

Buffalo Paved Way for US 12

Probably the oldest travel route in Michigan is the one traversed by what is now US-12, the State Highway Department reports. It runs southwestward from Detroit through Colwell and Niles to the southwest corner of the state. Until recently it was known as US-112.

The trail was believed to have been originally carved out by herds of buffalo in their migrations across the Lower Peninsula. Later, the Indians took it over, then the white men.

THE FIRST American to cover the distance from Chicago to Detroit on this trail was Lewis Cass, governor of Michigan during its territorial days.

In 1820, Cass led a party of explorers into northern Michigan. On the return trip, the party split at Green Bay. Some followed the lakeshore back to Detroit. Cass and two of his men went south state. Until recently it was known as US-112.

To reach Detroit from Chicago, they came overland on horseback, passing through southern Michigan on the route of buffalo and Indians.

As governor, Cass knew the importance of good roads in opening the land to settlement. Four years later, the route was surveyed and put on maps. Eventually, it was improved so it could handle horse-drawn wagons.

Medical Society Schedules 97th Annual Session

Medical progress made during the past year will be studied by Michigan medical doctors at a three-day postgraduate meeting in Detroit, beginning Wed., Sept. 26, 1962.

This will be the 97th Annual Session of the Michigan State Medical Society. General Chairman for this 1962 Session is A. E. Schiller, MD, Detroit.

The Society's policy-making House of Delegates will open its session on Sunday evening, Sept. 23, with day-long meetings on Monday and Tuesday. The 146 doctor representatives of county medical societies will conduct the business affairs of the Society, discuss health problems and other subjects of interest to medicine and the public.

ANOTHER ACTION of the Delegates will be to present the Fifty Year Award to doctors of medicine who have served in medical practice for 50 years or more.

The scientific clinical meetings begin Wednesday morning and end Friday noon. During this period, 30 medical authorities will report to the assembled MD's the newest in treatment of cancer, allergy, emotional disorders, the heart and circulatory system, as well as other medical subjects. All meetings will be held in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Displayed at the meeting will be 90 exhibits of a scientific nature.

On Tuesday evening, new officers of the Society and its Woman's Auxiliary will be introduced. Clarence I. Owen, MD, Detroit, will be inducted as the 1962-63 president of MSMS. He will take over leadership of the Society from retiring president Otto K. Engelke, MD, Ann Arbor.

Concurrent with the MSMS Annual Session, physicians' wives will hold the 36th Annual Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, Sept. 26-27, at the Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel, with Mrs. Clarence I. Owen, Detroit, as current president. Incoming president is Mrs. Ross V. Taylor, Jackson.

Michigan Dunes Offer Top Tourist Attraction

The residents of Newburyport, Singapore and Port Sheldon—all Michigan communities—had no idea they were building homes and business establishments on the site of one of America's top tourist attractions.

These budding 19th century villages were located along Michigan's western shoreline, where wind and sand rule supreme. Today, these all-but-forgotten towns are buried deep beneath the relentless, shifting Lake Michigan dunes.

The constant movement of the sands, endlessly advancing the dunes inland at a rate of several feet a year, thwarted and finally obliterated many of man's attempts to build cities and farms—but this everchanging nature is part of the attraction appeal the dunes have for vacationers today.

THOUSANDS of artists, camera fans and sightseers flock to Michigan's dunesland from early spring to late autumn to see and enjoy the beauty of this bizarre geological phenomenon. Specially-equipped dunes carry passengers on thrilling scenic tours of the tremendous sand formations in resort areas.

A typical dunes country scene is found along the state's Lake Michigan shore. Beside a deep blue expanse of water broad stretches of flat sandy beach rise abruptly into steep rugged peaks of sand. A thick mantle of dune foliage usually covers the crest of the peaks, while

the windward slopes most often are bare except for a few trees and clumps of low junipers which cling tenaciously to the steep rise.

As if by the magical fragrance of the sands, you seem to sense the dunes and water from 20 miles inland. The air seems to change color and the horizon pales out as it does over water. The barren solitude of the sands gives the impression that all life is extinct here, yet at night mice, squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and even deer venture onto the dunes in their nocturnal wanderings.

The Indian puceon decorates the sand with its brilliant yellow blossom, and the tiger lily, bluebell and wild sweet pea splash their colors along the dunes. Driftwood is shaped and polished by the sharp grains of wind-whipped sand into strangely beautiful formations.

THE GREAT Michigan dunes stretch from the state's southwestern shore, where the famous Warren Dunes greet vacationers, to far-off Grand Marais on Lake Superior—site of the sprawling Grand Sauble dunes. In between are the Silver Lake dunes near Nears; Old Baldhead at Saugatuck; those at Holland, Muskegon, Grand Haven and Ludington; the Great Nipissing dunes west of St. Ignace; and the Dunes Drive of Great Sand Bay on the Keweenaw peninsula.

But perhaps the most famous of Michigan dunes is the giant Sleeping Bear, looming like a colossus over the resort village of Glen Haven and gem-like Glen Lake. The dune looks out across Lake Michigan from its position at the base of Traverse City.

Sleeping Bear dune reaches a windy height of 480 feet above Lake Michigan and rises from 90 to 125 feet above the morain on which it lies. The dune is about two and a half miles at its widest point and seven miles long.

BECAUSE of its unique appeal, the Sleeping Bear area has been selected by the National Parks Service as the site for a future National Shoreline Recreation Area, with a minimum of development to keep the region in its natural state. Some of the Sleeping Bear area

is now part of Michigan's D. H. Day state park, which offers swimming, camping and picnicking facilities. The dunes are just off highway M-22, the old Manitow Trail—itsself a tourist attraction—which leads the traveler around scenic Leelanau peninsula.

Vacationing in Michigan's dunes country is not a one-time thing. For the great sand masses are unpredictable. Many travelers return again and again to view the constant changes nature makes in this land of splendid silence and beauty.

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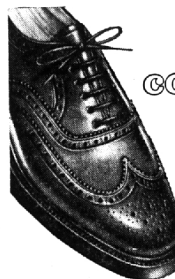
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Foreign Engineers Like Our Highways

With words of praise about Michigan's highways, 29 engineers from 15 foreign countries concluded a 100-mile tour of the state here recently.

A spokesman for the group—Dr. A. R. Lee, deputy director of England's Road Research Laboratory and recognized international authority on highways—said Michigan's highways are "well advanced."

"You are keeping ahead of needs and serving traffic with well planned highways," Dr. Lee said.

Many of the foreign engineers were impressed by the smoothness of Michigan's highways. But all praise did not come from the foreigners.

THREE Kentucky highway officials shared enthusiasm for the Michigan system of programming highway projects up to five years in advance of putting them under

contract.

The foreign engineers toured Michigan for three days following an international conference at the University of Michigan.

One of them—Giorgio Moraldi from Rome, Italy—was impressed by the respect Americans have for traffic signals.

"In my country, there is almost total disregard for such things as stop signs," he said.

"When traffic is light, it is nothing for one of my countrymen to run a stop sign at 60 miles an hour. 'If he crashes, he crashes,'" Moraldi said.

The foreign group represented Puerto Rico, Germany, Holland, France, Argentina, Denmark, Finland, Mexico, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Japan, and The Netherlands.

Others on the tour were from Florida, Maine, Texas, Maryland, Oklahoma, California and West Virginia.

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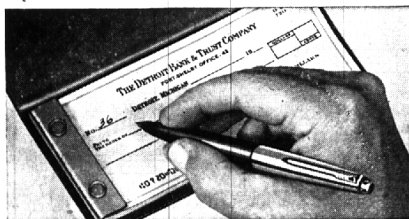
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