



KITZMAN TO RUN FOR HOUSE



LINCOLNESQUE — Even though the rangy six-foot-three Pat Kitzman is often called the Abe Lincoln of the U.P., he says he isn't going to let well-meaning friends talk him into growing a beard. "I wouldn't mind it though," he says with a grin, "if they'd buy me one of those big, tall stovepipe hats."

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Future rounds of the continuing Northwoods wilderness battle will be fought in the State Capitol in Lansing if Pat Kitzman has anything to say about it. The outspoken Matchwood Township farmer whose family farm was nominated for inclusion in a United States Forest Service wilderness area, says he's running for office to try to turn the tide of what he terms "bureaucratic encroachment" on the lives and freedoms of country people.

Kitzman announced at a recent meeting of the Upper Peninsula Federation of Landowners that he will seek the Democrat nomination for State Representative from the 110th District. He will be vying with incumbent State Rep. Russell

Hellman, D-Dollar Bay, for the nomination.

Kitzman, who has emerged as one of the North Country's most colorful and accomplished orators, has carried his fight far and wide since his homestead was nominated for inclusion in the wilderness area last February. He has talked to townspeople, country folk, county commissioners, planning commissioners, and others in an effort to understand the motives and rationale behind the wilderness designations. He even traveled to Duluth, Minnesota to confront the man who had nominated his property for inclusion in the Wilderness area. "Naturally I was shocked to learn that this man had never even seen my farm, except on a map, when he made the nomination," Kitzman said.

Kitzman said that his decision to seek high office was partly influenced by the problems he has encountered in trying to talk to members of the Forest Service and various state and federal agencies. "I've tried to talk to these people as a concerned citizen," Kitzman says. "I've talked until I'm blue in the face, but talking doesn't do any good unless you've got some political clout to back it up."

In spite of his announced candidacy, Kitzman disclaims any desire to become a professional politician, however. "Just give me that political clout for one term," he told the assembly of landowners in Marquette. "Give me one term to teach 'em how to listen," he said, "then you can send somebody else down there to talk to 'em."

Kitzman explained that the Wilderness designation controversy is just one example of many problems that face the people of the Upper Peninsula because our elected officials have given up their powers and responsibilities to appointed bureaucrats. And he says his purpose for going to Lansing will be to turn that trend around.

Saying it is vital to go on the offensive, Kitzman stressed that citizens cannot continue to fight "a rear guard action." He said he would carry the fight to the people and let them know that everyone's rights are at stake.

Kitzman said he believes that the most effective way to stop the trend toward bureaucratic encroachment is to stop the funding of it, and he said he would work to that end in the State Legislature. "This would have a double-barreled effect," he said. "It would save taxpayers money and would also reduce the number of bureaucrats prowling around infringing on people's rights."

Kitzman, who lives and works on his Matchwood Township farm with his wife Annie and their four sons, says that while he'd rather stay home in his beloved "stump country" than to go "galavanting off to Lansing," the problems of the district have reached an alarming level and he feels that someone has got to take the responsibility "to go down there and do something about it."

CLIFFORD 'KIP' CRASE WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE TO SPEAK AT ONTONAGON COMMENCEMENT

Ontonagon - A native of Rockland, recognized on an international scale for his activities in sports as a quadriplegic has been announced as the speaker for this year's commencement program at Ontonagon Area High School.

Clifford "Kip" Crase, named National Athlete of the Year in 1969 and the winner of 65 gold, silver and bronze medals in national and international competition, will deliver the address on May 26th at the high school gymnasium.

Crase graduated from Rockland High School in 1956 as valedictorian of his class. He is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Crase Marcuzzi and the late Clifford Crase. He was involved in a sports car accident in 1959 while serving in the Air Force which resulted in a spinal cord injury making him a quadriplegic.

Crase regained the use of both arms during fourteen months in rehabilitation hospitals. He went on to graduate from the University of Illinois in 1967 with a major in business administration.

In 1969 he married the former Nancy Lynn Thatcher.

An athlete in high school, Crase made the Upper Peninsula Class E basketball team in 1955 and 1956. He began wheelchair sports in 1964 and in 1967-1972 he won gold medals in breast stroke, front free and back stroke and held the world breast stroke record in 1967-69. In 1967-72 he won gold medals in shotput and dashes and in 1970 in table tennis and snooker.

Crase has traveled the globe in sports activities, competing on the U.S. Wheelchair Team in England, Canada, Israel, Austria, Argentina, Jamaica, Brazil, Ireland, Greece, Italy and Switzerland.

Crase received the Outstanding Athlete Silver Cup at the Pam Am Games in Canada in 1967 and was captain of the U.S. teams in 1969, the same year he was named National Athlete of the Year. In 1973 he was inducted into the National Wheelchair Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

A dynamic speaker, Crase is editor and owner of Sports and Spokes, an international magazine for wheelchair sports. He is also national sports coordinator for Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Currently he serves as national chairman of the Wheelchair Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

He resides in Phoenix, Arizona, where he is a stock market analyst.

Crase has received an audience with Pope Paul VI while competing for the United States wheelchair swimming and track and field team; was awarded the breast stroke gold medal by Moshe Dayan in Israel in 1968; was received by Queen Elizabeth at the formal opening of the Sports Center for the Paralyzed in London in 1969 when he served as team captain in the 1969 World Games there.

ONTONAGON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONS STUDIES FREE DAY PARK PROPOSAL AT MEETING

Ontonagon - The Ontonagon County Planning Commission met recently and discussed a proposed free day use park, in the Union Bay area, and then authorized Joseph Meagher of the Commission to reply to a DNR inquiry by asking the DNR to meet with a group to further discuss the proposed park.

The DNR had earlier contacted Meagher indicating that the department is interested in further discussing the proposal for the park. The proposal has the backing of local tourist groups and the county government.

cannot include any abandonment of M-107 or South Boundary Road and the park must be free for the people to use.

The commission received a proposed outline for the study of extension of M-107 to Black River Harbor from James Stingle, associate planner with the Western U.P. Planning and Development Region. A possible route for such a road was shown and Stingle said an effort was made to make the road proposal as unobtrusive as possible through the area. Cost figures and other information will be gathered in the study and Stingle will also present the plan to

the Gogebic County Planning Commission for its comments.

State officials had wanted representatives to travel to Lansing to discuss the proposal but Meagher will ask that the DNR send their representatives to Ontonagon to go over the matter with all interested parties.

Meagher reported that he had placed emphasis on three points the commission would not compromise on, namely that the plan

The commission also discussed briefly its study of bus patronage of Community Action Agency buses and the 208 Water Quality Plan.



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1 To most Americans, Congress and the federal government seem hopelessly out of touch with the public.

Good legislation is blocked by special interests. Issues are sidestepped for political reasons. Too often, public concerns are not represented.

But if people had the right to put issues to a vote, and thus to pass their own laws, things might be a lot different.

The Power to Act

2 When Congress fails to act on an issue, the people need the power to vote on it themselves.

Not just write a letter to their Congressman. Not just vote for another candidate. Not just demonstrate.

A bill now pending in the Congress — the Voter Initiative Amendment, SJR 67 — would actually give people the power to vote directly on issues concerning them.

Citizen - made Law

3 With this new right, citizens could vote by majority to pass new laws. They could vote by majority to repeal ill-advised acts of Congress.

Issues could reach the ballot after citizens collected about 2½ million signatures on a petition. Authorities would check the petitions and then place the issue on the next national election ballot.

The Voter Initiative Amendment

4 The time has come for a Voter Initiative Amendment. A national network of citizens called Initiative America is spearheading the drive to ratify this amendment. It was Initiative America that originally drafted and urged the federal Voter Initiative.

Join Initiative America right away. Join the movement to give Americans the right to vote on federal issues.

Editor's Note - For the first time in 200 years, Congress is considering a Constitutional amendment to let citizens place issues on the national ballot for direct voter consideration. Initiative America (a national organization engaged in promoting this legislation and encouraging like legislation on a state level) coordinated the bi-partisan introduction of this Voter Initiative Amendment into the House and Senate.

The Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, chaired by Sen. Birch Bayh (D-IN), heard testimony in December from Constitutional experts, political leaders, both liberal and conservative, and citizens, in support of giving Americans the right to vote on federal laws.

To date twenty-three states allow citizens to place issues on the ballot by petition (including Michigan). This "initiative" process allows the people, by majority vote, to pass laws directly. In these states, people have the power to act, even when politicians ignore or sidestep issues.

If you agree with the "Voter Initiative" proposal, write your senators and representatives today and urge their support of SJR 67 (Senate) and HJR 658 (House)... and, participate in Initiative America activities in your state.

Editor's Note: A full report of last Saturday's annual meeting of the Upper Peninsula Federation of Landowners, held in Marquette, could not be prepared in time for this week's issue. The report of that meeting will appear in next week's Nonesuch News.



Sault Ste. Marie - That state-supported incubator, operated by Lake Superior State College, is about to hatch its fourth egg. Congratulations to the proud parents, I guess!

The demonstration project, which got under way in 1973, was the first of its kind in the nation. Now Governor William Milliken announces (as god-father, I surmise) that soon a brand new industry will arrive on the scene. The latest tenant of the Soo Incubator Building will be J.A.S.

Veneer and Lumber, Inc. - a firm which splices veneer for use by cabinetmakers and other wood product manufacturers.

The company announced it would initially employ 15 persons and eventually will hire as many as fifty workers.

The nursery for fledgling industries is operated at a modest \$298,000 per year in state and federal grants. (I thought we had it tough! How do they ever manage to perform all of their over-sight responsibilities for such a piddly amount?)

The project's purpose is to provide low-cost rent and "other incentives" to new businesses for a limited time.

Then, apparently when the fledgling is ready to fly on its own the parent state, or is it the state parent, pushes the nestling out of the nest and plants another guinea chick in its place.

Hope the cruel world is not too rough on those that had such a warm and secure beginning.

POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF BAYTEX SPRAY RESEARCHED BY AREA RESIDENT

Open Letter To The Citizens of Carp Lake Township:

Apparently some of the people in Carp Lake Township, particularly within White Pine, itself, have decided to spray parts of the township with an insecticide called Baytex in an effort to rid the area of no-see-um, black flies and mosquitos over a period of three to five years hence.

According to the letter written by the Bug Control Committee of White Pine in the April 5th issue of the Nonesuch News, the chemical with the trade name of Baytex (chemical name Fenthion) is "a very short-lived insecticide and only lasts for approximately four hours." The letter also states, "No, this chemical does not harm birds and bumble bees."

However, in the research stated in the rest of my letter you will find that the chemical Fenthion is in fact far times more toxic than DDT and has a residual effect of at least two weeks.

When it was announced that the spraying of Fenthion was tentatively supposed to begin in mid-May, being a very skeptical person, I decided to do some research regarding the possible harmful effects of Baytex before the spraying actually began. The information I obtained was even more of a surprise than I expected.

My research began last Friday with several phone calls to Lansing to various people in different government agencies. Each person referred me to a different department until I ended up talking to Tom Rohrer of the DNR Environmental Services Division, Office of Toxic Materials Control. He had scientific data available on the effects of Fenthion on fish and birds as well as the residual qualities of this chemical. Although Mr. Rohrer referred to Fenthion as "one of the more toxic compounds," I asked if he could quote me data from actual research done on Fenthion, rather than his opinion alone.

He read me pertinent information from a book, "Ecology of Pesticides" by Dr. Anthony Brown. Mr. Rohrer described Dr. Brown as one of the most widely respected authorities on pesticides and pesticide effects in the world. He was former director of the Pesticide Research Center at Michigan State University, was with the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, is the author of three other texts on insecticides, and has studied pesticides throughout the world for the past 40 years.

Mr. Rohrer also assured me that the information about the effects of Fenthion as stated in this book can be also confirmed in other research done on the chemical.

The following is information on the effects of Fenthion on various types of birds and fish. A comparison was made between the toxicity of Fenthion and the more commonly-known chemical DDT so the reader would have a better understanding of the

exact toxicity of Fenthion.

In the research, animals were studied to determine exactly how much of a certain chemical was necessary to kill 50 percent of a population. This is expressed as L.D. 50 (lethal dosage/50 percent) and is measured as ppm (parts per million) of the chemical found in the tissues of the dead animal.

In the Mallard duck it was found that the L.D. 50 was 5.9 ppm of Fenthion, whereas the L.D. 50 for DDT was 2,240 parts per million. In other words Fenthion is 379 times more toxic to a Mallard duck than DDT.

In the common pigeon the L.D. 50 for Fenthion was only 4.6 ppm and the L.D. 50 for DDT was over 4,000 ppm. Again, Fenthion is 869 times more toxic than DDT.

In fish the data was expressed as L.C. 50 (lethal concentration) which means the concentrates necessary to kill 50 percent of the fish population over a period of 96 hours.

In rainbow trout the L.C. 50 for Fenthion was 0.93 ppm, and the L.C. 50 for DDT was 7 ppm...meaning that Fenthion is about 7 times more toxic to rainbow trout than DDT.

In all cases researched Fenthion is more toxic than DDT.

In another section of this book it was mentioned that Fenthion was used as an avicide in Africa to kill populations of the Weaver Bird (Kuelea Kuelea).

It also stated that an "aerial application of diluted Fenthion applied at 1.3 ounce per acre in Grand Fork, North Dakota, during spring warbler migration killed many warblers. No less than 453 corpses of 37 species of birds were found.

As far as the residual effect of this chemical is concerned, studies have shown that 10 percent of the chemical Fenthion was found in river water after a period of two weeks. In addition to data in Dr Brown's book, the label on the manufacturer's recommendations states that this chemical should not be used on ponds, lakes or streams containing fish.

After receiving these facts, if the people of White Pine would like to prevent this chemical from being sprayed in their community, a phone call to the township supervisor, Joe Lenatz, would be helpful. The people of Green have already expressed their disapproval and Fenthion will not be sprayed in the Green area.

Phyllis Cooper

(The Editors wish to thank Mrs. Cooper for sharing the results of her extensive research with residents of the area. The original program, which was to have included about 2,700 acres within the township, will not now include the Green-area because of objections voiced by a large number of those residents. Spraying of the White Pine townsite was to begin on Monday, May 15, but was postponed until Monday, May 22 due to weather conditions.)

**Letters
TO THE EDITOR**

Ontonagon, Michigan
May 15, 1978

Dear Citizens of Ontonagon County:

I am writing this letter in an effort to provide the public with the facts relating to the proposed plans to construct a new County Courthouse for the people of Ontonagon County. It is important that the citizens be made aware of the reasons that point to the need for a new building. The people should also understand the method proposed for financing the cost of constructing the facility.

First of all, the cost (estimated at \$1,000,000) of constructing the courthouse will not in any way result in increased taxes for the people of Ontonagon County. The proposed funding for the building includes approximately \$700,000 of Federal Revenue Sharing money and \$300,000 to be derived from the sale of bonds by the County Building Authority. The money needed to pay off the bond debt will be derived from two sources. The first would be \$200,000 committed to the county by the Hoerner Waldorf Corporation specifically for the purpose of constructing a new courthouse. The money is being paid in installments of \$10,000 per year and is a result of the Industrial Facility Tax Exemption granted to the company in 1975. The second source would be the county general fund at an annual average cost of \$16,755. It is the feeling of the County Board that the combination of the Revenue Sharing Funds available now plus the proceeds of the bond sale would be sufficient to construct the badly needed facility; and, because of the money from Hoerner-Waldorf, the balance required for debt retirement can be included in the general fund budget without any increase in the millage rate for the county.

There are many reasons why the county needs a new courthouse to replace the present 92 year old facility, and the lack of adequate space is a primary concern. The size of the existing building is entirely inadequate considering the amount of services that the county is required to provide. The Circuit Court room facilities not only fail to provide adequate space for the Law Library, Attorney-Client conferences, and general court proceedings, but the acoustics in the courtroom are terrible. Probate Court, which has a steadily growing case load, is confined to one small room in the building and often must use the Circuit Court room and the Circuit Court jury room to hold hearings and to conduct other business. The Probate Court and the juvenile officer of Probate Court, frequently must hold conferences regarding very personal matters in the hallways of the present courthouse or in other spaces that they find available. The present building has no room whatsoever for the District Court, the Prosecuting Attorney, and the County Extension offices. Therefore, the county must expend approximately \$5,000 a year in rent to provide facilities for these offices. Storage is also a very serious problem because vault space is inadequate for current storage needs of vital county records, including deeds, is no room for storage of future records and information that will be accumulated annually in the various county offices.

Parking space around the present courthouse is entirely inadequate. The employees utilize most of the available parking area (which is very limited), therefore, very little is left for visitors. In addition, when court is in session, the parking problem becomes even more acute.

Another area of great concern is access to

government services by handicapped persons. The present facility severely restricts and actually prohibits in many cases, access to births, etc. This means, of course, that there the basic services of the county such as the County Treasurer, County Clerk and the Courts. In this regard, State Law may soon require that public buildings comply with barrier free design and this, of course, would result in a tremendous expense to the county in remodeling the present facility to comply. Access to the courthouse would require elevator service to all three floors. In addition, barrier free restrooms on all floors could be required as well as other remodeling, such as widening doorways and halls.

In addition to remodeling in order to provide access for the handicapped, other work would have to be done to insure the safety and welfare of the people of the county. This work would include completely re-wiring and re-plumbing the entire building in addition to replacing the heating system. Because of the condition of the present facility, all permanent county records are in serious jeopardy and subject to total loss as a result of fire. The new facility would, of course, almost entirely alleviate this problem. The building itself would require extensive work in order to make it structurally sound. Presently, the stone and brick are cracking and spalling and frequently large sections of this material can be found on the grounds or the sidewalks surrounding the courthouse. All windows in the building, including the frames and casings, would have to be replaced because the present ones are rotted to the point that they are actually falling apart.

In summary, it would be a very costly procedure to bring the present facility up to an acceptable standard. Extensive and costly remodeling would be required and the end result would be a building entirely too small to provide the services required today, let alone providing for expanded services in the future.

Although the County Board of Commissioners is being criticized for its plan to build a new courthouse, the commissioners should be commended for having the foresight and courage to go ahead with a new facility. They are fully aware of the political ramifications and the criticism they might receive, but never the less realize the need for a new building and also realize that it is expedient to go ahead as soon as possible. Building costs continue to escalate at a rapid rate; therefore, action now will result in a needed facility without levying additional taxes.

If any citizen of the county would like to first hand determine whether a new building is needed or not, I would welcome you to visit the courthouse. I will also be glad to answer any questions you have with regard to this project. My phone number is 884-2953

Please support your commissioners in this effort; this would be one of the few times in your life that you would be able to say that a public building was financed without any increase in local taxes.

Sincerely,
James M. Hainault
Ontonagon County Controller

Rt. 1 Box 125
Trout Creek, Michigan
May 5, 1978

To The Editor:
Nonesuch News
White Pine, Michigan

Dear Editor:

How does the assessor determine how much your well is worth? We looked at a number of assessment cards in our township to find out.

We found one well that was 101 feet deep and the assessor said it was worth \$100. We found another well 13 feet deep and the assessor said that one was worth \$200. We

found fourteen others from 65 feet to 274 feet deep and the assessor said each of them was worth \$400.

Since the well driller has a per foot charge we wondered how much the per foot cost varied in these assessed wells. On a per foot basis the cost varied from 99 cents to \$15 a foot. That is a difference of over 150%.

This year this same township hired a local assessor who priced all wells from 13 feet to over 300 feet as being worth \$600 while a neighboring township used another system.

The neighboring township was assessed by a state assessor. The assessing system used resulted in most dug wells and those with points being priced at \$300 each. Most drilled wells were priced at \$450 each. Those houses whose supply of water depended upon a neighbor were priced at \$100 each.

Had the state assessor followed the State Assessors Manual a 50 foot well supplying an inexpensive house (Class D) would be priced at \$563 while a 50 foot well supplying an expensive house (Class A) would be priced at \$1575.

Apparently the only way to answer the question - How are wells assessed - is to talk with your assessor.

Your truly,
Alex M Caughran

Nonesuch News
White Pine, Mi. 49971

To The Editors:

The following letter, from Rep. Russell Hellman, is in response to a letter that I drafted to Mr. Hellman requesting consideration be given to local people, in regard to employment and relating to up-coming, state-funded, area construction projects (highway and air-port projects) currently up for bid.

In my letter to Mr. Hellman, I also expressed my opinion that Mathy Construction Co. (based in Onalaska, Wisc.) was apparently the lowest bidder, concerning the contract award for the Ontonagon County Air-port and highway work, in the immediate Ontonagon area. I went on to cite the serious employment problem in the Ontonagon area and also that I felt that it is unfair that State of Michigan money be paid to out-of-state employees, brought in to perform the work when so many area people are in need of employment.

Richard W. Hare

Lansing, Michigan
May 2, 1978

Dear Mr. Hare:

We have been in contact with James D. Ramsey, Deputy Director for the Bureau of Aeronautics for the Department of State Highways and Transportation, in regard to the awarding of contracts and have asked that he contact you directly. I am sure you will be hearing from him shortly.

Sincerely,

Russell Hellman
State Representative
110th District

Lansing, Michigan
May 10, 1978

Dear Mr. Hare:

Your letter of April 27, 1978 to Russell Hellman, State Representative of the 110th District, was forwarded to our office requesting a response in regard to the awarding of contracts. As expressed in your letter, you were concerned about the awarding of state funded projects to out-of-state contractors.

tractors.

The open competitive bidding process under which we operate dictates that a bidder may be eligible for contract award provided he is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the requirements of the owner and funding agencies. Before a contract is awarded, a bidder from another state must conform to the statutes of the State of Michigan and may be required to furnish a certificate from the Secretary of State showing that he is authorized to do business in the state. Having met the bidding requirements, out-of-state contractors are sometimes able to submit the lower bid and thus are awarded a contract. In most cases, an out-of-state contractor relies on the local populace for a portion of his labor force.

The competitive process works to the benefit of the owner in that he is able to accomplish work for the lowest possible price. However, as pointed out in your letter, there are disbenefits associated with the process as well.

We regret we are unable to be of more help in this matter, but we do thank you for taking the time to express your opinion.

Sincerely,
James D. Ramsey, Director
Michigan Aeronautics Commission
Dept. State Highways-Transportation

(Editor's Note: In talking with Mr. Hare regarding the foregoing copies of correspondence it was revealed that his intent in initiating the whole matter was to raise the problem of unemployment in the immediate area and to question available employment opportunities being filled by persons from outside, not only the area, but the state. It was difficult to garner much satisfaction and less hope from the responses he received. It may, indeed, be the "process", as Mr. Ramsey stated.....but if it is an example of government "make-work" projects.....they aren't working!!!)

Ontonagon, Michigan
May 15, 1978

Letter-to-Editor:

Everyone who uses the telephone should give serious thought to an important consumer safeguard which the telephone industry has proposed to Congress and the Federal Communications Commission.

This safeguard will help assure dependable service while accommodating the recent FCC decisions that permit customers to provide their own phones under certain restrictions. Known as the "primary instrument concept," the proposal would have the regulated telephone company provide one phone for each customer with single-line telephone service.

This proposal would assure that the telephone company would have complete responsibility for basic service, including maintenance as needed, without additional charge to the consumer. And it would still permit customer choice in obtaining extension phones and other communications equipment - from the telephone company or provided by customers at their own risk for maintenance. The proposal also would assure that at least one telephone remains compatible with future technological improvements, so residential customers would not have to replace basic telephones at their own expense.

The FCC now is conducting an inquiry on this issue and has called for opinions from interested parties. The proposal also is being considered by the House Communications Subcommittee as part of its rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934. That new legislation is expected to be drafted by June 1. The Ontonagon County Telephone Company believes this is one of the most important subjects now before the public, which has come to take for granted "the world's best telephone service."

Sincerely,
L. W. Reynolds Jr., Mgr.

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FROM LANSING & WASHINGTON D. C.

Michigan

STATE PLANTS 150,000 SALMON NOW HAVE TO BUILD FIVE FISH LADDERS TO ACCOMMODATE

Lansing - Confucius say: Where's there's a will, there's a way!

So Governor Milliken set about at the wrong end first to accomplish the first end last. Here's how:

State officials last week deposited 150 thousand chinook smolts into the Grand River just three blocks from the state Capitol. The fishes' instincts are expected to draw them back upstream to spawn at the age of 3 or 4 years. The fish naturally die a short time after spawning.

The governor predicts that by 1980 and 1981 adult fish weighing 20 pounds or more will be ready to return upstream to Lansing from Lake Michigan at that spawning.

If this takes place it will be the first run of such a fish upriver to spawn in that area since the turn of the century. That was when the first man-made dams were introduced to the area. These dams blocked the return of such native fish as sturgeon, whitefish, burbot and brook trout. All of these used to spawn in the Grand River and spent the rest of their lives in Lake Michigan.

Now comes the thorn in the governor's plan. Unless the Legislature appropriates \$2.2 million for the Grand River Plan (part of a larger \$10.1 million program proposed by the DNR to develop urban recreation areas) the fish won't be able to make it past the series of dams on the Grand River.

The idea is to construct five "fish ladders" between Lyons and Lansing to allow the migrating fish to swim past the dams.

A similar ladder built in downtown Grand Rapids has enabled salmon and steelhead to run the Rogue, Flat, Thornapple and Maple rivers.

DNR officials say additional ladders could do the same thing and bring salmon and steelhead into downtown Lansing via the Grand and its tributaries, the Looking Glass and Red Cedar Rivers, which flow through the Michigan State University campus.

Milliken urged approval of the urban recreation project, saying, "We obviously will not transplant entire forests and lakes or duplicate them in southern Michigan. But we can, particularly in light of the progress we have made in cleaning up the environment of our urban areas, provide quality outdoor experiences."

DNR officials have said that pollution in the Grand was too great for salmon and steelhead to survive up to just a few years ago.

That Confucius, he was no dummy!

LAKE LEVEL 2 INCHES HIGHER

Detroit - Lake Superior's water level at the end of April was about two inches above that of one year ago according to the District office of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Lake elevation at that time was at 600.2 feet above the mean water level at Father Point, Quebec. The April monthly mean level was about two inches above the long-term average. It compares to April extremes of about 12 inches below and 23 inches above the all-time high and low respectively.

A six-month forecast of levels for the lake shows it is expected to be near its long-term average level during the next six months. The lake will continue its seasonal rise into September when the trend will reverse and by the end of October levels are expected to be four inches below what they were at the same time in 1977.

UTILITY - ENERGY LOANS TO HOMEOWNER BEFORE LEGISLATORS

Lansing - A bill currently before the Senate, if passed, would protect Michigan against federal bans on utility loan programs to encourage conservation of energy. When in the House the bill was criticized as having the potential to hurt self-reliant homeowners who have already insulated their houses. It passed, however, on a vote of 23-13. The bill would authorize the state's Public Service Commission to implement programs under which utilities would issue interest-free loans to homeowners who want to insulate their houses or take other energy-saving steps. Utilities could pass on the cost of such projects to their customers in the form of higher rates. The rate increases would be spread evenly among the customers and would have to end when the costs of the program had been recovered.

The U.S. Congress is now considering an energy act which prohibits utilities from making consumers pay the costs of such programs already in effect when the federal law is passed, or programs begun under state laws passed before the federal act.

The bill the state legislature is working on would permit Michigan to continue with its plans despite any federal law prohibiting them. Sen. John Hertel, D-Harper Woods, argued that energy crises are coming and stated that the bill "will benefit all of us. If we're going to deal with the (energy) problem, we'd better get going."

Hertel stated, "Everyone shares equally in the cost of this program." He contends conservation will curb fuel prices in the long run despite the immediate cost of the loan program.

Opponents, however, say the bill will discriminate against homeowners who have already insulated their houses and who will face sharing the program's cost to help others take similar action. "You're sapping everybody with higher gas bills to help everybody who was derelict in insulating their homes," said Sen. Robt. VanderLaan, R-Kentwood. "It will rob everybody who tried to help themselves," said Sen. John Welborn, R-Kalamazoo.

Present status of the proposed bill is that when passed by the Senate it will return to the House for agreement on Senate changes. It was held temporarily in the Senate so that a vote on "immediate effect" could be taken. This means that as soon as the governor's signature is placed on the bill it will take effect.

3 CITY COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS RECALLED

Birmingham, Mi. - Apparently, functioning above and beyond the call of duty made three city commissioners unpopular enough with the electors so that the officials were turned out of office by those voters in a special recall election.

"My conscience doesn't bother me," commissioner Ann Dropiewski said after learning the results of the recall vote. "I'm very comfortable about what I did and I wouldn't do it any differently."

Dropiewski and the two other defeated commissioners, Patricia Watt and Dorothy Conrad, had supported a plan to provide housing for the poor and elderly in this affluent Detroit suburb. The three walked out of the regular commission meeting when the recall results were announced.

Under city law, the four remaining commissioners will appoint temporary replacements who will serve until the August 8th primary.

FARMERS, BUSINESS - BENEFIT FROM CROP DISASTER

Lansing - While cutbacks in federal assistance programs were announced in some areas, others were stepping up their activities.

Seven more Michigan counties have now been declared disaster areas because of crop losses during the 1977 season, say state officials.

Farmers and businessmen in Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Kalkaska, Luce, Mackinac and Presque Isle counties are eligible for long term, low interest loans from the federal Small Business Administration, according to the same state announcement.

Crop damage in Emmet, Kalkaska and Mackinac counties has exceeded \$2 million.

Residents of those counties are also eligible for Farmers Home Administration loans but may file an application with only one agency at a time, say officials.

STATE AGENCIES COULD DIE FOR LACK OF REVIEW UNDER PROPOSED SUNSET LAW

Lansing - Sunset legislation, requiring periodic reviews of state agencies and their programs, is on the horizon.

The notion is naturally receiving strong criticism from one of the governor's top administration officials.

Director of the Budget, Gerald Miller, told the House-Senate committee that such evaluations should be the responsibility of the executive branch. He warned the proposal would not work, and its failure would lead to public frustration and damaged legislative credibility.

The committee has worked for nearly two years on a sunset project but delayed until just last week a final vote on its recommendations. Leaders said they'd introduce the proposal in the Legislature in spite of Miller's objections.

The sunset concept would involve evaluation of current programs and agencies, and would be an attempt to determine if they are doing their job or need change or possibly elimination. Under some existing sunset systems, projects and agencies expire automatically upon a certain date unless a review shows that they should be continued.

The proposal being worked up by the joint House-Senate committee would not utilize such expiration dates, as the panel felt that this could be used to hold any controversial program a political hostage. The panel said that most other states with sunset legislation do not provide for automatic discontinuance either.

Instead the proposed bill would establish a new committee to direct legislative reviews of state programs and agencies. Each review would be conducted by a separate special committee made up of lawmakers with expertise in that area.

All state agencies would be reviewed within eight years of the law's taking effect. Recommendations on continuing, changing or eliminating a program would be made.

The co-chairmen of the committee, Rep. Joseph Forbes, D-Oak Park, and Sen. Gary Corbin, D-Clio, stated that "By adopting a sunset law...the Legislature would be taking an aggressive step towards becoming a truly co-equal branch of government."

Budget Director Miller argued that under the constitutional separation of powers, the executive branch should conduct such reviews. He said the Legislature is not capable of such studies. "Plainly speaking, the proposal is inadequate to the challenge. It fails to measure up to the high standards for accountable government," said Miller.

"The proposal...represents an unrealistic program evaluation process. It places on existing legislative staff complex evaluation demands that they cannot possibly fulfill. The legislative staffs' failure to deliver timely, defensible evaluation products will openly frustrate the Legislature and eventually the general public as well," continued

Miller. "The Legislature," he said, "does not have the capacity to legislate and administer at one and the same time."

Miller noted that the governor has asked for \$470,000 in the new budget to create an sunset evaluation staff in Miller's Department of Management and Budget. "Sunset review is an executive responsibility," said Miller, "And I think that's where the constitution says it should be done."

LOBBYIST BILL UNRECOGNIZABLE DUE TO AMENDMENT, REACHES FLOOR

Lansing - The embattled legislation originally designed to tighten the state's regulation of lobbyists is finally reaching the floor of the Senate and is hardly recognizable from its beginning.

The bill won approval in the Senate Judiciary Committee but only with numerous revisions that have many lawmakers and lobbyists unhappy and dissatisfied.

The Committee chairman, Basil Brown, an outspoken critic of the bill, had threatened to shelve it until August earlier, and voted against it in the final vote, although all other committee members voted for the measure.

Everyone agrees that the bill will continue to be the target of many proposed alterations when Senate debate begins this week.

The bill's authors say it is designed to require extensive reports of spending by professional lobbyists, without impairing the ability of private citizens and their organizations to argue their points with state officials. One sponsor, Sen. Hal Ziegler, R-Jackson, says "It is a tough lobbying control bill, but it is a reasonable approach."

In some respects it is weaker than the original measure, introduced by Sen. Gary Corbin, D-Clio. Included in the bill's major provisions: lobbyists and their employers who try to influence public affairs must register with the state. Elected public officials and the news media would be exempted. Currently lobbyists must register; Every three months they must file reports on all expenditures, including food and beverages, purchased for state officials, advertising, mass mailings, and financial transactions; Food and drink for public officials must be itemized including the name of the official entertained if such spending exceeded \$75 in one month or \$250 during the year; A lobbyist's employment could not depend on the outcome of a governmental action, no one could withhold pay until his lobbyist "got the job done."; Various criminal penalties are included for violation of the bill; Gifts of more than \$25 a month between a lobbyist and official, or his family would be forbidden.

Several questions raised by committee members and lobbyists included how the law would treat lobbyists with many clients, whether loans between lobbyists and lawmakers were banned and whether independent persons who spend lots of money influencing officials are covered under the act.

The original bill by Corbin had featured several stringent sections which had required reporting of every dollar spent on food and drink and on whom; restrictions on officials moving directly from public jobs into lobbying; and tougher investigation and enforcement provisions.

DNR GROOMS 2354 MILES OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Lansing - The total number of miles of snowmobile trails groomed by the state Department of Natural Resources rose again this year to 1,029. An additional 725 miles of trail are groomed by contractors so that the total amount of groomed trail on State Forest Service and private land is 2,354 miles. The U.S. Forest Service also provides trails across its land and, where possible, access across private land is often obtained through easements.



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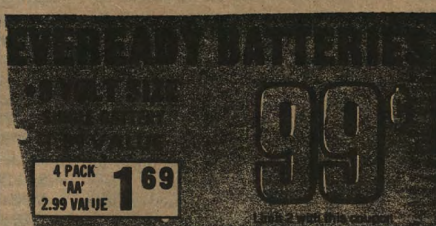
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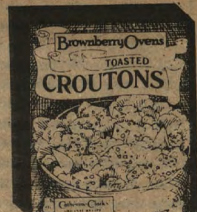


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CRIM URGES QUICK PASSAGE OF ENERGY BILL

Lansing - House Speaker Bobby Crim is urging that approval be given quickly to proposed energy legislation which is now the subject of House committee hearings.

The House Economic Development & Energy Committee heard Crim promote the Democratic bill as the quickest and the most credible way to enact statewide energy policies.

Gov. William Milliken has proposed a separate energy department but Crim argues that it would take too long to enact the plan and it would make the state less credible when it comes to regulating utilities. A top administration official for the governor accused the Legislature of playing politics with the safety and security of Michigan's citizens by foot-dragging on Milliken's request for creation of a state department of energy.

The House proposal would create an independent agency to draft a state energy policy, operate conservation programs and finance energy research.

The governor's proposal would create a new state department with broader power which proponents claim would pull together the state's fragmented energy programs, including the Public Services Commission, which regulates utility rates.

Crim told the House committee, "There needs to be all the credibility possible in the agency and there are problems with the PSC's credibility."

A federal agency program appears near according to Crim and it is important to provide a state agency as soon as possible to work with Washington. He claims the Democratic proposal "has the ability to become operational quickly, to get on line fast. It is not hindered by having the rate-making function included in it."

According to Crim enabling legislation to create the new agency could be passed by fall, whereas it would take much longer to pass a bill setting up a new department.

Commerce Director Keith Molin, whose department includes the PSC and the current Energy Administration, accused majority Democrats of "dragging their feet on energy."

He said the Democrats proposed energy agency could "plunge energy planning and administration in our state into chaos," claiming it fails to coordinate current energy programs and would not end duplication of efforts.

MICHIGAN SECOND LARGEST WELFARE STATE IN UNION

East Lansing - Michigan has the second largest percentage in the United States of residents on welfare, says a report from the Michigan State University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

Only Mississippi, with 7.2 percent of its population on public dole, exceeds this state.

According to the figures in the report, 54 percent of the Michigan families receiving Aid to Dependent Children are white and about 45 percent black. The report blames Michigan's large welfare rolls on a "volatile economy which attracts migrant and unskilled workers and its image as an easy welfare state." Michigan also has liberal benefits in comparison with several nearby states and the south, the study said.

As an example, the average ADC recipient in Michigan receives \$90.74 per month, while in Mississippi, which pays the least of any state, the average monthly payment is just \$14.54.

When ranked according to state and local government expenditures for public welfare per \$1,000 of personal income, Michigan was sixth with 15.9 percent or \$33.46 per each \$1,000. It is estimated that Michigan will have spent \$3.5 billion on welfare by the end of this fiscal year, September 30th. This figure includes \$1.1 billion of federal money.

50,000 CETA EMPLOYEES IN STATE

Lansing - About 50,000 youths between the ages of 14 and 21, residing in predominately rural areas of the state, will be employed by state and local government and a variety of other public institutions this summer. Funding for the programs will come from the federal government under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

State Labor Director Pat Babcock said that over \$25.7 million is available to the state CETA agencies which serve the urban areas. The rural youth will be hired according to allocation of \$5.7 million.

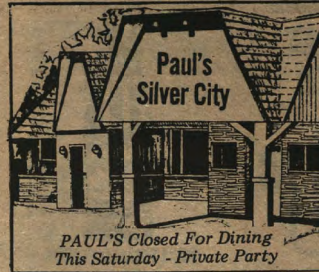
Minimum wage of \$2.65 per hour will be paid for approximately 20 to 30 hours a week of work over a period of about 10 weeks. The assignments will include work in hospitals, libraries, parks and in programs for aging and handicapped persons.

Purpose of the program is to encourage dropouts from high school to return to school, to improve job skills to make youth more employable, and to provide supplemental income to poor families.

STATE MOVES TO 'SHELF' ELF PERMANENTLY

Lansing - Bills to permanently "Put ELF on the shelf" are now before the full House after clearing committee debate. The package of bills, put forth by U.P. lawmakers, are intended to make construction of the communications system in the Upper Peninsula, a violation of state laws.

When President Carter decides whether to build a submarine communications grid in the U.P., the measures, if made law, would set up a court challenge. The strategy is similar to one used recently by the Legislature banning disposal of nuclear wastes in the state to prevent the federal government from making Michigan the lo-



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cation of a national disposal site.

While officials predict that a final decision on the controversial ELF plan may be months away, the bills before the House would put in place laws specifically prohibiting construction of the project in the U.P.

Some legislators argue that the bills may cause the federal government to overlook Michigan as a potential site for other military installations. Others say that keeping the federal government out with ELF could weaken U.S. defense capabilities. Most state officials contend that the state actually has little power to keep the federal government out if it wants in, but proponents of the bill package argue that passage of the proposed legislation could at least keep the issue tied up in courts for a period of time. If faced with a lengthy court battle the feds might look elsewhere for a site, they argue.

STATE SAYS PUBLIC NOT OVERCHARGED FOR POWER BY UTILITIES

Lansing - Federal claims that electric utilities may have overcharged Michigan residents for power during the 110-day coal strike last winter are not being accepted by a state expert (employee).

The head of the state Public Service Commission's electric division, Roger Fischer, states that overcharges were unlikely because Michigan utilities bought and sold ex-

tra power during the strike at prices approved by the federal government.

Fischer was retaliating to comments made by William V. Lindsay, the director of electric power regulation for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Lindsay was speaking before a U.S. subcommittee last week. He testified that residents in some states including Michigan may have been overcharged by as much as \$100 million for emergency power.

Fischer said, "I think he's wrong. I can't believe that would have happened. There were no special deals that I'm aware of for sales on an emergency basis. The sales were under contracts that had previously been filed with the federal commission."

Michigan utilities had burned more costly fuels such as oil and natural gas during the coal strike in an effort to stretch coal supplies. They reportedly paid 2.8 to 3 cents a kilowatt hour for extra power which was purchased from Canada's Ontario Hydro.

The state did offer to sell fuel-short states as much as 500 megawatts of power during the day and 1,000 megawatts of power during the night on an emergency basis.

The power came from Michigan's Electric Coordinated System - a power pool which includes Detroit Edison and Consumers Power. It was sold in varying quantities to Toledo Edison in Ohio and American Electric Power which provides power to several midwestern states, said Fischer.

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PROPERTY TAX BILLS PROLIFERATE IN LANSING -- ALL HOT POTATOES

Lansing - A proliferation of bills to adjust, amend or cure the inequities in the state's property tax system face Lansing legislators at the most inopportune of times. In an election year, any measure that passes will no doubt leave the lawmakers in the position of being damned if they do and, at the same time, damned if they don't.

A sampling of two recent resolutions to the dilemma now being considered follow:

A Senate committee is considering an innocent-sounding property tax reform bill which lawmakers fully realize is a political hot potato in disguise.

In fact, all that the bill is designed to do is make sure that property is assessed as already required by law, in other words at 50 percent of market value.

The bill appeared last week before the Senate Finance Committee which is chaired by gubernatorial hopeful Patrick McCollough. Coupled with his race for governor is the fact that McCollough's home district, suburban Dearborn, contains a large number of constituents who would suffer most if the measure were adhered to.

The measure would require all property be equalized by class. That means all industrial, commercial, agricultural and residential properties would be separately assessed at 50 percent of cash value. Property values must be determined by assessment before the local tax rate is levied and revenues produced. The bill would effectively prevent local assessors from socking it to business and industry while easing off on farms and homes. This is apparently a common practice in many of the state's 1,512 city and township assessing districts.

The passage of the bill would mean tax hikes in local units where residential property has been undervalued. (State Tax Commission figures show that Dearborn resi-

dents, for instance, paid 1977 taxes as if their homes were assessed a third of market value, instead of the half required.)

State figures show that, on the average, agricultural property across Michigan is assessed at 43 percent, homes at 44 percent, industry at 46 percent and business at 47 percent.

The state levies a "factor" on the local units to bring the assessed value as a whole up to 50 percent of market value. This may boost assessments within each class closer to the 50 percent mark but does not remove discrepancies between various classes. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Roy Smith, R-Ann Arbor, has already been approved by the House. If passed by the Senate each class of property would be equalized separately beginning in 1980. This would mean that if a local unit was too low in its assessment factors would be applied separately to each class to bring each up to 50 percent of market value.

Since farms and homes are generally assessed the lowest, those classes would be where taxes would jump the most.

Gov. William Milliken supports the bill, as do state officials, county, township and city organizations, however, the legislators themselves are extremely nervous of provoking their constituents.

Backers of the bill say it's important to remove inequities in taxes and make sure tax procedures adhere to legal and constitutional requirements already existing.

McCollough says the bill should be accompanied by efforts to relieve the tax burden in general. "There's no question this bill would provide equity, but it doesn't help those at the top to bring the others up. Perhaps they should be brought down. A part of the picture may be a general reduction of reliance on property taxes. It may be reasonable to reduce the assessment level

over a period of five years to 30 percent of cash value, meanwhile gradually shifting the burden onto the income tax." His statement preceded his own introduction later in the week of the following proposal.

McCollough introduced legislation that would reduce school property tax assessment rates on residential and agricultural lands by 40 percent over the next five years. The proposal is a part of a ten-bill legislative package including a resolution which would reduce the reliance on property taxes to fund Michigan schools, freeze property assessments for three years and eliminate many of the inequities in the current property tax system, according to McCollough.

McCollough stated that preliminary action by the State Tax Commission indicates that State Equalized Valuation for 1978 will increase by \$5.4 billion. This figure represents an increase in the total property tax assessments over 1977 levels of over 9 percent for Michigan taxpayers.

He continued his statement by saying that he is making ready legislation which would provide a property tax reduction to persons who maintain their homes. "We should use our tax system positively to provide an incentive for people to keep up their property," he stated.

McCollough said the reasons for using property tax revenues to fund schools are rapidly becoming outdated. "Education is a basic necessity that we are morally, economically and constitutionally required to provide for our children," he said. "There is little or no reason why this vital state service should be tied to an unwieldy and outdated method of taxation."

Fischer also said that no figures were available on how much power had been sold but it was not as much as had been offered. Michigan charged 5 cents an hour for the daytime and 3½ cents a kilowatt hour for the emergency nighttime power.

That price was based on the cost of Michigan's most expensive oil-generated power plus 10 percent and had been approved by the federal commission, according to Fischer.

STATE NOW SAYS BLUES RATE INCREASE SHOULD BE HALVED

Lansing - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan hasn't justified its request for a \$66 million rate increase and deserves just a little more than half the requested amount say state insurance officials now.

The Insurance Bureau staff last week urged Insurance Commissioner Thomas Jones to trim \$25 million in extra fees the Blues had sought to charge individuals and small businesses.

The staff said the Blues had not justified proposed administrative expenses, health care costs or the need for cash reserves. It opposed the company's plan to eliminate comprehensive insurance for individual subscribers. Jones has ordered hearings on the staff recommendations but no immediate was set.

The proposal filed by the Blues early this year requested that rates for businesses with less than 150 subscribers be allowed to go up 8.4 percent. About 800,000 persons are covered under these policies according to company figures. Almost 200,000 individuals, including persons who convert from group to individual policies, currently are able to purchase the comprehensive package which the Blues would like to eliminate.

The Blues had offered three separate options that would allow subscribers to cut insurance costs by as much as 33 percent or increase them by 11.4 percent.

Included in all three options would be 120 days of in-patient general care, 30 days for treatment of mental disorders or tuberculosis, all out-patient care and home-care services, and 20 to 30 percent of doctors' bills.

Joseph Turchinsky, the director of the Michigan Citizens Lobby group, said the watchdog group believes that the Blues should be granted no rate increase whatsoever. A spokesman for the Blues, Brian Hodge, said the insurer would have sought to boost comprehensive costs from 23 percent to 33 percent if the options were not offered.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the state's largest health care insurer with about six million of the state's residents affected.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO MARCH ON CAPITOL DEMANDING INVESTIGATION

Lansing - Senior citizen activists will be on the march this week to the state's capitol to present demands that an investigation of health care delivery, including Medicaid-Medicare, the Department of Social Services and Blue Cross and Blue Shield, be carried out.

A survey by Michigan Area Agencies on Aging shows the legions of the state's seniors are more concerned about health care and insurance benefits than any other problem, including crime.

It is expected that about 6,000 seniors will be present at Lansing's Civic Center for Senior Power Day on Wednesday. They will come prepared to debate a policy platform calling for legislative action on health care, housing, utility bills and crime.

They want and will demand a "thorough investigation of the Medicaid-Medicare system in Michigan, a closing of the gap between cost and payment of services, improving consumer advocacy, correction of

abuses and prosecution of white collar Medicaid crime."

Also on their agenda are seeking a major shift in state policy away from nursing and other institutional care, provision of more services for elderly persons who want to continue living at home; more state spending for hearing, dental, vision, drugs, day centers and mental health; increase in personal assets allowed for Medicaid benefits from the current \$1,500. A survey made a year ago revealed that seniors were then most concerned about crime and utility bills.

12,000 senior citizens took part in this year's statewide survey. Their top concerns in order were: Medicaid-Medicare coverage, housing, health delivery, public transportation, property tax reform, utility relief, alternatives to institutionalization, nursing home improvement, senior discount programs and crime.

The first Senior Power Day was held four years ago and the group has been lobbying with increasing determination since that time. In an effort last year, the senior citizens lobbied for heating bill relief and the Legislature responded by appropriating \$38 million to help pay utility bills for the elderly and poor.

A spokesman for the group said, "It's difficult to get seniors together. There's a lack of cash and it's hard to get transportation. And 95 percent of the people are doing it voluntarily. We just hope to become stronger."

PROPERTY TAXES RISE 9 PERCENT A YEAR

Lansing - Going up at the rate of nine percent a year are the real and personal property values in the state, according to study figures compiled by the State Tax Commission. The commission said that preliminary value of property in the state totals \$64.87 billion, which is up from a total of \$59.5 billion last year. That total would have been even higher if it were not for new exemption for some kinds of industry. The property value figures are supposed to be 50 percent of market value of homes and other property. While they differ in some cases from the equalized valuations set by county boards of commissioners the state version holds for taxing purposes.

The \$64.87 billion in real and personal property is in addition to around \$1.2 billion in real property which is exempted from tax rolls through a state law which gives industries a break for renovating obsolete properties or constructing new ones.

A field director for commission stated at a recent hearing that the firms paid about \$20 million less than if their properties had been taxed fully. Although state law requires assessments of property at 50 percent of market value, in practice most agricultural property in Michigan is assessed at 43 percent, homes at 44 percent and business at 47 percent, according to state-compiled figures.

MIO RESIDENTS SEND HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGE TO USSR

Mio, Mi. - Burial of animals contaminated by PBB by the state has residents of the Mio area in Oscoda County angry enough to fight all the way to the Soviet Union.

A telegram went recently to Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet President, from the Oscoda County PBB Action Committee, saying the human rights of county residents were being "denied by police force". The burial is over Michigan's largest (underground fresh water supply) despite the voted objections of the county's residents. "The telegram further asked Brezhnev to use his influence with President Carter on their behalf.

The protesters have been working since April 28th to prevent the burials in their area from taking place. On that date they formed a human blockade near the entrance to the pit and state workers stopped preparations. The work was then resumed on May 1. The pit is being lined with clay to prevent

the possibility of seepage of PBB into nearby water supplies.

The appeal to Brezhnev paralleled an experience of the West Virginia town of Vulcan. Last year the town's unofficial mayor, John Robinette, applied for Russian "foreign aid" after failing for years to win a bridge over the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River. Following that appeal, a Soviet writer turned up in Vulcan to make inquiries. The next day the state government announced it could provide a bridge to the town after all. Currently a right-of-way has been prepared and contracts let for the beginning of construction this summer.

The Oscoda County protesters have lost previous battles to prevent the use of the pit for contaminated cattle burial, including court arguments and appeals. The EPA has been drawn into the arguments and now has announced plans to send an investigative team to the site to make certain the burial will not contaminate ground water in the area of the pit.

Congressman Phillip Ruppe stated that "I can appreciate the concern of interested residents who have asked that EPA personnel with scientific expertise be called in to examine the site before burial takes place. If the EPA discovers no apparent problems at the site, a decision on the burial site would rest with the state. But...if the site is found to be unsafe, then the burial should be stopped immediately before the idea is irreversible."

EPA officials said they would send a team to the site as soon as possible.

NOTE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declared on Friday that the burial site was safe and said its use would not contaminate groundwater. And, in Calhoun County, a health official announced that tests made this spring on water from twenty wells near a landfill where PBB contaminated grain was dumped four years ago show no trace of the toxic fire retardant.

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RIEGLER TO FIGHT NATIONAL NO-FAULT BILL

Washington - Sen. Donald Riegle of Michigan says he will fight a national no-fault auto insurance bill on the Senate floor until its consumer protection provisions are "significantly strengthened."

A Senate Commerce Committee has voted to approve the bill, which would allow persons injured in auto accidents to collect benefits from their own insurance companies regardless of who was at fault.

Reigle, who voted against the bill, had unsuccessfully tried to have attached an amendment barring auto insurers from denying insurance on the basis of age, sex, or where an applicant lived.

Reigle said he is concerned about the bill because it is modeled after Michigan's 1973 no-fault law. A survey made recently shows that 55 percent of Michigan consumers rate the law as poor.

Reigle also has doubts about the system because its method of rating prospective insurees is based on the same data as used in systems where those at fault pay accident costs. Using that method, he said, could result in huge profits to auto insurance companies. "Since people are compelled to purchase auto insurance under no-fault, we ought to make sure they can do so at reasonable rates," Reigle said.

Angrily denying charges by the pro no-fault Consumer Federation of America that he voted against the bill because he had received \$10,000 in campaign money from the American Association of Trial Lawyers, which is lobbying against the bill, Reigle termed the charge, "nonsense," noting he had also received a \$10,000 campaign contribution from the United Auto Workers, which strongly supports no-fault.

TRUTH IN LENDING BILL HITS SNAG IN HOUSE

Washington - After passing the Senate last week with only one dissenting vote, a greatly simplified truth-in-lending law now faces an uncertain future in the House.

The bill, which would tell borrowers in plain language what they're paying for a loan, has been preceded in the House by similar bills but no hearings were ever held. This fact dims the chances for the legislation becoming law this year. Meanwhile, creditors are complaining about the current law, saying they had trouble keeping up with administrative and judicial interpretations of it. Small businesses often have to hire attorneys to draft disclosure statements under the current law.

Prior to passing through the latest bill, a Senate banking sub-committee heard testimony from psychologists who said the disclosure statements now given to consumers are ineffective because there is too much data. As an example of the simplification that would be required under the bill, a car purchaser would no longer be told the cash price, down payment and unpaid balance of the cash price. Instead, the buyer would be told only the "amount financed."

The bill would require that credit disclosures be separate from contract terms, making it easier to find them. Another change would put descriptive phrases on the statements to explain them to consumers. As an example, the "finance charge" would be accompanied by the explanation, "this is the amount the credit will cost you."

While calling for still further simplification to the original law, senators say the law has already been of considerable aid to consumers. They cite Federal Reserve Board statistics that show consumer awareness of interest rates they pay for loans has gone from 15 percent in 1969 to 55 percent in 1977.

WARNED OF SCAFFOLD DANGER TWO YEARS AGO

Washington - A warning of "disastrous consequences" that could result from questionable repairs to a West Virginia scaffold which collapsed in April, killing 51 men, was issued by a federal safety inspector fourteen months before the incident. The warning came to the attention of OSHA officials in Washington just last week, apparently having been lost all those months in the agency bureaucracy.

Walter Wilson, the OSHA safety engineer who conducted what superiors called a "detailed inspection" of the scaffolding at Willow Island, West Virginia, issued a memo indicating that repairs were badly needed two years before the accident when the scaffolding was shipped to the site of the accident. He added that repairs had been made since that time by field mechanics without the knowledge of qualified engineers.

Wilson's memo said, "This situation should be promptly rectified. ...This special scaffolding is engineered to perform a specific function in a given manner utilizing specific parts; unauthorized substitutions could result in disastrous consequences."

However, Basil Whiting, deputy OSHA administrator, said the agency's investigation so far indicates that the design, condition and maintenance of the scaffolding "had absolutely nothing to do with this disaster."

Whiting said that until the investigation is completed, probably in a few weeks, the agency could not discuss that caused the scaffold to fall away from a partially built, 423-foot high cooling tower, sending the 51 workers to their deaths.

Wilson's memo had been obtained and made public by Health Research Group, a Nader-affiliated organization which had obtained it under the Freedom of Information Act.

**BIG FED SALARIES
GO FOR
NOTHING**

Washington - It's true! Our taxes do pay some civil servants big salaries - up to \$50 thousand a year - for doing nothing or next to nothing. This admission came from administration officials who claim that some of these high-salaried employees haven't even been seen in their offices in years.

Apparently the reason it happens is simply that it's easier to leave incompetents on the payroll, pushed out of sight, than it is to fire them. "We found \$50,000 welfare cases. We were paying them to stay away. One person on a very high salary hadn't been seen there for years." So said William Drayton, the assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, before the Senate Government Operations Committee.

He was one of several administration officials complaining about the complicated procedure for firing civil servants. The president is proposing a simpler method for firings in his planned shake-up of the system.

Drayton said that when Carter took office, officials began looking at bureaucratic waste, seeking out sandbagging workers for dismissal. Department and agency managers discovered they were spending about 30 percent of their time on dismissal preparations only to find it wasted because of minor procedural errors. Drayton cited one case where he found a \$40,000 per year bureaucrat performing at the \$10,000 level. "I told him to look for another job. He said he wouldn't. He knows we won't do anything about it because we can't spend the time."

Another EPA official, Barbara Blum, complained about civil service hiring practices that give veterans lifetime preference.

She said a test score bonus given veterans is thwarting her attempts to hire women and minorities. As the system now works agencies needing a worker are given three names by the commission. Usually, the candidates are white men because of the point bonus, she said. "If those three veterans are not as qualified, we have to go back to the Civil Service Commission with each veteran to explain why they are not qualified and then we have to go to the next veteran on the list." She said the procedure can take a year or longer and, by then, the minority candidate has been hired by a private employer.

Carter has said he wants to cut veterans' lifetime preference to ten years, excepting those who are disabled.

**EPA ORDERS AMC RECALL
OF 300,000 AUTOS-JEeps**

Washington - The government has announced its first recall of an automaker's entire car output for a model year, which means the American Motors Corp. will likely be faced with calling in about 300,000 1976 autos that may have defective emission systems.

The EPA order, although smaller than some of the earlier recalls, would affect all AMC cars and many of the company's Jeeps manufactured during the 1976-model year.

The action by EPA is seen as part of a new get-tough attitude by that agency, toward possible violations of air quality standards. Apparently anticipating the EPA order, AMC last week recalled 153,000 1976-model vehicles to replace broken tubes that could increase emissions from the tailpipe. This is the problem that EPA is concerned with. The latest recall by AMC followed a similar one of 157,000 '76 autos in February. An EPA order would require that corrective action meet government standards while a company recall would not, according to an EPA source.

The vehicles with the possible defect have 232-cubic inch and 256-cubic inch six-cylinder engines. The automaker said the joint of a sensing tube in the exhaust has recirculation system would be checked. AMC said that engine performance would not be noticeably affected by the problem. Any broken sensors would be replaced free of charge, said the automakers.

**JOGGING PORKERS
STILL FOUND TO BE
PRONE TO HEART ATTACK**

La Jolla, Calif. - Discouraging, that's what it was. Even jogging 25 miles a week failed to reduce the risk of heart attack in pigs. This experiment has researchers saying that the theory that it helps in humans should be reviewed. All of this lard-rendering news comes out of a University of California study, whose researcher Max Sanders says, "The findings caused a great deal of anguish" among his colleagues who are dedicated joggers.

Other details of the study: the pigs were run on treadmills (good trick right off the bat) and did lose 20 percent of their body weight. However, their circulation, which is the indication of how prone they would be to heart attacks, was no better than that of apparently, is plain as the snout on your face: Slow down, you hog joggers. It just isn't worth it in the long run!

Holy Jiggling Jowls, Robin! What Dastardly Catastrophe Will Befall Our "Converse City Citizens" Next?

**POSTAGE ON
WAY UP
AGAIN**

Washington - Here it comes again. Whether it be a cost of business or a letter to Mom or your sweetheart, it's going to cost a two-penny more come the end of this month. The Postal Rate Commission has announced the fifth increase in postal rates in the last decade.

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Ignoring President Carter's suggestion that private citizens be omitted from the next postal rate increase, the boost from 13 to 15 cents per first class letter will apply across the board.

The rate package, in combination with congressional subsidies, is calculated to generate \$17.5 billion annually for the deficit-ridden Postal Service. The total is still \$57 million less than the service had requested.

The Postal Service's governors are expected to approve the rate increase at a special meeting to be held May 19. By law the service could reject the independent rate commission's recommendation and ride with present rates. That is considered highly unlikely.

Beside the first-class rate increase the commission recommends that the rate for post cards go from 9 to 10 cents. This is as requested by the Postal Service. Also recommended are hikes for second-class mail of 29.6 per cent and third-class mail of 20.3 percent. Fourth class mail (parcels) would be increased by 36.8 percent.

The new rates are expected to take effect around the end of this month.

The rate commission action is a rejection of a suggestion by Carter that private individuals be spared the next postal rate increase. A coalition of business mail users organized and fought the citizen rate as unfair. They hired former Assistant Postmaster General Arthur Eden, a former expert for the service on postal rates, to make their arguments before the rate commission.

Consumer groups had strongly supported the Carter proposal. Sources at the rate commission said the citizen rate was rejected by a 3-1 vote. Only Carter's lone appointee on the commission had voted for it.

A "humorous" sidelight to the rate increase announcement illustrates how much the Postal Service had counted on approval of the request for separate citizen and business first class rates. Planning on approval of a 16 cent rate for businesses, who send most of the mail, with a 13 cent rate remaining for private individuals, the Postal Service printed hundreds of millions of 16-cent stamps. According to their figures

they have on hand 650 million of the 16-centers but only 5 million of the 15 cent stamps. There was no statement issued by the Postal Service indicating how the overprinting of 16 cent stamps would further affect the organization's deficit. Not to worry. The commission has the eternal option of going back to the well again and declaring the "dog" stamp a viable means of moving mail. Let's hope they don't do it before the glue dries up!

**LEGISLATORS
TELLING ALL.....
ALMOST**

Washington - Going through the Senate's new financial disclosure forms, which are to be released later this month, is about as titillating as going blind in the last five minutes of the strip tease show you pawed your gold watch to see. You knew what you went there to see but left without actually have seen it. See, there is still something left in this world that's left to the individual's imagination!

All of the one hundred members of the Senate were required to submit detailed statements of their individual financial holdings this Monday. The companion disclosure statements from House members were released recently.

In some areas the forms concealed as much or more than they revealed. Some samplings from early filers go like this.

Sen. Clifford Hansen owns one of those big cattle ranches in Wyoming and you might figure that it would be worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars. However Hansen says he paid somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million for the property, but neglects to state when he made the purchase.

Sen. James Eastland's assessment of his home's worth falls somewhere between \$15,000 and \$50,000...the price he paid for it in 1954. If he were willing to sell out at those prices today, he would generate a line of prospective purchasers that would stretch all the way from his doorstep to the Capitol.

Sen. William Scott of Virginia, who is no advocate of deficit spending, lists his assets at between \$70,000 and \$180,000. He says he has no debts worth reporting. (Any debts of more than \$2,500 are supposed to be reported.)

Another Senator who likes to advocate a balanced national budget, James Allen of Alabama, calls it a little close on the home front. He lists assets of between \$120,000 and \$330,000, with liabilities of between \$115,000 and \$320,000.

Unlike a requirement of House members that they state how much income was earned from outside interests or how much was collected from speaking engagements, the Senators apparently could just lump it all together, and in rather broad limits at that.

Congressional immunity is indeed a blessed state.

BARAGA GETS GRANT

Washington - Announcement by Congressman Philip Ruppe indicated a Department of Interior grant for \$126,625 will be forthcoming for the Village of Baraga. The funds will be used for a variety of improvements at the Baraga marina. Included are bulk heads, floating piers, a boat launch ramp, service piers with utility services, paved walk ramps and a parking area.

The village will provide matching funds to complete the \$253,250 project.

UNIFORM OCTANE TO COMM.

Washington - Headed toward final congressional approval is legislation which will establish a uniform octane-rating system allowing motorists to select the proper gasoline for their cars. The bill passed the Senate 95-0 and is headed for a House-Senate conference committee which will reconcile differences with a similar measure already approved by the House. The bill also contains a provision which would protect service stations from arbitrary cancellation of their contracts by fuel distributors.

**S.S. ROLLBACK HITS
SENATE SNAG**

Washington - Amounts withheld from workers' paychecks next year could be less if a partial rollback of higher Social Security taxes wins congressional approval. The House Ways and Means Committee has approved the rollback but it will be an uphill battle when it reaches the Senate, where there is much opposition. The President also supports the higher taxes, which became law last December.

The House committee voted to use an estimated \$14.5 billion in general income tax funds over the next two years to ease the size of the payroll tax increases. Some Senate members oppose using the general tax revenues to keep the Social Security system solvent.

If the committee proposal is enacted, Social Security tax rate next year will be 5.85 percent instead of 6.13 percent, with a maximum wage base of \$21,900 instead of that currently scheduled - \$22,900. In 1980 the rate would stay the same with the wage base rising to \$23,900 instead of \$25,900.

The maximum anyone would be required to pay in 1979 would be \$1,281 with the committee proposal, rather than the \$1,404 legislated in December.

The committee plan would be in effect only two years. This would give Congress time to study broader changes in the Social Security system.

**EPA MOTORCYCLE NOISE
REGS TO COST
\$225 - \$400**

Washington - The head of Harley-Davidson, John Davidson, says that a proposed government restriction on motorcycle noise would penalize consumers by raising the cost of a motorcycle by between \$225 and \$400. Davidson testified that the proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency would prohibit manufacturers in 1985 from selling motorcycles noisier than 78 decibels, about the level of the average car. He said motorcycle noise would diminish considerably if local authorities prosecuted owners who replaced factory-installed mufflers with straight pipes.

**NMU HOLDS
AMERICAN INDIAN
CAREER DAY**

Marquette - Over 300 American Indian junior and senior high school students from the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan attended the first American Indian Student Career Day in Tuesday on the campus of Northern Michigan University.

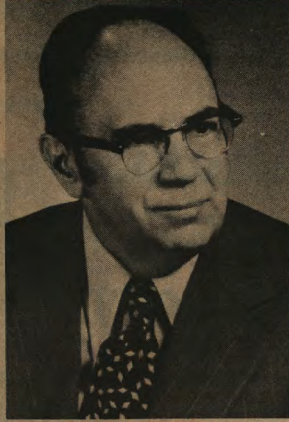
The event, one of several being held across the state this spring was sponsored by the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs, Lansing, and the Office of American Indian Programs at NMU.

Taking part in the program were 20 Indian persons, representing a number of professions, who served as role models for the students.

**YOUR
SUSPICIONS
CONFIRMED**

White House investigators say that film-making programs by federal agencies to promote their images - costing 500 million dollars a year - are riddled with waste. Example: One agency spent \$125,000 on a film, but "there is no record of where the film went or who saw it, and now it can't even be found."

Federal officials have invented a new term - "burden hours" - to describe the time it takes a typical person to fill out a government form. So far, applications for medicare head the list as the most time-consuming.



WM. P. NICHOLLS

HELLMAN SALUTE SET FOR JUNE 3RD AT HOUGHTON

Russell "Rusty" Hellman (D-Dollar Bay) will be honored at a "Salute to Our Representative" banquet at Wadsworth Hall Saturday, June 3, according to William P. Nicholls, chairman of the affair. Wadsworth Hall is the only facility large enough to hold the dinner, Nicholls said.

Nicholls is a retired vice president of the Copper Range Company and still active in community affairs.

The Hellman Legislative Committee has mailed out tickets in the 110th legislative district which Hellman represents. Nicholls said Hellman is often termed an unusual legislator in that he represents a population-sparse, heavily forested area of the state in the Upper Peninsula and yet has risen to one of the most powerful positions in the Michigan legislature where his major appointments include chairman of the joint capital outlay committee of both houses, and is a member of the House appropriations committee.

Nicholls said he is in the process of naming chairmen and will announce them soon so that tickets may be obtained from them in outlying areas of the 110th district.

L'ANSE FmHo OFFICE CLOSES

Marquette - The resignation of the Marquette County Farmers Home administration supervisor and indifferent response were cited as the main reasons for cancellations of an office day in L'Anse.

FmHA spokesmen said reinstatement of the office day would likely be up to the next supervisor.

"To be honest, we were going up there and seeing only two or three people a month," said one spokesperson.

Persons requiring assistance can contact the FmHA office in Marquette at 228-7050;

Houghton - Researchers at Michigan Tech are working on five projects related to the development and testing of improved wood harvesting systems and equipment and the use of wood for energy.

The projects are part of a continuing program of cooperative research with the U.S. Forest Service's North Central Forest Experiment Station on the MTU campus.

The announcement of the forest service funded research was made by Rodger A. Arola, project leader at the Forest Engineering Research Laboratory. The total level of funding is approximately \$51,000.

Dr. Ward J. Frea Jr., professor of mechanical engineering, is the principal investigator in a study entitled "Preliminary Design of a Forest Residue-to-Fuel System." He is searching for technically and economically feasible ways to densify and dry conventional wood chips at forest or remote locations. Densification and drying would enhance their value as an industrial fuel plus result in possible savings in transport of the forest derived fuels. One promising concept he is looking at is in-woods baling of chips.

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MICHIGAN TECH RESEARCHERS ACTIVE ON FIVE WOOD UTILIZATION PROJECTS

James A. Johnson, assistant professor of forest technology is working on a project entitled "Field Evaluation of a Topwood Recovery System from Hardwood Sawlog Tops." He will field test a harvesting system developed by the Forest Service to recover residue hardwood tops and limbs following conventional removal of sawlogs. This material, which amounts to almost half of the above ground portion of the entire tree, is usually left in the woods and wasted. Of particular interest is the testing of a device developed by the Forest Service to prepare massive sawlog tops and limbs in compacted form to permit removal of this material from the woods without causing excessive damage to the residual stand. The Forest Service is conducting time and motion studies to analyze the entire topwood recovery operation for costs and productivity.

Bruce A. Haataja, senior wood scientist at the Institute of Wood Research is involved in a project entitled "State-of-th-Art and Feasibility of Fueling Forest Vehicles with Wood Residue." In this study he is looking at direct fueling of forest vehicles with self-

contained energy generators, the use of stationary energy systems for fueling woods equipment located at forest landings or concentration yards, and stationary systems for recharging of energy banks or other energy storage devices which can be transferred to woods equipment.

Tauno Kilpela, senior research engineer at the Institute of Wood Research engineer at the Institute of Wood Research, is designing a unique helical head chipper patterned after a Forest Service patented development for reducing small diameter trees and residue materials. It results in a product form which can subsequently be reduced to flakes for

use in reconstituted products such as flake-board, pallets, utility poles, etc. He will also develop a concept for a portable woods machine incorporating this chipping device.

Irvin Ziemer, faculty assistant in forestry, is working on a project entitled "A Preliminary Study to Establish the Potential for Cable Yarding in the Lake States." He will examine the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota to quantify acreages of land possibly suited to cable yarding but unsuited to the more conventional skidding techniques. Included are forest lands with steep terrain, swamp conditions, river bottoms or possibly highly-erodible soils.

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INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR TRAVERSE CITY

Delegates representing Michigan's 50 Independent (non-Bell) telephone companies will hold their 43rd annual convention at the Park Place Motor Inn in Traverse City on May 15, 16, 17. The announcement was made by Audrey Fisher, President of the Michigan Independent Telephone Association. Fisher is manager of the Concord Telephone Company an affiliate company of C, C & S Systems, Inc. of Brooklyn, Mich.

Under recent policies and mandates of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), competition has been introduced in the provision of telecommunications services. Customers may now buy or lease some of their telephone equipment from non-regulated suppliers. In addition, business customers may also use competitive private line service for intercity communications. These FCC policies have resulted in the telephone company no longer having complete responsibility for end-to-end telephone service.

A primary concern of the telephone industry is the cost of local telephone service. In the past, local rates were kept low mainly through contributions from long distance service and business charges. Price restructuring made necessary by competition could change all that. To protect residential and small business customers, telephone industry task forces have submitted specific proposals to Congress and the FCC.

James E. Heins, Vice President of the United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA), will address the MITA convention, outlining the industry concerns and the solutions being proposed to

the Congress and the FCC. Mr. Heins is also President of his own company, the Heins Telephone Company of Sanford, North Carolina.

Appearing on the same general session program with Mr. Heins will be Mrs. Willa Mae King, the newest member of the Michigan Public Service Commission. Mrs. King will discuss current regulatory concerns. Mrs. King was appointed to the MPSC by Governor Milliken in August, 1977.

Dr. Lee L. Davenport, Vice-President and Chief Scientist of the General Telephone & Electronics Corporation will be featured at a second general session of the MITA convention discussing new technology breakthroughs in the telecommunications industry. Prior to his present appointment in 1977, Dr. Davenport served as President of GTE Laboratories. A panel of industry suppliers is also scheduled to present a new products and technology program.

In Michigan, Independent telephone companies served over 850,000 telephones from 350 separate telephone exchanges at the beginning of 1978. They provide service in over half of the geographic area of the state.

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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Reynolds of the Ontonagon County Telephone Company will be attending the convention.

LAND TRANSFER APPROVED

Mass City - The combined Intermediate School Boards of Gogebic-Ontonagon and Copper Country approved the transfer of a portion of land in Bohemia Township from the Ontonagon School District to the L'Anse District.

The hearing was held Thursday at the Mass-Greenland Elementary School. Clifford Koivisto of Ontonagon was elected chairman of the combined board for the session and Margaret Johnson of the " District secretary. Mr. and Mrs. James Cayannus, the only family with children living in the affected area, asked the board to approve the transfer and make permanent what has been in effect for many years, the attendance of that area's children at the Alston and L'Anse schools.

Ontonagon Area Superintendent Louis Gregory said the Ontonagon Board felt the transfer to be the proper action. The L'Anse board had previously gone on record in favor of the transfer.

On a unanimous vote the combined intermediate boards approved the transfer of section 1 and 2 of Township 50, Bohemia Township to the L'Anse School District with the transfer to become effective July 1, 1978.

GREENLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETS

Mass City - The Greenland Township Board has taken steps to bring movies once a week to the Mass-Greenland Area when it approved financial participation on a four-week trial basis.

Phil Beaverson of Mass had requested cooperation of the township in the enterprise at the annual meeting and the board

indicated Beaverson or possibly a CETA employee will show the films. Beaverson had volunteered his services.

The movies will be shown in the Mass Townhall or at the Greenland-Mass Elementary school with the place to be announced, the board indicated.

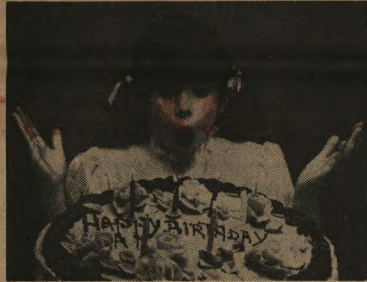
Attempts will be made to get as many up-to-date movies as possible and they will be shown once a week for four weeks. The board indicated it was cooperating in the venture in an effort to provide an activity for the youth of the township. They asked for the cooperation of the young people and their parents.

The township board also appealed to the public to cooperate in cleaning up the area. Board members said that if assistance is needed in disposing of old cars or buildings, notify board members and they will try to make the necessary contacts.

In other action the board heard a report from Charles Streicher, architect on the sewer project; purchased a stove and hot water heater for the townhall and reported installation of a vapor light at the Wainola Church.

Regurgitated goodies from the gullet of Wanda Wonderful, Wolf Lady of the North. All guaranteed to be 100 percent digestible, low in cholesterol and of little or no value to the national defense.

For instance, DID YOU KNOW that the U.S. Forest Service employees are encouraged by their administrators to pick their teeth with popple splinters at least after every meal. Next week learn the favorite bedtime snack of Senator Mack. P.S. - A bonus for the hardy who read this far: Most White Piners are Miners!



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PREPARING FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT AT VICTORIA DAM, Jim Mishell of Structural Bonding Company, Flint, takes a core sample to determine the internal condition of the dam. The Upper Peninsula Power Company plans to use a specially developed bonding process to repair and reinforce its Victoria hydroelectric facility. (See accompanying story.)

The Upper Peninsula Power Company has initiated a project using a special structural concrete bonding process to repair and reinforce its Victoria Dam, located on the West Branch of the Ontonagon River near Rockland, Michigan. The bonding process to be used was developed by a California firm and, according to Power Company officials, this will be the first project in the country to use the process on an arch-type dam such as Victoria.

Involved is an epoxy injection system which utilizes a high-strength epoxy adhesive to fill hairline cracks and joints in the dam's interior. When the epoxy sets, it seals the cracks and forms a powerful bond. The result is a significant improvement in the strength and watertightness of the concrete.

Preparatory studies for the project were begun last summer when the Power Company made an inspection of the 48 year-old Victoria Dam. Core samplings of the concrete were taken at that time to determine the interior condition of the structure. The samplings showed that random internal

hairline cracking had occurred, probably as a result of the severe freezing and thawing action that the dam is subject to.

The "Concrete" epoxy injection process, developed by Adhesive Engineering of California, was determined to be the most effective means of repairing the deteriorating areas in the dam. Epoxy injection is used mainly to repair specific cracks to prevent leakage. The process was successfully used to repair large eroded areas on a gravity-type hydroelectric dam in Montana.

Victoria Dam, a 115 foot structure consisting of 4 curving concrete arches which span 68 feet between concrete buttresses, will be the first arch-type dam to use the process for extensive repairs.

The Upper Peninsula Power Company has scheduled a 5-year program for completion of the project. All repairs will be made from the downstream face of the dam and do not require lowering the water level in the reservoir. In the first phase of work, sandblasting equipment will be used to clean large sections of the dam's arches. Next,

small holes will be drilled in the face of the dam. These holes will be used to introduce water and air for flushing, and later to inject the epoxy.

Compressed air and water are forced into the internal cracks to flush out sediment deposited in them. The concrete is then ready for the epoxy injection process. The specially formulated epoxy adhesive is injected into the holes in the dam face, permeating and sealing all the internal cracks and joints.

The epoxy injection work will be done by Structural Bonding Company of Flint, Michigan, under the supervision of Adhesive Engineering Company, the Upper Peninsula Power Company, and UPPCO's consultants, Stone & Webster Michigan, Inc.

Small scale tests of the epoxy injection process were made on the Victoria Dam last summer. The results of these tests show that, with the reinforcement provided by the epoxy injection process, the dam will have more than adequate strength to withstand the maximum flood level stresses that could occur.

AREA STUDENTS COMPETE IN STATEWIDE MATH COMPETITION

Fifteen Gogebic and Ontonagon county students will be among 81 from the Upper Peninsula to travel to Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, for a state-wide mathematics competition Saturday sponsored by the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The students earned the trip through finishing in the top 25 at a peninsula-wide competition held in Marquette in late April.

Among those making the trip to Mt. Pleasant are:

Sixth graders - Denise Rolando, Bessemer; Danette Bull, Ironwood, and Bob Nelmark, Ironwood.

Seventh graders - Linda Buerger, Ironwood; Gloria Aspinwall and LeeAnn Johnson, Bessemer; Bob Karpus, St. Sebastian, Bessemer; Todd Sanger, Bessemer, and Donald Engberg, White Pine.

Eighth graders - Jaclyn Longhini and Rusty Harry, Ontonagon; Jay Jewess, Bessemer; Lee Wentala, Mass City and Mike Mohar and Michelle Giuliano, White Pine.

SPRINGTIME: When fishermen begin to get that faraway lake in their eyes.

SMITH RETIRES FROM MTU

Houghton - Raymond Smith says he will step down from the presidency of Michigan Technological University in one year, after heading the Upper Peninsula school for 14 years.

Smith, 61, has served longer than any other university president in the state. He told a group of faculty members Monday that he would leave the post next May.

A formal announcement of the resignation will be made Friday at a Board of Control meeting, he said.

Smith, who has been president since 1965 did not give any reason for his decision to resign.

Before coming to Michigan Tech in 1959 as head of the Metallurgical Engineering Department, Smith spent six years as technical director of research at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute.

He began his teaching career in 1946 as a professor of metallurgy at the University of Alaska. Smith later served as research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania.

Michigan Tech has about 6,000 students. Smith has opposed recent moves toward unionization of the school's faculty.

Speaking to the professors Monday, he said, "I simply don't believe excellence is possible at Michigan Tech with a unionized faculty."

CETA PROGRAM FROZEN ACROSS COUNTRY

Houghton - Jim Saari, the director of the Western U.P. Manpower Consortium, released word of a freeze on spending by the Department of Labor of CETA funds.

According to Saari, the word about the freeze "came out of nowhere."

"We didn't have any warning. The news came at 5 p.m. Tuesday (May 9)," said Saari. The action will affect the entire country, Saari said.

Houghton county board chairman George Pini was quoted as saying, "The board is very disappointed about this action and more than a little angry because it came with no warning. I don't think the Washington bureaucrats are aware of the conditions up here."

Saari said the total loss to Region 13 which includes the counties of Houghton, Baraga, Keweenaw, Iron, Ontonagon and Gogebic, could run into seven figures.

"It's hard to say right now but it could be in the millions. It's going to hurt the area, no question about that," he said.

He said the freeze could last until the end of this fiscal year and suggested several reasons for the action.

"Unofficially the government felt that the Title 6 program was overenrolled and wanted to spread the money to the next fiscal year. Secondly the CETA act is due for reenactment this year and there seems to be some unsureness about the program," he stated.

Saari said the alternatives to the freeze were very few and said he expected "considerable" reaction around the country.



Church Listings

ONTONAGON COUNTY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BERGLAND:

Calvary Baptist - 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
St. Ann Catholic - Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran (LC-MS) - 11:00 a.m.
United Methodist - 9:00 a.m.

BRUCE CROSSING:

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

EWEN:

First Lutheran (LCA) - 8 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic - Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal - 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist - 11:00 a.m.

GREENLAND:

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

United Methodist - 6:30 p.m.

MASS CITY:

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

PAYNESVILLE:

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

ONTONAGON:

Assembly of God - 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Baptist - 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) - 9 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic - Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Lutheran Free - 9:00 a.m.

Siloa Lutheran (LCA) - 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist - 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran 0 (LC-MS) - 9:00 a.m.

ROCKLAND:

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

United Methodist - 11:00 a.m.

TROUT CREEK:

Assembly of God - 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Catholic - Sat 5:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran (LCA) - 11:00 a.m.

United Presbyterian - 9:00 a.m.

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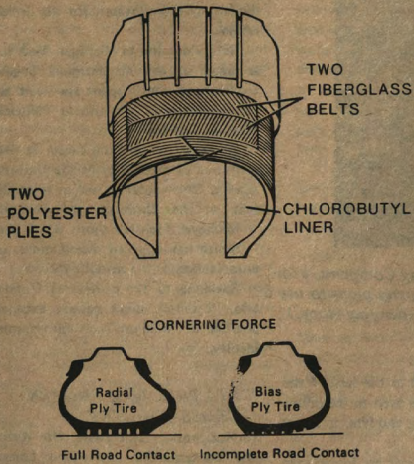
Faith Lutheran - 11:00 a.m.

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ROCKLAND TO FIELD LEGION BALL TEAM

Rockland - Ontonagon County will field just one American Legion baseball team this season and youths aged 15 to 18 have been asked to join that team.

Randy Fredrickson, coach of the Legion team, said a special invitation is out to Mass-Greenland, Ontonagon, White Pine and south end, as well as Rockland youths, to play for the Rockland Legion unit. Fredrickson said that although many youths have indicated interest in playing Legion ball, many have not shown up for practice. He has called a practice for Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Rockland field and said a good response is needed.

The coach also has asked all segments of the county to support the combined team financially. He added that the Rockland Legion has many other activities to support as well and if a Legion team is to be successful it needs county-wide support. Canisters will be distributed to business places in the county and patrons are asked to consider the positive effect that playing baseball can have on the youths in all communities.

Those wishing more information can contact the Gayle Fredrickson home or the treasurer, Kay Preiss.

In other baseball action, coaches and managers are also needed for the Rockland Little League team and the Babe Ruth team for ages 13 - 15. For Babe Ruth information persons can contact Waino Huotari and Fredrickson for Little League information.



DAVID P. GOVATSKI

FORESTER JOINS BERGLAND RANGER DISTRICT

David P. Govatski, Forester, joined the staff of the Ottawa National Forest at Bergland last November. Dave is a 1976 graduate of Unity College, Unity, Maine.

Govatski enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968 and served 2 years. He began his Forest Service career working summers during College beginning as a fire lookout on the Pike National Forest in Colorado, then as a program officer for the Youth Conservation Corps camp and in hiking trail construction for 6 summers on the Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont. He has special interests in cross country skiing and hiking, and is a certified First Aid Instructor.

TOPS CHAPTER INVITES NEW MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

The White Pine Tops Club, Chapter 627 met at the high school on May 10. Eight members were present. Two new officers were elected: Marilyn Kinnunen as recording secretary and Jeanette Sustarich as reporter. The Chapter extends an invitation to anyone interested in joining their club. Of other interest may be the fact that the ages of the present members range from the early twenties to sixty-two.

RESPIRATORY COURSE SET AT GCC

"Breathing, What You Need To Know," a respiratory care seminar for nurses will be held on Thursday, May 25, 1978, at the Gogebic Community College, Ironwood. Sponsored by the Michigan Lung Association and the College, the program will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m.

According to Mrs. Maryann Novak, director of nursing education at the College, the seminar will provide a basic understanding of the implications of respiratory care for the practicing nurse.

"In many rural areas where small hospitals have limited organized respiratory therapy service, the nurse often has primary responsibility for a patient's respiratory care," explained Mrs. Novak.

"Long distances make it impractical for nurses to take advantage of many continuing educational programs," commented Ted Beiderwieden, Upper Peninsula regional director for the Michigan Lung Association, "so we are attempting to bring a program to the nurses."

The seminar faculty will consist of a physician, a respiratory care nurse and a respiratory therapist, each of whom will discuss a different aspect of a total respiratory care program.

Nidal Kamal, M.D., a member of the medical chest service of the Ingham Medical Center, Lansing, will present an overall view of the concept of respiratory care.

Of the three planned workshops during the day-long seminar Dr. Kamal will lead one on "Chest Diseases and Their Treatment."

Vicki Messenger, R.N., the respiratory care head nurse of the Ingham Medical Center, will lead a workshop on "The Nursing Assessment."

Carl M. Luukkonen, R.R.T., director of respiratory therapy at the Portage View Hospital, Hancock, will lead a workshop on "The Mechanics of Respiratory Therapy."

So that all program participants may attend each session, the leaders will present each workshop three times during the program.

Dr. Kamal received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Cairo University in Cairo, Egypt. He spent a year of postgraduate study in England and came to the Burgess Hospital in Kalamazoo in 1973. He has completed his specialty training in pulmonary diseases and has joined the staff of the Ingham Medical Center, Lansing.

Mrs. Messenger received her training at the University of Michigan. She has been on the Ingham Medical Center staff since 1974 and head nurse of the respiratory care department since 1976.

Luukkonen, a graduate of Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University, was on the staff of the Mott Children's Hospital of the University of Michigan Medical Center before becoming director of respiratory therapy at Portage View Hospital in 1976.

Registration for the program should be made through Mrs. Novak at the College. A luncheon will be provided at the Town House in Ironwood. Registration fees of \$7.25 for student nurses and \$10.00 for practicing nurses includes the luncheon. Student nurses may attend just the academic sessions for a \$3.00 registration fee. Registration is limited to the first 150 people.

First organized in 1908 as the Tuberculosis Association, the Michigan Lung Association seeks to prevent and control all lung diseases and to reduce or eliminate factors which contribute to lung problems. Primarily an educational organization, the Lung Association programs are a combination of public and professional education, medical research and community service.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

RIEGLE REQUESTS INPUT ON NEW TRAPPING REGS

Marquette - According to Senator Donald Riegle's press secretary Suzanne Lowery, the Senator is looking for immediate input from his constituents regarding their sentiments about Senate Bill 818. Riegle would like to have reactions of constituents, particularly those in the Upper Peninsula, regarding this piece of legislation before it comes to a vote by the full Senate.

In its original form the bill would have banned the use of leg-hold traps. Riegle has supported S. 818 as an important step in improving animal treatment. Supporters of the trap, on the other hand, claim that it is relatively painless to the animal, and also note that the trap is necessary for scientific

management of wildlife, including the control of rabies and other diseases, the reduction of predator and furbearer populations and the balancing of wildlife populations.

Riegle is apparently still in the process of reviewing available information and evidence on these points but is aware of evidence to the contrary.

Anyone interested in commenting on the merits of or disclaimers to the legislation now impending is requested to write or call the Senator's Marquette office. The address is Federal Building, Washington St., Marquette, Mi. 49855 and the telephone number there is 228-7457.

21 RECEIVE HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AT ONTONAGON HIGH

Ontonagon - National Honor Society membership was conferred on 21 Ontonagon Area High School students, including one award given posthumously, at special induction ceremonies held recently.

Honor Society president Lisa Westie welcomed the audience of parents and friends and society advisor James Klein explained the organization and its ideals of character, leadership, scholarship and service. Assisting in the candlelight ceremony, inducting the new members were Keith Scott and Eugene Lewis.

Pins and membership cards were given to the new members. For the first time a student was awarded the Honor Society designation posthumously. George and Carol Monville accepted the honor in the name of their son, Mike, who died in January, and had earned Honor Society membership prior to that time.

Other new members include: Rosemary Belcher, Tracey Buccanero, Vicky Engberg, Brenda Guilbault, Tim Guster, Sheri Komula Ross Longhini, Mary Miilu, Linda Moskwa, Dan O'Brien, Paulette Pantti, James Pender, Penny Pollard, Tammy Preiss, Gloria Riikonen, Steven Rosemergy, William Rosemergy, Penny Perttunen, Ronald Schmit, Robert Strong and Tifni Wilbur.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SETS POPPY DAYS: MAY 18 - 20

The American Legion Auxiliary has designated May 18, 19 and 20, 1978 as Poppy Days throughout the nation. This annual Memorial observance, adopted by the American Legion in 1921, honors our war dead by aiding disabled veterans and their families.

Irene Wolfe, president of Smith-Adams Unit No. 40, states that on those dates members of the Unit will be offering the little red flower to the public in Ontonagon and in White Pine. Traditionally, there has never been any price set because the basic purpose of Poppy Days is to give the American public an opportunity to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice by assisting the living, but disabled veterans.

The Memorial Poppy is made by disabled veterans in over 80 V.A. Hospitals and workshops in 40 states from materials supplied by the American Legion Auxiliary. Not only is the patient paid for his work but the project provides freedom from the monotonous hospital routine while being recognized as being of high therapeutic value in terms of patient morals. However, no patient with any form of communicable disease is permitted to make poppies.

Some of the poppies purchased by local Legion Auxiliaries are masters of Perfection while others are result of time consuming efforts by the severely disabled. All poppies are offered proudly by local volunteers to our fellow citizens with the pledge that all proceeds realized will go to veteran projects.

FREE FIREWOOD AVAILABLE ON ONTONAGON RANGER DISTRICT

Free firewood is available on the National Forests either by permit or from specified areas designated for free firewood. One such area has been designated on the Ontonagon Ranger District near the old Pori CCC Camp. It is located along the Pori County Road 1.5 miles west of Forest Highway 16 or 1.75 miles east of the Pori Railroad Landing. All dead and down trees may be taken from this area without a permit.

The trees were cut by the Young Adult Conservation Corps for Timber Stand Improvement. Trails will be cut to facilitate access to the firewood. The area is signed for free firewood and maps are available at the Ontonagon Ranger Station.

Firewood permits for all other National Forest lands are required and are available free at the Ontonagon Ranger Station.

GOLDEN VALLEY BOWL Thursday Night Womens League

The Thursday Night Womens League held an awards banquet Saturday, May 6, 1978 at the Konteka in White Pine. Final team standings and awards were as follows:

1-Shop-o-rama 85%, 2- Pisani Bud-wisers 84%; 3-Sunnyside 77; 4- Koni's Beautys 70; 5-Community Bar 70; 6-Nordine Lumberjills 69%; 7-Bruce Mfg. 67%; 8-State Bank of Ewen 65; 9- Lakeview Cafe 64%; 10-Santini Pabst 52%; 11-Norma's Beauty Break 52; 12-Dick Wagner Agency 34. Championship team members - Geri Sikkila, Elsie Fanslau, Pat Stenson, Jean Erickson, Lempi Syria.

Trophys awarded for these events were: HTS w/HDCP - Sunnyside 2883. HTG w/HDCP - Sunnyside & Koni's Beautys (tie) 1018. HTS, Scratch - Shop-o-rama 2491; HTG, Scratch - Koni's Beautys 876. HIS w/HDCP - Teresa Miesbauer 689; HIG w/HDCP - Teresa Miesbauer 266; HIS, Scratch - Hazel Pulkas 601; HIG, Scratch - Teresa Miesbauer 233.

W.I.B.C. Awards - Achievement Award, Florence Haarala - 14 pins gain in average. High Series Award - Teresa Miesbauer. Triplicate Award - Patricia Hill 3 games, 164 each. 1 - 600 pins; 7 - 550 pins; 7 - 525 pins; 12 - 500 pins were awarded. 2 - 225 pins; and 20 - 200 pins were also awarded.

Low Team series, Dick Wagner Agency 16 Low Team Game, Dick Wagner Agency 492. Low Individual game, Laura Hill & Millie Lehto 73; Low Individual series, Carlene Niemi 252.

Top Ten Averages - Barbara Fleming 165, Judy Miller 165; Geri Sikkila 161; Ann Wexman 156; Nancy Malnar 155; Hazel Pulkas 154; Judie Yassini 154; Phyllis Soderstrom 152; Gilda Russell 152; Marie Kuehnl

151; Alice Mackey 151.

Perfect Attendance - Barbara Paulman, Karen Abramson, Paula Saubert, Barbara Lindsey, Karen Salonen, Kay Heinenon. Marie Kuehnl - 9 years.

Officers elected for the 1978-79 season: President, Phyllis Juntunen - Vice President, Judy Miller - Secretary, Roberta Mattern - Treasurer, Marie Kuehnl - Sergeant at arms, Eleanor Madden.

LIUSKA GET-ACQUAINTED DANCE SATURDAY

With the urging and co-operation of long-time Ontonagon area friends, the Liuska For State Representative Committee is scheduling a DANCE to be held at the EAGLES in Ontonagon beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20th. Music will be furnished by Chuck Nelson one of the finest performers in Country-Western music. Admission at the door will be \$1.50.

Bruce Liuska's friends felt that a dance would be an excellent vehicle for him to become re-acquainted with many of the old friends he has in the area. Many may recall him by the nickname "Dud". The public is invited to attend.

REA GETS \$300,000 LOAN
Ontonagon - Dave Hamil, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration has announced that a \$300,000 loan has been approved to the Ontonagon Area REA.

The loan was approved at a 2 percent interest rate and will be repaid in two years.

William Chabot, manager of the Ontonagon REA, said the loan makes possible services being extended to 130 vices being extended to 130 new customers, 11 miles of new distribution line and improvements in Ontonagon, Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

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ONTONAGON COUNTY 4-Hers COMPLETE WINTER PROJECTS

Ontonagon County 4-Hers have been busy for the last several weeks completing winter projects and activities.

"Share the Fun", a talent program, was held at the White Pine Elementary School.

Blue ribbon acts and winners were: The Rockland Sunshine Girls, Lynn and Laurie Nykanen, Cheryl Saaranen, and Kathy Amos singing "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing", with Kathy Amos playing the accordion.

Kathy Koski, White Pine, a piano solo "The Entertainer".

A skit entitled "The Viper" by the Lucky Clover Clowns of Ewen, Jean Berg, Laurie Andrus, Diane Anderson, Janelle Fleming and John Berg.

And a skit by the Rockland Sunshine Girls, "Picnic For Insects Only" with Kathryn Stenson, Dawn Fredrickson, Brenda Saaranen, Karlyn Miilu, Samantha Sullivan and Donna Sullivan.

Red ribbon winners were: Ewen Lucky Clover Clowns, "Weather Report" skit by Janelle Fleming, Lori Andrus and Diane Anderson.

"One Man's Family" a skit by the Lucky Clover Knotty Knotters and Flying Fingers, with Theresa Fors, Jackie Flourie, Tina, John, Kathy and Jean Berg and Tammy Larson.

A pantomime of "Hansel and Gretel" by the Lucky Clover 4-H Gals, Tracy Platzke, Becky Perhalla, Mary Andrus, Theresa Fors, Marla Ayotte and Gwen Light.

And a dance "The Hustle" by Beth Goard, Theresa Joyce, Joy Antilla and Laurie Dahlstrom.

The Lucky Clover Easy Exercisers from Ewen participated in exercise demonstration demonstrating their cartwheels, sommersaults, half-turns and back bends were: Gretchen Bailey, Cathy Berg, Pam Malnar, Mona Mongeon, Yvette Mongeon, Gina Hammond, Melanie Thornton and Crista Codd.

Demonstrating sommersaults, forward & backward, plus cartwheels and half-turns

were: Kevin Gerber, Mike Malnar, Mark Mongeon, David Vlahos, Jeff Vlahos, Derek Saaranen and Frank Werkman.

Yvonne Mongeon, Kim Werkman and Cindy Jeske did an exercise routine to music

We want to thank our 4-H leaders, who encouraged and helped their 4-Hers with more than just project work, and gave them as opportunity to "Share Their Fun" with others. Our thanks go out to Shirley Fors, Judy Hanson, Judy Berg, Teresa Hanson, Lesa Niemi, Sandy Maki and Arvid Niemi, Ewen. Lola Nykanen and Martha Saaranen, Rockland; and Frances Joyce, Ontonagon.

Our Conservation Speech Contest was held the same evening with the following winners: Grade 6, White Pine - Marie Rigoni "Our Endangered Wildlife". Grade 7, Ontonagon - Beth Goard "Our Resource-Water" and Grade 8, Ontonagon - Brad Goard "The White Tail Deer".

Marie and Beth were first place winners each receiving a trophy and a \$25 Savings Bond.

Brad, as a second place winner, was awarded a trophy. This contest was sponsored by the Ontonagon Soil Conservation District and the Ontonagon Co. 4-H program.

Cookies, Kool-Aid and coffee were served to the participants and audience.

SPRING ACHIEVEMENT

The Spring 4-H Achievement was held in the Rockland Gym. County 4-Hers displayed their winter projects for the public to view from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Various projects were judged and Purple Awards were won by the following: Macrama - Teresa Hanson, Ewen; Hooked Rug, Lisa Weisinger, Mass City; Ceramic Owl, Tracy Johnson, Bergland; Crocheted Afghan, Ronda Niemi, Mass City; Pastie, Penny Daniels, Bruce Crossing.

Dress Review winners were: Purple Award, Gay Doughty, Ontonagon; pin awards, Jamie Roberts, Sheila Metos, Barbara Holmes, Bruce Crossing; and Laurie

McKay, Mass City.

The judges were Mrs. Aune Nelson, Gogebic-Ontonagon County Home Economist, Mrs. Sylvia Laitala, Mrs. Bernice Trevarrow and Mrs. Evelyn Urbis.

The dress review narrator was Paula Pantti.

An added surprise was corsages for the judges and staff members donated by the Flower Shoppe, Ontonagon.

A capacity crowd viewed the exhibits, enjoyed the "Share the Fun" blue ribbon skits, the Conservation Contest winners speeches, and enjoyed refreshments of coffee, Kool-Aid, bars and cookies.

Our 4-H program this year included youngsters from every community in the county, and special class room projects in the county schools, including Conservation, Nutrition, Money-management, Eye Care and safety, and Plant Science.

Anyone interested in helping with our county 4-H program, or just wanting information call 884-4386.

EWEN CLEANUP

On April 25th, seventeen 4-Hers from the Lucky Clover Club in Ewen, armed with red gloves and bage, cleaned the business area of winter trash. The kids, with their junior leaders and adult leaders, worked for several hours right after school. After the litter was bagged and stacked for haul-away, the group went to Land O Lakes for a swim party at the Gateway pool, and had lunch in a local restaurant.

Participating in the 4-H Community Beautification were: Teresa Fors, Rebecca Perhalla, Marla Ayotte, Tammy Lindsey, Tina Sain, Jon Fleming, Renee Rigoni, Mary Andrus, Janelle Fleming, Diane Anderson, John Berg, Jean Berg, and Tracy Platzke, teen leaders; Arvid Niemi, Lisa Niemi and Teresa Hanson and Shirley Fors, 4-H leader.

Several of the 4-H members extended the pick-up area, and were busy again on the 26th and 27th. After cleaning the area

around the High School, Jean Berg, Marla Ayotte, Janelle Fleming, Mary Andrus, Laurie Andrus and Diane Anderson visited the Artrain at Ironwood, and had a picnic at the Bessemer road-side park.

On April 26th, Ontonagon Middle School Sixth Graders, participated in a 4-H Community Beautification project by cleaning the area behind River Street of winter rubble. They were treated with donuts from Syl's and pop from the Red Owl for a job well done. Participating in the clean-up were Jessica Burton, Bobby Letson, Terri Simmons, Nickie Destrampe, June Anderson Jackie Hickey, Nancy Smith, Laura Bradley, Mike Jilbert, Eric Hartzell and Mike Fehrman.

ANIMAL SCIENCE SEMINAR

Specialists from Michigan State University will have an animal science leaders' seminar in Baraga, May 18 beginning at 4 p.m. in the Phillip LaTendresse Elementary School. The projects will include: Dairy, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Pigeon, and Quail.

These classes will be in blocks of 1 hour with people attending able to visit with all of the specialists, or to come or leave at anytime of the hour-long classes.

Dr. Sam Varghese, internationally known poultry specialist will cover the pigeon, quail and rabbit projects.

Dr. Richard Dunn, horse specialist, will discuss what is happening in the 4-H horse projects and livestock projects as well as the special horse bowl project.

Dr. Gale Baumgardner, dairy specialist, will be working with dairy projects in foods for boys and girls and also a special program on dairy goats.

All of the classes are free and 4-H leaders and older teen members are encouraged to attend. You do not have to be involved with 4-H to attend, anyone with an interest is invited. Remember, 4 p.m., Thursday, May 18 at the Phillip LaTendresse Elementary School in Baraga. Please call the Baraga County extension office, 482-5830 to register, or for more information.

THE PRESENT RESOURCE SITUATION: On the Federal Lands

(The following article was authored by John R. McGuire, Chief - Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The article first appeared in the February, 1976 issue of "American Forests" magazine, published by The American Forestry Association.)

DISCUSSING the resource situation on all federal lands seems as formidable as David tackling Goliath. And federal land administrators are not allowed to carry sling-shots. However, I'll do what I can under the circumstances.

The Forest Service recently released an assessment of all the nation's renewable resources—and this ran almost 400 pages, with a sizeable portion of that bulk devoted to federal lands. In fact, some critics even suggested that the report itself caused a national paper shortage. So, in order to avoid the risk of using up a considerable portion of the national oxygen supply, I'll hit what I consider the highlights of the resource situation on federal lands.

I could tell you that the Bureau of Land Management has the most federal rangeland, or that National Forests contain 94 percent of the nation's wilderness, or that National Parks serve as the treasure house of the nation's unique and spectacular natural wonders. But these statistics tell only a small portion of the story. The true resource situation can be determined by answering one fundamental question. Are the federal lands doing their share to meet the resource needs of the American people, and if not, why not?

This question has concerned federal land agencies more and more in recent years. Yet no public administrator can answer it. Only the owners of these lands—the American people—can give us an answer. And many Americans, as individuals or in small groups, have given us their answers. Those answers vary. Often they conflict. They range from an outraged "hell no" to a resounding "yes." How, then, can a federal land manager hope to find a consensus among the nation's 213 million people? Who will guide us in the wise use—or even suggest the extravagant waste, if that's what the American people want—of one-third of our nation's land? Incredible as it may seem, especially to those who live in the East, federal lands do account for one-third of the U.S. land base. These figures are even more astounding when only forest and rangeland are considered. Here the federal portion jumps to about 46 percent, if you include the vast acreages of forestland in Alaska.

At first glance it would seem that two agencies administer the lion's share of this federal land—the Bureau of Land Management with 62 percent, and the Forest Service with 25 percent. But size is not the only indicator of importance or influence. The Park Service has jurisdiction over only about three percent of the federal lands—but this is a vital three percent in terms of recreation and protection of unique natural splendor. Likewise, the Forest Service is vitally important to the nation's wildlife resources. That agency's leadership in designating critical habitat for threatened and endangered species, not to mention other responsibilities, marks it as a leader in wildlife resources.

I should mention that federal influence—and federal funds—extend far beyond the federal land boundaries. For instance, the Forest Service cooperative programs for State and Private Forestry extend to 630 million acres of land. Its research programs reach out to influence perhaps as much as two-thirds of the United States.

The makeup of the federal lands

varies so greatly that it's difficult to generalize on them. It's almost impossible, for instance, to compare the national parks to BLM grazing lands or to the multiple-use national forests. Federal agencies have different mandates and different responsibilities. But they do have one thing in common. During the last decade or two, all federal land agencies have had to initiate and respond to tremendous changes. Even the definition of "resource" has changed in the public's mind. Traditionally, recreation was not really considered a "resource." Today, it is. So is esthetic beauty. Yet who can really quantify esthetic beauty, let alone tell us how much we have, or how much we need?

All this has led to a new public awareness of all natural resources. It has also led to a great deal of controversy. This controversy can enhance the federal lands, but at times it also threatens to destroy them. An honest exchange of viewpoints is good. It initiates change where change is needed. And Americans do care about what happens to their lands. More and more, citizens are becoming very knowledgeable about concepts, such as land use planning, silvicultural methods, and the complex interrelationships among various resources. The public can guide federal land managers in the direction that will best meet changing needs and desires.

But I believe there are times when emotionalism seems stronger than reasonableness. We are fortunate enough to have a wealth of scientific knowledge relating to our renewable resources. Many times, the answers to our land management questions are embodied in that scientific knowledge which man has worked centuries to accumulate. Yet, in the heat of emotionalism, groups intent on only one narrow purpose may suggest solutions which are not really solutions at all, but which contradict what we know about the land and its resources. In some instances, I fear that we are listening to a very vocal minority which professes to speak for the non-vocal majority.

At the opposite extreme, there are those who refer to the present resource situation as though it were unalterable, inflexible—in short, prescribed by the fates or by Mother Nature. This is not the case at all. With our renewable resources, the present situation only reflects what we have made of those resources. The present situation certainly influences the future of those resources, but it does not mean that we have to follow our old patterns of land management. Renewable systems.

This is an issue of national magnitude, since all Americans are owners of the federal lands, wherever they may be. Yet few people in the 49 States recognize Alaska as a national issue in land use planning. This recognition must come quickly, if Americans really want to voice their opinions on this issue. The outcome of the Alaska lands issue could be like. But demands on forestland are not shrinking—they are escalating rapidly.

Congress has already recognized the importance of long-range planning for our renewable resources. In 1974, Congress enacted the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act. This requires the Forest Service to make periodic assessments of all the nation's renewable resources, on all lands, and prepare long-range plans for Forest

Service programs. Both an assessment and a program are due by the end of this year. These documents should provide a firm foundation on which Congress can base its budgetary decisions.

Resource programs are intrinsically long-range. Often, in the past, a program has been started with a financial flourish, only to die the next year or so because its economic lifeline was cut. I am hopeful that the Resources Planning Act will enable the Forest Service to better meet public needs for forest resources and that it will serve as a model useful for other natural resource agencies.

In fact, the Assessment, which is still in draft form, is perhaps the closest thing we have to a comprehensive situation statement. It deals with all renewable resources in this country, under all ownerships. It predicts that by the year 2020, resource demands on all U. S. lands will increase dramatically. For instance:

—Demand for all major outdoor recreation activities will increase, from as little as 50 percent for motorcycling to over 400 percent for sailing.

—Timber consumption could more than double, at today's prices.

—Range forage demand will increase more than 60 percent.

—Consumptive use of water will increase by more than 40 percent.

—And, pressure on wildlife and fish resources will also increase substantially.

More than ever, Congress is taking an interest in natural resources. It has introduced numerous bills pertaining to the Forest Service and other federal land agencies. For instance, there are proposals for an Organic Act for BLM. There have also been numerous proposals for land use planning legislation. The last Congress held 10 oversight hearings on specific Forest Service programs and activities, as well as requesting two oversight briefings from the agency.

Perhaps no resource is more controlled by Congress than wilderness, which has to be designated by Congress. Nor is there any resource which is more surrounded by controversy. It is one of the easiest resource situations to quantify—we know to the acre how much designated wilderness we have. But, ironically, it is also one of the most difficult areas in which to assess need. Today, there are a little over 12 million acres of wilderness. Ninety-four percent of this is on the National Forests. But, there is potentially much more wilderness. Proposals are now before Congress for an additional 26 million acres, which, if designated as wilderness, would more than triple the designated wilderness resource in this country.

Today, the courts are also taking a much more active role in resource management decisions. For instance, earlier this year, there were 28 lawsuits pending against the Forest Service. Seventeen of these involved environmental issues.

Perhaps one of the most controversial issues to reach the courts has resulted in the Monongahela decision, which holds that the Forest Service was in violation of the Organic Act of 1897 in its timber harvesting practices on the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. Specifically, the Court ruled that trees in the Monongahela cannot be harvested unless they are

"dead, mature, or of large growth" and have been individually marked for cutting. Although the Court's decision applies only to that particular case, some groups and individuals feel that it could be extended to all the National Forests, through a series of additional lawsuits. Since the decision involved a strict interpretation of the Organic Act of 1897, it will probably be up to Congress to determine whether the law, in its strictest interpretation, is adequate for today's timber resource situation.

This is part of a controversy that has been raging for many years, over the role of federal lands in helping meet the nation's timber needs. And the national forests seem to be at the center of the storm. National forests contain about 18 percent of the nation's commercial timberlands. Other agencies, such as BLM and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, have another three percent. This does put the Forest Service in the best federal position to help meet the nation's timber needs. And the nation's needs are growing—for timber, and for every other natural resource. At times, however, the Forest Service has been accused of being only a timber agency, and I'd like to counter that claim. Less than half of the 187 million acres of national forests are classified as commercial timberland. Admittedly, timber is one of the major outputs of the Forest Service. But so are recreation, wilderness, water, wildlife, and rangeland. As I mentioned, national forests contain about 18 percent of the nation's commercial timberland. But they also contain over 94 percent of the nation's wilderness. And they provide 20 percent of the water supply for the entire nation.

Another issue, which may become a controversy in the next several years, involves a vast amount of land in Alaska. The federal government administers 712 million acres of forest and rangeland. Of this, 48 percent is in Alaska, a State often forgotten by residents of the other 49. Most of this land is being held by the Bureau of Land Management, in what might be called a "bank account." The land is not being intensively managed now, but is waiting to be divided under the Alaska Statehood Act. Some of the land will go to other federal agencies, some to the State, and some to the Alaskan natives. Congress has until December 18, 1978, to determine the specific allocation of the Alaska lands.

As you can well imagine, the Alaska lands represent one of the greatest challenges in the entire resource arena. The resolution of this issue will affect each and every American. Right now there are nine bills before Congress proposing a wide variety of land ownership patterns for Alaska. For instance, they propose anywhere from zero to 28 million acres of new National Forests.

The Administration's proposal embraces recommendations made by the Secretary of Interior to create 18.8 million acres of new national forests. Another 64 million acres are recommended for national parks, wildlife refuges, and wild and scenic rivers.

The Alaska issue is not a question of which agencies will get the largest share of the federal pie. Alaska has a great deal of land—and that land has a tremendous diversity. Flying over the State, one sees the Alaska Range, the Brooks Range, and other spectacular country. Parts of these scenic mountain ranges are worthy of national park designation, and it would be inappropriate not to preserve their beauty. But there are many other areas in Alaska which are ideal for multiple use. The diversity of Alaska's land is so great that it can

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easily accommodate several federal radically change the resource situation on federal lands.

I've mentioned some of the major issues concerning the resource situation on federal lands. I don't expect you to remember the statistics I've quoted. But, do remember one thing. The resource situation on federal lands is not static, not inflexible. It can be changed and molded to fit future needs through sound principles of land management. But only the American people, through direct involvement and through their elected representatives, can point the direction for change.

Those of us who manage federal lands are here to serve you, as members of the American public. Do not forget to remind us of this from time to time. But, likewise, try to remember that there are 213 million Americans to serve. And many of those 213 million are demanding drastically different options on the same, relatively limited land base.

Earlier I said that the fundamental question is, "Are the federal lands doing their share to meet the resource needs of the American people, and if not, why not?" Only you, as American citizens, can answer that question. ■

Pots and pans, unerring grabbers of space

A responsive chord twanged in my memory as I listened to a BBC radio chat show graced by the presence of author and historian C. Northcote Parkinson. Mention of his famous Parkinson's Law ("Work expands to fill the time available for its completion") inspired another member of the panel to suggest that there was a domestic extension of that law, which ordains that "objects expand to fill the space available"—a canon exemplified by the fact that whenever you put up a new shelf, it promptly becomes filled with things you didn't know you had.

This expansive phenomenon is particularly active in the kitchen where, within a week of adding yet another storage cabinet, you invariably find it bursting, and you're just as short of space as ever. Long-forgotten utensils, redundant pickle jars with built-in forks, and that Spanish majolica donkey bearing condiments in its panniers, all of which used to pig together in some remote corner, now magically emerge and take up residence in the new cabinet, each and every one with Lebensraum to spare.

I have long been perplexed by the household enigma of just how our workaday items of equipment find such peculiar places for themselves. When gallant guests help to clear up after a party, the eye-level oven and the high-rise fridge reverberate to cries of "Where do you keep your place mats?" and "What shall I do with the lemon squeezer?" Each kind helper knows where the queried article lives in her or his own home, but also instinctively knows that in your kitchen it resides someplace else.

Few more panic-striking plights have come my way than when fate has called upon me to cook alone and without maps in a strange kitchen. The overwhelming helplessness as you open drawer after drawer, in the hope of finding something more surgical than a grapefruit knife for slivering up beef stroganoff, can only be compared to that experienced by an astronaut with all systems gone, drifting off into unending space.

Hasty psychologists might claim that

This article is a part of a continuing series of articles relating to public officers as submitted for our readers by the Citizens Committee for Better Government, Inc. The subject of today's article is the office of County Controller.

"COUNTY CONTROLLER"

The title of County Controller is relatively new in usage in the state of Michigan. The title seems to have come into being by Act No. 49 of the Public Acts of 1969 which Act amended Sec. 46.13b of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The functions are similar to those performed by the former county auditors. The title "County Auditor" is no longer present or usable under Sec. 46.13b. It is provided by the mentioned Act that the Board of County Commissioners by a majority vote of its members elect may appoint a County Controller or Board of Auditors and fix the salary, to be paid in the same way as the salaries of other county officers are paid. The controller or board of auditors after appointment shall hold the office at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and may be removed in the manner provided by law for the removal of county officers, or by a 2/3rds vote of all the County Commissioners elected to office.

It is now specifically provided that the Controller shall be the chief accounting officer of the county and, as such, shall have the charge and supervision of the accounts and the accounting of every office, officer and department of the County. The entire or any part of the expense of performing such duties are borne by the county. The controller is mandated by law to see that a system of accounting is installed and properly kept by every office, officer and department of the county in strict compliance with the requirements of the law. In addition to known legal requirements the Controller may prescribe and direct the keeping of such other accounts and records and request such reports as he may in his judgment declare necessary to properly record and report the financial transactions of the county. By legal mandate all county officers and employees shall furnish such information respecting all county matters in their charge as the controller shall require. It would appear that the words, "respecting all county matters in their charge" will result in court battles between officious, domineering controllers and the constitutional officers who will question the right of the controller to make demands about "all matters in their charge". It also appears that "all matters" covers too much or is much too vague for proper administration.

The controller shall keep in his office a general ledger in which shall be set up controlling accounts which shall show at all times the assets and liabilities, and of each and every of its funds. The controller shall examine regularly the books, and accounts of the several officers, agents and departments of the county and report his findings to the Board of County Commissioners at such times as they shall prescribe. The controller shall make all purchases of books, stationery, materials and supplies which may be required by the county or its officers and agents, the purchase of which is not otherwise provided for by law, and no contract or order for the purchase of any such materials or supplies shall be valid upon the county, nor shall the county be liable for the purchase price thereof, except upon the written order of the controller. This provision shall not apply to any contract or purchase which may be ordered by the Board of County Commissioners at any regular meeting or adjourned or special session where the payment is provided by the resolution authorizing such contract or purchase. The controller shall be the custodian of and have charge of the operation, maintenance and repairs of the county courthouse and grounds, including any power, heating and lighting plant in connection with the courthouse, and in like manner the repairs of the county jail.

The controller shall not create any liability in excess of the appropriations made by the Board of County Commissioners. The controller shall perform such other duties as the Board of County Commissioners may impose.

There is little doubt that the controller is in control of the assets and liabilities of the County and every receipt and disbursement relating to any office and except and but for the occasion of any contract ordered or purchase authorized by the Board itself, the controller is in complete charge so long as he stays within his appropriations.

In the next issue the subject of the Board of Supervisors or Board of County Commissioners, as they are now designated, shall be discussed.

housewives keep the tools of their trade in the same place as did their mothers, since such locations would have been imprinted on their minds during infant years about the maternal kitchen. But my personal research indicates that such is a false presumption. My wife has two equally married sisters. On the matriarchal inheritance theory, their kitchen disorganizations should be similar. Not so. In each of their houses, the seating arrangements for pots and pans and crockery are utterly different.

Take the humdrum saucepan as an example of raving diversity. The younger hangs up her saucepans on hooks on the wall; the elder has a nesting system in which, in descending order of diameter, each pot rests inside another, thus raising a seven-piece, aluminum Tower of Pisa. My wife, the middle sister, keeps the lids on all her saucepans and scatters them horizontally so that they take up the maximum possible space and precipitate kitchen extensions.

Assisting guests should never use their own initiative in other people's kitchens. Number One sister is inclined to adopt such imperious tactics when visiting us, possibly feeling it beneath her primum-genital dignity to admit ignorance to her juniors. When she doesn't know where we keep something, she just sticks it back in the same place as she keeps it in her own kitchen. With the result that, after she has departed, we sometimes lose track of vital cooking implements for days on end. We once had to phone her in alcoholic panic when she cut us off from the bottle opener. We never dreamed that she kept hers on the top shelf of the

broom closet.

Simple husbands sometimes foolishly query the peculiar places which kitchen utensils acquire for themselves. I once so questioned the siting of our salad bowl. It lives as the only wooden object in a bottom cupboard stacked with ovenware, and acts as a bookend to a stack of 11 vertically filed muffin pans. Whenever you take the bowl out, all the pans come clattering down.

"Why," I asked my wife, on one such jangling occasion, "do you keep the salad bowl down there?"

"Because," she said with devastating finality, "that's where it goes."

The salad bowl had made its choice. Human inconvenience is of no significance. I was about to delve deeper into this riddle when my wife sharply suggested that before I started criticizing the layout of her kitchen, I should go outside and contemplate the superb disorganization of our male-dominated double garage, which is so cluttered with redundant junk that even our single car has to stand outside.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The STONEHEAD LAPIDARY AND MINERAL CLUB will hold an open house at their clubroom in White Pine, Saturday, May 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Club members will be demonstrating the use of lapidary equipment and showing their gem and mineral collections. Public is invited.

Are you a "foodaholic"? If compulsive overeating makes you unhappy - why not do something about it. Attend the OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meeting Monday's from 1:30 to 2:30. The temporary address is Pat Murphy residence in Bergland. There are no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Only understanding support and friendship from other members.

The Marquette Diocesan Council of CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION will take place September 23 and 24 at the Ramada Inn in Marquette. Details were worked out at the spring Board Meeting in Munising held at the home of the president, Mrs. Earl LaMothe, on May 6.

The theme this year will be: "Jesus, Lord of the Family." The slogan chosed in "Lord of Love and Life."

Workshops by the three commissions are scheduled as follows: Worship and Ministry on Saturday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.; Education from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and Community and Family Affairs on Sunday from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Father Peter A. Minelli will be the keynote speaker. The convention mass will be at the cathedral on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. A banquet will follow at the Ramada.

The convention will conclude with the Bishop Baraga Luncheon Sunday noon.

SCHOOL NEWS

The following White Pine High School Juniors have been selected as delegates to this summer's session of Wolverine Boy's State. Brian Crocker, Mike Caramella and John Jarvela. The first alternate delegate will be Eric Luttinen and Jerry Banaszak and John Clarkson will serve as alternates.

Boys' State is held on the Michigan State University campus at East Lansing from June 14 to June 21. There will be about 1100 boys from all parts of Michigan in attendance.

Boys' State provides these young men with an opportunity to participate in the formation and operation of federal, state, and local units of government.

George Kaare, our local Boys' State Chairman for many years, is now a member of the Wolverine Boys' State Board of Directors.

WHITE PINE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- May 16 - Great Western Track Meet At Bessemer, 4:00.
 - May 18 - Golf League At Wyandotte, 1:00.
 - May 19 - Regional Track Meet At White Pine, 1:00. Sophomres select class rings, 9:30
 - May 22 - U.P. Golf Meet at Norway-Iron Mountain. Freshmen-Sophomore Track Meet At Wakefield, 4:30.
 - May 23 - L'Anse Relays, 4:30.
- (Orders are now being taken for the 1977-78 White Pine High School Annual. The cost of the Annual this year is \$6.00 and must be paid in full when you place your order. Please come to the High School Office if you wish to order.

TROUT CREEK

- Monday - Ravioli, peas, fruited pudding.
- Tuesday - Franks, potatoes, corn, fruit
- Wednesday - Beef vegetable casserole, beets, butterscotch pudding.
- Thursday - Beef tomato sauce on spaghetti, cheese, green beans, fruit.
- Friday - Egg salad sandwiches, tomato soup, corn, cake.

EWEN

- Monday - Roast beef, potatoes, corn.
- Tuesday - Turkey rolls, potatoes, cranberry sauce, applesauce.
- Wednesday - Chicken noodle soup, cheese, fruit, vegetable sticks.
- Thursday - Spaghetti, green beans, peaches.
- Friday - Tuna sandwiches, corn, applesauce, peanuts.

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PAYNESVILLE

Monday - Hot dogs, french fries, green beans, tomatoes, cake.

Tuesday - Chicken, potatoes, sweet potatoes, gelatin with topping.

Wednesday - Beef stew, rice pudding, rolls.

Thursday - Barbecues, cabbage salad, apple bars.

Friday - Soup, cheese, biscuits, peaches, orange juice.

BERGLAND

Monday - Chili, carrot sticks, fruit dessert.

Tuesday - Meat loaf, potatoes, corn, applesauce.

Wednesday - Chicken, french fries, fruit sauce.

Thursday - Spaghetti, cole slaw, orange juice.

Friday - Tuna salad, tomatoes, cinnamon rolls, fruit.

WHITE PINE

Monday - No School.

Tuesday - Choice of cream of tomato or vegetable beef soup. Choice of tuna salad or peanut butter sandwich, cheese/carrot stix, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Hot dog/bun/catsup, baked beans, potato chips, carrot/cheese stix, dessert, chocolate milk.

Thursday - Lasagna, toss salad, fruit, bread/butter/milk.

Friday - Hamburger/bun/catsup, wh. kernel corn, french fries, fruit, milk.

WARRIOR REPORT

By George Paoli For W.P.H.S.

WARRIOR TRACK TEAMS EARN PMC TITLES

White Pine - The White Pine Warrior boy's and girl's track teams took top ranks in the PMC track meet held at White Pine last Friday. The Warriors, with 9 first places in a field of 16 events, easily took first with 118½ points. In second place with 5 first, three of which were earned by Tim Codd in field events, and 76½ points total was Ewen-Trout Creek. There was a tie for third between Ironwood Catholic and Watersmeet with 19 points each while Bergland earned 7 and Marenisco ended up with 2.

In girl's competition the point spread was lessened, as the meet was decided by the last event, the one-mile relay. The Warriorettes took first in the relay to give them a total of 88 points and the Conference championship. Jennifer Maksym did a fine job taking three first places of which two were new PMC records.

A disappointed E-TC team earned 87 points and a second place, followed by Ironwood Catholic with 26 points, Watersmeet with 8 and Marenisco with 5.

On Tuesday the Warriors travel to Bessemer for the GWC meet and on Friday they host the Regional. Preliminaries start at

Boys Results: Two-mile run: 1) Steve Semenk (IC); 2) Jim Hilborn (WP); 3) Mark Paavala (Wat); 4) Dan Luczak (IC); 5) Dave Lillie (Mar.); 330 yd low hurdles - 1) John Tiberg (WP) new record; 2) Greg Skowiak (WP); 3) Mark Voight (E-TC); 4) Steve Graphos (WP); 5) Bucky St. John (IC); 880 yd run - 1) Kevin Gottsacker (Wat); 2) Mike Carmella (WP); 3) Randy Makela (WP); 4) Scott Gerber (E-TC); 5) Jim Gottsacker (Wat.). 100 yd dash - 1) Tracy Swanberg (WP); 2) Rick Erber (E-TC); 3) Steve Perttula (E-TC); 4) Mike Gravier (WP); 5) Dean Juntunen (E-TC); 120 yd high hurdles - 1) Greg Skowiak (WP); 2) Dave Paoli (WP); 3) John Neice (IC); 4) Ken Barnhart (E-TC) 5) Brian Crocker (WP); 440 yd dash - 1) Pete Colovecchi (E-TC); 2) Steve Audette (WP); 3) Kevin Gottsacker (Wat); 4) Doug McNeil (Berg); 5) Tom Pakonen (WP) - 1 mile run - 1) John Tiberg (WP) 2) Steve Semenk (IC) 3) Jim Bekkala (WP); 4) John McGashick (Wat); 5) Jim Hilborn (WP); 220 yd dash - 1) Pete Colovecchi (E-TC); 2) Greg Burgess (WP); 3) Brian Crocker (WP); 4) Scott Gerber (E-TC); 5) Steve Perttula (E-TC); Discus - 1) Jim Noble (WP); new record; 2) Jay Kaare (E-TC); 3) Dave Paoli (WP); 4) Steve Makela (WP); 5) Larry Peterson (Mar.); Shot put - 1) Steve Makela (WP); 2) Jim Noble (WP) 3) Jay Kaare (E-TC); 4) Dave Paoli (WP); 5) John Jarvela (WP). Long Jump - 1) Tim



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Codd (E-TC); 2) Rick Gerber (E-TC); 3) Dean Juntunen (E-TC); 4) Mike Gravier (WP); 5) Kevin Gottsacker. High Jump - 1) Tim Codd (E-TC); 2) Dean Juntunen (E-TC); 3) John Neice (IC); 4) Mike Nordine (Berg); 5) Randy Makela (WP). Pole Vault - 1) Tim Codd (E-TC); 2) Steve Graphos (WP) 3) Brian Crocker (WP); 4) Dennis Husar (WP); 5) Bill Hail (WP). 440 yd relay - 1) White Pine; 2) Ewen - Trout Creek; 880 yd relay - 1) White Pine; 2) Ewen - Trout Creek; 3) Bergland. One mile relay - 1) White Pine; 2) Ewen - Trout Creek; 3) watersmeet.

Girls' Results - two mile run - 1) Lois Teske (E-TC) new record; 2) Sandy Kopski (E-TC); 3) Mary Manninen (WP). 880 yd run - 1) Mary Fafford (IC); 2) Marie Bessen (E-TC) 3) Jean Kusz (WP); 4) Ann Pragacz (WP); 5) Roxanne Calovecchi (E-TC). 100 yd dash - 1) Jennifer Maksym (WP) new record; 2) Sheri Reid (WP) 3) Jamie Humphrey (E-TC); 4) Sandy Stanford (E-TC); 5) Barbara Bolton (Mar.). 440 yd dash - 1) Rita Supercynski (IC); 2) Linda Hanson (E-TC) one mile run - 1) Virginia Bekkala (WP); 2) Lois Teske (E-TC); 3) Sandy Kopski (E-TC); 4) Caudill (Wat); 5) Ann Wertz (WP) 220 yd dash - 1) Tammy Haapala (E-TC); 2) Diane Bengry (WP) 3) Gail Anderson (E-TC) 4) Pam Geist (WP); 5) Jody Lenatz (WP); 110 yd low hurdles - 1) Tammy Haapala (E-TC); 2) Sheri Reid (WP); 3) Janice Fleming (E-TC) 4) Julie Simmons (WP); 5) Yvonne Sothman (Wat.) Discus - 1) Nancy Staff (E-TC)

2) Gwenn Ryskey (Mar); 3) Lori Picotte (WP); 4) Sandy Baling (WP); 5) Kathy Hedges (WP) Shot Put - 1) Jennifer Maksym (WP); 2) Susan Noble (WP); 3) Mary Lee Fudaley (IC) 4) Mary Paoli (WP); 5) Melanie Metas (E-TC) Long Jump - 1) Jennifer Maksym (WP) new record 2) Janice Fleming (E-TC); 3) Wendy Kowaleski (WP) 4) Pam Geist (WP); 5) Melanie Metas (E-TC) High jump - 1) Janice Fleming (E-TC); 2) Rita Supercynski (IC); 3) Lois Teske (E-TC); 4) Diane Bengry (WP); 5) Sheri Reid (WP) 440 yd relay - 1) Ewen Trout Creek; 2) White Pine; 3) Ironwood Catholic. 880 yd relay - 1) Ewen Trout Creek; 2) Ironwood Catholic; 3) White Pine; 4) Watersmeet. One mile relay - 1) White Pine; 2) Ewen Trout Creek; 3) Watersmeet.

WHITE PINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, May 18th, the White Pine Elementary School will hold its annual Open House and Spring Program. Open House will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Spring Program at 2:00 p.m. in the Elementary gymnasium.

The program will consist of the following: 1) 6th Grade Play; 2) 5th Grade Dance; 3) Elementary School Band; 4) Singing by Grades 1 through 4.

Miss Darlene Bruno, Physical Education teacher for the White Pine Elementary School, announced the 1978 Elementary

Track and Field Meet for grades fourth through six and Fun Day, for grades first through three.

The schedule of events will be as follows: The first through third grade students will participate in classroom activities for the morning. The fourth through sixth grade students will participate in the field events for the Track and Field meet which will start at 10 a.m.

Lunch will be provided to all students starting at 11:30. Beginning at 1 p.m., the track events will begin for the students in grades four through six. Relay activities for pupils in grades one through three will also take place at this time.

The date for the Fun Day will depend on the weather. As of now it is being planned for May 24. Parents are welcome to watch their child participate in the track and field events.

The order of events will be as follows: 10 a.m. - all field events: running long jump, high jump, softball throw, shot put; 11:30 - 1:00 - Lunch; 1 p.m. - all track events: 50 yd dash for 4th boys and girls, 5th boys and girls - 60 yd dash, 6th grade boys and girls - 75 yd dash; 4th boys vs girls 50 yd dash; 5th boys vs 5th girls - 60 yd dash, 6th boys vs 6th girls - 75 yd dash; 5th boys 440 yd relay, 5 girls - 440 yd relay, 440 yd relay (finalist) boys vs girls 5th & 6th grades. Relay Activities - 1:00 (1st - 3rd grades) shoe race, piggy-back race, running race, shoe kicking contest, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race.

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No yard encompassing a dwelling shall hereafter be used for the open-air storage, wrecking, parking, dismantling, accumulation or abandonment, either temporarily or otherwise, of any disused, discarded or dismantled vehicle, machinery, apparatus, implement, furniture, appliance, junk, or similar property.

Kenneth C. Berglund
 Zoning Administrator
 Carp Lake Township

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(Solution Next Week)

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