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## Michigan Mirror

### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By Gene Allen

"Why doesn't the Upper Peninsula secede from Michigan, and join the state of Wisconsin?"

C. W. Brown, publisher of a weekly newspaper at Oscoda, Mich., was taunted with this inquiry. We happened to be members of a board of directors and were visiting together at the Commodore hotel in New York City last June 29 and 30. He continued:

"My friends in the Upper Peninsula tell me they are not getting a fair deal from Lansing and are forever being neglected. This area is right next to Wisconsin. Its people trade in Milwaukee and other cities. It is logical that they should be a part of Wisconsin, not Michigan."

We relate this conversation because our mail has been running heavy with clipped editorials and personal comment, most of them approving our observation that the U. P. is lagging behind the Lower Peninsula in state highways and state parks.

Harold Earle, president of Blaine Park, writes: "There is no question but that the development of the Upper Peninsula has been retarded by a lack of improved highways. There is no doubt much point in improvement of state parks until they are made accessible by good roads. Even our two main U. P. highways connecting the principal larger communities are not yet completed."

Mr. Earle adds: "All during the past week people stopping at Blaine Park have reported having to wait from two to four hours to get a boat either way between St. Ignace and Mackinac City. Apparently the ferry service is entirely inadequate and is a deterrent to tourist travel. It proposes an Upper Peninsula highway conference for coordinated, concerted action."

Linwood L. Noyes, editor of the Ironwood Daily Globe, suggests that Gogebic and Ontonagon counties "should work together, through their county and municipal governments, chambers of commerce and civic organizations, to get action from the state, particularly on the highway situation."

Mr. Noyes concludes: "If any additional proof of neglect of highways in the western part of the Upper Peninsula is needed, it is found in the fact that Ontonagon county is the only county in the state that does not have a single mile of concrete highway. This sort of neglect should not be permitted to continue for another generation."

For some time we have sensed an intangible "chip-on-the-shoulder" attitude in the U. P. This region tends to think of itself as the underdog, the forgotten child who is forever getting a raw deal. Such an attitude is a natural reaction to the basic trouble of the region: It has been acutely exploited by absentee ownership. It has been a colony whose natural resources have been stripped for the profit of people who live elsewhere. Even its raw timber and dreds have been transported outside of the region to be converted into wages and stockholder profits through industrial processing.

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Souvenirs from the curiosity cabinets of miners in the copper and iron regions of Michigan constitute a current display at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills.

The Institute collection of miners' curiosities has been supplemented by specimens from the collections of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight M. Henderson and Mr. Wesley M. Henderson of Detroit. These will be on exhibit until September 30.

Of particular interest are the miniature tools which were made

by the miners, including shovels, anvils, picks, sledge hammers, wedges, tongs and drills, each just a few inches in length—the miniature miners' lamps, from fifty to one hundred years old—ornaments made from silver and copper in combination—time book containing table of wages and a day book from the Ojibwa mine.

**Geological Maps**  
A temporary exhibit also on display at the Institute shows the evolution of geological maps of Michigan. The collection of maps, which is a loan from the office of the State Geologist, is arranged in chronological order and includes valuable historical specimens.

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