicle and passenger car production in 1978.

-A 3.3 percent hike in wage-and-salary employment, and a 2.2 percent boost in manufacturing employment.

-A drop of a percentage point in the unemployment rate, from 8.2 in 1977 to 7.2.

-A jump of 9.6 percent in personal income, to \$78.5 billion, compared to a 12.4 percent hike last year. About 3 percent of the estimated jump will be "real" growth, above the rate of inflation.

-An increase of 6.4 percent in inflation, compared to 6.8 percent last year.

-A jump of 9.1 percent in retail sales, compared to 14 percent last year and 15.3 percent in 1976.

(Editor's Note: With the Governor coming to the area for a visit this week, the foregoing article may serve as a "conversation starter" for some citizens who may require that stimulation.)

U.P. STATE AFFAIRS CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR SCHEDULED FOR HOUGHTON - MARCH 18TH

Gov. William G. Milliken said invitations have been sent to all local governing bodies in the Upper Peninsula inviting public officials to attend the U.P. State Affairs Conference scheduled for Saturday, March 18th in Houghton.

The conference will provide U.P. residents an opportunity to meet and talk with the governor, the heads of six major state departments and a number of key aides. It will be held on the campus of Michigan Technological University.

"I look forward to the opportunity to listen to the concerns of the citizens of the Upper Peninsula and at the same time give them firsthand reports on the status of state government today," the governor said. "The conference recognizes the unique nature of the U.P. and is intended to insure that the miles which separate Lansing and the U.P. do not diminish our responsiveness to the area."

The conference will feature discussions in six areas: budget and finance, economic development and labor, human services, environment and natural resources, transportation and energy. Each discussion group will hold two sessions, allowing those attending the conference to participate in a full discussion of two different subjects.

"This format is intended to give the widest exposure and most thorough discussion to each topic area," the governor said.

The conference will highlight a three-day swing through the U.P. by the governor and his party, including stops in a number of cities and towns.

Those receiving invitations include all local mayors and village presidents, county commission chairmen, township supervisors, road commission chairmen, community action agency directors and county social services directors. In addition, invitations have gone to a number of civic organizations. The conference is open to all interested citizens.

While in Marquette on March 16th, the governor will appear on Channel 13's Media Meet at 7 p.m. to discuss timely issues with representatives of the news media. Persons wishing to present questions during the program may call 906/227-2002 or toll free 1-800-562-8903.

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SPECIAL NOTE! - THE ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL OF GOVERNOR MILLIKEN & PARTY AT THE KONTEKA IN WHITE PINE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M. (EST). ANY CITIZEN INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR OR PRESENTING WRITTEN COMMENT ON ISSUES OF CONCERN, IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT PRIOR TO 9:30 A.M.

EDUCATION PLAN: WEIGHT AID BY AGE GROUP

Lansing - A concept with debatable long-range results has been formulated into a bill recently introduced into the Michigan state Senate.

The measure if passed would mean that the state would direct more money into educating students in the early grades, with the next level of emphasis placed on the higher grades of 10 through 12, followed by grades four through nine.

The measure is designed to reflect the needs of students and the cost of educating them at various grade levels, according to its sponsor, Sen. Faxon, D-Detroit. It would allocate state spending by "weighting" students in various grades. "Research overwhelmingly supports the notion that the earlier an educational system can address the needs of the child, the more productive an academic career the child will have," according to Faxon.

GRASS ROOTS TAXPAYERS' GROUP WARNS OF TAXATION OVERKILL

Southfield, Mi. - "Gov. Milliken's annual economic report to the Legislature this week is the best reason the people of Michigan will sign our tax limitation petitions and vote for a limit on state government spending in November," said Richard Headlee, chairman of Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation.

"Nowhere in the economic report," Headlee said, "does Lansing recognize the new and staggering load dumped on Michigan taxpayers again this year in the name of state equalized property taxes."

"The people of Michigan are fed up with state government's inability to understand that the sagging economic growth in Michigan is directly tied to uncontrolled state spending and taxation," said Headlee. "The tax limitation amendment to be voted on this November will correct that."

Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation is a statewide, non-partisan, grass roots group of concerned taxpayers determined to return economic growth to Michigan by limiting state spending and taxing. Its leadership is comprised of factory workers, housewives, farmers, businessmen and women, retirees, organized homeowners and individuals from all walks of life.

"Michigan's track record of taxation and government spending over the past 10 years

has increased at a faster rate than the ability of the people to pay," Headlee stated.

"Personal income is up by 140 percent and that's great! But during the same 10 years, state government spending has increased by 235 percent... nearly twice as fast as you and I have been earning it. That's not so great."

"In the past 10 years the population of Michigan has increased by 6.7 percent. The number of state employees has skyrocketed more than 50 percent. There were 8.6 million residents of Michigan in 1967 and 9.2 million today. There were 42,000 state employees on the Michigan payroll ten years ago and 65,000 today."

"While state spending during the past 10 years was increasing 235 percent compared to the 140 percent increase in personal income, State of Michigan income taxes were increasing 730 percent."

"Local taxes have risen 304 percent during the same period."

"Welfare spending in Michigan is up 506 percent, six times the level of spending 10 years ago."

"Meanwhile," Headlee pointed out, "Michigan lost five percent of the production jobs in the private sector. These are the jobs that fuel Michigan's economy and generate the money to feed our families and educate our children."

"Governor Milliken's economic report verifies Michigan's economic growth is stymied by the lack of new production jobs in Michigan until we get tax limitation included in our state constitution in November. The recent loss to Ohio of an expected 13,500 jobs proposed in a new Ford transmission plant in Belleville, Michigan while nearby Detroit continues to struggle with a 37 percent unemployment rate among young people is a case in point. An independent national study by the highly regarded FANTUS organization recently ranked Michigan's business climate among the seven worst states in the United States."

"Inflation, increasing state and property taxes and unrestricted state spending also limit the ability of Michigan's citizens to plan their futures. How can we budget our households when the state, almost at will, keeps taking away from us a bigger percentage of our income to finance more and more state spending? Neither can business or farmers or anybody in Michigan plan ahead until we have a limit on taxes."

Headlee concluded, "Hearing about state budget director Gerald Miller's statement that he will 'communicate with the State Legislature about holding down state spending until (and if) Congress approves a \$25 billion tax cut' reminds us of the fox guarding the chicken coop and can provide no serious benefit to the taxpayers. Remember 'Hell hath no fury like a vested interest parading as a moral principle.'"

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Frankly Opinionated

Well, I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't. So must the Governor of the "entire" state of Michigan be thinking as he prepares for this week's visit to the Upper Peninsula. Critics of the trip, mainly members of the Democratic party, say it is a thinly disguised campaign tour and has nothing behind it but political motivation.

The fact can hardly be argued that the results of the Governor's tour of the U.P. will show at the polls next November as Votes. . . or, No Votes! On the other hand, if the electorate of northern Michigan does not avail themselves of this opportunity to share concerns, ask questions or protest current trends, legislation or attitudes issuing from our state's capital - we are hardly being fair. The time to make the judgement of 'concerned' or 'campaigning' will be in the weeks that follow the governor's visit and after the issues are presented.

There has been no restriction placed on the people to prevent them as groups or as individuals from participating in the several stops the governor's party will make while in the county. Nor should anyone interested in being a participant in the U.P. State Affairs Conference in Houghton on Saturday need to think twice before making the short trip there to take part.

There will certainly be a multitude of issues and concerns placed before Governor Milliken and his aides by the people of the U.P. Some of them will be purely local in nature, while others take into account problems affecting an entire region, the state or our nation of fifty states. None of these is less of a concern than any other because of its subject or nature. But to be placed in the proper perspective, the issues must be identified by the people affected. Our form of government is possible only for an indefinite period of time if there is not continuing input and direction on the part of the people to our elected officials. An instant solution is an unrealistic goal but a solution to any problem is well within the powers of the people to demand and expect and if government is doing its job of representing the people. . . should be within its capability to provide.

A suggestion for persons wishing to present an issue or concern to the Governor on Friday when he will be here in our county. . . face to face. A written summary (or an elaboration) of your concern should be prepared in advance. When you have had your opportunity to present your statement to the governor, insist that your written statement be taken back to the capital with him. This will serve as a reminder to that office of what was discussed and place you on record as having introduced it to his attention.

It will be a disappointment and a poor reflection of the true mood of this community if fewer than four hundred persons are on hand at 9:30 am at the Konteka (earlier at the airport and at Hoerner Waldorf in Ontonagon) to inform our governor of the "U.P. State of Affairs."

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TOPICAL FLUORIDE PROGRAM SEEKS REGISTRANTS

Ontonagon - Registrations in the summer topical fluoride program for the Ontonagon District are running behind expected rates and parents are urged by the Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department to return the cards for the program as soon as possible.

If cards were not received or were lost, a spokesman said parents should call the Health Department at 884-4485 and applications will be sent.

Students from the second, fifth and eighth grades are eligible for the four treatments and teeth cleaning in the program. The cost for the fluoride program is \$6.

STATE & FEDERAL LAWMAKERS FEUD OVER NUCLEAR DUMPING

Lansing - The feud between state lawmakers and the federal government over dumping nuclear wastes in Michigan is expected to heat up in the House this week.

And lawmakers know that no matter what they do, the feds probably will have the last word.

Set for debate is a package of bills which prohibits dumping radioactive materials in the state. The package is meant as a warning to the federal government that it should bury its wastes elsewhere.

But the issue has left some lawmakers confused and the state attorney general scratching his head over whether the state can pass a law telling federal officials what they can or cannot do.

The officials have admitted they aren't sure the package will have much legal force in keeping the federal government out, but argue that a dumping ban may be the best strategy the state can follow.

The heart of the five-bill package is a tersely worded measure which states that "radioactive waste may not be deposited or stored in this state." The bill grants only a few exemptions.

The U.S. Energy Research & Development Administration has said Michigan is under consideration as a possible dump site for the wastes, the product of nuclear power plants.

While ERDA has done little more than snoop around a few prospective burial sites in the northern Lower Peninsula, that has made lawmakers nervous enough to introduce the bills.

The bills have already passed the Senate. Some of the state's largest utilities - which use nuclear energy to generate some of their power - oppose the ban. They claim the prohibition could further threaten the nuclear plants, which have been criticized by environmentalists as unsafe.

SOO ABANDONMENT HEARING IN HOUGHTON - MARCH 20

Houghton - The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has scheduled the Soo Line Railroad abandonment hearing for 9:30-9:50 a.m. Monday, March 20, in the Houghton City Council Chambers.

The hearing, which is expected to last several days, will be open to the public.

According to Michigan State Transportation Department officials, the presiding judge will first hear the testimony of the Soo Line. In the past, this testimony has run the entire first day. The public then will be able to testify on the effects of the proposed abandonment.

Most of the organized local opposition to the abandonment has been sponsored by the Railroad Steering Committee of the Copper Country Area Industrial Council. The committee has conducted a public information campaign and retained the services of a local attorney to assist in preparing testimony.

Additional information of the hearing is available from Richard Tieder at 487-2470 or Richard Dunnebacke at 482-3210.

It will be an uphill struggle to keep the Soo Line railroad connection to the Copper Country, according to Dick Tieder.

Local passenger rail service is "long gone and will never be restored," Tieder said. He added that continuation of freight service will depend upon the outcome of the hearing ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission for March 20-22.

On the grounds that the local phase of its operation accounted for a loss of \$400,000 a year, the Soo Line has filed for abandonment under a new ICC regulation that will see a decision reached in months rather than in years' as under the older type of proceedings.

The case will probably be decided on the basis of current operating costs, Tieder said. But he contended that retention of the line could still be justified on the basis of potential traffic.

The chief sources of revenue would be products of the mining and pulpwood industries, both, unfortunately, high-bulk low-revenue commodities, he said.

Subsidies, by government or by users, would of course give the branch a new lease on life.

Because of a lack of parallel or alternative lines, Tieder said, "we'll be cut off from the rest of the world," while at the same time, about 500 jobs would be lost along with a \$22 million payroll in the production of both timber and pulp for the paper industry.

Tieder stressed that the decision on abandonment of the line will be based on evidence of public support and "growth-mindedness" or lack of it, as well as upon the economic aspects of the situation.

BERGLAND HIRES PRINCIPAL

Bergland - Warren Fain, a member of the Bergland School faculty since the start of the current school year, has assumed new duties as the school's principal.

The Bergland Board of Education Wednesday night appointed Fain to serve as principal for the remainder of the current year and for the 1978-79 year. He began his new duties Thursday.

Fain's appointment fills the vacancy created when Raymond Maki was promoted from principal to superintendent of schools, succeeding Ronald Fencil who resigned. Maki took over as superintendent March 1.

Since joining the Bergland faculty last August, Fain has been a teacher, counselor coach and athletic director and he will continue to perform those duties in addition to serving as principal. He teaches physical education and marriage and family classes.

A native of Flint, Fain graduated from Flint St. Michael Catholic School and received his bachelor and masters degrees from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Before coming here, Fain was a teacher at Flint 14 years, first at St. Michael and then at Flint Powers after four Catholic schools consolidated. He taught history, marriage and family living and religion classes and was an assistant basketball coach 10 years and then head coach four years.

Fain and his wife, Barbara, and their daughters, Debbie, 4, and Kathy, 1, live on the north end of Lake Gogebic.

SOME STATES SUFFER "BULGING TREASURY" SYNDROME

From Maine to California state treasuries are bulging, in sharp contrast to the deficits of two years ago, and lawmakers are debating ways to give some of the money back to the taxpayers.

A spot check by the Associated Press and a survey by the Tax Foundation Inc. found that 31 states expect to have a surplus at the end of the current one-or two-year fiscal period.

The surpluses are not confined to any particular area of the country, making it hard to pinpoint the reason for financial health. They can be found in industrial states like New York and Illinois, as well as in more rural areas like Kansas and Wisconsin.

Proposals for refunding some of the money vary from state to state and, often among officials within a state.

In Wisconsin, for example, there are three conflicting plans for election-year tax cuts to divvy up a \$400 million to \$425 million surplus. In Colorado there are no less than a dozen schemes.

The amount of the surpluses also vary widely.

California expects to have \$3.1 billion left when the current fiscal year ends June 30; South Dakota officials expect a \$4.9 million surplus July 1 and a \$5.3 million surplus by July 1, 1979.

It is equally difficult to characterize states with deficits.

Among those in or near the red, for example are Pennsylvania, with a \$64 million deficit and Hawaii, which the Tax Foundation says will go from a \$35.2 million surplus in fiscal 1977 (which ended last June 30) to a \$3.5 million deficit in fiscal 1979.

Overall totals for surpluses are difficult to calculate because states use a variety of financial calendars and fiscal systems.

In a study, the Tax Foundation, a nonprofit research group governments reported a \$13.3 billion surplus on general accounts in calendar year 1977, up by nearly \$10 billion from the previous year.

They said the surpluses "reflect strong growth in receipts, coupled with apparent expenditure restraints. In both 1976 and 1977, receipts rose by 11 to 12 percent annually, while expenditure growth was in the 7 to 8 percent range."

The situation today contrasts with that a little over two years ago, when the nation was still suffering from recession and inflation. The Commerce Department said that at the end of the third quarter of 1975, state governments had deficits of \$11.5 billion. On Jan. 15, 1976, the National Governors Conference said that a 37 state survey showed most states faces "an increasingly bleak fiscal future."

The same inflation which helped cause the squeeze also helped cure it, however. As earnings and prices rose, receipts from state income and sales levies also went up, sometimes faster than anticipated.

A growing number of states are setting ceilings on budget increases, linking boosts to growth in personal income.

In addition, many state constitutions forbid deficit spending, meaning the budget must be balances or show a surplus.

PBB TESTING OF CHILDREN TO BEGIN IN STATE

Battle Creek, Mi. - Starting May 1, a top research team will begin testing about 3,000 Michigan adults and children for possible PBB related health problems at six sites around the state.

The team from New York's Mount Sinai Hospital will set up stations in hospitals or clinics in Grand Rapids, the Detroit area, Gaylord, Marquette, Kalamazoo or Vicksburg in Kalamazoo County, and Flint or Saginaw, project chief Dr. Henry A. Anderson told the Battle Creek Enquirer and News on Thursday.

PBB, a fire retardant chemical, accidentally was mixed with livestock feed in 1973 at the Battle Creek Township Farm Bureau Services plant.

Blood and urine samples will be taken and analyzed from about 2,000 adults and 1,000 children in the general population, all volunteers.

The volunteers are to be taken from a statewide pool of about 4,500 persons interviewed by the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

The Mount Sinai team and the University of Michigan also plan additional studies to determine how to rid the human body of chemicals such as PBB, a state health department official said.

STATE HOUSE HIKES LEGAL AGE FOR DRINKING TO 19

Lansing - Legislation raising Michigan's legal drinking age from 18 to 19 has passed its last major hurdle, and could soon be on its way to Gov. William Milliken for his signature.

Although the measure already has passed the Senate, it must return to that chamber for agreement with minor changes made in the House. It then goes to the governor, who has said he will sign the bill when it gets to his desk.

As passed by the House, the measure would take effect in April of 1979. However, lawmakers may yet vote "immediate effect" for the bill, which would raise the drinking age as of Dec. 3 of this year.

The new age limit would remain in effect until Dec. 31, 1981, when the Legislature would have to decide whether to extend it.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

Ontonagon - Roy Gotham, Ontonagon County Prosecuting Attorney, addressed the County Board of Supervisors at last week's meeting regarding the court case involving money paid by the federal government to counties in lieu of taxes on federal lands. Gotham said the court case is still pending.

Gotham corrected an error printed in a newsletter sent to Michigan counties which had indicated that in lieu of tax funds already received by the counties were not the subject of the court suit... only future monies. The PA stated that this was inaccurate.

Gotham reported that Eugene Wagner, representing the twenty-three counties involved in the suit, had confirmed his opinion. Gotham said that the county would be free to budget and spend the money because a restraining order had been lifted by Judge Miles. However, the case is still pending and does apply to any monies already received by the county as well as future payments.

Gotham said that it would be questionable whether the federal government could ask for full refund of monies received and spent if the Townships Association won its case. Indicating the impracticality of such a move, Gotham cautioned that it remains a remote possibility.

In an earlier meeting this year the Board had authorized townships and schools to receive 33 percent each, the county 30 percent and the County Road Commission 4 percent of the funds. Distribution of funds however was held in abeyance pending a final court decision.

Commissioner Maloney asked the board to consider changes in the County Equalization Department. He said the county spends \$68,000 annually on the department and, while the department has three Level III assessors certified by the state, the state has historically ignored the recommendations of these assessors.

An alternative suggested by Maloney was to appoint a Level III director for the department. He stated that a director and one employee would cut \$40,000 from the annual budget requirement.

Maloney also suggested that some township supervisors are being frightened by the state into increasing assessments and that valuations of \$80 and \$100 per acre on farmland will put farmers out of business.

A copy of a resolution of objection to any designation as RARE II "Wilderness" for part of Matchwood Township by the County Commissioners was sent to Congressman Philip Ruppe. The Board detailed its concern with the 'pristine' federal air standard associated with "Wilderness" areas and the effective prevention of industrial expansion within the county which this would result in causing.

Other business enacted by the board at its Tuesday evening meeting included:

approval of a change in the building permit fees to reflect square footage of the building to be inspected, setting the fee at six cents per square foot; authorization of obtaining estimates on upholstery work at the County Jail; approved temporary replacement of some personnel in the clerk's office pending a legal opinion by the prosecuting attorney (this followed an executive session with the County Clerk Bernice Huotari and former employee Marion Brabank);

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set the matron fee for \$25 per day; and authorized attendance of board members at the Governor's U.P. Affairs meeting in Houghton on March 18. The board also will be discussing with the Ontonagon County Road Commission the possibility of the Road Commission becoming the enforcing agency for Act-347, Sedimentation and Erosion Control.

The next regular session of the County Board will be held on March 21st at the Courthouse.

PORKIE MT TV THANKS CONTRIBUTORS TO FUND DRIVE

The Porkie Mt. TV Co. would like to thank the people who have contributed during the period of Feb. 24, 1978 to March 10, 1978. To date we have collected \$5,060.00 There are many people who contributed last year who have not done so this

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year. Those people who do get the benefit of the tower are asked to contribute as soon as possible. Many people have contributed who do not use the tower. We need your help!

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COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

You've had a long winter, you say? Glad spring is just around the corner? Well, most of us will be happy to start planting again and watching for many species of birds to return. But the winter months whizzed by for the Seniors who have been busy attending the many Community Schools classes at the Centers and deeping involved in various activities. You should keep Active to stay Healthy! Stop in at the Centers to see the paintings, ceramics and art & craft items that our Seniors have been working on. There are many Senior Citizens in our county who have been encouraged to develop their talents by working at Crafts through programs offered by our Community Schools for Seniors. Our new painting instructor for the Bergland and White Pine area is Mrs. Alice Dunkel from Marenisco. Classes are held at the Lake Gogebic Center at 1 p.m. each Friday and at the White Pine Mall at 6 p.m. on Friday. Instruction is free to Senior Citizens.

The Crossroads Center in Bruce Crossing has been a busy place. Senior are still bowling every Tuesday afternoon at the Golden Valley Bowl. Sewing and Arts & Crafts classes are held on Wednesday. Their instructor is Sue Perhala. After the sad loss of Alice Wolfe, the Seniors are happy that Sue took over the classes. Thursday mornings the local history class meets. The class is planning to have a book of Stannard Township history printed, putting all the material together that the class contributed. Games of all kinds are played throughout the week during social hours. A Valentine party was held Feb. 10. Blood pressures are taken the 2nd Friday of each month. A Social Security Representative comes in every month, as well as a Vocational Rehabilitation Representative. Call the Crossroads Center for times. Our Escort driver is Armida Maki. If you need this service, call the Center. Hours are 9 to 5, Tuesday thru Friday.

The Lake Gogebic Senior Center has been a hub-bub of activities. Center hours are 9 to 5 Monday thru Friday. Events scheduled each week are as follows: Monday - Nutrition meal is served at noon. Tuesday - Ceramics 9 a.m. Arts & Crafts 1 p.m. Wednesday - Social. Thursday - Sewing 9 a.m. Local History 1 p.m. Friday - Social a.m. Oil Painting 1 p.m.

Blood pressures are taken the 2nd and 4th Fridays, a Vocational Rehabilitation Representative comes once a month. A Valentine party was held Feb. 10. A St. Patrick's Day party will be held Wednesday, March 15 at 12:30 Sandwiches, bars & coffee will be served and Social to follow with cards and games. Club Advisory meeting are held the 2nd Monday of each month following the nutrition program. Our local history class has many pictures and news articles of the Bergland Township and Lake Gogebic areas that students have contributed and are compiling these as well as taped conversation for future generations.

I would like to thank Rudy, Lorenson, Ed Mueller and Alvin Wakeham for their volunteer time and hard work installing our stove, hot water heater and fans; also members that donated to the heater fund.

Mrs. Hazel Slinger, Trout Creek, showed slides taken on her trip to the Holy Land after our Nutrition meal on March 6, and everyone enjoyed them very much. Mr. August Isola, Ewen, donated a clock to our Center. Mr. Isola, who will be 91 in June, visits our Center every week of Nutrition day and we enjoy having him and thank him very much for the gift.

Cane Court Activity Center has Nutrition meals served on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Center hours are 9 to 5 Monday thru Friday. A Center aide is available 3 days a week. Arts & Crafts class is held on Monday a.m. and Oil painting Tuesday afternoon. Escort service is available. Chore service workers are employed to provide services to Seniors who cannot maintain themselves independently. This is on a limited basis. Call Selma Markie at Cane Court Center if these services are needed. A St. Patrick's Day card party for Seniors will be held at 1 p.m. on March 17. Coffee, Bars, Cheese & Crackers will be served and prizes given. If you enjoy bridge, pinochle, etc., please attend. I know you will enjoy the day and perhaps renew some friendships.

A word about Drug Abuse. By Senior Citizens, you say? Oh, yes! What we are concerned about is abuse of taking prescription drugs and over-the-counter cold remedies improperly. Because I am concerned about your health and safety, I would caution you to 1) Take your medication exactly as the Dr. tells you, the right

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amount and the right time. 2) Read directions and follow them, don't guess. 3) Never buy cold or sinus medicines over the counter and take them without reading labels. Many caution you not to take them if you have high blood pressures and are taking blood pressure medication. Ask your doctor to be sure. 3) Never take another person's medication. It was prescribed for them. 4) Do not take old medicine. It can cause serious illness. 5) Never reach for pills in a poorly lit room and take them. Especially if you have more than one type to take. Watch what you are taking.

March is a dangerous month for getting colds and pneumonia with the sun getting warmer and cool winds blowing. So keep buttoned up, stay well and keep smiling! Have a joyous and Happy Easter.

June Lipinski - Director
- Ontonagon County Services to the Aging.

NEW USFS BIOLOGIST AT ONTONAGON

Harry Pawelczyk has recently been employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a Wildlife Biologist stationed at Ontonagon. Increased funding by Congress for Wildlife habitat improvement work plus the Young Adult Conservation Corps and Youth Conservation Corps programs have provided both the funding and manpower to increase habitat improvement projects on the Ottawa National Forest. Pawelczyk will provide professional expertise both in directing current fish and wildlife habitat work projects and developing inventories and plans for additional projects on the 140,000 acres of National Forest land administered by the Ontonagon Ranger District.

Harry and his family moved to Ontonagon from Lisle, Illinois. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University and has worked previously for the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation on waterfowl and upland game bird management.

UPFLO CONTINUES TO FIGHT STATE LAND USE PLANS

Emil Groth, manager of the Upper Peninsula Federation of Landowners (UPFLO) reports that Zolton Ferency testified at Senator Joseph Mack's hearings on the land use bill. Ferency said that the land use bill gives the governor the "kind of power" that would make Michigan like "Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union." UPFLO manager Groth welcomed the testimony "as a positive sign that the lower peninsula is learning the truth about how bad the land use bill really is. As a result of demand in the lower peninsula, UPFLO is now publishing a statewide special edition Land Use Newsletter in addition to the U.P. Landowner. I feel that landowners all over Michigan should have the opportunity to learn the facts about land use," Groth said.

In his testimony before Senator Mack's committee in MT Pleasant, Zolton Ferency, said that the land use bill "effectively confiscates private property without just compensation." Ferency also criticized state and regional land use planning that does not compensate the owner for the damages the planning causes to his property. Ferency said that "I don't think that the individual property owner should bear the full cost of somebody else's planning," and he questions whether the land use bill could ever be constitutional as a "due process of law." Ferency added that "if your land happens to be designated" and the government tells us "what we ought to do with our land, the government had better be prepared to pay for that land, then and there."

Mr. James Kilgren, president of the Northern Michigan Sportsmen Association was the guest at the Upper Peninsula Federation of Landowners meeting recently in Marquette. Kilgren said that the sportsmen association "supports the landowners opposition to the state land use bill." He noted how the Michigan United Conservation Clubs are out of touch with the people of Northern Michigan since the M.U.C.C. has come out to promote the land use bill. Groth said regarding the Navy's Project Seafarer; "Now that the Navy admits that the construction of Seafarer on extensive areas of private property was a "dumb" idea, UPFLO's opposition to Seafarer is clearly correct.

The congressman's wife shook him vigorously in the middle of the night. "Wake up, Adam!" she whispered frantically, "there's a thief in the house!" "No way," came the sleepy reply. "In the Senate, maybe. But in the House? Never!"

USFS REPLY TO CONCERNS ON LAKE GOGEBIC YACC CAMP PROPOSAL

An adverse reaction on the part of many of Marenisco Township's residents as well as the membership of the Lake Gogebic Improvement Association following a USFS informational session held recently has prompted the supervisor of the Ottawa National Forest, M. K. Lauritsen, Ironwood, to issue a press release detailing the Forest Service position and plans for the project.

The Marenisco meeting was held at its Town Hall and was moderated by Township Supervisor Rich McKenzie and attended by about eighty persons, including two representatives of the USFS Ironwood office.

Charles Novak, president of the Improvement Association said that a secret vote taken by the group revealed that 58 opposed the proposed purchase of the Villa St. Thomas on the east shore of Lake Gogebic, while 12 voted in favor of it and 8 marked ballots as undecided.

Summing up the association's opposition, Novak said, "We're in favor of the program, but we just don't like where it's being installed."

The program referred to is a Young Adult Conservation Corps residential camp, with facilities for Youth Conservation Corps and other Human Resource Program work.

The villa, which comes with 143 acres of land and a mile of Lake Gogebic shoreline, would be used to house 80 male and female students aged 16-23 in a 50-50 ratio with a staff of 20 to supervise their training.

According to Novak the Forest Service has a preliminary budget of \$1,000,000 per year to run the facility with the goal of teaching timber management, development of recreational areas and how to improve fishing and wildlife habitat.

Novak said funds are committed through 1980 for the program's operation, but "the Forest Service cannot guarantee the program will continue beyond 1980."

Since land purchased by the federal government is almost never returned to the private sector, a tax loss that will never be recovered will occur if the purchase is approved, according to Novak.

The Forest Service now owns a large percentage of the Upper Peninsula, of which two and three-quarters miles is reported to be Lake Gogebic shoreline which is now lying idle.

The Forest Service does have an option to purchase the Villa St. Thomas property which began January 25 and continues through January 25, 1979.

Novak expressed two other concerns at the meeting in Marenisco.

"The Forest Service estimates the cost of purchase and remodeling of the camp to be \$1,000,000; however, we believe cost overruns could lead to many additional thousands of dollars being spent," said Novak.

"We're also concerned about supervision. It's going to take a heck of a lot of people to supervise a group of 16-23 year-olds."

In reply to the concerns which issued from the Marenisco meeting and others voiced by individual citizens and other area groups, Lauritsen said the citizens' concerns will be "seriously considered" when the Forest Service makes a decision on whether to exercise its option to buy the property.

"These concerns are not the only factors that will be weighed," he said. "Many other important considerations are associated with our proposal. Perhaps the most important of these are the purposes for which we plan to use the facility: A Young Adult Conservation Corps residential camp, a Youth Conservation Corps facility, and as a site for other Human Resource Program work.

"Used for its primary intended purpose, a YACC camp, Villa St. Thomas would provide a site at which 80 to 100 otherwise unemployed young Americans aged 16 to 23 would be employed in a variety of jobs designed to develop and enhance the area's natural resources. The program is very much like the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s that many area residents remember. Most of the pine pulpwood now produced by the Ottawa National Forest comes from trees that were

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planted by CCC enrollees. Some of the forest's most popular recreation facilities were developed by the same young men," stated Lauritsen.

"In addition to providing us with a year-round YACC facility," Lauritsen went on, "Villa St. Thomas could be expanded to provide a residential camp for the summer-only Youth Conservation Corps program. Here we visualize facilities for 50 enrollees plus needed staff. All parts of the operation of Villa St. Thomas would provide work opportunities for persons 55 years of age and older who qualify for enrollment in the Older Americans Program.

"One of the questions we are most often asked is why can't the Forest Service build its proposed facility on land it already owns," Lauritsen said. A primary reason for our selection of Villa St. Thomas was that it has buildings in place and suitable for the intended use. A need for land was not a consideration. Other factors were cost and the funding available to us.

"The total estimated cost of purchasing and improving the Villa St. Thomas property for UACC use is about one million dollars. The cost of constructing a comparable new facility has been estimated at twice that amount, or about two million dollars. Because Villa St. Thomas has potential public recreation value, the purchase of the land and improvements can be financed with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act money. Needed capital improvements, about \$250,000, would then be financed with YACC funding which is quite limited. It is so limited, in fact, that construction of a new camp could not be undertaken.

"Basically then," Lauritsen said, "our reason for desiring to acquire Villa St. Thomas for a YACC camp site is that without it we will be unable to have such a facility on the Ottawa National Forest, and in this area whose economy has suffered several recent setbacks.

"The establishment of a YACC camp at Villa St. Thomas would bring economic benefit to the area almost immediately.

"Local contractors would have opportunity to bid on the work needed to bring

the facility up to standard, and some area residents would be able to compete for the 20 to 25 staff jobs that would be available. Once underway, operation of the camp would cost an estimated one million dollars per year, said Lauritsen. "Much of this total would find its way into the local economy in the form of staff salaries, enrollee spending, and agency purchase of supplies and services. In addition, the Forest Service would contribute funds to local government units for services such as sanitary landfills and a fair share of road maintenance."

According to Lauritsen, the work that would be done by YACC enrollees would be integrated into the regular work programs of the forest. Jobs would include such things as fish and wildlife habitat improvement, recreation facility development, tree planting, trail construction and maintenance, and a host of other jobs associated with a program designed to enhance all natural resources.

"Some of the benefits associated with this work, the availability of trails, for example, would be almost immediate," he said. "Others such as the products derived from the more productive higher quality timber stands YACC work would create would provide economic benefits in the future."

Persons interested in more information about the Forest Service's proposed acquisition of Villa St. Thomas can write, call or visit the forest supervisor's office in Ironwood, or the district ranger's offices in Bessemer and Bergland.

SNOMO - TRAFFIC DEATHS UP IN STATE THIS YEAR TO DATE

Lansing - Michigan's heavy winter weather has boosted snowmobile deaths, officials said Friday.

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Trout Creek - Interior Township residents last week agreed at a meeting held to discuss local tax situations that there is a need for a local taxpayers' group.

The meeting was attended by Township Supervisor Leslie Curtis. Problems with rising valuations imposed by state studies were discussed.

Those in attendance agreed that such a taxpayers' group would collect information, facts and figures regarding property taxes and explore ways of doing something about them.

Supervisor Curtis told the group that the Township Hall would be available for such meetings.

Anyone in the Trout Creek area interested in such a taxpayers' group or in more information is asked to call Weikko and Sylvia Lakanen or Carl E. Ogren Sr.

EWEN 'LOAD OF LOGS' FINAL CUTTING THIS WEEKEND

Ewen - The last of the logs needed to complete the "World Fair Load of Logs" replica will be cut and skidded Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, if needed, according to Dan Ojala of the committee in charge of the project.

The White pine trees, ranging in diameter up to 40 inches, are located on USFS land south of Kenton in the Robinson Lake area. Ojala said professional loggers from the area are cooperating in the tree harvest, which will be filmed for television viewing.

Ojala added that the public is encouraged to witness the historic event and can meet at Tom's Northland Store at Kenton at 9 a.m. on Saturday, to be guided to the site. The site is easily accessible to the public according to Ojala.

After the cutting the public is invited to attend the Open House at the McMillan Township Fire Hall to view the expansion and the new truck. A bake sale and lunch will also be held.

GREENLAND CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Greenland - Wanda Riechers is the new president of the Greenland Study Club.

She was elected at the club's March meeting this week.

Margaret Koivu was elected vice president; Vera Laakko, secretary, and Evelyn Plutchak, treasurer.

In addition to the election of officers the club approved a donation to the Gogebic Ontonagon Special Olympics.

CONSUMERS POWER ASKS FOR \$76 MILLION IN GAS RATE HIKES

Lansing, Mi - Consumers Power Co. says it will ask for an additional \$76 million increase in natural gas rates in addition to the \$47 million it just received.

Stephen Irish, a spokesman for the power company, said on Monday the utility's application to the state Public Service Commission later this month will include a \$37 million interim increase.

He declined to release additional details about the increase, saying that reasons for the hike would be announced at a news conference next Monday in Lansing.

The utility had threatened to seek the extra funds after it won part of a requested \$54.1 million hike in January. That increase, which the utility originally sought in 1974, cost its average customer about \$7.21 a year.

Consumers had pegged part of the increase to help pay for construction of a synthetic natural gas plant in Marysville.

The PSC refused to allow the utility to pass on to customers its entire investment in the Marysville plant because it cost three times more than company estimates.

WPCC DROPS COPPER PRICE

White Pine - The domestic price of copper has been reduced by the White Pine Copper Company from 63 cents per pound to 61.5 cents per pound, with the reduction retroactive to March 1. A spokesman for the company said, "The market for copper continues to be depressed."

The company is continuing production at the rate of 9,000 tons of ore per day, although it still has a fairly high inventory.

Over the hundred-plus year history of copper mining in the Copper Country region, as many as 1,000 independent mining ventures have operated to extract the ore. White Pine is the only copper firm currently in operation in the region.

HELLMAN'S BATTLE A SUCCESS: EQUAL TREATMENT FOR U.P.

Lansing - Preliminary information that Upper Peninsula localities in which national parks and forests are located will be receiving an estimated \$747,610 brought a pleased reaction from State Rep. Russell Hellman, D-Dollar Bay, who said he was "pleased that U.P. national parks and forest areas are finally being treated with the same consideration given to those in the Lower Peninsula."

"These funds will be coming at a 10 percent declining rate for 10 years," said Hellman. "It's possible that this could help to defer local tax increases in the coming years, but to me the most important thing is that, at least in this instance, the U.P. is receiving equal treatment."

According to Hellman, payments to be made to Gogebic County units include: Gogebic County, \$45,322.50; Watersmeet Township, \$45,500; Watersmeet School District, \$178,850; Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District, \$16,240; and Gogebic Community College, \$22,400.

"It all began in 1974 when the Sleeping Bear Dunes Act was passed," said Hellman, who was instrumental in obtaining the funds for the U.P. "Because the area was becoming a national park, Michigan and local units of government were losing part of their tax base. Other taxpayers in surrounding areas were being reassessed to make up for the loss and some people felt that was unfair."

Hellman said that to ease the burden on those taxpayers, the state agreed to assume the balance of the forfeited tax revenue on a 10-year declining basis. "I think that is a fine idea," said Hellman. "But I also think that if it applies to the Sleeping Bear Dunes, which is practically in the governor's backyard, then it ought to apply to all the other national parks and forests in Michigan as well."

Since 1975 Hellman has attempted to obtain the same treatment for the balance of Federal parks and forests in the Upper Peninsula but in spite of this effort for for two years the governor had vetoed the expenditure. "I was told that that purpose unless the legislature passed enabling legislation," said Hellman. "In 1977 I had the legislation drafted, I introduced it, and it was signed into law. Finally, after four years, the issue is being resolved."

60% JUMP IN GROCERIES - FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

Boosted by coffee, grocery bills have risen almost 60 percent in the past five years, with prices going up nearly 2 percent during February alone, according to a recent survey by the Associated Press.

Although coffee prices have declined slightly since last spring, the average cost of a pound of the brew at the start of March was still about 3 1/2 times higher than it was five years ago.

Among the findings of the survey were: The marketbasket total increased at checklist stores in eight cities last month, rising an average of 3.9 percent. The bill declined at the checklist store in four cities - down an average of 1.4 percent, meaning that on an overall basis the total at the beginning of March was 1.9 percent higher than it was a month earlier. During January the AP survey showed the average bill rose 1.2%.

Almost 40 percent of the total number of items checked in the survey rose in price last month; there were more than three times as many increases as decreases.

AREA PROJECTS RECEIVE OK ON FEDERAL FUNDING

Washington, D.C. - Two Copper Country projects were funded recently by the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission at its meeting in Washington, according to U.S. Rep. Philip Ruppe.

The commission approved \$13,000 for the construction of the Sturgeon River Bridge in Houghton County. Total project cost will be \$260,000 and local sources and the Dept. of Transportation will pick up the additional funding.

Also awarded was a grant of \$44,600 for expansion of the Ontonagon County Tourist Park. The total cost of the park expansion is \$89,000, with the remaining funding coming from the Farmers Home Administration and local sources.

A total of \$1.5 million in funding for projects in the three-state area including Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota was awarded.

Most families use credit cards for everything today. The only one who still pays cash is the tooth fairy!

THANKS WARRIORS

Although last Thursday night's game in Marquette was a disappointment, I think we all realize the great season the Warriors had this year and congratulate them for their fine efforts. They provided the fans with excellent basketball and with two conference wins, and the district finals. We know they are a great team and have a super coach!

Thanks Warriors! You're still "Tops" with us!

A Fan

POLLUTION LAWS COULD LOWER COPPER PRODUCTION IN DECADE

Washington, D.C. - Federal anti-pollution laws could lower copper production by 25 to 33 percent and cost the industry 21,000 to 28,000 jobs by 1987, says a study by consulting firm Arthur D. Little, Inc. of Cambridge, Mass.

The report was prepared for the Environmental Protection Agency and stated that both the air and water pollution statutes could force prices up 30 to 39 percent.

Also, imports would rise between 13 and 21 percent according to the study. Federal environmental regulations affect mining, milling, smelting and refining of copper. Air pollution laws are the most significant according to the study.

More than 60,000 people work in the copper industry in the U.S. The United States was self-sufficient in copper, but in the last two years imports have increased to 23 percent of the total copper used in this country.



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COUNTY 4-H LEADERS AT MSU LEADERMETE. L To R (back) Judy Hansen and Judy Berg. L To R (front) Gertie Moilanen, Lisa Niemi, and Teresa Hansen. All are from Ewen.

WARRIORS WIND IT UP AT MARQUETTE

By: George Paoli For White Pine High School

Coach Roland Antila's White Pine Warriors ended a fine, 21-3 season last Thursday in Regional Class D tournament play at Northern Michigan University's Hedgecock Fieldhouse.

The Dollar Bay boys weren't playing the same Warriors that earned two conference crowns and their district crown, as the Bays upset the Warriors 65-55.

The Warriors couldn't get anything going as Dollar Bay took a slight 13-10 lead after the first quarter.

It's no surprise that the Bays were leading 35-25 at the half as they shot an amazing 16 of 27 for 59 percent while the Warriors were shooting 11 of 30 for 37 percent.

A frustrated Warrior team brought the game to within five points, 50-45, after three quarters. The Warriors had tied the game 53-53 in the middle of the final period of play, but couldn't hold on to it as the Bays went on to score 12 more points and the Warriors scored only 2 more to give the Bays the 65-55 victory.

For one of the few times this season the Warriors had more turnovers than their opponent. The Warriors had 20 while the Bays had 15.

Turnovers may have stung the Warriors but rebounds were the remedy as White Pine pulled down 41 and Dollar Bay brought down 21.

Maksym led the Warriors scoring with 21 while Steve Makela netted 14 and also led the rebounding with 23. John Tiberg was also in double figures with 12. The Warriors hit 22 of 61 for 36 percent from the field.

Borsum led the Bays attack with 17 (continued next column)

followed by Keith Kentala with 15, Wiitanen with 13 and Alger with 11. Dollar Bay shot well hitting 26 of 48 for 54%.

MINNESOTA SCHOOL GOES ENERGY INDEPENDENT

Grand Marais, MN - School officials in this northern Minnesota town fear they would "go down the drain" in a serious energy crisis. So they've decided to prepare for it.

Vern Lueth, city schools superintendent, says a ceremony was held last week to celebrate the conversion from fuel oil to a \$288 thousand wood plant.

Officials first considered a switch to wood when the energy crunch started to appear several years ago and an area saw-mill installed a used wood boiler, Lueth said. "We are at the end of the world, with no rail transportation into the community. Our fuel oil comes from Duluth, 110 miles away. If there was ever a serious pinch we would be one of the first to go down the drain," he said.

The new plant will burn waste wood from the area's lumber industry which would otherwise be dumped or burned. And it could cut the district's annual energy bills in half. Lueth said \$6,500 will buy 1,000 tons of wood, about the equivalent of 60,000 gallons of oil.

The plant, which will heat both the elementary and high schools, will require some additional maintenance, Lueth said, but he does not expect to need to hire additional maintenance workers.

"I've been working all my life," the man sighed, "but somehow it seems longer!"

WHITE HOUSE TO BACK COPPER STOCKPILE PLAN

Washington - In a shift of administration policy, President Carter has agreed to back a proposal for the government to purchase 225,000 tons of copper to be stockpiled as a military reserve, it was disclosed last week.

"This legislation has the full and direct support of the Carter administration," Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., said at a news conference.

As late in the week as Wednesday, administration officials testified before a Senate subcommittee that despite the economic depression now suffered by the copper industry, they were opposed to having the government buying some of the current surplus from U.S. copper production.

Finally after weeks of discussion with Vice President Mondale, Udall and co-supporters of the plan were informed by the White House that it will back legislation for the purchase, which will be financed in part by the sale of excess government holdings of tin.

Udall said he had also personally appealed to Carter for support of the proposal.

"This should not be termed a bailout for the copper industry," said Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.

Nonetheless, both Udall and DeConcini said if the purchase is approved by the Congress, it will provide relief for the copper industry which has already made some layoffs of workers and is contemplating more.

"The decline in copper prices and resultant layoffs have caused great hardships in our state," Udall said.

He said despite the current surplus in the world copper market, the metal is expected to be in strong demand by the mid-1980s.

The government buys copper, tin and tungsten and other metals to insure an adequate supply for the nation during wartime.

WISCONSIN SENATOR PUSHES ON WILDERNESS DESIGNATION IN NORTHERN AREAS OF STATE

Washington, D.C. - Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., last week introduced legislation to designate Blackjack Springs and Whisker Lake in the Nicolet National Forest as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The bill is the first of a three-part "Wilderness in Wisconsin" proposal which Nelson unveiled in Eagle River Feb. 15. Parts two and three of the proposal involve additional land in the Nicolet and Chequamegon National Forests and the Upper Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Refuge which could meet the requirements of the 1960 Wilderness Act.

The legislation would take 5,886 acres in Blackjack Springs and 7,315 acres in Whisker Lake out of the Forest Crop Law.

If the areas are designated as wilderness they would remain open for hunting and fishing, subject only to Wisconsin law, as well as for hiking, camping and skiing. Only logging, motorized recreation and intensive management would not be permitted, according to Nelson's explanation.

"These additions to the National Wilderness Preservation System will have a positive economic impact on the local economy, especially in Eagle River, Phelps and Florence. They will attract visitors and tourists," Nelson claimed. "Moreover, they will not affect the 'Federal In-Lieu of Tax' payments towns and counties now receive or the Forest Services' 25 percent fund payments program."

During the 1977 fiscal year, Vilas county received \$20,244.62 from the Forest Service and \$20,659 from the Bureau of Land Management. Florence County received \$34,420.06 from the Forest Service and \$22,248 as part of the "Federal In-Lieu of Tax" program.

"Both counties will continue to receive annual payments if Blackjack Springs and Whisker Lake receive wilderness designation," Nelson said.

WATCH FOR COMPLETE DETAILS IN NEXT WEEK'S NONESUCH ON THIS YEAR'S MINERAL RIVER PLAZA ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW - COMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 2ND!!

Coming Events

CRAFT CLUB MEETING DATE CHANGED

ATTENTION!!! The Craft Club is changing its regular meeting from the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ontonagon Township Library. The next meeting will be March 16th.

Charlotte Lackie will be demonstrating more needle point stitches at this time.

If you missed the last meeting, come this time and bring a small needle with a large eye and 4-ply yarn in 2 different colors.

EXTENSION SERVICE 'LEAN-IN'

The Lean-In is coming to Iron County in April. What is a Lean In, you ask? It's a once-in-every-four year super Learning opportunity reports Pat Pintens, Iron County Extension Home Economist.

It's a day packed full of unique topics. It's a chance to find out more about Parapsychology: The Newest Science, the science that explores UFO's, ESP, and Encounters. Or explore the Edible Wild Plant Story, or Wild Flowers of Wisconsin. Find out about Family Fun, Liking Yourself, Writing the Northern Notebook, and Marriage Enrichment. 12 seminars in all are offered.

The Learn In begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Hurley. There are 4 seminar periods. You may attend as many or as few as you like. The day ends at 4:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$2.50. Registration deadline is April 1. Child care is available for \$1.00 whether you bring 1, 2, or 3 children.

To register, call or write the Iron County Extension Office, Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin, 561-2695. Registrations are transferable, but not refundable.

MUSIC FESTIVAL SATURDAY IN ONTONAGON

On Saturday, March 18, District 14, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (Western Half of UP) will hold its 1978 Band Festival at Ontonagon. Bands will begin performing at 8:05 a.m. with the schedule as follows: 8:05, Lake Linden High School; 8:30, Ontonagon; 8:55, White Pine; 9:40, Baraga; 10:05 Chassell; 10:30, Dollar Bay; 10:55 Jeffers; 11:20 West Iron; 11:45, North Dickinson; 1:15 Forest Park; 1:40 North Dickenson Jr. High; 2:05, Norway; 2:30 Carney-Nadeau; 2:55, North Central; 3:35, West Iron Jr. High; 4:00 Forest Park High; 4:25 Norway Jr. High; 4:50 White Pine Jr. High; 5:15, North Central Jr. High.

Each band is allowed 25 minutes to warm up, then proceeds to the performance area where they are allotted 25 minutes to set up and perform. Each band performs a march, a selection from the state required list for their classification or higher, and a third selection of their own choosing. During the performance each band is rated by three judges on their musical performance. From the performance area, each band passes on to the sight-reading area, where they must perform a march and concert selection after seven minutes of reviewing them. During the seven minutes, no student is allowed to play their instrument. The average of the three judges in performance is averaged with the sight-reading score to arrive at a final rating.

The Ontonagon High School Music Department is hosting the 1978 Festival. Performances will be in the High School Gym. The performance judges are: Ronald Smith from Cheboygan, Katherine Pontious of Sault Ste. Marie, Henry VerBerkmoes of Lake Linden. In sight-reading the judge will be Gary Waldo from Gaylord.

TO PARENTS OF COUNTY MUSIC STUDENTS - Since this festival is the first to be held within our own county, the students would surely appreciate the support of their parents attendance at their performances on Saturday.

GOISD OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SIXTH GRADERS

A consortium of all schools, public and parochial, within the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District was organized to enable the sixth-grade classes within the two-county area to experience an outdoor education program at Camp Plagens, Land O' Lakes.

The Sixth graders from Mass, Rockland, and Ontonagon are working hard at raising money to cover the cost of attending the camp. They have already raised one quarter of the total cost. Local residents may help these students out by purchasing candy from them. They will be going door-to-door to sell candy. All proceeds will be used for (continued next column)

sending the sixth-graders to camp.

The Outdoor Education schedule for Camp Plagens is: May 2 - 6, Marenisco, Wakefield, White Pine. May 9 - 12, Mass, Rockland, Ontonagon. May 16 - 19, Bergland, Ewen-Trout Creek, Watersmeet. May 23 - 29, Ironwood, Bessemer, St. Sebastian. May 30 - June 2, Ironwood, Ironwood Catholic, Ramsay.

WELDING WORKSHOP PLANNED

An 8-week welding "workshop" is being contemplated for White Pine Community Schools.

The course would meet four hours per session. The only fee would be a Lab fee of \$15.

The Course will begin on March 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the White Pine High School shop.

For further information contact Dan Linna, Community Schools Director 885-5407.

FAMILY GYM-SWIM AT WHITE PINE

White Pine - A family gym and swim program of health and exercise on five Mondays will be given at the White Pine School. The program is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday evening, March 20th at 7 p.m.

The course content will cover family exercises, health programs and health enrichment, followed by swimming. Teachers from Suomi College's Nurmi Center, Hancock, will teach the course, with local guards at the pool.

The FCE courses are short term five-week family-centered educational opportunities in the northern Upper Peninsula area.

For further information, contact Dan Linna, Community Schools Director 885-5407.



BERGLAND RANGER - W. JARVIS

William L. Jarvis joined the staff of the Ottawa National Forest at Bergland effective February 12. Bill comes to the Ottawa from Joliet, Illinois where he was employed by the Illinois Conservation Department. He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in zoology in 1969 and received a masters degree from the same institution in Wildlife Ecology in 1973. Besides Illinois, he has prior experience with the Kansas Fish and Game Department and worked on the Sierra National Forest in California.

Bill's wife Judy and 1 children ages 15 and 11 will be moving to the area sometime early this summer.

The addition of Bill to the Bergland staff will expand our expertise in another valuable resource field District Ranger Dan Murphy is quoted as saying, and will allow us to intensify our management practices to provide improved public benefits.

ANNUAL ELECTION FOR EWEN TROUT CREEK SCHOOL BOARD

The Board of Education of the Ewen-Trout Creek School District announces its annual election will be held on June 12, 1978.

Voters will elect trustees to fill the two regular expired four year terms currently held by Mr. Robert Lindsey, Ewen, and Mr. Larry Hansen, also of Ewen. In addition, a trustee will be elected to fill the remaining three years of the unexpired term of Mr. Terry Hoffman of Kenton who recently resigned his position.

Nominating petitions for those interested in running for these positions are available at the school offices in both Ewen and Trout Creek.

Completed petitions must be filed with the Superintendent of Schools by 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, 1978.

Last Laugh

The highs, lows, pressure systems and percentages of today's weather forecasts are often confusing as well as being moot, if you happen to live in one of the one hundred and forty-seven U.P. 'snow belts', so the following forecast from a Vermont radio weatherman would feel "right at home" here in our territory: "Snow today. Can't tell you how much. Hasn't stopped yet."

MACK VOWS SUPPORT TO TOWN SHIPS IN LAND VALUATION APPEALS TO STATE

Ontonagon - In an address to a large group of township and county officials gathered at the Courthouse here on March 4 Senator Joseph Mack advised townships to appeal what they consider unfair valuations and he will personally join them in a fight before the State Tax Commission.

Mack made his remarks after hearing various township officials detail what they considered unfair and sometimes illegal actions by the state tax commission. Mack asked that Milton Woodard of Trout Creek, a certified assessor who has assisted three townships with valuations, help him draft a bill which would permit the use of sales analysis in determining valuations only when a certain percentage of sales in a class is available.

In his opening statement to the officials attending from Ontonagon, Baraga, Houghton and Gogebic counties, Mack said he has submitted a bill that would permit taxing at 30 percent of true cash value instead of 50 percent as at present.

Woodard's testimony concentrated on re-pricing of three townships - Matchwood, Interior and Stannard. He had also been involved in the protest before the State Tax Tribunal two years ago and told Mack that the tax commission officials told him that, "Market place alone determine the value," when the assessors' manuals and other laws say that income-producing capabilities and other factors must be considered.

Woodard detailed the unfairness of one sale determining the value of all land in that class; of comparing a rural residence located in a corner of a 160-acre parcel with down-state homes on a small lot; and ignoring the income-producing capability of much farmland.

Mack requested that Woodard appeal the valuations and that he would personally go into the hearing before the tribunal with Woodard.

Another suggestion made by Mack was the possibility of obtaining funds to have the Porcupine Mountains appraised and set the rest of the taxes to what the state sets on the Porkies.

Statements by a number of those in attendance were made. A number of the speakers criticized the Bursley Formula for State Aid, which makes local units of government assume more of the cost for schools and the state less as state equalized valuations rise. If the schools then drop millage, the state cuts down on funding to the schools.

Most of the speakers at the meeting urged that a new method other than property taxes be used in financing schools. Harold Amos, Ontonagon County commissioner and a teacher in the Ontonagon School system, urged that another method be found which would be fairer to taxpayers.

Among other suggestions received from speakers were: addition of another tax class, recreation, so that residences are not valued in this class; putting mineral rights on the tax rolls; townships and counties dropping millage, and revision of the assessor's manual.

One speaker said that the Equalization Process has broken down and what is now taking place in townships because of state imposed valuations is not equalization.

A Houghton County Township official testified that since 1973 agricultural lands have increased in value 34 percent, timber-cut 38 percent, residential 26 percent, commercial 21 percent, but industrial - only 6% percent.

The meeting adjourned after nearly a three-hour session. As it ended Senator Mack promised the audience, "Appeal your cases to the tax commission; I'll go with you."

RUPPE BILL SEEKS ECONOMIC STIMULATION THRU TAX BREAKS

Washington - What is the most efficient, and most equitable way to stimulate the nation's economy, without risking an increase in the inflation rate? U.S. Rep Philip E. Ruppe, R-Houghton, says targeting tax credits to areas of high unemployment may be the best solution instead of across-the-board tax cuts being championed by the administration and other law-makers.

Ruppe, who introduced the tax credit legislation recently believes that straight tax cuts will not guarantee tax relief to areas most in need of new jobs. "With across-the-board cuts," Ruppe said, "there is a greater risk of decreased revenues to the federal treasury."

In a statement accompanying the introduction of his bill (H.R. 11039) the Houghton Republican said the legislation, would benefit both urban and rural areas in the country "In short, such a proposal would help stimulate development and take the jobs to the workers," Ruppe said.

Recent studies show that unemployment is concentrated in old industrial centers of inner cities and declining rural areas, as business flees to the suburbs where land costs are lower and economic conditions better.

Specifically, the legislation would make two changes in the Internal Revenue Code. The first part would provide an additional five percent investment tax credit for businesses that locate or expand in economic redevelopment areas, or ERA's which have suffered chronic unemployment. It also increase the amount of credit allowable to offset up to 90 percent of its tax liability and also allow the credit to be used for the construction or renovation of new industrial plants. Businesses could not use the credit if they relocated from an area outside any ERA causing a reduction in employment at its original location.

The second part of the innovative package allows a 10 percent increase in the existing jobs tax credit for firms which create new jobs within the ERA.

Ruppe's bill has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee which is expected to begin hearings on the various tax proposals in March.

LOCAL 4-H LEADERS ATTEND STATE SESSION

Volunteer 4-H leaders from Ontonagon County were welcomed, educated, entertained and honored at Michigan State University March 4 and 5. They were attending the 22nd Annual 4-H Leader's Meeting at MSU's Kellogg Center for Continuing Education in East Lansing.

The aim of Leader's Meeting is to teach volunteer leaders about new programs available in 4-H, to help them improve themselves as leaders and to honor their successful efforts.

NEW DNR COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC LAND USE

Lansing, Mi. - The Department of Natural Resources has formed a special committee to determine how public lands can best be used by Michigan residents.

The committee, made up of employees and private citizens, is a spin off from the DNR's new urban recreation program, officials said Friday. That program emphasizes using available public lands for recreation in southern Lower Michigan.

Merrill Petoskey, assistant DNR chief of the Bureau of Renewable Resources Management, was named to head the new committee to decide the appropriate uses of such land as game areas.

Petoskey said a major goal is to promote hunting on public land while permitting compatible uses by non-hunters.

The committee hopes to make its preliminary recommendations to DNR Director Howard Tanner in three months.

PERPICH REVERSES POSITION ON UGLRD FUNDING

Washington - Gov. Rudy Perpich of Minnesota, who earlier had called for abolishing the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission said Tuesday he has changed his mind.

But Perpich said the commission should be more aggressive in seeking federal grants for the 119 counties in Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan is represents.

Commission members, Perpich, Michigan Gov. William Milliken and Martin Shriver, acting governor of Wisconsin, met briefly Tuesday in Washington, where the National Governors' Conference was held.

WOODBURNERS NOT AN ENERGY ALTERNATIVE IN WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis. - The Wisconsin Assembly resisted efforts last week to include wood-burning stoves in a bill to provide income tax credits for persons who purchase solar, systems and other alternative energy equipment.

The bill calls for a credit equal to as much as 30 percent of the cost of solar, wind and waste-conversion systems.

It was approved 91-4, with an amendment providing tax credits for solar crop drying systems.

Rep. G. Hephner, D-Chilton, drafted the crop-drying provision, but got nowhere with his argument that woodburning stoves should be included.

Speaker Pro Tem D. Kedrowski, D-Washburn, who said he heats his Bayfield County home with wood, ruled Hephner's amendment was not germane to the bill because wood stoves are not alternative energy systems.

A number of other northern Wisconsin legislators also pleaded that wood stoves purchases be eligible for tax credits.

"There will be many more people helped by converting from oil to wood than by this solar energy," one stated.

The same person said that persons who can afford solar energy systems in the first place don't need a tax credit. "This amendment will cost the people of Wisconsin millions of dollars," said Rep. M. Schneider.

Rep. T. Murray of Superior said encouraging woodburning without guiding consumers as to how to install stoves could cause accidental fires if do-it-yourself purchasers attach stoves to chimneys which are not equipped to handle the intense heat and soot of a wood fire.

The bill provides tax credits of 30% of the cost of solar systems installed in existing houses in 1977 and 1978; 24% in 1979 and 1980; 18% in 1981 and 1982 and 12% in 1983 and 1984. For new homes the tax credits are 20%, 16%, 12% and 8% respectively. The rationale for the sliding scale is that, as time passes, the cost of conventional fuels will increase and alternative energy sources will be more attractive, needing less tax incentive.

EXXON PURCHASES WISCONSIN ZINC-COPPER LAND TRACT

Crandon, Wis. - Exxon USA has purchased 1,160 acres of land at the site of its major zinc and copper find in Forest County, a company spokesman said Wednesday.

The land in the Towns of Nashville and Lincoln, near Crandon, was purchased from Connor Forest Industries for \$2.32 million, county records show.

Connor retained royalty interests in any possible mineral production from the land, Robert L. Russell, manager of the project, said.

Russell said the land would be used for engineering and environmental studies, to evaluate alternate plant sites for an environmental impact statement and to serve as a buffer zone around the area to be developed.

About 80 acres of the land is located in the Town of Nashville and the rest is in the Town of Lincoln.

"This is another example," Russell stated, "of the high-risk nature of minerals development and the level of commitment required even before a decision to mine is made."

A two-year pilot mine operation is to begin Jan. 1, according to schedule submitted to the Department of Natural Resources.

BALD EAGLE NOT ENDANGERED

Minneapolis - Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan apparently have large, stable populations of North American bald eagles and are excluded from a new federal regulation that makes the bald eagle an endangered species.

The regulation to take effect March 16, also excludes Oregon and Washington.

"Actually, the numbers of bald eagles in the three northern states of the Great Lakes is as high as it has ever been in history," said James Engle, of the U.S. Fish and wildlife Service.

A species classified as endangered is believed to be facing extinction. Animals with that designation may not be killed except for research purposes or for what federal regulations call "enhancement of the species."

Until this year, the North American bald eagle was not included in the federal listing of endangered or threatened species. However, it was protected by a separate law, which prohibits the killing of bald eagles and golden eagles for any purpose.

The law protecting eagles remains in effect, but inclusion of the northern-bald eagle on the endangered species list is an added protection in most states, Engle said.

"Under the bald eagle act there was nothing to prevent someone from cutting down a nesting tree when the eagle was not there," Engle said. "It's prohibited now, if the nest is determined to be critical habitat."

"The new status also opens a direct avenue for providing money for habitat protection and manipulation," Engle added.

The new designation will make it easier for federal officials to prosecute cases involving the southern bald eagle, a bird that is close to extinction.

Any bald eagle found below the 40th parallel is considered a southern bald eagle, Engle said. In the past it had been difficult to prosecute cases of eagle shooting near the arbitrary line because it was virtually impossible to identify killed birds as southern or northern.

The Department of Natural Resources in Minnesota estimates there were 156 active bald eagle "nesting territories" in Minnesota last year, each with a pair of adult eagles. Most were in the Chippewa and Superior national forests in the northern part of the state, said Carol Henderson, a nongame supervisor with the state DNR.

Three years ago in DNR estimated there were 87 nesting territories, Henderson said. Last year, the DNR estimated 179 eagles were produced in the state.

"It does look secure here from the reproductive status of two years," Henderson said. "Eagles are a low-density bird and I suspect their numbers are very good."

State officials in Michigan say an air survey of eagle nesting areas last year found 87 occupied nests in the state. Sixty-one nesting sites were found in the Upper Peninsula and 26 were in the Lower Peninsula, said Sylvia Taylor, endangered species specialist.

The survey indicated that the numbers of occupied nests has held steady in the Michigan for the past six years, Ms. Taylor said.

Wisconsin wildlife officials said 151 bald eagle territories were mapped in 1977 each with a pair of breeding eagles.

In a survey conducted in Washington in 1975, 110 active nests were observed, officials said.

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Attention: Editor:

The following article of the Board of Directors is provided by The Citizens Committee For Better Government, Inc., Mass City, Michigan. The subject matter deals with a discussion of the legal limitations on the property tax. It is intended by this article, to give to the readers a brief summary of particular limitations which may be beneficial information. All of us, at this time, are particularly aware of the proposals to tighten the limitations. These proposals exist in various forms within legislative committees and on initiative petitions being circulated around the state. A major and significant circulator is the Taxpayer's United, Inc. It is difficult to outline all, and the various, concerns involved in property tax assessment and administration. Only a full and detailed study and reference to the Constitution and the several statutes relating to the existing limitations would give any assurance that full information is being provided. Even then, the very terminology used by the law makers and peculiar to the subject of taxation makes it most difficult to understand.

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THE UNDERLYING CHARACTER OF THE PROPERTY TAX

It is provided by Article IX (Finance and Taxation) Sec. 1. of our present state constitution that the legislature shall impose taxes sufficient with other resources to pay the expenses of State government. This declaration of power is followed by Sec. 2 which dictates that the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away. The same right of imposition of taxes and non-surrender and non-suspension of that power was likewise provided in prior constitutions. The basic character of the property tax is formed within Sec. 3 of Article IX which establishes a uniform ad valorem tax base. The term "ad valorem" is not as sinister as it sounds. It simply means that the property tax base shall be assessed on the basis of market value. It must be understood that taxes are either "ad valorem" or "specific." Ad valorem taxes are laid in the form of a percentage on the value of the property. A "specific tax" is described as a tax where it is imposed as a fixed sum on each article of a class without regard to its value.

A system of tax base equalization is established by the legislature, and the official tax base is the state equalized value. Again, one might wonder how this is arrived at, that is, State equalized value. The process consists in comparing the assessments made by the local officers of the various counties or other taxing districts and reducing them to a common and uniform basis, increasing or diminishing by such percentage as may be necessary, so as to bring about within the jurisdiction involved a uniform and equal ratio between the assessed value and the true cash value of the property. When an individual taxpayer is involved, the process of equalization is the leveling or adjusting the assessments so that the property of one shall not be assessed at a higher (or lower) percentage of its market value than the property of another.

Sec. 3 Article IX provides a uniform rule of taxation and it further provides that all real and personal property shall be assessed, except that which the legislature exempts or withdraws and taxes by other means. The legislature must provide for the determination of the true cash value of such property. Under the constitutional provision (noted above) the property tax base is not to be set at full value, as it was before the 1963 Michigan Constitution. The ratio between assessed value and true cash value is set by our present constitution at not more than 50% of the true cash value.

Article IX, Sec. 6 establishes limitations on the tax rates, and at the same time exemptions from those rate limitations. It is specifically provided that the legislature may provide for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible personal property in place of general ad valorem taxation. This provision is necessary if such taxes as the automobile weight tax, the tax on boats, the severance tax on oil and gas, and state assessment and taxation of certain utility properties are to be maintained. By this provision, the legislature is given reasonable freedom to remove certain kinds of property from general property taxation and to provide alternative tax treatment of such property. It is known that within the last 10 years the legislature has exempted large classes of property, such as business inventories, machine tools and jigs used in industry, farm personal property and fruit trees, bushes and vines. The list of exempt property is long.

Additionally, Sec. 6 establishes a property tax limitation of 15 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. This is interpreted by law to mean 15 dollars on each thousand dollars of state equalized valuation. It is the limit of combined taxing authority for operation of local and intermediate school districts, the county and non-chartered townships, without the vote of the electorate. The limitation may be raised to not more than 50 mills if approved by a majority of the electors in a particular unit, but is not to exceed twenty years at any time. In 1933 the legislature established a county tax allocation board to divide the taxing authority among school districts, townships expressed needs of the units of government for tax dollars, and then following that they allocate the millage. The legislature has allocated the greater portion of the 15 mills by establishing minimums as follows: County-3 mills; School Districts-4 mills; Townships-1 mill; Intermediate school districts-0.1 mill. This leaves 6.9 mills to be allocated as it can be seen that the legislature by setting the minimums has allocated 8.1 mills. The county tax allocation board is comprised of eight members. That board divides the balance of 6.9 mills each year between the four types of local government units.

In the next issue of this newspaper, the various proposed legal limitations on the property tax will be considered.

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LEAGUE BOWLING AT THE KONTEKA

Monday Night Mens' League		
W. B. Thompson	28	8
Smokies	22	14
1st Nat'l Bank	21	15
Barbers	20	16
Pauls	18	18
Wm. Parts & Supply	14	22
V.F.W.	11	25
Legion	10	26
HTS, Barbers 2825; HTG, Smokies 983; HIS, G. Dubey 576; HIG G. Dubey and D. Niemi 219.		
Tuesday Night Womens' League		
Binkley's M & C	30	14
Rainbow M & C	28½	15½
Jean's Beauty	27½	16½
Konteka	25	19
Piper's Inc.	17	27
Go Inn Bar	17	27
True Value	16	28
Red Owl	15	29
HTG, D. Binkley 210; HIS, B. Manninen 515; HTG & S, Konteka 814 and 2270. Split Conversions: 2-7, C. Ostrander, K. Kivisto, S. Domitrovich, M. Nowicki, B. Sorelle, 3-7-10, H. Harzell; 3-10, V. Gentiline; 5-10, L. Beling; 4-5, L. Immonen.		
Wednesday Night Mens' League		
Toomey's Croation 5	37	11
Northland Equipment	35	13
Champion, Inc.	25½	22½
Konteka 7 Arrows	22	26
Copper Inn	21	27
Armco	20	28
Porkie Mts. Ski Hill	18	30
Salt Lick Inn	13½	34½
HTG & S, Green 232 and 590; HTG & S, Toomey's Croation 5, 996 and 2876.		
Women's Wed. Late Shift League		
Giovanoni's	27	17
Antonio's	27	17
Evensons	24	20
Citizens St. Bank	23½	20½
The Medics	23½	20½
The Fig Leaf	21½	22½
Konteka	16½	27½
The Shoestring	13	31
HTG & S, Antonios 498 and 1337; HIG & S, M. Sustarich 188 and 477.		
Friday Night Mixed League		
Binkley's P & H	25½	10½
1st National Bank	25	11
Charter Inc.	22	14
Williams P & S	21	15
Pipers Inc.	19	17
Konteka	14½	21½
Koch Products	9	27
Coratec	8	28
HTS, 1st National Bank 3062; HTG, Binkley P & H, 1036; HWS, S. Piper 498; HWG, J. Antilla 195; HMS, F. Gentiline 573; HMG, C. Golden 224.		
Sunday Night Couples League		
Tom's Barrel Stoves	27½	16½
Apothecary	26	18
Louie's Texaco	25	19
Salt Lick II	22½	21½
Hers & His	16½	27½
Salt Lick I	14½	29½
THS, Salt Lick I, 2012; THG, Apothecary 727, MHS & G, D. Kauss 545 and 216; WHS & G, L. Lincoln 474 and 178.		

Golden Valley Bowl	67½	40½
Tulppo's	67	41
Nordine's	64½	43½
Gamble's	57½	50½
Settler's	51	57
Townsite Motel	49	59
Korsman's	48½	59½
A & A Hardware	48	60
Jan's Fabric	47½	60½
Tige's	37	71
Joe & Dee's	31	77
HIG & S, M. Suria 237 and 618; HTG & S, Golden Valley Bowl, 936 and 2755; Splits: L. Sain and C. Roberts 5-10; G. Kariainen 5-7; M. Honkanen 3-10; C. Codd 2-7-10.		
Thursday Night Womens' League		
Shop-o-rama	71½	32½
Pisani Bud-wisars	65½	38½
Sunnyside	60	44
Nordine Lumberjills	58½	45½
Koni's Brautys	57	47
Community Bar	57	47
State Bank of Ewen	50	54
Lakeview Cafe	49½	54½
Bruce Mfg.	49½	54½
Norma's Beauty Break	41	63
Santini Pabst	40½	63½
Dick Wagner Agency	24	80
HTG & S, Sunnyside 961 and 2720; HIG, G. Sikkila 240; HIS, A. Wesman 649, Splits: C. Harris 3-7; N. Humphrey 5-10; E. Bessen 6-7;		

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

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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 Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Apt. 201, Apt Bldg 2, in White Pine.

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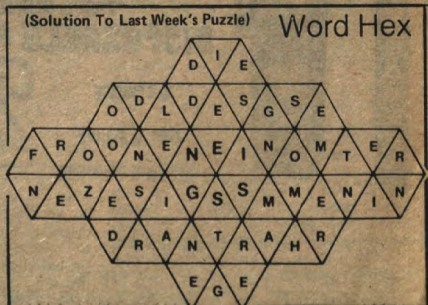
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Tuesday Night Womens' League		
Community Bar	79½	(continued)

Classifications

Classifications is a word puzzle for the entire family. Fill in each space in the appropriate category with a word (or words) beginning and ending with the specified letters. In the first row, for example, the foreign island must begin with M and end with R (answer: MADAGASCAR); the chemical element must begin with R and end with M (RADIUM); and so on. (Answer words may be any length and needn't agree with those given in the Answer. Forty correct is excellent.) (Answer Next Week)



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1) Madagascar	Radium	M	L	G
2) P	S	R	M	R
3) T	N	L	S	L
4) S	A	C	A	S
5) A	S	N	S	Y
6) G	M	Y	A	A
7) H	G	D	N	E
8) B	O	N	S	M
9) C	A	M	H	G
10) F	I	E	H	D