

# Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING—Within 60 miles of three-fourths of Michigan's population, the National Park Service is converting 16,000 acres of marginal land from agricultural to recreational use. Two "little national parks" are being created.

Just 150 miles from Lansing, 210 miles from Detroit, and 263 miles from Chicago, the National Park Service is creating a "Lake Placid" for the entire Middle-West—a professional bobbed track with exciting hair-pin curves, scenic ski trails, breakfasting toboggan slides, a steel ski jump, and a monster skating rink.

At Isle Royale, soon to become a national park, the governmental agency is preparing to open up to vacationers the American shrine of virgin wilderness, home of moose. The island is Michigan's most remote bit of territory, skirting the shores of Canada although it is 50 miles away from Michigan.

Together with the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration, the National Park Service is spending many millions annually in Michigan. The fact is a recognition in itself that Michigan, as well as being a major industrial empire (automobile, furniture, paper, for example), ranks tops as a year-round vacation playground.

Because the National Park Service is a "silent partner" in this development, comparatively few citizens are aware of its activity.

### Resettlement Accident

That Michigan has thousands of acres of land unfit for agriculture is a well known fact.

Much of this land consists of sandy soil which, while ideal for fishing beaches, is a liability to any ambitious farmer.

When the New Deal in 1934 set to counter the production of foodstuffs with the hope of averting repeated surplus yields and low prices, a social betterment project was conceived at Washington whereby farmers on marginal lands would be resettled elsewhere. The government would buy their holdings at a reasonable price and would assist them to locate elsewhere where soil was more fertile.

In Barry county, west of Hastings, Washington agents bought approximately 4,000 acres of picturesque, hilly country, dotted with lakes. It surrounds a community known as Yankee Springs.

In eastern Jackson county and western Washtenaw county, midway between Jackson and Ann Arbor, the federal land-buyers chose a wide area, 180 square miles in size and more than 12,000 acres in all. Eight lakes are in this rugged, wooded section which radiates from a little hamlet known as Waterloo.

With some 16,000 acres of land on its hand, the government turned them over to the National Park Service. "Create a public playground," was the curt command. "Make it available at low cost to the masses of northern Indiana and Ohio, to the workers in industrial centers of southern Michigan, to the dwellers in countless small towns between Lake Michigan and Lake Erie."

Thus, under government auspices, Michigan's "little national parks" are being created.

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## Robert Slusser Wins Scholarship

Robert Slusser, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Slusser, of Pierce street, began his piano studies this week with the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago as the result of the scholarship which he won a few days ago.

Robert, who is now studying with Rudolph Reutter, head of the piano department at the American Conservatory, was notified by telephone last Thursday that he had won the scholarship after auditioning before faculty heads and members of the board of directors of the conservatory.

Robert played, as did others competing for the scholarship, a Bach fugue, three movements of a Mozart sonata and a MacDowell polonaise.

Young Slusser has acted as accompanist for the glee clubs at Baldwin High School, where he was graduated in June. He and Charles Turner, talented Birmingham violinist who is now studying on a scholarship at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, were named class artists in the program prepared by their classmates.

Robert has been studying for the past five years with Miss Margaret Sander, prominent Birmingham piano teacher. He was presented in a recital at the Community House on Sept. 15.

### Victory of Joe Louis Costs Negro \$25 Fine

It was just after the Joe Louis victory, and Emmett King, 24, a Negro cab driver, was driving through Birmingham—at a speed of 80 miles an hour.

Patrolman Robert Pepperell, in a scout car, showed the accelerator to the door and gave chase.

The case ended in King paying Justice Forbes B. Hascall a \$25 fine.

### Report Fishing Good

LANSING—Though volume of inland lake fishing has dropped off considerably since Labor day, conservation officers over the state report fair to good success on almost all waters. Bass, perch and blue gills are being taken in great numbers and officers are reporting increased interest in fly fishing for these species. Prospects for the coming week range from fair to excellent.

### Annual School Meeting

LANSING—Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Detroit was held at the Detroit Convention Center last night. The meeting was held in the presence of a large number of guests.

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