

Shopping Around By Rolfe



"I'll take this medium-size box. My wife and I just had a medium-size fight!"

Echoes of a Bygone Era: Grist Mills Still Survive

If you want to see a bit of Americana that is vanishing, take a visit to the water-powered grist mills scattered around the Michigan countryside.

Not many of the colorful older structures are left. The dozen or so that remain are concentrated in the eastern portion of southern Michigan.

A vast array of mills once was a common sight along the state's waterways, according to Jerry E. Fisher, Automobile Club of Michigan touring manager. Records of the Michigan Millers' Association show that in 1887 flour and grist mills in the state numbered more than 700.

TODAY THE survivors are found within a 50-mile radius, most of them along the Shiawassee River and its branches.

To aid your visit to these one-busy sites, Fisher has shown highways on the accompanying map that go to these places.

You also can visit modern mills at cities stretching across the central and southern portions of the state. Most are descended from small mills, but long ago outgrew this status. All are automated. Only one clings to water as a

source of power. The others use electricity, which is much faster. They welcome visitors, though some, such as the one in Detroit, prefers advance arrangements, Fisher said.

SOME OPERATE on a 24-hour basis. An official said capacity of the capacity of yesterday's mills.

While on a pleasant, afternoon drive, Fisher advises a visit to one of the old, picturesque mills.

"Five still remain along a stretch of the Shiawassee River and its branches, starting in the vicinity of Holly and ending in Chesaning. Fire destroyed the Chesaning mill a few years ago," he said.

THE ROAD crosses the dam and the penstock supplying water to the mill's turbine. Turning west, the road leads four miles to Linden and on to Argentine, location of the Argentine mill. Orr Creek, which furnishes water to the mill,

joins the main stream at this point. "The road follows the twisting course of the river to Byron, a distance of five miles. At this point, the south branch of the river joins the main river."

To the left of the road which crosses the river stands the Byron mill structure. The mill is no longer used for milling purposes but two separate dams and the mill sluiceways still remain. Byron traces its beginning to 1825, and originally was the county seat, later transferred to Corunna.

THE LORANGER MILL, built in 1832 on the banks of Stony Creek near Monroe, is now in Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The mill is operated by steam, but the old buhrstone method is used to grind cornmeal, buckwheat and whole wheat flour. The products are packaged and sold to visitors.

Besides the remains of these and portions of others elsewhere, mill ponds may be found in some 27 Michigan counties. They also are the remnants of an early agricultural era. Mills were so necessary that grist millages, backwater and permitting the flooding of adjacent lands without recourse to the procedure of obtaining flowage rights.

Mills were needed and mill ponds had to be created as a source of water power. The inconvenience of having water backed up on adjacent lands was assumed to be more than offset by the convenience to the local community.

Ethics Rate More Concern Than in Past

Today's business and industrial managers are more concerned with ethical standards than those of the past, according to the board chairman of an oil company.

Charles A. Perlitz Jr., writing in Petroleum Today, published by the American Petroleum Institute, does not suggest that today's businessman is "without sin."

But he does assert that there has been a conscious improvement in business ethics. The men who have led this movement are neither "sanctimonious bluesoes" nor "ivory-tower types who are long on theory and short on experience," he writes.

"Today's enlightened business executive recognizes that making a profit does not necessarily conflict with moral responsibility. He knows that it is part of his job to consider, when making a management decision, whether an action is right, as well as whether it may be profitable," he notes.

PERLITZ, a member of the Business Ethics Advisory Council of the U. S. Department of Commerce, urges continued reexamination of the "morality of the market place," especially in view of the growing complexity of business, the worldwide nature of competition, and the increased role of government in business.

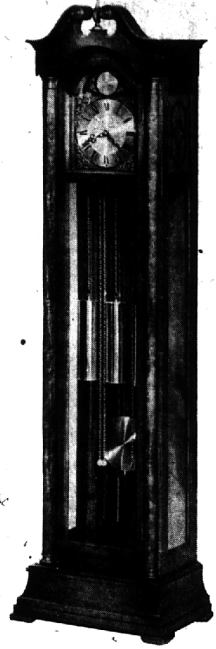
He suggests that business schools should do more to make students aware that ethical and social problems arise in the business world, and he points out that top management must set the example if high standards of business conduct are to be effective on all levels of activity.

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Operating Costs of Electric Appliances for Typical Use in An Average Family

APPLIANCE	ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
Air conditioner, Room...2½ to 4¢ per hour	
Bed covering.....1½ to 3¢ per night	
Broiler-rotisserie.....3¢ per hour	
Clock.....3¢ per month	
Clothes dryer.....5¢ to 7¢ per load	
Coffee maker.....1¢ per brewing	
Deep fat fryer.....3¢ per hour	
Dehumidifier.....½¢ per hour	
Dishwasher.....1¢ per load	
Fan (attic).....1¢ per hour	
Floor polisher.....1¢ per hour	
Food freezer, 6 to 8 cu. ft.....5¢ per day	
Food mixer.....1¢ per month	
Food waste disposer.....7¢ per month	
Frying pan.....2¢ per hour	

APPLIANCE	ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
Heating pad.....1¢ for 8 hours	
Iron (hand).....2¢ per hour	
Ironer.....3¢ per hour	
Lawn mower.....2¢ per hour	
Light bulb (100W).....2¢ for 8 hours	
Radio, Table.....1¢ for 7 hours	
Range (family of 4).....2½¢ per meal	
Refrigerator.....3¢ to 4¢ per day	
Refrigerator-freezer.....6¢ to 8¢ per day	
Roaster.....2¢ per hour	
Television.....7¢-8¢ for 10 hours	
Toaster.....7¢ per month	
Vacuum cleaner.....5¢ per month	
Waffle iron-Sandwich grill.....1¢ per hour	
Washing machine (automatic) 9¢ per month	

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