

Area celebrates active July 4th holiday of holidays

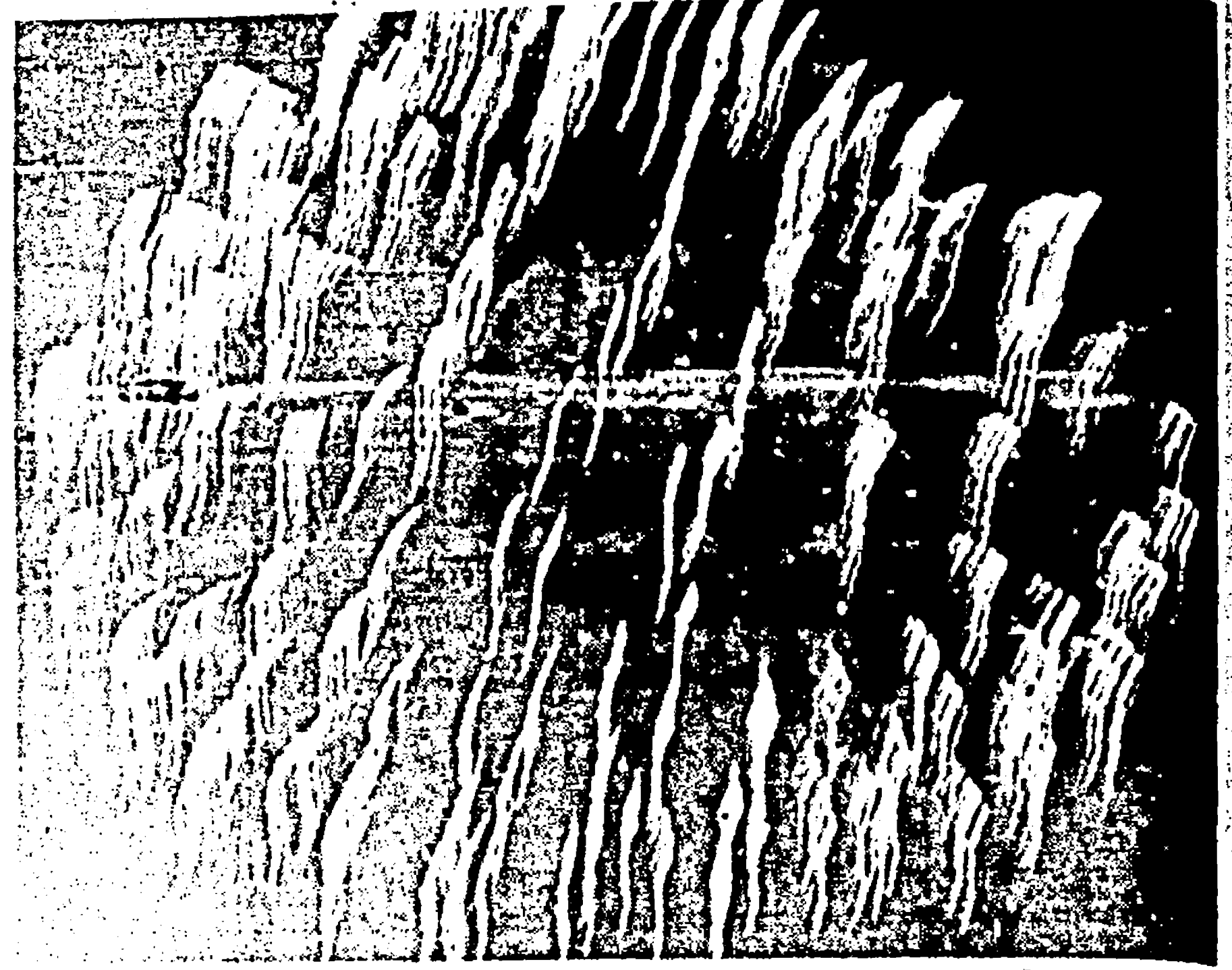


COSTUMES APPEARING at the youth parade on Saturday, July 2 ranged from the patriotic (above) to All-American (as in baseball, right). The parade was well attended by local persons who lined the streets along with parade route to watch the youngsters.

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PHOTOGRAPHED with a slow shutter speed, fireworks at Manistique Saturday night streak the sky.



LOCAL ROCK GROUP "Free Flight" performed for a large gathering of local citizens Saturday night at the Manistique Youth Commission sponsored dance. The dance began shortly before the fireworks display and was held at the band shell near the Youth Commission center on Maple Street.



THESE TWO "costs" were on hand for the parade Saturday.

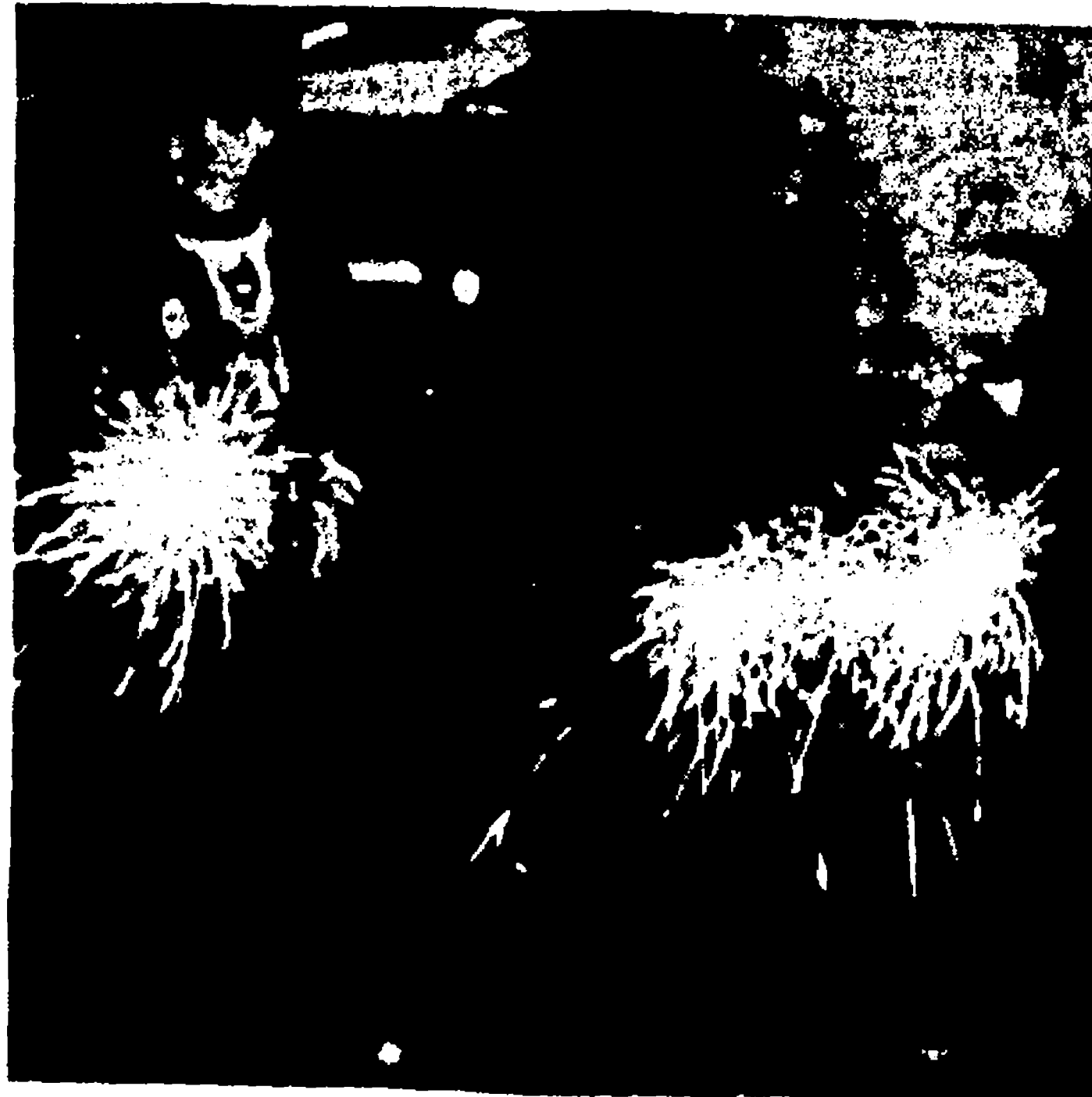


"HEY! I'M NOT so sure I like this," says an apprehensive young girl as her astronaut friends confer among themselves before the "lift-off" which took them down Cedar Street, up Main Street and down Maple Street before stopping at the Art Hall Stadium for the passing of awards.



FEW MEMBERS who marched in the parade at Garden pause for cool refreshment.

"I'D BETTER NOT catch you doing anything that breaks the law," this young fellow (right) seems to be saying as he keeps a watchful eye on the "gang members" (below) of a local motorcycle group.



FOR THIS pair of young boys, at the Manistique celebration sparklers are enough to mark the nation's birthday.



"HEY! KID, you can't hit the side of a barn!" The words were spoken by a man whose plank seat gave way when a ball struck a release mechanism, sending him into a tank of water. The games of popular attraction at the Garden celebration.

'Flaming Brands' mark era of iron making

It seems to be the time of year for book reviews. Recently I did a review on "Lumberjack," an excellent book of the Manistique area and now it seems time to do another.

I really like to do book reviews (as other people's writing) but when a book comes to print that is of quality work and informative reading for people en masse, I like to do more than publish an address where it can be purchased.

Such is the case with a book entitled, "Flaming Brands," by Kenneth D. LaFayette, published by Northern Michigan University Press.

LaFayette is a native of the rural Marquette County village of Sands. In 1937 he moved with his family to Marquette where he spent most of his youth and graduated from high school. After a stint in the Army, he returned home where he married Janice Hawes. They have four children. LaFayette has attended Northern Michigan University and is a dispatcher for the Upper Peninsula Power Company at its System Control Center in Ishpeming.

LaFayette has developed an avid interest in Upper Peninsula history. What began as a hobby has become a serious avocation. "Flaming Brands" is his first publication.

"Flaming Brands" is a 52-page booklet on Upper Peninsula iron making covering a range of 50 years from 1848 to 1898.

The Weston Furnace Company of Manistique founded in 1890, is included in the booklet.

"Abijah Weston and other well known lumbermen, who owned vast tracts of hardwood timber lands in Schoolcraft County, joined with the owners of the Pine Lake Furnace Company of Ironton, Michigan, in February of 1890. They planned to build a large charcoal iron furnace to make use of the available fuel. The site selected was near Lake Michigan and harbor in Manistique," the book explains.

According to the author, articles of incorporation were drawn up on April 24, 1890, and the contract for erecting the furnace in Manistique were let to R.H. Cherie. The stack of this well planned furnace was built to have a daily capacity of 100 tons.

The following month, the book states, the stack was averaging 75 tons of charcoal pig iron daily, and it was expected that production would double.

With a view of using ore from the Marquette Iron Range, the company projected a railroad to be built from Manistique to Negaunee to save an estimated 35 cents per ton in shipping the ore and to open a larger area for securing charcoal.

"Plans were also made for an ore dock to be built at Manistique as Abijah Weston already owned a fleet of lake carriers. By April of 1892, right-of-way for three quarters of the proposed route had been secured but some resistance was met in Negaunee where the track was to run

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By Mark Eisenhour

through a thickly populated part of the city to reach Teal Lake. Here a station was to be built and a branch track run west to the nearby Cambria and Lillie mines where the railroad would terminate."

The books says plans for the railroad lay dormant for some time. It was reported by George A. Newell, Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, that 20 miles of the road had been completed by 1896. The rolling stock had not yet been secured, however.

The starting point of the railroad was in South Manistique and it ran north, ending at Ackers. An extension was completed to Shingleton on Dec. 31, 1898 where it made connection with the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad. However, as most know, it was used more extensively in the white pine logging industry than for iron ore and charcoal.

The railroad, as some may have guessed by now, was the Manistique and Northwestern Railroad.

The book goes on to relate times of prosperity for the Manistique Furnace but that it, like others in the Upper Peninsula, went through the same fluctuations of charcoal shortages and over-stocked yards of pig iron.

Consequently, it passed from one owner to another.

"The Manistique Iron Company owned the iron works in 1904 and at that time 500 men were employed and 100 tons of iron were being made daily. In 1913 the plant was being run by the Lake Superior Iron and Chemical Company, and later, in 1922, it was managed by the Charcoal Iron Company of America."

"Flaming Brands" goes on to cover every iron making furnace in the Upper Peninsula, including those at Fayette, Gladstone and Munising. Twenty-six furnaces are covered in the book.

For those interested in reading more about this important part of early industry, the book is available from the Northern Michigan University bookstore. The book retails for \$4.25 or \$4.75 postpaid from the bookstore.

For further information, area residents can call James Carter, director, The University Press, at 906-227-2720; or write him at The University Press, 607 Cohodas Administrative Center, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan 49855.



Rocky relaxation

BESIDES BEING our nation's birthday, The July 4 extended weekend was a good time to just relax, as this bicycle traveler from Illinois did Saturday on a rocky shore of Lake Michigan in Mueller Township. (Tribune photo)

VICA students compete at Cincinnati

Evan Johnson, Roland Nelson, Bryon Hulla and Tina Derwin were among 89 students from Michigan who attended the National Leadership Conference and VICA U.S. Skill Olympics, June 22-24, sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Most conference activities were held at the Cincinnati Convention-Exposition Center. VICA is the national organization for trade, technical, industrial and health occupations education students. About 230,000 students from 45 state and territorial associations, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, are members. Delegates attended the Cincinnati meeting to elect national officers and take part in the VICA U.S. Skill Olympics. The Olympics include 36 separate occupational and leadership contests.

An Awards Program on Friday, June 24, climaxed the conference activities. Winners of the VICA U.S. Skill Olympics contests received gold, silver, and bronze medallions.

Leaders from organized labor, management education and government participated with student delegates in conference activities.

Evan Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson of 233 Main St., competed in Auto Mechanics.

Roland Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Nelson of 519 Michigan Ave., competed in Electrical Trades.

Although neither student was a U.S. Medal winner, they both hold the number one position in their own field of trade for the State of Michigan.

Bryon, son of Mr. Raymond Hulla of 1167 Pearl St., attended the first of his sessions in leadership training. Bryon is a regional vice-president for the state of Michigan.

Tina Derwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwin of 331 Oak St., was photographer and reporter for the Auto Shop V.I.C.A. Club.

Randy Piatti, automotive instructor at Manistique High School went as advisor.

Operation Sunshine offers meals

Operation Sunshine, a summer recreation and nutrition meals program for children 8 to 16 years of age in the Fairview area, will begin on Tuesday, July 12.

Information may be obtained by calling Community Action, 341-2452.

An additional site was scheduled to open Tuesday, June 28 at the school building in Germfask. Robert Jack is site supervisor.

One-third of the youths enrolled come from low-income families. CA agents say they should live in rural areas near the vicinity of the site.

Funding from the program comes from various local non-profit and governmental

organizations located throughout Menominee, Delta and Schoolcraft counties.

On Thursday, June 23, the Policy Advisory Committee for Community Action in Manistique reported the selection of committee member Donald Schulze to represent Manistique on the governing board of the three-county agency.

Home winterization for low income families and senior citizens was completed on 10 homes in Schoolcraft County during the past six months. Energy conservation measures include such things as insulation, storm windows and doors, and minor repairs to prevent infiltration of cold air.

Applications for work needed before the

coming cold season are available now.

Forty-three school age boys and girls in Schoolcraft County started work on June 13 through the Work Experience Program. Jobs with governmental units, schools, and other non-profit organizations will continue for 10 weeks.

The area representative is currently taking applications for next year's Head Start classes. Interested parents should come to the office on the second floor of the courthouse or call 341-2452.

The Policy Advisory Committee will meet next on July 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse. As in the past, any Community Action meeting is open to the public.

Ferris degrees

Several area students recently received degrees or certificates from Ferris State College this past spring. They were among 2,792 students who received the award.

Among those receiving degrees and certificates were: William F. Bowman, of Gulliver, Bachelor of Science in surveying. James R. Ostlund and Patricia J. Putvin of Manistique, also were awarded degrees.

Ostlund received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. Putvin received an Associate degree in Applied Science in Nuclear Medicine.

Insurance help

A toll-free number is available to anyone in the Upper Peninsula who has insurance problems or questions.

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Thompson Hatchery work

The Thompson fish hatchery has been undergoing a series of renovations and remodeling.

Part of the project came to an end last week when the wildlife, forestry, nursery, firefighting and law divisions of the Department of Natural Resources moved into their new headquarters.

The new headquarters, built with Title X funds, brings the five divisions under one roof for the first time.

The wildlife and Manistique River Forest divisions previously were located at Wyman Nursery, with the forest fire fighting division located downtown Manistique in the old field office on Main Street.

Law division personnel operated out of their homes. Hatchery personnel moved perhaps the shortest distance, commuting to the new offices a short distance from the old building.

Two 10-stall garages were also added to the list of buildings recently completed at the hatchery.

According to Wayne Yoder, biologist in charge, the new building accommodates all divisions of the DNR in one building, centralizing and easing accessibility.

"The reason the DNR chose the combined field office was that it gets all units together under one roof. The public can come to one place. They don't need to remember that forestry is at Wyman and firefighting is downtown," said Yoder.

Yoder says that the DNR is still deciding what will be done with the old office building at the hatchery site, a few hundred feet away from the modernistic styled wood building.

While it proved cheaper for the other divisions to share one building, until a decision is made on the old hatchery office the fish hatchery division will be paying out a little more than in previous years.

"We still have to heat the old building because we still keep our fish egg hatching in that area," explains Yoder. "So far at least another year, we won't realize any savings."

Breeding raceways at the fish hatchery have been dry for a year now, also, slowing down production of needed fish for the Upper Peninsula.

The raceways will remain dry until construction of new raceways is completed. The new raceways will be located about one mile north of the present system.

According to Yoder, extensive remodeling will have to be completed before the old raceways can be put back into production. No decision has been made by DNR officials as to whether the work is warranted or not.

"We have to comply with effluent specifications," says Yoder. "To use the old raceways we would have to put in an effluent pond." The pond would settle out effluent matter, preventing it from being discharged into Lake Michigan.

The Thompson Fish Hatchery is one of only two fish hatcheries in the Upper Peninsula. The Marquette Fish Hatchery is geared for "brood" fishing, or the raising of eggs for production of fish at hatcheries similar to Thompson's.

People usually flock to visit the brood hatcheries, because there they can see the fish in a mature state. Production hatcheries are geared for the production of fish, and as soon as they reach transplant age they are shipped out to be stocked in lakes all over the Upper Peninsula.

"When Thompson is back into production with the new raceways we will be a medium production facility," says Yoder, comparing it to the four production and two brood hatcheries in the state.

Work on the raceways is expected to be completed by fall of 1978, with a total projected cost of \$2.1 million.

A new feature for the raceways will be the closed water system utilized by the hatchery. The current system utilizes an open system of water supply.

Water for the new system will come from a spring and well. The water will be in a virtually pure state, with no fish coming into the ponds, as before when a water supply from the Thompson Creek was used.

"Using the creek water, fish can bring in disease, which can really create havoc," Yoder says of the disadvantages to an open system.

Another advantage to the closed system is the easier manageability of water temperatures, a critical factor in raising

the fish. Sudden alterations of water temperature can kill fish and eggs.

Yoder says a 60 degree temperature is ideal. Using Thompson Creek water, the temperature would be much colder in the springtime.

By using both spring water, which is naturally cold, and well water, which is warmer, Yoder says they can mix the two and be able to attain the required 60 degree temperature required. Heaters are also available, but cost is sometimes enormous.

"It's not difficult," Yoder says about raising fish. "You need some basic techniques in type of facility to rear eggs, water temperature, feeding and keeping your fish growing with no disease problems."

Varieties of fish the hatchery has raised include coho, salmon, rainbow, brown, walleye, northern and the tiger muskie.

This past spring the hatchery planted out 740,000 Alaskan Coho and 300,000 rainbows.

Yoder believes his job is simply that of helping Mother Nature and sees no problem with helping to maintain a natural balance of fish in lakes and streams.

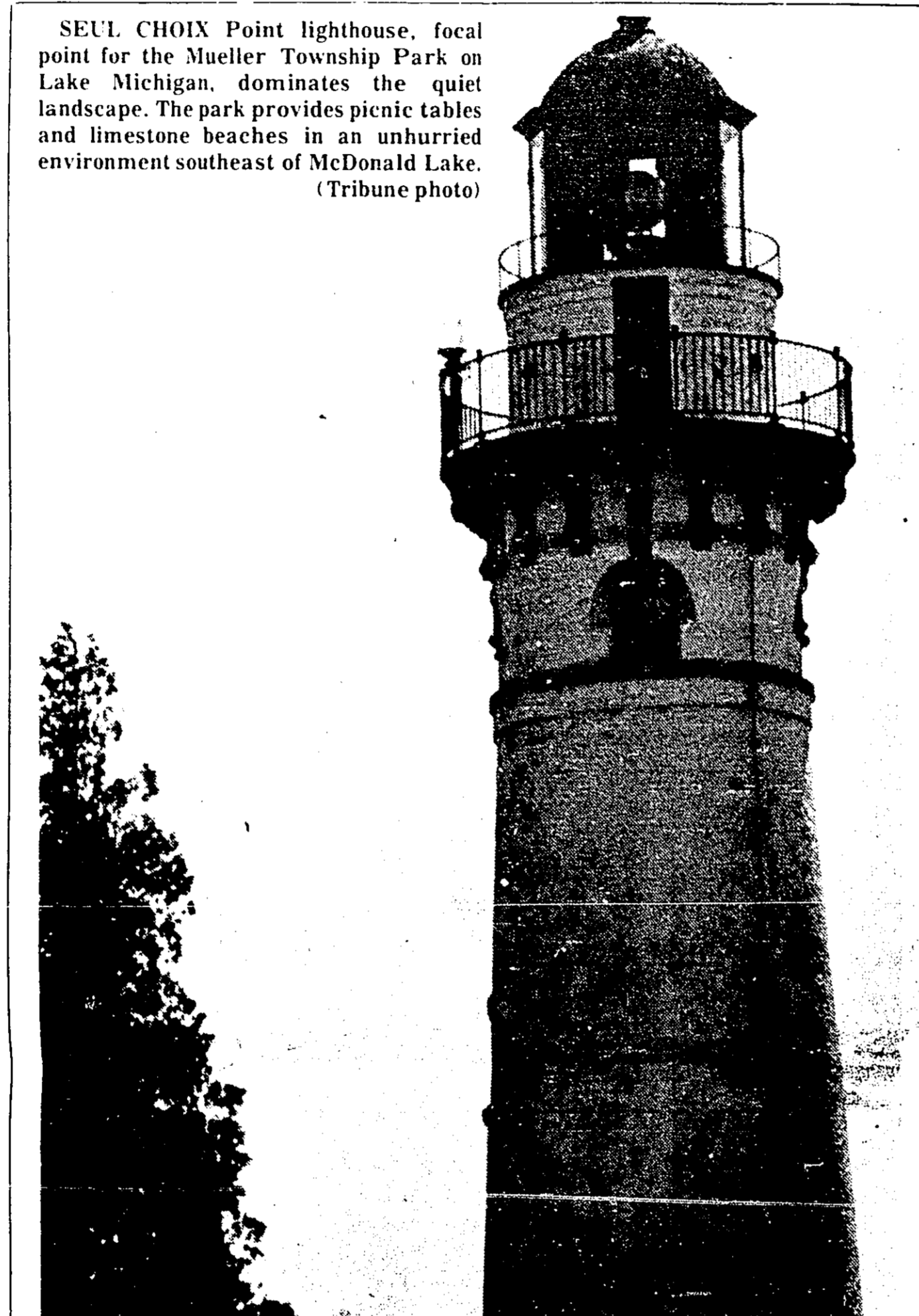
"Because Mother Nature has a good many humans would not be alive if they left it to her. It's the same with fish," Yoder says.

District fish biologists determine which lakes or streams need certain species of fish, and submit a request for fish to the regional fish biologist in Marquette. He compiles all the requests for the region and submits it to the fisheries division staff in Lansing.

Lansing personnel, based on the accumulated requests, balance off the requests with the number of fish produced in the state. Yoder says that seldom does the fish production meet fish requests.

"Once we get into production, Thompson should be able to handle all of the salmonid and warm water fish in the Upper Peninsula," Yoder said.

SEUL CHOIX Point lighthouse, focal point for the Mueller Township Park on Lake Michigan, dominates the quiet landscape. The park provides picnic tables and limestone beaches in an unhurried environment southeast of McDonald Lake. (Tribune photo)



Waterfront Art Fair Aug. 6

The sixth annual Bay Arts Association "Waterfront Art Fair" will be held in Escanaba on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The affair is held out-of-doors at the municipal dock areas of Ludington Park. In case of inclement weather the art fair will be housed in the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, corner of First Avenue South and Seventh Street.

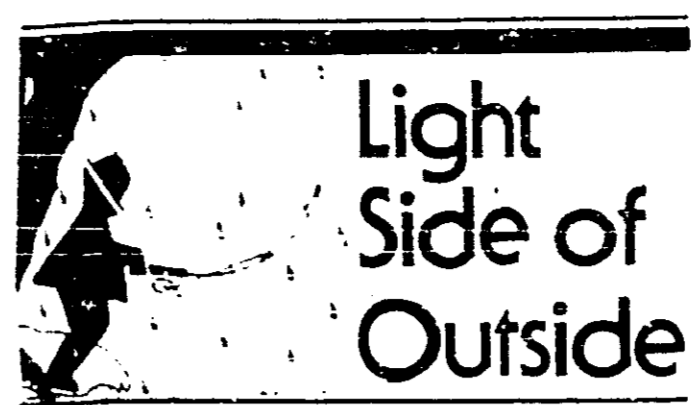
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The campers emerging from the interiors of the Porcupine Mountains State Park, for example, were still lamenting the destruction of a back pack by a marauding bear when they returned to their car...which had lost two car wheels to marauding car thieves.

And who can blame a young lady from Wisconsin, camping alone at the Porkies' Mirror Lake, for extended vocalization when a bear approached her tent at sundown and appropriated her pack...or for accepting the kind offer of overnight accommodations from occupants of a nearby cabin who responded to her clamor?

But who would expect burglarly in an occupied tent? Certainly not the three separate camping parties at Straits State Park who lost three wallets, a purse and 190 bucks to an early morning visitor. Not very pleasant, of course, but at least as appealing as a midnight visit from a hungry skunk...a nervous event that will take place in many tents this summer and offer a darn good case for leaving your beagle at the vets.

Personal recollections of state park fun-busters in summers past include:

An ardent fisherman from Ohio who discovered that his wife had packed a tackle box containing buttons, snaps and sewing paraphanelia instead of the one bearing favorite lures.

A travel trailer completely dismantled by a maniac checking out gas leaks with a kitchen match...

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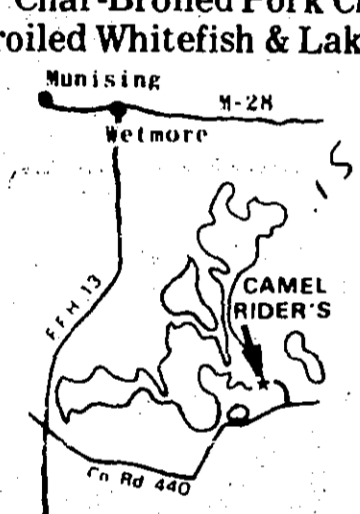
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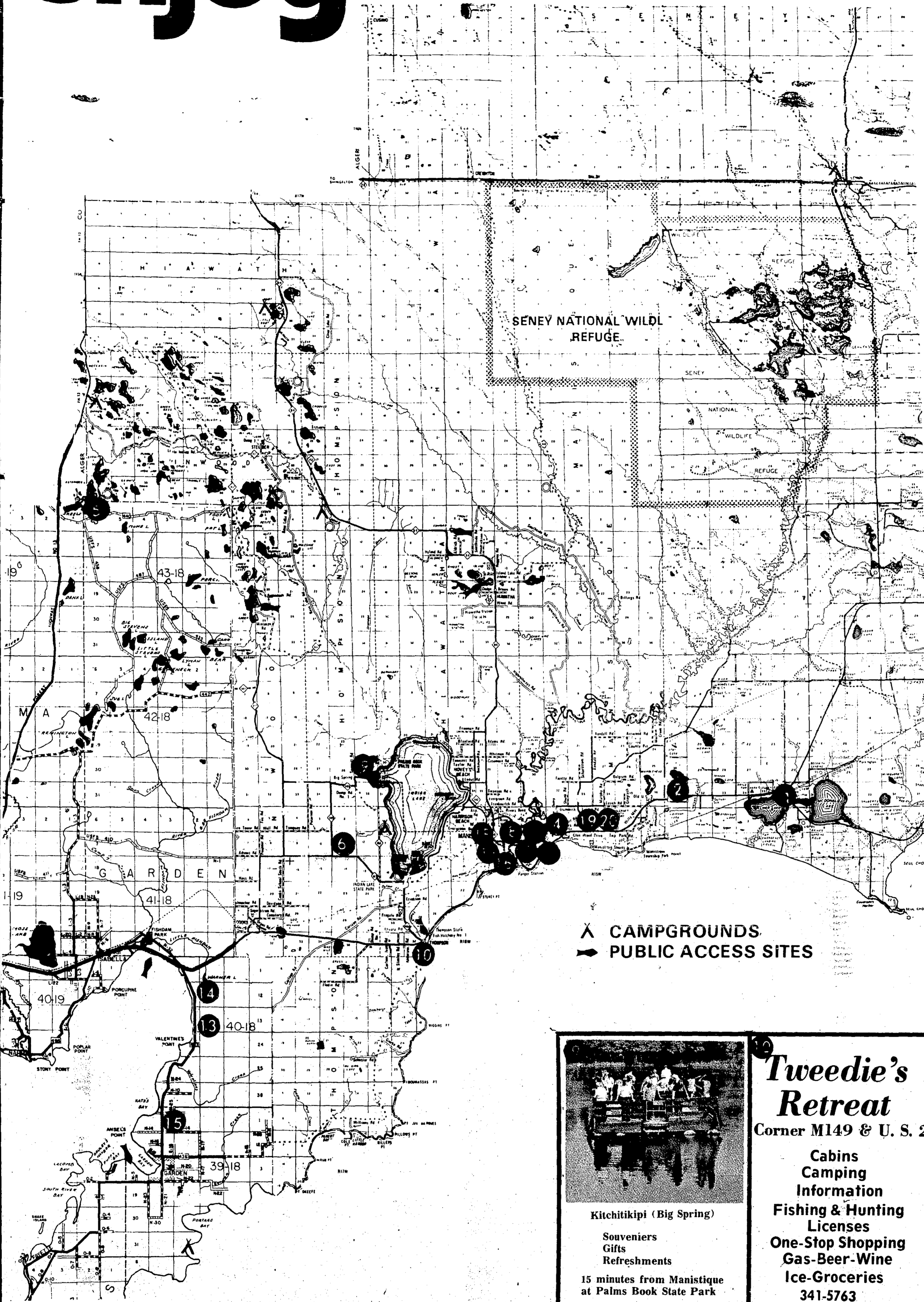
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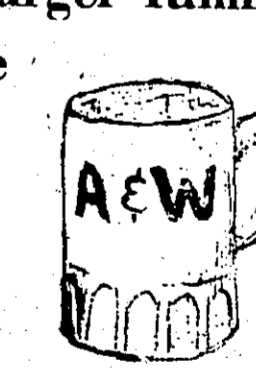
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Capt. Dick's art of scrimshawing

by Mark Eisenlohr



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It is the art of scrimshawing, a New England-coined word meaning "do nothing." Scrimshawing is the term whalers applied to their idle time while on the boats," explained Phil Dick, one of the few scrimshawers in the country today.

Capt. Dick was in Manistique recently visiting relatives and friends. He demonstrated the art to the Manistique Art Club on Monday of last week. Dick, like his mirror twin, Ken, is well known in the United States for their work.

When whalers found themselves with idle time, explained Dick, they would occupy themselves with carving on the teeth and bones of previous kills. Eventually this became known as the art of scrimshaw.

The art of carving on ivory is fast disappearing from the American scene, says Dick, partly because of the high cost of ivory and the relative difficulty in executing the maneuvers required to present a finished product.

In an interview with the Pioneer-Tribune, Dick seemed relaxed and at ease. During the interview, he worked on an ivory letter opener he started for the art club. He works, fast, deftly, and with ease although the actual mechanics requires an immense strength in ones hands.

He begins talking about the history, its origin and its possible origins.

"Scrimshawing was popular with the whaling industry on the east coast," says Dick, a long time maritime nut and competent sailer himself. "The main purpose of the whaling was for the blubber. To pass the time away at sea—these guys were sometimes out for three years at a time—they would carve intricate designs on the whale bones or teeth."

While the New England whalers might have perfected the art, the primitive form of scrimshawing may have originated in the northern portion of the United States.

"Scottish and British regiments would carve powder horns out of bones for their men," Dick says. "Americans saw these and started doing it with whale bones."

Dick learned the art of scrimshawing from his twin brother, Ken, who currently resides in Florida when he is not appearing in a national art show around the country.

According to Phil, Ken learned the art after he was inspired by his "love of sea, the history of whaling and John F. Kennedy's collection of scrimshawing originals."

Kennedy was reportedly buried with two works of scrimshaw in his casket, including one depicting the Seal of the United States.

Dick credits Kennedy's collection with a revival of the art form.

"Until Kennedy started collecting it, there were very few books on the market



CAPT. PHIL DICK works on scrimshaw—the art of carving in ivory—during a recent visit to Manistique to visit relatives and friends. Dick has been carving the ivory for less than a year and has already earned a prominent name among artists.

Dick coats the ivory first with India ink and proceeds with carving. When finished he wipes the ink off, filling the carved areas. The ink makes the carving stand out against the ivory.

traditional scenes depicting the early whaling industry or maritime scenes. Unlike Ken, however, Phil would like to branch out to landscapes, designs and flowers.

"I would also like to try dying them in different colors," he said.

Dick also includes lines of poetry in many of his carvings, a majority from works by his favorite poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson. He also signs each piece with Capt. Dick, but never dates the article.

"We want to keep the work in the same era it originated from," says Dick. "We very hard to date a piece of scrimshaw since ivory is similar and the art form is basically the same, with only the artist designs changing over the years. We want to keep it a folklore tradition."

Dick says occasionally he gets some unusual requests from "eccentrics" who want some scrimshaw work done.

Like the guy who wanted a scrimshaw inlaid into the head of his gold plated putter. The value of the putter and scrimshaw was placed at \$800.

But, that doesn't compare with the one his brother is currently working on, and has been for the past five years, for a wealthy lady in Florida.

She is having her entire family history traced on ivory. As she learns more of her early history, she relays the information to Ken who adds it to the carving. It is not known just when he will finish with that work.

Dick says the art of scrimshawing could become a fast moving business within a few years, similar to that of macramé, but perhaps more expensive.

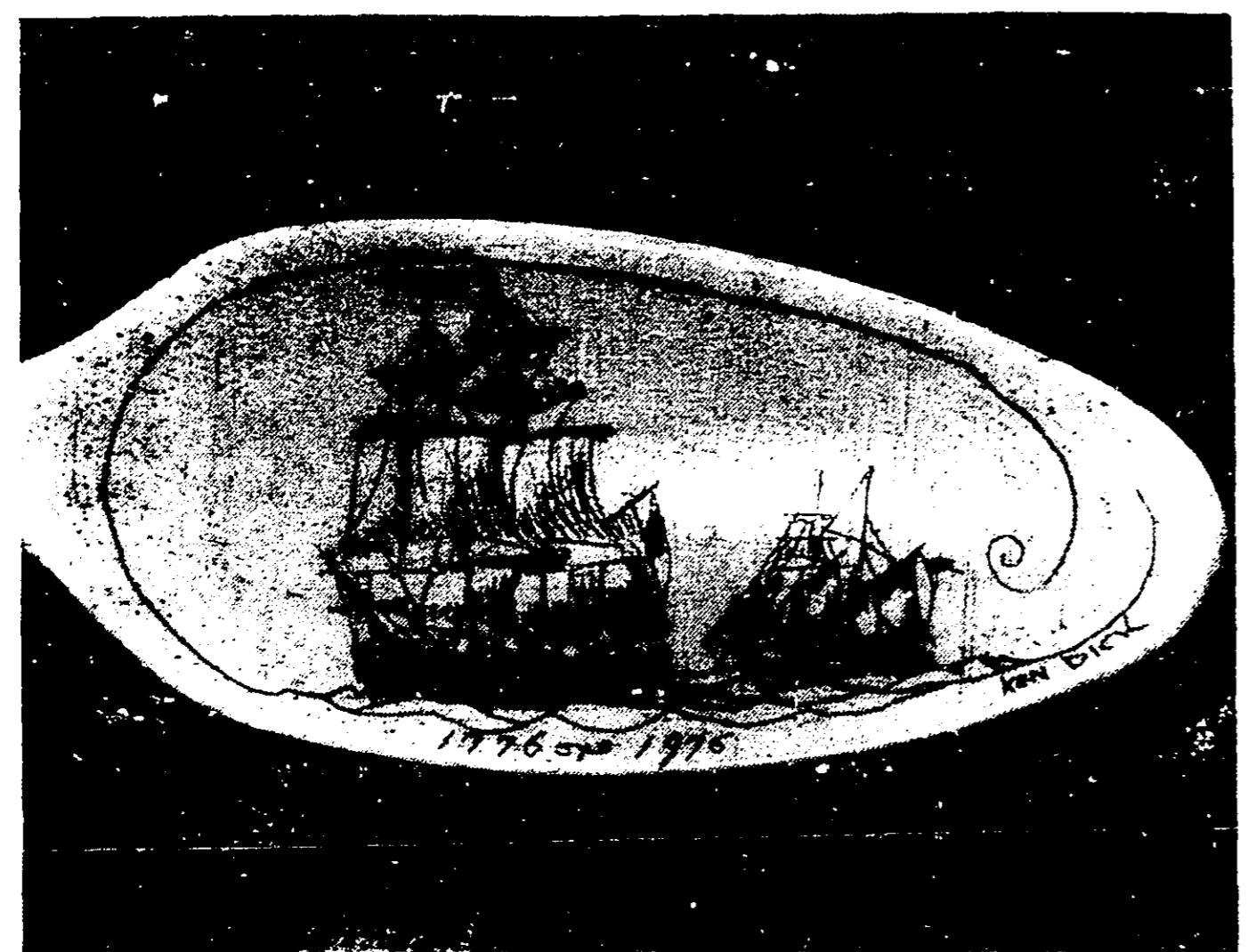
"It's going to be extremely hot, I don't think it will ever die out now," says Dick. "But it's days may be numbered with the material getting harder to find." He added that an investment in ivory now, will yield a higher return in a few years than most precious stones.

Dick is currently trying to arrange his schedule to appear in Manistique with a showing of his art during the art show sponsored by the Manistique Art Club in July.

"I would like to come up in July and do the art show, but I'm not sure what I'll be doing. If I did get up here it would be the only show I do in the upper peninsula," says Dick, who has been vacationing in the upper peninsula for many years, either visiting relatives in Grand Marais area or here in Manistique.

Because of a fascination Dick has with sailing and the history of the Great Lakes, he would also like to record scenes of early Great Lakes shipping and perhaps some early Manistique scenes.

"Next year, I hope to be as well known as my brother. I won't be as high profitable as he is, but I hope to be just as good."



BOTH CAPT. PHIL Dick and mirror twin, Capt. Ken Dick, are proficient at the New England based art of Scrimshawing. Ken carved the sailing scene on the ivory spoon and the locket featuring a whaling vessel surrounded by a history of the whalers life, its hazards and rewards. Capt. Phil may be in the area during July for an art showing at the old water tower. The art show is being sponsored by the Manistique Art Club.

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