

State Recreation Lands Grow Increasingly Scarce

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Recreation lands are in great demand in Michigan, and great resources enthusiasts agree that scarcity of land will be a critical situation soon if it is not such already.

State parks and recreation areas bear a heavier load of campers, swimmers and picnickers every year. Where will additional land for Michigan people and out-of-state tourists come from in the future?

One idea man, completely outside the Conservation Department, has a unique idea of where one batch of new recreational lands can be created.

PAUL LUTZEIER, aide to Secretary of State James M. Hare, suggests Lake St. Clair offers great potential for new recreation facilities.

The lake, particularly in the shallow areas near Harsen's Is-

land, is a natural for man-made islands linked together in the same way the Florida Keys are joined.

Lutzeier says this unique project would be "one dramatic, yet relatively inexpensive, solution to the pressing problem of providing recreation lands."

Conservation officials are considering Lutzeier's proposal for a pilot study of the island idea. Charles E. Millar, head of the department's lands division, said the idea definitely "has some merit."

The island-making project is an area where Lake St. Clair ranges in depth between two and 12 feet.

Lutzeier suggested that material periodically dredged from the shipping channel in the lake and industrial waste from the Detroit metropolitan area could be used as raw materials for the islands.

Because of the population concentration in the Southeast Michigan area, the chain of 20 islands proposed by Lutzeier would provide recreation opportunities for the hundreds of thousands who live within 50 miles of Lake St. Clair.

Lutzeier, who also worked with Hare in planning the new annual International Freedom Festival in cooperation with Windsor, Ont., officials, sees Lake St. Clair as "an acre of diamonds. It has the greatest recreational potential in Michigan because of the population surrounding it."

WHAT'S AHEAD in 1963? For one thing, the job outlook is good, according to Michigan State University economist Roger L. Bowley. Michigan's unemployment rate has been steadily dropping, and the

trend seems to be continuing. Bowley said. "For the first time since early 1960, Michigan's rate of unemployment has dropped below the national average," he said.

A continuation of this trend, although the national unemployment figure remains relatively high, should take Michigan out of the category of "problem state," the MSU spokesman predicts.

A CONTINUATION of the drop in unemployment will largely depend on the over-all performance

of the American economy. Bowley pointed out, but the recent trend appears to be strong enough to warrant a prediction of its extension.

Loss of defense jobs and decentralization of the auto industry were blamed for many of Michigan's problems in the employment record during the past few years. Bowley predicts these will not likely be important factors in the coming years.

"It is very reasonable to guess that Michigan will share in the national growth of output, income

and employment during 1963," he said.

JUVENILE delinquency may increase in the immediate and near future, warns State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs.

This conclusion is drawn by Childs on the basis of current rates of delinquency in comparison with projected numbers in the juvenile population of the state.

During 1961, Childs reports that about two-thirds of the persons arrested by various police agencies for major offenses were under 21 years old.

CHILD'S NOTED that of 51,634 arrests for what are considered major offenses, some 33,798 of the

persons were 21 or younger. Of these, 19,930 were in the 16-and-under age group.

"An indicator of the potential for numerical worsening of the juvenile crime problem comes from the basic population figures. The number of 19-year-old youths in Michigan in 1975 will be approximately double the 97,146 in that age group during 1961, Childs said.

A closer comparison can be noted in the fact that in 1961 there were 160,144 in the 14-year age group. This was an increase of 43,460 over the 1960 population in the same group, Childs said.

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Happenings

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receive their diplomas Thursday night, Jan. 28. A graduation service is always held for June graduating classes at Baldwin, but never before has the ceremony been held for a January class.

The minimum sentence of Willis M. Brewer, former chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors now serving a term in Jackson Prison for embezzlement, has been reduced from 6 to 2 1/2 years, making him eligible for parole, on good behavior, as early as next May 10, it was learned this week.

15 YEARS AGO
JAN. 15, 1948

As far as it can be determined at the present time, the City of Birmingham will, on or about February 1, become the first municipality in the State of Michigan to bring in an outside firm of management consultants to thoroughly check all city operations in order to evaluate existing city procedures and services to determine where the administration may be improved.

More than 10 tons of canned and dried foodstuffs rolled out of Birmingham Monday noon en route to Detroit and eventually the hungry people of France. It was Birmingham's contribution to the Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored "Friendship Food Caravan."

Three general election bond issues, totaling \$200,000, will be submitted for the approval of Birmingham voters at the coming April election, it was decided Monday night by the city commission. Of the total, the largest amount, or \$100,000, would provide revenue for the reworking of trunkline sewers in order to correct present inadequacies, as well as enable the city to properly service future residential and business construction within the city limits.

Unitarians Invite Freedom Rider to Potluck Supper

The Birmingham Unitarian Church will have its monthly potluck supper at 6:45 p.m., Friday, at the church.

Betsy Hirschfeld will relate her experiences as a C.O.R.E. Freedom Rider in June, 1961. A trio of Wayne University students will sing some of the songs of the Freedom Riders. They will be accompanied by guitar.

Mrs. Walter Nichols is in charge of arrangements. Members and friends of the church are welcome.

Ensign Graduates

Navy Ensign Edwin W. Deer, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Deer of 645 Arlington, Birmingham, was graduated Dec. 21 from Officer Candidate School at the Naval Base, Newport, R. I. Upon graduation, he was commissioned an officer in the Navy.

Legal Notices

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, Attorneys, 215 Wabash Building, Birmingham, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of KATHLEEN M. MACHUS, Mentally Ill, deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1963.

Present: Honorable Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time for the hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 19th day of January, 1963, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to move their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to the undersigned, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown on a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing a copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded, or addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Journal, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate.
(40-46-47)

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