

Higher Prices Starts Timber Cutting In Upper Peninsula, Reporter Finds

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LANSING—“Woodman, spare that tree” goes an old sentiment saying.

Despite all the conservation education which Michigan has had in the last generation or so, most of our state is far ahead of most others in this regard. We still are a long way from solving the forestry problem.

This fact was impressed upon me forcefully during an automobile trip through a section of the Upper Peninsula which, according to the 1941 state highway map, is “forested” and apparently impassable.

Two newspaper editors, both lovers of the Michigan outdoors, were our companions. Al H. Weber, Cheboygan, and Oscar Richman, Grayling, knew their way around—particularly “Hudson Bay” as we affectionately nicknamed Mr. Weber who has visited the Hudson Bay country and was introduced by Philip T. Rich of Midland to a New York group by that title. Incidentally, Weber came to the occasion with first trip west of Saint Ste. Marie, and it was our first experience in following Lake Superior from Munising to Keweenaw, all within a few miles of the shore. We spent the night in Weber's log cabin, 36 by 18 feet, located in a stand of virgin white pine.

Selective Cutting

The first of many impressions about the forest resources was received on a visit to a logging camp operated by the four Lindahl brothers of Iron River—Harold, Walter, Oscar and Arthur. This camp is in Penaton Creek, some 20 miles from Iron River, and is situated in a 3,000-acre tract of fine timber which the Lindahl brothers have been holding for some time as taxpayers.

Because of a recent rise in lumber prices due to national defense needs, the Lindahls now find it profitable to cut their timber. A modern camp has been erected in the woods; lumberjacks work only 40 hours a week, and their food is excellent as can be personally testified.

If the timber being cut on a selective basis? The answer is: No. The Lindahls are not to be taken much in the competitive situation in the North, plus the economic handicap of a longer haul to the lower labor costs there. We understand from good authority that the Ford Motor Company

Automobile Tourist

With the Chasboyan editor as a guide, we explored by automobile through a forestland region of both cut-over and virgin timber, all lying just south of Lake Superior between Munising and the Soo.

The modern tourist travels by automobile for the most part. If he goes by train he usually supplements the trip with side trips by motor.

Conspicuously what he sees from his automobile—except for lakes and streams—constitutes 90 per cent of his outdoor enjoyment.

North of Cheboygan and south of Lake Superior lies a wild timber country. You go through miles of hardy stumps of pine trees, three feet from the ground, stand like an army of sentry. You go through trunks of blueberry plants, which the Indians burned frequently to provide graining of plants by fire.

You go through virgin timber, some of which is being logged right to the road's edge and which leaves a desolate wasteland, ugly to behold. Traveling is a slow job, and you are lucky to make 15 miles an hour. Incidentally, we passed automobiles from Detroit and North Dakota, loaded with tourists seeing the sights.

Strips of Timber

To safeguard against this despoiling of scenery along tourist-travelled highways, Iron county pioneered in Michigan by acquiring during the early twenties a 445,000 sq. ft. tract of timber along U. S. Route 2 between Crystal Falls and Iron River.

We'll let H. P. Larson, engineer-manager of the Iron County Road Commission, tell the story. “During the early twenties, a party of us went on a short tour through a section of northern Michigan and saw the famous ‘peninsula’ he explained. “We found it difficult to locate a place to eat our lunch without someone kindly reminding us that we were on private ground and that we would have to make up the cost of that sort of treatment. We hoped these conditions would be changed in Upper Michigan. The thought occurred that as soon as the Upper Peninsula was discovered by reporters, lake property would lay up by camp and

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BY RALPH HERBERT

It's a question that will be asked this year in the United States, whether the animals be black or white or red, for the fact is that in these times when Uncle Sam is buying huge quantities of cloth to dress up his army of 1,500,000 men, the wool crop is going to be the biggest on record.

That's what the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports on the sheep that has already been shorn and that is to be shorn in the present year. The estimate is for 309,841,000 pounds which is 10 per cent higher than the previous record in 1940 and nine per cent above the average of the 10 years 1930-39.

The bigger production this year is due to the fact not only the flock that has already been shorn, but also to the fact that the average weight of the sheep has been increased. The number of sheep that will finally be shorn this year is estimated by the U. S. D. A. at 48,470,000, the previous high record year, 1940, being against 46,470,000, and against a 10-year average of 46,035,000.

State Goes After Ragweed Blossoms

LANSING—The state highway department is retooling its ragweed control work along trunk-line roadsides in Michigan with complete attention to areas where ragweeds occur in great numbers, whose irritating pollen causes 90 per cent of the suffering from hay fever, will soon blossom in northern Michigan. Cutting now will prevent the plant from flowering and reduce the amount of pollen released into the air.

Paging Rigley

“Father,” said the sharp little boy, as they sat around the family tea-table, “I saw a deaf and dumb beggar in the street this afternoon and he had an impediment in his speech.”

“A deaf and dumb man with an impediment in his speech?” exclaimed father. “Don't talk nonsense.”

“But he had, father,” insisted the youngster, “one of his middle fingers was missing.”

Crochet Models

Crocheted sweaters are at the peak of style for fall. This white turle-neck sweater, crocheted in cotton and featuring a shoulder band of brilliant embroidery, is in vogue for sports events.

State Gets Ready For Hunting Season

LANSING—By the end of the next week you will know these hunters who will be in another month will be in the woods and fields throughout Michigan.

Yellow tags will identify the residents and game hunters for whom the conservation department has printed 700,000 Michigan Licenses. Light red tags will identify the resident deer hunters for whom 240,000 licenses have been prepared. Light red tags will identify the state's handful of non-resident bow-and-arrow deer hunters will wear.

Licenses and tags will be shipped early in September to 2,000 local dealers, who would have been able to retain five cents for each license issued this fall. If negative returns had not delayed the effective date of a new law.

Don't Bar Aliens From All Jobs

DETROIT—Contrary to the widespread impression, there are not barred by law from private employment on defense contracts except in the aircraft industry and a very few other cases, it was disclosed here today.

V. B. Steinbaugh, Director of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, said that prevailing practices of some employers to be more restrictive than the law requires may contribute to an artificial shortage of labor.

Both President Roosevelt and Governor Van Wageningen, as well as the Office of Production Management at Washington, have asked employers not to discriminate against workers because of national origin, race, creed, or color.

The American Family

By George

“But, Mr. Mortimer, haven't you got a sweater that will fit me like that one fits him?”

Waterbird Hunting Rules Are Given

BY RALPH HERBERT

LANSING—Michigan duck hunters, holding their guns and decoys for the 60-day season opening October 1, can make up a different note to take home this fall when the shooting is good.

Chickens and roosting ducks, previously limited to three a day, have been removed from the restricted list. The new federal waterfowl hunting regulations, Redhead and buffheads, however, remain on the restricted list, and only three of either, or three of the two species combined may be taken in a day and included in the total daily bag limit of 10, of all species.

Restrictions against use of bait or live decoys are continued this year, and a clause has been added forbidding the luring of waterfowl by firing cattle, horses or mules at decoys.

Duck hunters need both a federal duck stamp and a Michigan small game hunting license in this state. Stamps not larger than 10 inches in diameter may be used, and the three-shell Eddi on repeating shotguns is continued. Stacks of shells, the same as last year's, are waterfowl and coots, are, from sunrise to 4 p. m.

Federal waterfowl regulations are listed by the department of conservation's game law digest which 2,000 dealers will distribute with each license sold.

Truck and Auto Involved in Accident

A truck and car collided Tuesday afternoon at Martin and Chestnut streets, William Eckley, 24, said, on 2111 E. Stoddard, told police that as he was driving to make a right turn on Martin the truck was hit by a car driven by Sally Ann Baumann, 19, of 206 Lake Park. Eckley said the truck was damaged.

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LANSING—Whatever remains of the six-month salt blocks used to lure deer away from heavily traveled, chlorinated upper peninsula roads during the summer will be picked up well in advance of the hunting season, the conservation department reports.

Scouting fees of some persons claiming the blocks could become pieces of ambush, field administration officials of the department say the ground will be well dug up, so that nothing will remain to attract the animals when they are again game.

GOLD DAYS

Some now days will reflect the autumn's shift.

When the flowers in my yard will bloom no more.

Does anybody ever get his fill of summer? Soon will come the autumn's shift.

And the wind will blow hard leaves across the hill.

We have to close our window and the door.

Some now days will reflect the autumn's shift.

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