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Mrs. William Torrence of Lake Park, Birmingham, chairman of the make-up booth at the Quorton Fair, is practicing her skill in making up a Hawaiian girl, Mary Little of Lake Park, and a pirate, Joe Torrence. The fair will be tomorrow.

Copper Country Outpost Now Michigan Travel Site

Far out on the tip of upper Michigan's fabled "Copper Country" stands one of the last forts built as protection against Indians east of the Mississippi.

Fort Wilkins, constructed in 1844, commands a dense wooded area and state park between Lake Fanny Hoce and Lake Superior in rugged Keweenaw country.

Surrounded on three sides by palisades, the original buildings of the fort still are intact. While it has undergone extensive restoration, the fort is essentially the same as when it was erected to protect early copper miners from the Chippewas.

The STOCKADE itself is located in Fort Wilkins state park, 190 acres of northland where the highways end. The rich military and mining history of the region, along with outdoor recreational facilities, make the park a favorite with vacation travelers in Michigan.

A descriptive folder including a map of the park is available from the Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing 26.

Today's visitors can see and photograph a storehouse, hospital, guardhouse and barracks, furnished as they were in the days when

this frontier outpost was active.

One of the best buildings houses a historical museum where relics of the old fort and the nearby region are on display, illustrating the story of Keweenaw.

THE SURROUNDING state park includes picnic areas and 75 campsites with running water, modern sanitary facilities and a laundry and shower building. The park even includes a store.

Most of the area, however, is just as nature made it. Hikers and camera fans can explore woodland trails along both Lake Superior and Lake Fanny Hoce. Deer, bear and other wildlife species frequent this forest country.

Fort Wilkins is near the town of Copper Harbor, approximately 300 miles northwest of the Mackinac Bridge.

Three outstanding scenic drives lead to the park. Highway M-26 follows the Lake Superior shore from Eagle River along the rocky shoreline to Copper Harbor.

BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN drive begins at Eagle River and runs farther inland, rising 1,340 feet above sea level for a panoramic view of land and water.

In the middle of the Keweenaw peninsula, Highway US-41 winds through arching hardwood forests, past ghost towns of the Copper Country's early mining days, to terminate at Fort Wilkins.

A Michigan historical commission marker in the park tells something of the Fort Wilkins story. The parade ground, the palisades and the furnished dwelling complete the saga of Michigan's early mining era.

THE STORY BEHIND the story of Fort Wilkins had its beginnings in a history. What the archaeologists know as the "Old Copper Culture" flourished in the area about 5,000 years ago, according to radioactive carbon dating of ancient Indian campfires.

Knowledge of Michigan copper deposits was passed along to later tribes, and eventually to early French explorers in the 17th century.

The British occupied the Keweenaw area in 1761 and made the first real attempts to mine the copper riches. A British company began operations on the Ontonagon river in 1771, but abandoned the project when it failed to make the owners wealthy in the first year.

AMERICANS successfully opened the territory to mining in the early 1840's, but the land was still owned by the British and the federal government foresaw difficulties. A treaty was negotiated with the Indians in 1842; however, it was decided to build a fort—just in case.

Named in honor of William Wilkins, secretary of war, the fort was first manned by two companies of the fifth infantry regiment.

Then came war with Mexico and the fifth regiment units were shipped to the Mexican border, to be replaced by members of the second regiment from Buffalo and Madison.

Eventually, the need for reinforcements in the Mexican War brought about the abandonment of Fort Wilkins.

AFTER THE CIVIL War, there was restlessness along the American-Canadian border, and Fort Wilkins was re-occupied by American troops in 1867.

By 1869, Indians were scarce, many mines were abandoned and the British threat had passed. U.S. soldiers marched out of the area for the last time and Fort Wilkins was abandoned.

Parents Should Make Sure Kids Safe in School

There are 39 million reasons for making sure our schools are fire-safe: the nation's grade and high school students number 40 million. Making sure students stay safe is a job for parents, as well as school officials.

"Parents," the National Safety Council said, "are as responsible for protecting their youngsters at school as are school officials."

"Through parent and civic organizations, mothers and fathers can press for fire-safe schools for their children."

"It has been said that fire safety does not necessarily cost a lot of money. It does, however, take intelligent thought and action—before a fire starts!"

FIRE SAFETY may not involve considerable expense, but a lack of fire safety certainly does. In 1957, for example, the 4,500 school and college fires in the United States cost the nation more than 30 million dollars.

What can you do to bring about adequate fire safety in your child's school? Here are some National Safety Council suggestions:

Parents should teach fire safety as a part of daily living until it becomes second nature.

SCHOOLS SHOULD give fire safety instruction throughout the

year, and should integrate it with such studies as science, arts and crafts, health education and social studies, which lend themselves well to teaching fire safety.

Responsibilities of the school administrator, according to the Council, consist of:

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Now, back to the details ahead of us.

1. It is too late to fertilize the lawn.
2. It is too late to seed the lawn.
3. It is too late to fertilize anything with NITROGEN.

4. The best you can do now is to put BONE MEAL on bulb beds, perennial beds, new shrubs and trees. DON'T cultivate it in—just "leave it be."

5. In a few situations where early spring germination of grass seed is a must the seed may be sown AFTER NOVEMBER 15th.

6. Winter mulching of perennials, roses, bulbs, new evergreens and trees and shrubs is very important. BUT—DON'T DO IT UNTIL THE GROUND IS SOLIDLY FROZEN—otherwise the plants may continue to grow and the mice will nest in the mulch.

7. All the SPRING FLOWERING BULBS should be planted NOW.

8. Be sure evergreens have plenty of water when the ground freezes. DO NOT water newly planted bulbs.

9. Dig dahlias (do not yank them out by the neck). Store in a dry cellar upside down.

10. NEONIES can be divided and replanted now.

11. NEW PEONY ROOTS are available.

12. All roots and bulbs requiring winter storage (glads, tuberose, calladium, cannas and tuberous-rooted begonias, etc.) should be taken in when the frost has cut down the tops.

13. VERMICULITE is an excellent material for storing all kinds of bulbs.

14. A new device for wintering ROSES is a sheet of 8" aluminum, 12" in diameter. Simply place one around each rose bush, add a handful of BONE MEAL and forget it. When the ground is frozen deeply fill the container with BUCKWHEAT HULLS, HARD VERMICULITE or dirt—or even MARSH HAY.

15. Keep the LEAVES OFF your grass as winter comes. They can ruin your lawn if left on over winter.

PARKER-SPRINGFIELD SWEEPERS, LEAF BURNERS, LEAF CARRIERS, RAKES can ease your job.

16. Burn gladiolus and dahlia tops and especially cornstalks.

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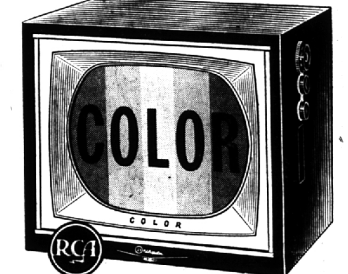
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