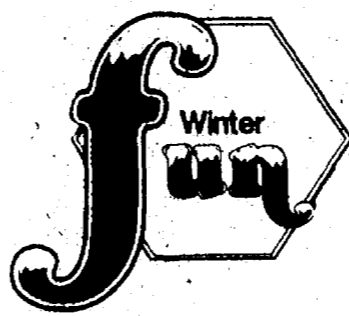




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Some question the rising costs



Football players...



...and basketball players don't have to "earn their way" in most schools...



...but drama students have to sell candy to finance their extra-curricular activities.

BY JON DENISON
and DIANNE MURRAY

In an era of ever-shrinking school budgets, how much is too much to spend on sports programs?

Boyne City's school board will be discussing the subject at its meeting next Monday. To try to get an idea of what is now spent on high school sports, and what the money buys, The Press talked to administrators, coaches and board members from Boyne City, and East Jordan.

At both schools, the largest single expense for athletics is salaries for coaches. For the 1978-79 school year, Boyne City spent \$25,618 on coaches' salaries, while East Jordan spent \$22,102.

Equipment, officials and transportation expenses are the other chief costs, but together they don't equal the cost of coaches' salaries.

The schedule for determining coaches' salaries is similar at each school. A beginning teacher's salary is used as the base wage figure. Coaches and advisors for other extra-curricular activities receive a set percentage of the base salary, plus an incremental increase for each year of experience they have in the position.

As an example, the head coach for varsity football at Boyne City is paid 13 percent of the base teacher's salary plus another quarter percent for each year experience he has up to 12 years. At Boyne City the salary last year for Bob McCullough to coach football was \$1,699.

The percentage of the base salary varies from sport to sport and from sports to other activities. The cross-country coach, for example, get six percent of the base with a quarter percent added for each year's experience up to 12 years. The student council advisor receives three percent of the base salary with quarter percent increases for up to four years' experience.

East Jordan's system works the same way, with extra pay for non-teaching activities ranging from one percent for being the middle school cheerleading advisor to 15 percent for serving as athletic director.

The salaries for these positions come from the schools' general fund budgets, not from athletic budgets.

In good years, a school's receipts from ticket sales for home athletic events will pay for most of the costs of the athletic program, excluding the coaching expenses.

In bad years, the difference between athletic expenses and gate receipts is made up from the general fund.

Using the 1978-79 school year at Boyne City as an example, \$18,000 was spent on officials, other labor, equipment and supplies and miscellaneous expenses—such as the league meeting, first aid supplies, entry fees for tournaments and a few other costs—while \$10,258 was taken in from gate receipts at football, basketball and other contests. The difference, more than \$7,000, was transferred from the general fund.

In East Jordan, 1978-79 gate receipts were \$9,959, while non-coaching expenses were \$15,627.

Both school systems spend about \$5,000 (a rough estimate) on top of these figures for transportation of fans and players.

To summarize, Boyne City spends \$25,618 on coaches, \$18,000 on general expenses and \$5,000 for transportation. Total expenses come to about \$48,618, with \$10,258 in gate receipts, for a net cost of \$38,360.

East Jordan spends \$22,102 for coaches, \$15,627 on general expenses and \$5,000 on transportation. Total expenses are about \$42,729. Subtracting

gate receipts yields a net cost of about \$32,770.

Both school systems have annual budgets of more than \$2-million.

Shirley Crozier, a Boyne City school board member who serves on the board's athletic committee, is one person who feels that too many sports are offered and that too much money is spent on them.

"I think the general public believes we have too many sports," she said recently. "Especially in the high school level. I'd like to see some changes made in the high school sports program."

"I think there's a lot of value in competition, but there is a limit as to how much students can be expected to participate, and the same goes for spectators. I think we've reached that

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Cary Adgate, 26, of Boyne City, found out Saturday night he'd been selected for the 1980 Olympic men's alpine ski team. Adgate will race Feb. 18 and 19 in giant slalom competition.

Adgate is off for the Olympics

BY DIANNE MURRAY

BOYNE CITY - He's traveled the world, been plagued by the press, adored by many and cheered by millions.

So why would Olympic skier Cary Adgate want to return to Boyne City after almost 10 years of the glamorous traveling and grueling training needed to become one of the best skiers in the world?

"This is home," Adgate, 26, a four-time national slalom champion, simply states. "I must admit I'm gone more than I'm here, but I'm here more than any other place."

Even though he hasn't spent a full year in his hometown since taking to the racing circuit in 1971, Adgate looks forward to retiring from skiing and settling down, not in his hometown, but very close—Boyne Falls.

Adgate with a little help from some friends, began building his home in Boyne Falls last summer, "just to have

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Boyne Falls stresses involvement

'Winning isn't everything'

BOYNE FALLS - If winning is the measure of success in a school's athletic program, then Boyne Falls School's program is a flop. If student participation and the much-talked-about but seldom-witnessed "character building" are the benchmarks, the Loggers are winners in the true sense of the word.

"Athletics have an important part in a school's curriculum," said Boyne Falls Principal Carl Moser. "They're one of the few activities that can bring a unifying feeling to a school."

"Athletics can be a real tool as a unifying force," he continued. "They can also provide an opportunity for a kid to pay his way through college."

"It has a place," Moser said. "You have to be careful to have it in the right perspective."

"If we can add to an education with the addition of athletics then we should," he said. "It's one of those things that can add to a community."

"A factor to remember," Moser said, assessing the importance of sports in schools, "is spectator participation. I'd say that as a participant or spectator that

90 percent of our students are involved in athletics."

During the 1978-79 school year, 45 of the 77 high school students at Boyne Falls participated in athletics. In the junior high (seventh and eighth grades), 21 of the 42 students participated in athletics. In grades seven through 12, 55 percent of the 119 students took part in the school's sports program.

For that high level of involvement, approximately two percent of the system's total budget was appropriated.

During the 1978-79 school year, \$11,164 was spent on the athletic program in Boyne Falls. The largest portion of that was for coaching salaries and officials' fees—\$8,745.

The school administration recognizes the need to trim expenses wherever possible, and along that line has scheduled more than one athletic event at a time to split transportation and officials' expenses.

The junior high basketball program was combined this fall with the boys and girls sharing a coach, officials and busses for away games. The move resulted in

enough of a savings to make the program about half as expensive.

"We combined the boys and girls travel, officials and coaching expenses," Moser explained. "It gave us better attendance too. We were able to cover our expenses—outside of the coach's salary."

"It's a good concept. We're planning on continuing it," he said.

"We tried to minimize the league or competitive angle of junior high sports," Moser said. "No kid gets cut from the team. Everyone participates."

"We try to get as many involved as possible," he said.

"I'd favor a complete intramural program," Moser said. "But you have to have the number of kids for the program."

The shared-expense concept has been carried into high school sports as well, Moser said.

"The baseball and softball teams each play doubleheaders and they travel together," Moser said, an arrangement made easier by Boyne Falls' side-by-side diamond complex.

Boyne Falls doesn't have the range of other extra-curricular activities that larger schools often offer. There is a yearbook staff—with about six students last year and approximately 12 this year—and with a budget—around \$400 a year.

Band has just been resumed at Boyne Falls with about a dozen students taking part in the music program.

The athletic program is really the only large-scale school activity for the students and townspeople to be involved in.

Despite more than 30 straight losses at the varsity basketball level, support for the team is good, Moser pointed out.

"Everyone enjoys going to a ballgame on a Friday night," he said.

While they aren't winning, the players are receiving a reward, of sports. Officials have made a point of telling the players after a game that their spirit, hustle and determination, even in the face of sure defeat, is something to be admired.

At Boyne Falls, winning isn't the most important thing in the athletic program.

While sports are subsidized

Drama, yearbook pay their own way

BOYNE CITY - Sports programs receive an allocated amount of money each year when school budgets are prepared. But drama, also an extra-curricular activity, receives no budget other than the drama directory's salary.

Other non-sports programs such as yearbook and student council also do not receive funds over and above the director's salary. Any project which the drama, yearbook or student council staffs take on is funded entirely with money raised by the students.

Sixty to 70 students are involved in the drama program, said drama director Bob Wollenberg. About 34 students are enrolled in drama classes offered at the high school, which are separate from the drama club. "About half of the students enrolled in the class participate in the plays, but we don't hold any dress rehearsals or practices for a play during class time," he said.

Wollenberg has been putting on sell-out plays and musicals for the past seven years. The community support for each performance has been so strong that usually the only seats left are on the floor

or standing room in the back of the theatre.

The drama club supports itself primarily through ticket sales, he said, but additional money is raised by students by selling candy, holding raffles and selling advertising in the spring musical program.

"The support of the community by showing up in full force for every play we've put on is the only thing that keeps us going. Probably 75 to 80 percent of the money we raise is through ticket sales," he said.

The remaining 20 to 25 percent is raised by selling advertising space in the spring musical program and the other events held during the year.

Wollenberg's salary for directing two plays during the 1978-79 school year was \$1,168. He received an additional \$212 for the summer musical.

Drama club students raised between \$4,000 and \$5,000 this year to pay for royalties, costume rentals, sets, equipment and salary for a piano player.

Drama students also raised money this

year for a two-day trip to see plays at the Meadowbrook and Fisher Theatres in the Detroit area.

Although there is "absolutely no budget" for the drama club, Wollenberg said the school board supports the program in other ways.

"They okayed the trip to see the two plays and set aside money for the new theatre in the elementary school," he said.

The theatre is excellent for play productions because it has new sound equipment and good lighting, he added.

"I'd like to have monetary support from the school board but drama traditionally hasn't been funded. I think it should be funded just like any other extra-curricular activity, but that's their (the school board's) decision, not mine," Wollenberg said.

He has asked board members for funding in the past, but was told there are no funds available. "Money is hard to come by now and as long as the community continues to support drama like it has in the past, there's no

tremendous need for a big budget," he said. "But on the other hand, selling candy is a pain."

The reason drama is not budgeted money, school Superintendent Rich Kelly said "is purely traditional. But that doesn't mean it can't change."

Football or basketball team members don't have to raise extra money like the drama students do, but Kelly said he doesn't "know why we don't see football players out selling candy like the drama students do." They've never had to do it, he said.

High school athletic director Paul Pfahler also could not explain why sports programs are funded but drama isn't.

"I think that if an extra-curricular program needs funding, the school board should come forward with money to support it. We have a lot of kids participating in our drama club and it's a good program."

High school Principal Rick Casper said he couldn't answer why drama isn't funded like other activities. "It has just always been that way," he said.

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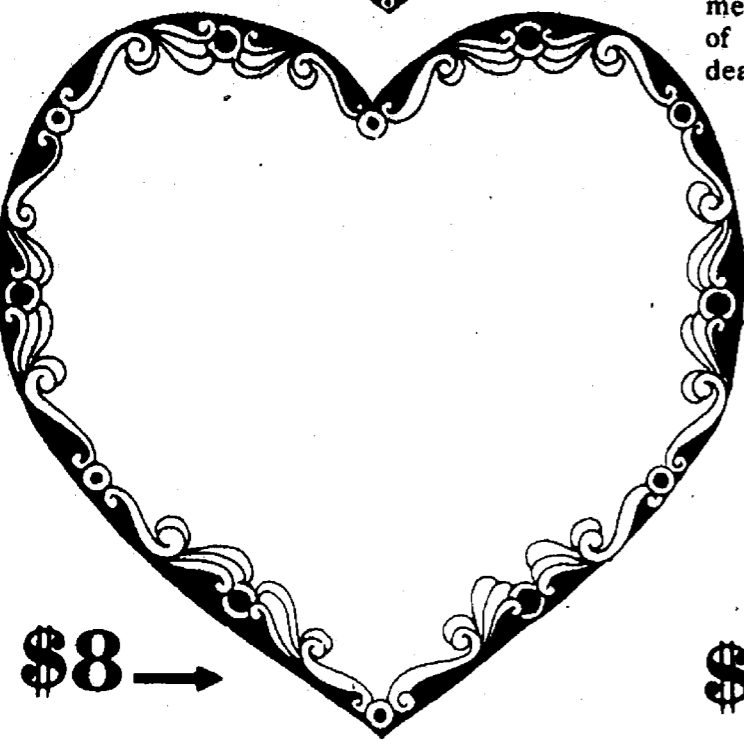
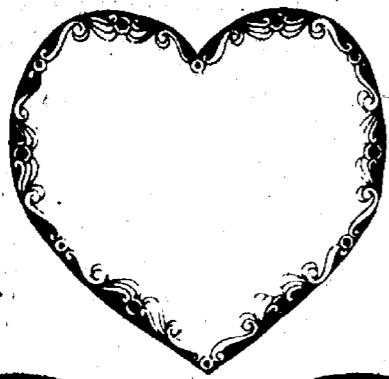
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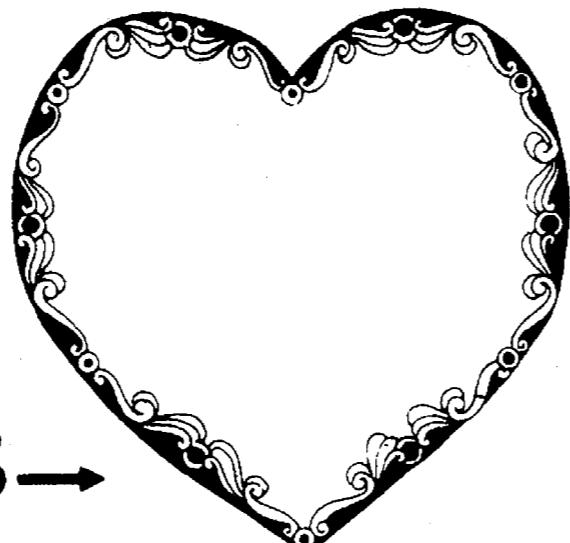
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Boyne City

Sports are part of education, coaches say

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 limit," said Crozier, who is the mother of three children who are involved in varsity basketball team, middle school girls' basketball and freshman cheerleading.

Crozier, Betty Johncheck and Ray Towne, the board's athletic committee, will be making recommendations for changes in Boyne's athletic program at Monday night's school board meeting. "We'll be taking a good look at the athletic program as a whole," said Johncheck. "Our recommendations will improve and help the athletic department in several ways, I think."

Neither Crozier nor Johncheck would hint at what changes would be suggested to the board. Last fall, however, the athletic committee (with Mark Behling in Johncheck's place) recommended that Russ Harvey not be rehired to coach varsity basketball, but the school rehired him anyway.

Crozier feels that the school district has reached a peak in what monetary support it can lend to the athletic program. Gate receipts have been down due to losing teams, Crozier said.

"With less sports, maybe we'd get more kids participating in sports. Right now we have sports up to the eyeballs and students and parents don't have enough

time to participate in all the sports that are offered," Crozier said.

Paul Pfahler, athletic director at Boyne City with Bob McCullough, has been involved in Boyne City athletics for 25 years.

"When I first came here I was the head football, basketball and baseball coach," said Pfahler. "The only other sport we had was track. Now the sports program is much bigger."

With the bigger program, he agrees it is hard to get fan support for all of the sports. But, "there's nothing like a winner to bring people out," Pfahler pointed out.

Winning, says Pfahler, involves a combination of an enthusiastic coach who knows what he's doing and good students. "There has to be some talent," he said.

"I still think we've got a lot of good kids around and the biggest change I've seen in Boyne City itself is the change in our competition," Pfahler said.

"We used to compete with other class C schools. Now we're in an eight-team league competing with schools four times our size," he said. "There's no way, year in and year out, that Boyne City can compete with these schools and come out on top."

"If you compare the scores with schools our size, they're pretty even," he said. "There's been a lot of criticism about our won and lost record. People have to realize that in Boyne City we have to have an exceptional group of men to contend in basketball and football with the larger schools."

"I don't see any need for a change in the athletic department because from what I see of the youngsters coming up, things are looking brighter for Boyne City," Pfahler said. "I can see that we will soon get on the winning side of the ledger."

"The athletic program teaches young people responsibility they don't get in classes," Pfahler said. "It teaches you to work with a group."

"I've been in this business long enough to know that when you are not winning, people are upset with you," Pfahler said. "But when you are winning, things start to change."

"But you can't be a winner all of the time. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

In the past, football and basketball gate receipts have paid for equipment," Pfahler said. "This year our athletic budget is hurting. Gate receipts are down this year."

"We budgeted \$4,500 in the 1979-80 general fund to be transferred to help support the athletic program," said Boyne City Superintendent of Schools Rich Kelly. "But we're going to need more than that transferred this year."

"We'll have to determine how much money we want to keep transferring from the general fund to the athletic fund," said Kelly, who concedes that there's always more concern about athletic programs when you're losing.

"I see no reason for changes in the athletic structure," stated Boyne City High School Principal Rick Casper. "because there has to be equal opportunity for everyone to participate and the programs we have now are designed so that everyone who wants to can participate."

"We offer a wide variety of sports, so that no matter what the level of skill a person has, he can participate," he said. "There's a high rate of participation for our kids," Casper said. "We always have larger crowds when we're winning and smaller crowds when we're losing."

"In fairness to parents and spectators," said Casper, "there are more stimuli for these people on Friday nights other than coming to watch their local

school play in a sporting event. I don't think the general interest in school sports is as high as it was 20 years ago."

Casper graduated from Boyne City during an era of successful athletic teams. His attitude about winning and losing has changed since he's been a principal.

"I'd like to see them win," he said. "But if they lose, I'd like to see them lose with class."

Boyne's problems with attendance and success are particularly magnified by the athletic situation at nearby East Jordan. With two straight Ski Valley Conference football titles and a successful basketball season underway, spirits are high at the school.

"It helps when you're winning," agreed Frank Holes, athletic director and head football coach at East Jordan.

"We're offering a wide range of activities," said Holes, and he thinks the costs are reasonable for the benefits derived.

East Jordan, like Boyne City, pays its coaches from the general fund.

"Ticket sales pay for equipment, physicals and officials," said East Jordan School Business Manager Ruby Dipzinski. The gate receipts vary from year to

year, depending on the success of the team and the number of home games, she explained.

Gate receipts for football during 1978 were only \$3,111 because there were only three varsity and four junior varsity home games. This past fall, six varsity and six junior varsity games were played at home, boosting the gate totals far above last year.

"Students need something that's tough," said East Jordan Superintendent of Schools Mel Rullman, putting the costs aside for a moment. "There isn't any place else in the academic system where we do that."

"They are learning discipline. To feel good about themselves," he said.

The community has been supportive of the East Jordan athletic program. The sports boosters are a strong organization and list projects like the locker-room building at the football field and the fence surrounding the field among their contributions to the sports program.

At more than one away football game, said Dipzinski, East Jordan fans outnumbered the home crowd.

"The things I'd stress," said Dipzinski when asked about the East Jordan athletic program, "is the amount of involvement in the community."

Olympic gold will be 'difficult but not impossible'

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 something to do." He put in "a couple of hours here, a couple of weeks there" and finally got some of the major building done.

"I wanted a place to live in while I was here, so I decided to build a home for myself. I'd like to live in it by sometime this summer. But things don't seem to be going as fast as I thought they would. You know how that is," he said.

Adgate said building the home will keep him plenty busy this summer, but he's looking forward to "a little longer stay in Boyne City this summer."

"There are a lot of places I've been to that are as beautiful as Boyne City, but they don't have the water. I don't think I could get along without the lakes," said the 1971 Boyne City High School graduate.

Adgate has been taking advantage of the area's water and recently took up waterskiing. He can sometimes be seen racing along a slalom course he "set up for the fun of it" on Lake Charlevoix. Adgate said waterskiing is only a hobby and he's not serious about the sport he took up only three or four years ago.

Another new sport Adgate has pursued recently is cross country skiing. "I only cross country ski when I'm home," Adgate said while sitting at the dining room table at his parents' home, Dorian (Dee) and Betty Adgate.

"I really think Michigan is better suited to cross country skiing. Probably better than Alpine skiing. It's a really nice way to get out, and get exercise and see the sights. When I'm done ski racing I'll get into cross country skiing more."

Adgate, who at the Innsbruck Olympics in 1976 finished higher than any other American (13th) in the men's slalom, will "retire" after the 1980 Winter Olympics.

He has had several job offers, including racing on the professional circuit, but Adgate said he will "wait a while before making a choice."

"It's going to be hard to decide on a job. I can see myself having a lot of offers and I just want to try not to make any decisions right away," he said.

Although skiing has really been

Adgate's job for the past decade, it hasn't been an average job. "Racing and training has been so intense that going back to a more 'normal job' will be easier in a lot of ways," he said.

"The pressure—or at least the level of pressure—won't be there like it is when I'm racing. Trying not just to be good at something, but to be the best in the world... it takes a lot of extra effort to close in on that goal."

His main purpose in World Cup racing is to race against the best in the world, he explained, and the only motivation Adgate sees for racing on the pro circuit is "money, and that's not enough of a motivation."

He also "wants to leave well enough alone" with the condition of his back and not push his luck by pro racing.

"Some type of training and downhill skiing seems to hurt my back," the 165 pound racer said.

Adgate described his back problems as "kind of a fight to keep it loose all the time." But it hasn't given him any problems since November and hasn't

affected his skiing recently, he said.

Fortunately, cross country and water-skiing don't seem to hurt his back, he said, so he can keep those hobbies.

Adgate was practically raised at Thunder Mountain ski area near Boyne Falls, which his father owned and managed when he was growing up.

He started skiing when he was three but didn't seriously consider being an Olympic racer until he was 16 or 17. In 1971 he won a ski scholarship to the University of Colorado. Shortly after his freshman year he won the Can-Am racing championships against skiers from all over North America.

Being in the Olympics a second time "hasn't hit yet." He feels a little less nervous the second time around, but holding the Olympics in the country at Lake Placid, New York, makes it new and different for Adgate.

"I don't think I'll be nervous because I'm racing in the Olympics. I don't know if nervous is even the right word... I feel more excited than anything, but I feel that way during any race."

Adgate will be racing the giant slalom Feb. 18 and 19. He has won national championships in tight-turning slalom competitions three times but is now racing in the longer, giant slalom. Adgate is one of seven men on the Olympic men's alpine team. He and three other team members will compete in the giant slalom.

Adgate left Monday morning for training camp in Vermont, but said he has to keep loose for a while. "I can't get too intense about the race the next four or five days because if I get too psyched up now it will be hard to maintain that 'high up to the date of the race,'" he said.

Adgate figures his competition in the giant slalom is Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden. Stenmark was the winner of all 10 World Cup Giant Slalom races last season.

Stenmark "is the man to beat," Adgate said. "It'll be difficult to beat him but not impossible. I'll just have to do some of my best skiing if I'm to win a medal. All I'm going to think about on race day is that I'm going to go as fast as I can down that course."

In giant slalom racing, Adgate will try to hit speeds of 50 to 55 miles an hour. Forty miles an hour is about the average speed on a giant slalom run.

Adgate commented that he is glad the winter games aren't being affected by recent U.S.-Russian differences. But, he is concerned about the status of the summer Olympics.

"Even more people are involved in the summer (than the winter Olympics) and it would be a tragedy if the Olympics didn't go off," he said. But on the other hand, Adgate said, he can't say that an

American boycott of the games would be wrong.

"The circumstances probably warrant it. As soon as some of the larger countries aren't competing in the Olympics, the games lose some of their meaning."

"I take stock in competing and possibly winning a race and becoming 'the best in the world.' But how could you say you're the best if you didn't compete against some of the best in the world?"

Holding individual events in different locations around the world would make the summer Olympics quite different from past Olympics, but it could be pulled off, Adgate said.

"I feel sorry for all the athletes who've been training so hard for the summer Olympics—even the Russian athletes. They are victims too. It'd be senseless if the Olympics were cancelled."

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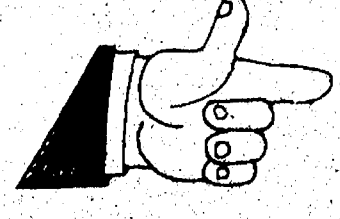


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Viewpoints

Optimism shows despite ailing economy

As the saying goes, "When the country catches a cold, Michigan gets pneumonia."

The Press takes its annual close-up look at the local economy in a six-page "Progress 1980" section that begins on page 6 of this issue.

There are, as might be expected, some signs of "pneumonia." But through it all there seems to be a general feeling of optimism. Business and industrial leaders realize that the economy goes in cycles and that we must bite the bullet and ride out the low points of those cycles.

This time around, however, national economists point out that recovery from our recession could be greatly dictated by factors out of our control—namely energy prices.

Most of our problems are energy related. The price of gasoline increased from less than 70 cents to well over a dollar a gallon in just one year. Indeed, every time we go to the pumps the price seems to have increased.

The price of gas has hurt auto sales and tourist travel, and that has hurt Charlevoix County quite badly. Whether we can recover from this remains to be seen. Most of our factories produce parts for the auto industry and many of our other businesses and jobs are dependent on tourist trade.

Editorial

But still, there are positive signs. Our county's financial institutions are expanding rapidly. Medusa Cement Company is expanding in Charlevoix. A major lakefront development in Boyne City is still planned, despite high interest rates and the national recession. The East Jordan Family Health Center and Charlevoix Area Hospital are expanding. Several major new stores have opened, and residential building has not decreased significantly.

All of this seems to indicate long-term confidence in the

economy—if not the national economy, at least the local economy.

We can't help but agree. Northern Michigan will always be an attractive place to live and to visit. That seems to be the underlying cause for optimism.

If energy costs—and the overall cost of living—continue to rise, everyone everywhere will have to adjust his style of living accordingly. The quantity of materials goods we use, drive and otherwise consume may be lower, but that does not mean that the quality of life in Charlevoix County cannot continue to improve.

If we are entering an "era of limits," as the politicians refer to it, we are going to have to concentrate on making better use of what we have.

It's going to take creative thinking from everyone in business and industry to cope with the problems that are now becoming evident—whether it is attracting tourists, figuring out alternative uses for our auto-related factories, trying to make this newspaper more useful to readers, or making a storefront more appealing to shoppers.

Letters to the editor

Nuclear evacuation plan can't cover everything

Editor,

It is reassuring to know that Charlevoix County is working on a practical plan to evacuate us should Big Rock have problems. At last they are acknowledging the potential danger this plant is to the community.

But there are some things learned from Three Mile Island that I hope have not been overlooked. How about the poor people, who do not have cars or money to get out. Who will help them?

The wind shifts rapidly from the Great Lakes. Are we all going to Boyne City? If the wind shifts directly to that area, where from there? The closest road to Boyne City from Charlevoix is only three miles from the plant. What else do we have left to go on?

How about our bank accounts? Will they be honored in Boyne City if we can't go back to Charlevoix?

What about our property investments? Since we cannot get insurance against a nuclear accident, who will reimburse us? All other disasters we can insure ourselves against.

Finally one comment from Ralph Nader. At the press conference in Traverse City he mentioned two important things—one, that we shouldn't feel so bad. New York can't come up with a perfect evacuation plan either, for there is no such a thing as a perfect evacuation plan.

Secondly, part of his decision to zero in on Big Rock has to do with the statement by the NRC and the U.S. Government that they are more concerned about the plants next to urban areas.

There is too much focus on the bigger plants. Therefore, knowing how dangerous Big Rock is, he feels it is time to show concern for rural areas for we are

just as important as the people in Chicago or New York, where they are seriously considering shutting down plants of similar age and kilowatt-value.

Finally who will inform the tourists of our evacuation plan? Is the Chamber of Commerce willing to include this information in their pamphlets?

In the meantime who is paying for all this? Taxpayers, of course, and rate-payers. It would not surprise me if during the next couple of years we are charged an excise tax just to cope with all the problems that are created by having Big Rock in our community. The 1 to 1 1/2 percent of power it feeds into the Consumer's Power grid just doesn't seem to make up for the problems.

Christa-Maria Charlevoix

Federal government influence—good or bad?

In researching articles for this week's Progress section the influence of the federal government in Charlevoix County surfaced repeatedly. Federal dollars and federal regulations play an important part in almost every phase of our life. Whether that is good or bad seems to depend on who you are.

Industry, small businessmen and farmers have a lot of regulations to follow that have been set up by the feds. Environmental controls tell local plants how much smoke they can release and what can flow from their sewers.

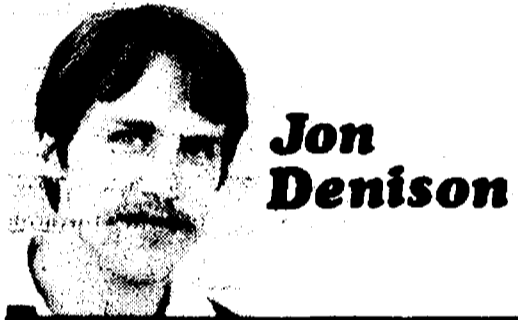
Regulations control what kind of work employees can perform, and what tasks are prohibited because of potential dangers.

Unemployment compensation payments are taxing the budgets of small-timers, perhaps limiting growth with the fear of adding expenses to an already tight bank account.

But federal monies are doing good things in the county too. A low-interest loan is going to make the Charlevoix Area Hospital better equipped to provide our health needs.

Grant money matched by local funds is paying for the study of changes to East Jordan's Tourist Park.

Whether Washington has too much influence in our daily lives is one of those questions that is fodder for a thousand philosophical debates. "We couldn't live without the services provided by federal dollars," some will cry.



Jon Denison

"I can't live paying all these taxes," others will moan.

Both viewpoints are valid and some modifications in the federal structure should probably be made to bring the opposing factions closer together.

Surely there's a problem when small farm owners can't afford to hire help for busy seasons because of the expense of meeting safety standards and federal tax requirements.

There would also be a problem.

though, if East Jordan was still without a doctor, as might be the case if federal funds hadn't been available for equipping its health center and staffing it.

Unfortunately, I don't have the ultimate mix figured out. With area industry dropping somewhat and tourism's future clouded by energy questions it looks like federal dollars are going to play more, rather than less, of a role in the county's future.

The thing to keep in mind is that for every dollar coming into the county in the form of a grant or loan there is a corresponding amount of money leaving the county in the form of a higher tax or another mandatory fee.

Charlevoix County certainly isn't alone in the "federal money is good-bad" quarrel. Its growth in services and the potential for a slacking off in growth of industry-tourism does put it in a more fragile situation than many areas, though.

(Extraneous Note - - As this is my last week with The Press I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the people who have aided me in my job and read my work. I've enjoyed the time I've spent here.)

Everything you never wanted to know about groundhogs

Saturday was Groundhog Day. Some saw their shadows. Others did not. So some areas will have six more weeks of cold weather while others will have happy temperatures.

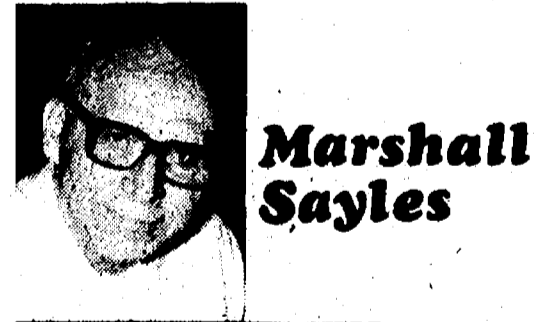
Is this true? Are ground hogs real or merely a fig newton of our imagination? Let us turn to the encyclopedia and find out.

According to popular tradition in Charlevoix County, the groundhog comes out of his hole the second day of February after a long winter nap to stretch his legs and look around.

If he sees his shadow, he regards it as a boon to the ski runs but a bad time for those paying one dollar a gallon for heating oil. So he returns to his bed, overwrought and mad at the world. However, if the day is cloudy, and

hence shadowless, he takes it as a good sign of early spring as he dances the very popular "Groundhog Rock."

The animals range from Walloon Lake and Horton Bay on the north to East Jordan and Deer Creek on the south end



Marshall Sayles

of the county. Large fat ones measure about 22 inches back and forth including a six-inch tail affixed to his rear end. The body color is reddish brown, giving the impression that sometime during the

winter he stuck his head into a barrel of bad whiskey. Since they do not wash their feet they are almost always black.

Mating takes place in the spring and then they are all done with that business for the rest of the year. When the groundhog first emerges from hiding, the males wander widely in search of a female. They fight each other in defense of their individual territories. (I once saw a groundhog fighting for the land around the old Tannery site but, as everyone knows, he was overpowered.)

They have up to nine babies born four weeks after mating, proving that humans are more inadequate than generally thought. The male and female live together in the spring, but then split, not an unheard of situation in these complex times.

The young are playful but soon grow into slow, lumbering, methodical adults with a hankering for a seat on the city council.

When emerging to feed, they pause near the burrow entrance for thorough inspection of current affairs. At this time they give vent to a piercing whistle even though there may not be a female in sight. They eat green plant material and often make farmers and gardeners mad as the dickens by causing considerable damage. They may be controlled by fumigation, just as you and I.

They hibernate in dull stupor for as long as eight months each year and are seen in Charlevoix County about as often as a legislator after he has been elected. A groundhog is a large heavy-bodied rodent of the squirrel family, but seldom as squirrely as those who attempt to describe him.

The 33rd day of the year is Groundhog Day, as noted in red letters on those calendars issued by the Northwestern State Bank.

That's all the encyclopedia says about groundhogs. And I'm glad of it. I'm getting sick of writing this stuff.

Student field trip was exciting

Editor,

On Friday, Jan. 25, 30 students from the Boyne City High School Drama Department traveled to Detroit to see "A Man for the Misbegotten," at the Meadowbrook Theatre and "Ain't Misbehavin'," at the Fisher Theatre. We arrived home Sunday evening, weary, but full of stories for awaiting parents.

We worked hard at raising the money

needed and it was worth it! Not only did we get to see two plays, but we visited the Renaissance Center, shopped in a large mall, looking out over all of Detroit from the Summit Restaurant, tried Chinese food, took in a first run movie, and visited historic Frankenmuth, where a covered bridge was being pulled across a river by two oxen.

We'd like to thank the Boyne City

school system for giving us the opportunity to go on such an educational and exciting trip. Also, we'd like to thank our driver and our chaperones for taking care of us and making our trip a success.

See you at our Spring Musical, "The Sound of Music."

Liz Walls, Michelle Comkes and Georgia Hawkins

Why no stories on Cary Adgate?

Editor,

Once again, reading The Charlevoix County Press, I see not even ONE small article on Cary Adgate.

The Detroit Free Press a week ago had a very informative article on his rise through the ranks of the world's finest skiers.

How many towns can boast of an Olympic participant? How come our local paper has not had articles following Cary Adgate on his hard journey to the top?

Lyle Mueller, Bud Jackson, John Bulck, Lewis Hunt

Editor's note: We tried to get an interview with Cary for the last couple of

weeks, but he was skiing in Europe. When he finally made it back to Boyne City last week, he didn't want to do an interview until he found out whether he made the Olympic team. He found out this past Saturday; we interviewed him Sunday and the story is in this week's Press.

Businesses use different tactics to stay alive

It took an extremely slow tourist season last year to prove how heavily Northern Michigan relies on tourist dollars.

Many people are using the word "recession" to describe the present economic situation in the county. This past year has been compared to 1973 and 74 when the gas crunch resulted in many businesses folding.

The economic slump has hit Michigan far greater than other states because of our reliance on the automotive industry. Michigan's unemployment rate is already over 10 percent and is expected to hit 15 percent by the end of the year. Charlevoix County's unemployment rate is already nearing 15 percent.

Area layoffs combined with a poor tourist season both in the summer and winter caught many businesses unprepared for a tight economy. Merchants are reporting that people just aren't buying.

There was a time when I thought businesses would be more prepared for a financial turmoil. I thought business owners saved ahead for times like this. But, it's hard to save when all the money earned has to be put back into the business to keep it above water.

Some businesses are finding options to keep their businesses profitable and growing. To compensate for loss of business due to the lack of snow, federal Small Business Administration loans up to \$10,000 are available for small businesses that suffered heavy financial losses because of the snow shortage.

Other businesses such as Ace Hardware in Boyne City and Glen's Market in East Jordan have expanded to offer more of a variety of merchandise for their customers. A business that keeps up with the community's needs will attract business rather than deter their customer to another city to get the products wanted.

Another option to lure tourists and full-time city residents to shop locally are Boyne City's and East Jordan's plans for downtown redevelopment. Making the downtown more pleasant to shop in and offering the convenience of shopping in town and not having to worry about additional gas expense to shop out of town are good incentives to keep people shopping locally.

Boyne City recently approved an application for an Economic Development Corporation which would encourage expansion of existing businesses and try

to attract new business to the community. A lot of the merchants and area residents have moved to Boyne City from another part of the state to enjoy our natural, beautiful environment. Northern Michigan residents sacrificed many big city qualities—both good and bad—to live "up North."



Dianne Murray

We should have known business would be adversely affected by the gas situation. Michigan has more snowmobiles and boats than any other state. Since these recreational vehicles are used both

in the summer and winter, Michigan will hit with less tourists both seasons.

Businesses in the area rely on the tourist trade year-round. Business was down—whether because of the weather, gas shortages or lack of travel dollars, but we should still be optimistically looking positive looking ahead to the 1980s.

The reason most business people settled in this region was not because of dreams of making big money. Charlevoix County's beauty entices visitors and keeps them in its grasp. This is the same reason why tourists will continue to vacation up north.

In order to survive, business must (and some have started) to change their look in the future. The city, state and federal governments are offering programs to help the small businessman and now it is his turn to help himself with the programs that are offered.

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Write your lawmakers

Do you have a question, complaint or comment about the government? The best thing to do about it is to contact your elected representatives. They do read your mail and pay attention to voter opinion. Here are the addresses of elected officials serving the Charlevoix County area:

GOVERNOR - William G. Milliken (R), Executive Office, Second Floor, State Capitol Building, Lansing, Mich., 48901.

U.S. SENATORS - Carl Levin (D), Donald Riegle (D). In Detroit, both men may be reached by writing: Federal Building, 231 Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Mich., 48226. In Washington D.C., both men may be reached by writing: Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515.

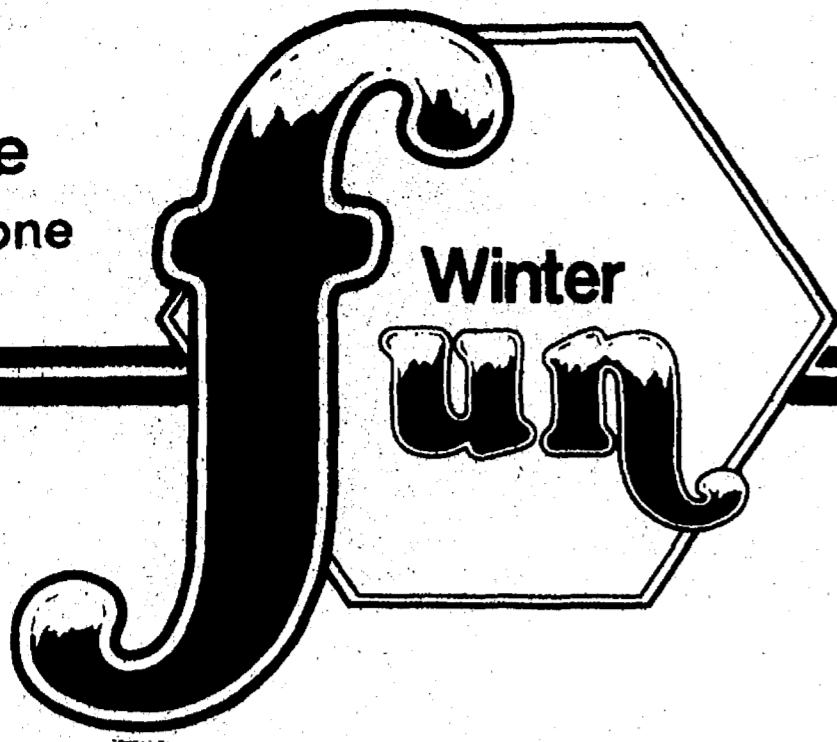
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STATE SENATOR - Mitch Irvine (D), P.O. Box 429, 111 Bluewater Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 49783, or Senate Chambers, State Capitol Building, Lansing, Mich., 48901.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES - 103rd District - Ralph Ostling (R), R-2, Box 475B, Roscommon, Mich., 48653; **106 District - Steve Andrews (R)**, P. O. Box 241, Gaylord, Mich., 49735. Both men may also be reached by writing: House of Representatives, State Capitol Building, Lansing, Mich. 48901.

Ostling's district includes the East Jordan and Charlevoix areas. Andrews' district includes the Boyne City, Walloon Lake and Boyne Falls areas.

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They're off and racing. Over 100 people participated in last year's second annual Avalanche Ski Classic and race organizers are hoping to draw the same number this year.

Fun for the family at Avalanche ski race

BOYNE CITY - The third annual Avalanche Ski Classic, which will start at noon Saturday, is being billed as a family oriented "fun race."

A shorter race has been added to attract more recreational skiers, and special non-competitive prizes will be awarded to the family with the most entrants, the skiers with the best costume, and the youngest and oldest entrants.

The shorter race will be five kilometers, which is a little more than three miles in length. The 10-kilometer race

will be run over the same course as last year.

"We feel the addition of the shorter race will appeal to more skiers who will enter just for the fun of it," said race committee chairman Tim Clifton. "Keeping the 10-kilometer race will still provide a challenge to the more serious racers."

Olympic style medals will be awarded in both races—to the top three finishers in each of 24 classes. The classes are divided into age categories for men, women and children.

A grand prize of a set of skis, boots and poles will be presented to the winner of the 10-kilometer race.

Even those who don't finish near the top of their racing class will get something for their effort. Souvenir race T-shirts and bibs will be given to every entry in the race.

Both races will start and finish at the base of Avalanche Mountain, a former downhill ski area in Boyne City.

The 10-kilometer race course will take a gradual climb up the side of the hill. At the top, the course follows a ridge overlooking Boyne City and Lake Charlevoix, then goes down the hill, through woods and fields and back to the starting point.

"The view from the top of Avalanche is spectacular," Clifton said. "I think this might be one of the most beautiful ski trails in the state."

The Dilworth Hotel will be race headquarters—from check-in in the morning through lunch and an awards ceremony during the afternoon.

Budweiser Natural Light beer is co-sponsoring this year's race, along with

For a taste of the competition, see related story about a local racer on page 13.

five local sponsors. The local sponsors are The City of Boyne City, The Charlevoix County Press, First National Bank, Schafer's Store, and The Dilworth Hotel.

Members of the committee which organized the race include Tim Clifton, who is the city manager of Boyne City; Gary Schafer, owner of Schafer's Store, which sells and rents cross-country skis; Mark Guitart, the city recreation director, who is employed by the Boyne City Public Schools; Rick Vogel, "manager" of The Dilworth Hotel; and Jim Baumann, editor of The Charlevoix County Press.

Still time to register for race

It's not too late to enter the Avalanche Ski Classic.

Late registrations will be taken until 10 a.m. on Saturday, the day of the race.

You can save money by registering before race day, however. Entry fee is \$6 in advance and \$10 on Saturday.

Race details and registration forms are available at The Charlevoix County Press, 116 E. Main St., or Schafer's store, 113 E. Water St., Boyne City. You can turn in entries there or mail them to PO Box 232, Boyne City.

If you need further information, call Jim Baumann at 582-6761, Gary Schafer at 582-6331, or Tim Clifton at 582-6597.

All racers, even those who have pre-registered, must come to race headquarters, The Dilworth Hotel, at 300 E. Water St., before 10 a.m. Saturday to check in.

A general meeting for all racers will be held at The Dilworth shortly after 10, and transportation will be provided for all racers to the race course.

The race will begin at 12 noon.

About 50 people had pre-registered for the race as of Monday. Last year's race drew 100 participants, and organizers hope to draw the same number this year.

"I think a lot of people are waiting until the last minute to enter, because they aren't sure about the weather," race chairman Tim Clifton said.

Race officials note that the weather forecast is for continued cold temperatures, which should preserve the snow now on the course. Light snow was predicted for Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Gary Schafer, who is in charge of preparing the race course itself, said Monday the Avalanche course would be improved with a few inches of snow.

"But even if we don't get snow, we could definitely hold a good race. The snow is a little thin in some spots, but there's definitely enough to ski on," he said.



The Avalanche Classic ski trail is a pleasant mixture of hills and level terrain across the old Barn Mountain property in Boyne City.

Weather wrap-up

Weather information courtesy of Herb DeNise in Boyne Falls and Keith Peters in East Jordan.

BOYNE FALLS	High	Low	Snow
Jan. 28	25	11	1.4"
Jan. 29	23	8	.5"
Jan. 30	18	-7	none
Jan. 31	15	-16	none
Feb. 1	17	-11	none
Feb. 2	19	-9	none
Feb. 3	21	-18	none
Accumulated snowfall: 63.3"			
EAST JORDAN	High	Low	Snow
Jan. 28	17	10	2"
Jan. 29	22	3	1"
Jan. 30	17	-1	.5"
Jan. 31	14	-16	none
Feb. 1	16	-8	none
Feb. 2	19	-18	none
Feb. 3	18	-12	none
Accumulated snowfall: 29.8"			

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flicks

BOYNE CINEMA in Boyne City is showing "Mountain Family Robinson" rated G Feb. 8 through 14. Showtimes are 7 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. No passes or specials this week. 582-2411.

CINEMA III in Charlevoix is showing "Luna" rated R, Feb. 8 through 10. Showtimes are 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and at 8 p.m. only on Friday and Sunday. 547-4353.

GASLIGHT CINEMA in Petoskey is showing the movie "Mountain Family Robinson" rated G Feb. 8 through 14. Showtimes are 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. No passes or specials this week. 347-9696.

tunes

PARK GARDEN CAFE on East Lake Street in Petoskey features Bob Crosser and Patty McPeak Friday and Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. 347-8251.

GALLERY in downtown Boyne City features a rock and roll band Feb. 7 through 9. Friday and Saturday night \$1 cover charge. 582-6763.

IVAN'S ATTIC at Schuss Mountain, Stover Pond Road, Mancelona, features the band Torch Lake Express through the month of March, starting at 9 p.m. 1-800-632-7170.

HILTON SHANTY CREEK in Bellaire presents the band Rumpelstiltskin through Feb. 9 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 533-8621.

BROWNWOOD ACRES Farmhouse near Eastport is spotlighting Harvest, a 4-piece show group playing Wednesday through Sunday. Also featuring the Honey Bees, 544-5811.

THE COUNTRY HOUSE on Boyne City road in East Jordan features the band Indian Summer, Friday and Saturday starting at 10 p.m. 536-7062.

MR. JON'S located five miles north of Petoskey on U.S. 31 on Crooked Lake features the Epsilon Jass Band every Tuesday from 8 to 11 p.m. Guitarist and singer Bob Kevoian plays every Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. 347-4871.

DUFFY'S on Pleasantview Road between Petoskey and Harbor Springs presents folksinger Sean Ryan from 5 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday through Saturday. Lincoln McCants will play from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. 526-2189.

DUFFY'S of Charlevoix features the duo Skylark Friday and Saturday nights. 547-4021.

THE NEW MOGUL INN on M-75 South, Boyne City, features the Great American Dance Band Thursday through Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. 582-6371.

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ski hills

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snowmo's

CHANDLER HILL Snowmobile Trail, Chandler Hill Road, near Thunder Mountain. This trail is located across from the Springbrook Pathway cross country ski trail and connects with two other regional trails. DNR 582-6681.

JORDAN VALLEY Drive, from west of Elmira off 131 to M-66, south of East Jordan. It's a 15-mile course. DNR 582-6681.

ski trails

Listed below is a brief rundown on some of the cross country ski trails in the area. The Department of Natural Resources has maps and additional information available for skiers. A DNR field office is located on North Street in Boyne City, call 582-6681.

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BELL'S BAY State Campground near Charlevoix has a two-mile loop. The trail follows the Lake Michigan shoreline. The park is located on Bell's Bay Road, two miles southwest of Charlevoix.

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skating

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A look at 1980 economy

This week The Charlevoix County Press takes an in-depth look at the local economy in its second annual Progress section.

In the next six pages, we report on various sectors of the economy, including tourism, retail business, industry, health, farming, government and others. It would be nice to report that things

have never looked better, but our area, like the nation, is in a down trend.

The high price of energy can be blamed for most of our economic ills—inflation, poor auto sales and less tourist travel.

But still there are positive signs. Development, and plans for more of it,

does not seem to be seriously curtailed.

All of the stories in Progress were written by Press news editors Dianne Murray and Jon Denison.

They have included their personal comments on the economy in their columns on the Viewpoints page. An editorial on our local economic situation is also on the Viewpoints page (page 4).

How will cities combat inflation?

BY JON DENISON
and DIANNE MURRAY

Everyone is tightening his belt. It's a time of worrying about money and whether previously wanted services are still affordable.

How are cities going to deal with inflation? What will it mean to taxpayers, city employees, and city services?

Will taxes be raised to afford services we are used to receiving and feel are needed?

Who will the burden of inflation fall on—the city or the city resident? What are our cities doing to make sure they meet budget?

Boyer City City Manager Tim Clifton said in order to make a 1980-81 budget city commissioners will have to "prioritize" the projects they'd most like to see done. Clifton called this budget his "most difficult to put together."

"Last year we could initiate several new programs because every home in Boyne City was reassessed. But this year, the money just won't be there. The commission and administration will have to prioritize what improvements are to be made," he said.

The cost of living in Michigan last year went up 13.7 percent, according to current Consumer Price Index figures. Local Property assessments went up an average of eight percent. Where will cities get the additional money for upkeep of services?

"It just doesn't wash," Clifton said. "With the capital improvement program we've started and new programs which we'd like to see initiated, the city can't operate with any less employees than it now has. And can't cut back services."

Boyer City employs 38 people, including four under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). Any reduction in personnel in city departments would mean a reduction in services, Clifton said. And with capital improvements as one of the commissioners' major priorities, a cut in any of

the city's departments—water, waste water, street or library—would mean a slowdown in Boyne's development.

Major improvement programs last year included a three-year street sign replacement; a five-year capital improvement plan for streets, sidewalks and city water service improvements; and a four-year program of outdoor water meter replacement.

All personnel available was used to work on these improvements, Clifton said.

"Boyer City is the 'trend setter' for the county. We take steps other cities cannot and do not," said Boyne City's city manager of less than two years.

The comprehensive master plan and the Economic Development Corporation,

City administrators will have to do some belt tightening in order to maintain services and keep costs down.

a recently formed corporation to attract industry and growth to the city (see related story in this Progress addition) are keeping Boyne City moving ahead, Clifton said.

The past three years have been tremendous growth years for northern Michigan's cities, he said. "Because of the energy situation, people living downstate are finding that a little of the west is right here in the northern regions of their own state and they are heading our way to be part of it."

It's evident, he said, when you see how many people are fixing up their homes and the new growth in business and financial institutions, that Boyne City is growing and will continue to prosper.

Boyer City, like every other city, will be doing some belt tightening in order to

maintain services and keep costs down.

When the 1980-81 budget is drawn up starting in April, Clifton will not be recommending a millage increase. Last year's millage was reduced by four mills and "the goal this year is not to increase the millage at all," Clifton said.

"But hopefully after people have tightened their belts for awhile, the pendulum will swing the other way and people will loosen their belts. Then projects like a beach, parks, housing and an industrial park will be looked at," Clifton said.

"Our year starts the first of April," said East Jordan's clerk/treasurer, Fern Morris. "We really haven't gotten into the budget yet."

"Very, very careful study was given to all aspects of the budget last year," recalled Morris.

"Our problem, being that we've always operated on a marginal budget, is that we don't have many areas that can be cut."

The closing of ITT Electrical Automotive's East Jordan plant will hurt the city's revenue, Morris agreed, but not in the form of lost property taxes since the property hasn't lost its value.

"As long as the plant and equipment are still here, it's part of the tax base," Morris explained. "It probably will affect the single business tax, since that's a product tax."

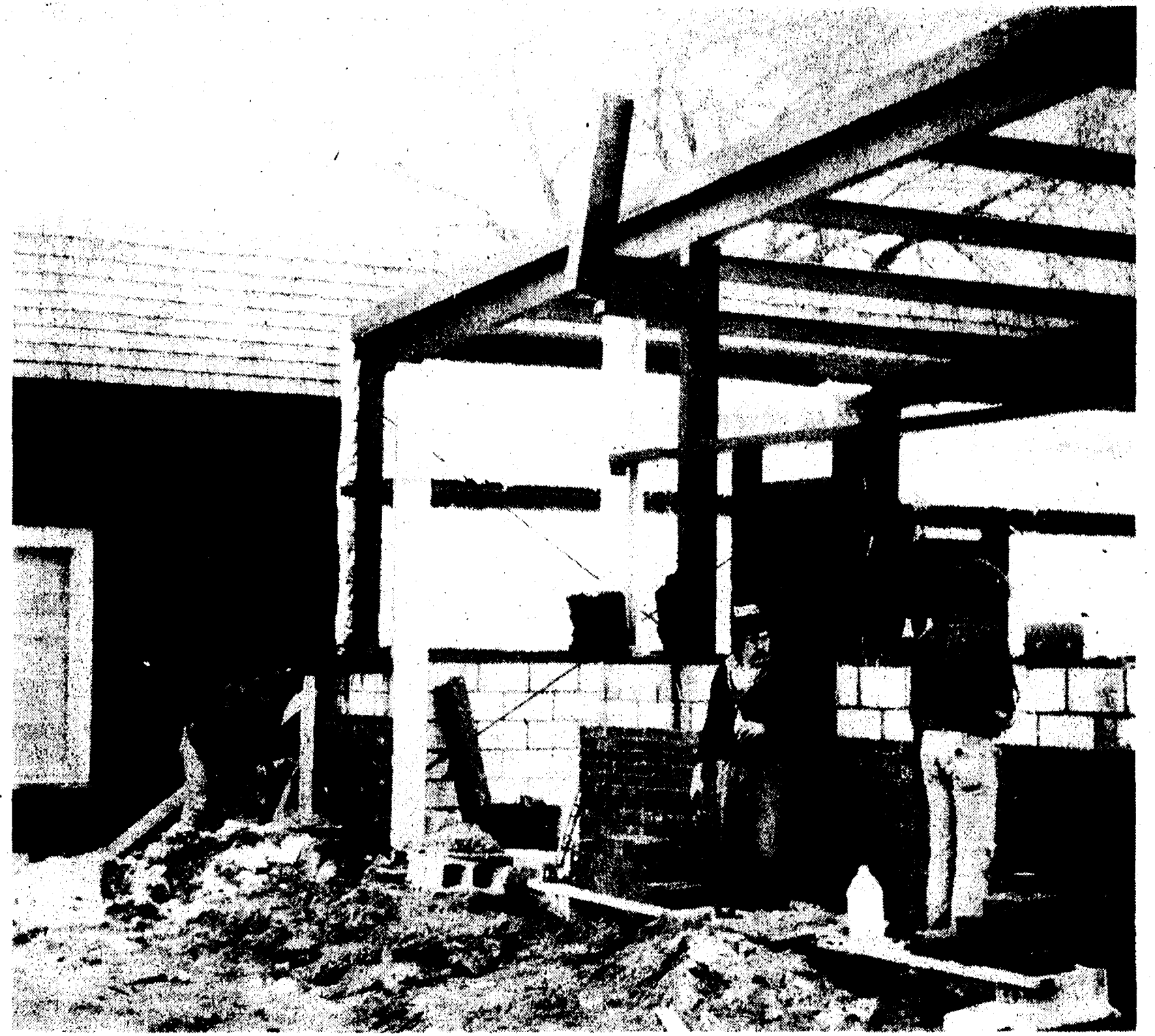
"Something that's affected," Morris pointed out, "is people's ability to pay their taxes."

Taxes being levied is one thing, said Morris, collecting them is another. "That will not only hurt locally but with state-shared revenue too," she said.

"It's going to be hard to anticipate our revenue," she continued. "The budget will take even more careful study."

"I don't see cutting back drastically any areas," Morris said. "There will be cuts after very careful thought."

"People of East Jordan appear to be thinking ahead," Morris said. "I've collected a higher percentage of summer taxes than in previous years. People seem to be anticipating problems."



High interest rates and no available mortgage money has caused a slump in area construction, builders said. E&M Standard in Boyne City recently built a new gas station and received a commercial tax exemption.

High building costs, interest rates slows area construction

Inflation has taken its toll on building and construction in Charlevoix County. There is a market for construction and building new homes and businesses. It's just a matter of whether you can afford it or not.

"Building costs went up 13 percent this year over last and we can expect another 10 percent increase coming into the 80s," said Bill Seals, a partner in Seals and Roberts Construction Company, Boyne City. "The market for new homes is there; it's just a matter of whether people can afford it."

With mortgage money tight, Seals predicts it will be harder for lower and middle income families to build new homes. But for those in the upper income range looking for a second home, Seals said there seems to be no hesitation.

"For second home builders it appears that mortgage money or construction costs doesn't hurt them," he said. The majority of the work Seals' company does is in Charlevoix County.

For his building company, home construction was down slightly in 1979 as compared to 1978 and Seals credited inflation as the cause in the decline.

Industrial and commercial construction was up in 1979, said Bill Arch of Cowell-Wangeman Construction, of Petoskey. Some of the work the company did the last year includes construction of F.O. Barden's new warehouse, an Arby's restaurant in Gaylord, an addition to a

Cheboygan bowling alley and an addition to Petoskey Plastics.

But, looking into 1980, Arch said the industrial and commercial construction business doesn't look too bright. "People are shying away from any building. It will be an awfully slow year this year because of the high interest rates," he said.

According to the annual report of the Charlevoix County Department of Building Inspection, there were 26 more building permits issued in 1979 than in 1978. Building permits costing \$10,867,335 were issued in Charlevoix County during 1979 compared to 1978 construction costs of \$15,247,635.

The total cost of construction during 1979 was down almost five million dollars due mostly to the huge expansion at the Medusa Cement Co. for which a permit was issued in 1978. The Medusa construction cost was \$6,711,000.

New residential building was down by 29 houses from 1978, with a total of 143 houses being started last year compared with 172 in 1978.

Building activity was down in Boyne City but increased slightly in East Jordan in 1979. In Boyne City, 78 building permits were issued in 1979, down from 91 the year before. East Jordan permits increased from 47 to 52.

Boyer's largest commercial project in 1979 was restoration of the F.O. Barden & Sons Lumber Co. destroyed by fire last spring. Permits totaling \$110,000 were

issued for the rebuilding of the main warehouse and offices. Total building value for Boyne City in 1979 was \$737,000, a 17 percent drop from \$891,000 in 1978.

East Jordan's largest project was the new Glen's supermarket on M-66 which accounts for \$350,000 of the city's total \$651,000 building value for the year.

Some of the other larger construction projects in Charlevoix County in 1979 included: May Street Apartments in Charlevoix, \$1,020,000; Belvedere Apartments in Charlevoix, \$440,000; Lake Michigan Terraces in Charlevoix, \$413,000; Fochtman's in Charlevoix, \$250,000; First National Bank in Wilson Township, \$206,000; addition to the Grandview Medical Care Facility near East Jordan, \$94,000; Northwestern State Bank in Boyne Falls, \$85,000; and the Norm Brumm Studio near Charlevoix, \$85,000.

A breakdown of the total year's figures shows that permits were issued for building in the townships and cities as follows:

Boyer City, 78; City of Charlevoix, 77; East Jordan, 54; Hayes Twp., 52; Eveline Twp., 50; Wilson Twp., 47; Marion Twp., 46; Melrose Twp., 43; South Arm Twp., 42; Bay Twp., 34; Charlevoix Twp., 32; Evangeline Twp., 30; Hudson Twp., 23; St. James Twp., 21; Boyne Valley Twp., 20; Norwood Twp., 19; Peaine Twp., 19; Village of Boyne Falls, seven; and Chandler Twp., four.



Capital improvements on streets, sewers and sidewalks was a big priority the past year for Boyne City's administration. These construction workers paved 3,000 feet of concrete for sidewalks on the north side of State Street from East to Hannah Street in August.



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Michigan residents are vacationing in their homestate rather than traveling out of state. Although the number of campers in parks such as Young State Park has decreased, park officials say campers are staying longer than ever before.

Tourists heading north are from Michigan

BY DIANNE MURRAY

Tourism has had its ups and downs in Charlevoix County the past year. The rising cost of gasoline and thoughts of gas shortages cancelled many vacation plans. But, one thing that kept the tourist trade alive and well in the county was that Michigan residents are vacationing in their own state.

The tourists who are heading north are coming more and more from our own state, said Wes Tebeau, president of the West Michigan Tourist Association and chairman of the Michigan Travel Commission.

In 1978, 52 percent of Michigan's tourists were from Michigan. That figure rose to 90 percent in 1979, he said. "Intensified advertising closer to home

and the gas shortage scare kept many Michiganders vacationing within the state," he said.

Tourism is Michigan's second largest industry, next to agriculture. Michigan ranks seventh among the 50 states in dollars earned through tourism.

Tourists spent close to \$70 million in Charlevoix County in 1979. This compares with \$57,223,581 tourist dollars spent in the county in 1975.

In 1975, it was estimated that travel or tourism directly supplied jobs for 1,935 persons, not including those employed in retail or restaurant businesses.

Jacque Merta, executive director of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, said 1979 was an extremely busy year for the chamber. Excellent fall colors helped sell out tickets for the color tour aboard the Beaver Islander.

Summer events—the Venetian Festival and Art Fair—were very successful, she said. Winter tourism is slow, but Merta said she is kept busy with people who are already making their 1980 summer vacation plans.

The lack of snowfall which crippled Michigan's sports industry has resulted in an estimated 50 percent drop in winter tourism spending, according to a study by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

A club representative estimated that at least \$70 million dollars has been lost by the ski industry. Statewide downhill ski bases ranged up to 50 inches in the first two months of the 1978-79 season while this winter the maximum base has been in the 30-inch range.

Charlevoix County has received less than half of its normal snowfall.

Downstate skiers stayed away from the slopes even though area ski lodges had their snowmaking equipment going full-blast and the slopes were well-covered, Tebeau said. "People didn't see snow on their sidewalks downstate and figured that we must not have any snow up north," he said.

Mackinac Bridge crossings are usually down in December but they were up one percent last year. This shows that outdoor sports enthusiasts are willing to go where the snow is, despite increasing gasoline prices, Tebeau said.

Looking into the future, both Merta and Tebeau are optimistic. "There was virtually no ski season during 1979, but things are back to normal now. If the ski season can be extended through Easter or the end of March, it will help the resort, restaurant, hotel and retail businesses," Tebeau said.

"I'm looking forward to a good 1980 tourist season in Charlevoix County," Merta said.

"We had people coming into the chamber office last August and asking to

be put on the summer '80 rental list. One of the motels in Charlevoix is already booked for the weekends of the Venetian Festival (July 24-27) and the Art Fair (in August)," she said.

Charlevoix County tourists stay three to six days longer than the average stay in other areas of the state, Merta said. People visiting here tend to stay for a week to two weeks, thus the need to make reservations so much in advance is necessary, she said.

Campers at Young State Park in Boyne City are also staying longer than in the past. Although the number of campers and permits was down approximately 10 percent in 1979 compared to 1978, the length of stay increased by almost two days, a park spokesperson said.

"Fewer campers from downstate were coming up for weekend vacations, but they'd still come up for their week or two week summer vacation," she said.

In 1978 the park had 21,851 camps compared with 20,695 camps in 1979. They served 113,641 people in 1978 compared with 106,094 in 1979. In 1979, 841 less permits were issued for campsites than in 1977.

"We were down about 10 percent last year compared to 1978, but 1978 was the best year we ever had," she said.

In 1978 Young State Park officials were thinking about adding on to the present 296 campsites, but due to slower tourism in the county during 1979 that idea has been scrapped for a while.

One indication of increased summer tourist business in the area is the use of municipal marinas in Boyne City and Charlevoix.

There is a three-year waiting list for those who want to dock their boat in the 16-slip Boyne Marina. The number of people who used the marina last year increased 189 people from 1,022 in 1978 to 1,211 in 1979.

In 1978, 2,618 boat days were counted compared to 2,178 days tallied in 1978. Boat days are the number of days each boat is docked in the marina.

The number of boats docked in the marina increased 59, from 340 boats in 1978 to 399 boats in 1979.

The number of boat days at Charlevoix's municipal marina increased but the number of boats docked and the number of people aboard the boats decreased, according to a marina spokesperson.

In 1979, during June, July and August, 17 less boats moored at the marina than the previous year. The number of boat days increased 300 days from 3,927 days in 1978 to 4,227 days in 1979 during a three-month period. One hundred and fifty-six fewer people wandered off the boats onto dry soil in the city of Charlevoix, the figures indicate.

Lakefront, cleared land in demand

BY DIANNE MURRAY

Despite high interest rates on home mortgage loans, the popularity of owning a bit of the North is still strong. Lakefront lots and cleared land for people to build their own home on is in great demand.

"Recreation and water-oriented properties are very much in demand," John Buick of John Buick Real Estate reports. "Second home buyers are not bothered by high interest rates or any recession."

As soon as lakefront property is available, it's bought, he said. Lakefront homes are very popular, especially those on Lake Charlevoix and Walloon Lake.

The average lakefront home on Walloon Lake may sell for \$100,000. The

average lakefront home on Lake Charlevoix may sell for \$75,000, Buick said.

Most people who want lakefront property, don't want to live within the city limits, Buick said. "People want to get away from paying city taxes, believe it or not, even though they may easily be able to afford them. They seem willing to give up city services in order to get away from taxes."

But the real estate business has tapered off slightly due to high interest rates. Even though the "rich" looking for a second home may not be bothered by high interest rates, the man-on-the-street is backing away from buying a home.

"This is the reason business has not been as good this year as in the past,"

Buick said as he pushed a list of interest rate figures from local lending institutions across the desk.

As of Jan. 30, the interest rate ranged from 14 percent at Family Federal Savings and Loan in Petoskey to 15 1/2 percent at State Bank and Trust in Petoskey. Lenders are asking for between 20 and 30 percent down on the house, about the same down as last year, Buick said.

Bertie Ellis, of Keith Dressel Real Estate's Boyne City office, said she has "to work around the high interest rates," to get people to buy homes. Other types of home mortgages like Farmers Home Administration Loans and land contracts have grown in popularity because of the interest rates, she said.

"Inflation pays an important part in whether people will buy a home or not. As long as we have a high inflation rate people will continue to buy property and homes. Inflation compensates for the high interest rate. You may pay a high price for a home, because of the high interest rate, but if you figure on inflation continuing to rise, in the end you'll make money on the investment," she said.

According to figures released by Northern Michigan Abstract and Title Company, which compiles figures on real estate transactions, land contracts have increased in the county but the total number of mortgages has declined.

In 1978, there were 405 land contracts used to buy homes in Charlevoix County. In 1979, 465 homes were bought via land contracts, an increase of about 15 percent.

Charlevoix County mortgages dropped drastically, about 16.6% last year. In 1978, 869 mortgages were issued but in 1979 only 725 were issued.

The figures also revealed that the last three months of 1979 were much slower for home sales than the last three months of 1978. In October, November and December of 1978 an average of 76 homes were mortgaged each month. In those same months of 1979 only an average of 51 homes per month were mortgaged, with December showing the greatest decline.

"When will the interest rate drop? 'Who knows?' is the answer most realtors gave. Even economists and bankers differ as to when the interest rate will fall and to what figure it will fall to is even more baffling.

Lakefront property will continue to be in demand despite the high interest rate, Ellis said. Another trend she notes is that of people looking for large parcels of land.

"Because of the state of the economy, people are looking at 150 to 200 acres of land and thinking about farming it themselves. They want a parcel of land where they can raise their own crops and cut their own wood," she said.

Another trend both Buick and Ellis noted is that people with second homes in the area are interested in renting it out when they're not using it.

"Because of high heating bills and increasing property taxes, people now are seeking renters whereas in the past they would not," Ellis said.

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1979 -- a year for financial expansion

BY JON DENISON

While 1978 was a year of many financial institutions announcing plans for expansion into the Boyne City area, 1979 was a year of that expansion being carried out.

Local money men are split in their views of what 1980 will hold for the money business—some see little or no growth while others feel there is still room for expanding current operations.

First National Bank of Petoskey opened a temporary branch office on M-75 south in Boyne City during 1979 while construction of a new, permanent building took place.

Work on the bank is almost completed, and officials are expecting to hold a grand opening some time toward the end of this month.

Lakewood Savings and Loan is also nearing completion on its new building, located on Lake Street in Boyne City. The S & L is awaiting state approval to open and is working to meet requirements for that approval at the present time.

The county's largest financial institution, Northwestern State Bank, completed an addition of drive-in facilities and safe deposit boxes at its Boyne Falls branch during 1979 and

announced plans to open a drive-in office in East Jordan at the new Glen's Market shopping center.

"We have been very satisfied with our growth," said Steve Woodcock, branch manager of First National of Petoskey's Boyne City office. "Since we opened in April our growth has been very steady and consistent."

"We expect further growth when we open our new office," Woodcock continued. "We've been operating under far less than ideal conditions but have had great support."

"Our building is a positive statement about how we feel about the Boyne area," Woodcock said. "I don't see any doubt that there will be continued growth. The bank is very pleased to be part of such a vibrant community."

Randy Lightfoot, chief operating officer for Lakewood Savings and Loan, said 1979 was a year of organization and construction for the S & L and said that goals for 1980 were "first of all to open and second to be accepted by the people in the area."

Before the savings and loan can open for business with state approval, Lightfoot explained, they have to get Federal Savings and Loan Insurance—the counterpart for savings loans to the

bank's Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Lakewood also has to sell 40,000 shares of stock and enlist at least 175 savings accounts for at least \$300,000 before it can get state approval to open.

"We want people to realize we're here," said Lightfoot. "We want to be the friendly people in town. We're stressing service."

"Other savings and loans can offer the same services; we have to offer better service," said Lightfoot.

Chuck McDowell, chief executive officer for Northwestern State Bank since June 1978, like Lightfoot, stresses good service as a goal for 1980.

McDowell's bank has been fighting the same battle that financial institutions are meeting world wide—the increased cost of money.

While deposits are running approximately six percent ahead of existing deposits, the earnings of the bank are down about 10 percent.

"The return on loans hasn't increased as fast as the cost of money," said McDowell, explaining the current fiscal situation.

The cost of money to banks has gone up three to four percent in the last year; about the same increase that home

mortgage percentages have experienced. Home mortgages have been the largest area of loans for Northwestern in the past, according to McDowell, a situation that could change in light of current high interest rates.

The Charlevoix County area is fragile economically for two reasons, said McDowell. The first is the link to Michigan's chief industry—the automotive business.

With small manufacturing plants producing parts for the auto industry, the area feels a slowdown when car sales are off.

The second factor making the local economy a fragile one, McDowell feels, is the reliance on tourism in times of soaring transportation costs.

"One of the problems in Michigan," McDowell continued, "is the amount of productivity. Wages have increased more than productivity. Nationwide productivity has declined."

Automation and shaking out inefficient operations are the answer to the productivity problem, McDowell said.

"We're in the service business," McDowell said, concurring with Lightfoot. "We try to give the best service; give our customers the most attention."

"You have to adjust to circumstances beyond your control as best you can," he continued. "The next few years are going to be interesting economic times."

"You'll see a retraction in many business like ours," he ventured. "There won't be new starts in branch offices."

While admitting that he certainly doesn't have a crystal ball or a pipeline to seers, McDowell did offer a few guesses as to the future of the area.

"There won't be too much of an increase in tourism," he said. "Hopefully there won't be too much of a decrease. The population hopefully will at

least stay the same." "You adapt to changes beyond your control," he reiterated. "And change situations within your control. There are very few within our control."

The uncertain future of the area's economy hasn't meant a complete halt in Northwestern's growth. In addition to the new drive-in facility planned at the Glen's center, the bank is planning to install an automated teller at its Country Star Plaza branch in Boyne City.

Seven people were added to the bank's staff during 1979 and the new office at Glen's will require three people to staff it.

"We'll try to serve the customers we have," McDowell said. "Try to keep the share of the market we have."

"The pie is staying the same size," McDowell said about the potential market for financial institutions in the area. And as 1978 and 1979 have shown, there's greater competition for each piece.



1979 was a year for financial institution to build. The Boyne Falls branch of Northwestern State Bank (above) added a drive-in facility, the Boyne City branch of the First National Bank & Trust of Petoskey (upper right) neared completion and Lakewood Savings and Loan (right) also just about finished its building.



Private corporation forms to promote BC growth

A private Economic Development Corporation to encourage growth of existing and new businesses in Boyne City passed its first hurdle in January when an application for the EDC was approved by the city commission.

Boyne's EDC would only serve the city. It would provide low interest money to commercial and industrial enterprises as a means for encouraging expansion of existing businesses and to attract new business and industry to the community.

The private corporation, the first EDC in Charlevoix County, is being formed by attorney Richard W. May, real estate salesman Skip Sheaffer, store owner Gary Schafer, and insurance man Bruce Hubble.

The four businessmen have 150 days to incorporate from Jan. 22, when their application was approved. The city manager will appoint a board of directors of

at least nine members to operate the new corporation. The board of directors must also be approved by the city commissioners.

Although the incorporators don't have any specific project planned yet, the EDC was established by state law as a means of curbing unemployment.

One method of providing financial assistance is the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. The tax-exempt status allows the bonds to be sold at a lower interest rate than what can be obtained on the open market, according to May.

The city and its residents have more control over the types of commercial and industrial development which may settle in the community. All projects the EDC takes on must be approved by the city commission before funding assistance is provided.

The EDC has the bonds prepared and sold and the city is not liable for the bonding. Buyers of the bonds are banks and other private financial institutions. The money is then given to businesses and repaid on a long-term basis at lower interest rates.

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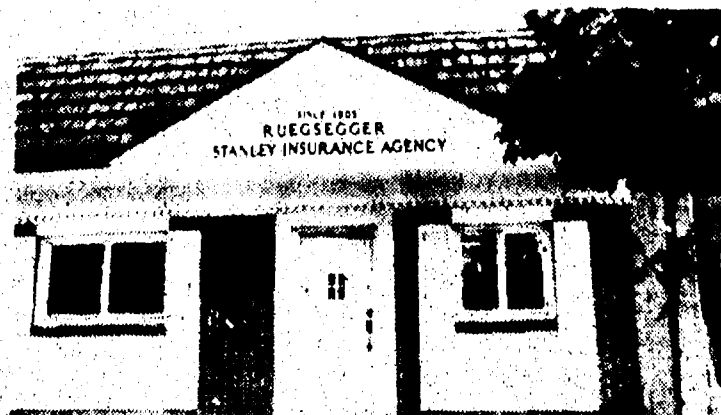
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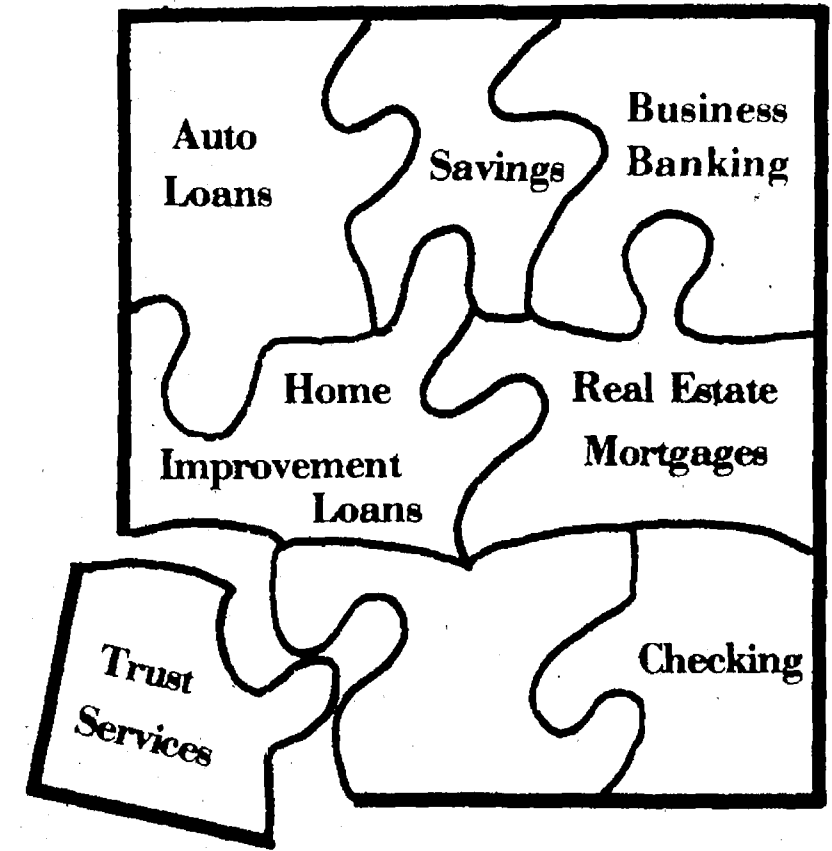
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Health care industry grows to provide better service

BY JON DENISON

Continued growth—that was the story for the health care industry in Charlevoix County in 1979. Tremendous

growth began in 1978, continued during the last year and the prognosis for 1980 is for more of the same.

Charlevoix Area Hospital and the East Jordan Family Health Center were both

involved in building projects during 1979.

The health center completed the basement area of its building, readying it for occupancy by the Northern Michigan Mental Health Services, District Health Department No. 3 and the health center's administrative offices.

The East Jordan area was also designated as a critical health manpower shortage area by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) during 1979. This designation allows the center to obtain personnel through the National Health Service Corps program.

After reviewing the demographics of the East Jordan area, HEW designated two physicians' positions and one physician's assistant position for the center.

Dr. Mitch Carey, the doctor at the center since last July, is being paid with funds from the National Health Service Corps. Dr. Bruce Lindsay, who will join the center's staff this July, will also be paid with funds from the health corps.

The center's physician's assistant, Ed Newington, is being paid with health corps funds—a change from his predecessor, Sue Arndt, whose salary was paid by the health center.

Center Administrator Neal Colburn said within the next few weeks the center

anticipates hiring a patient coordinator to conduct a quality assurance program to comply with HEW requirements.

With the exception of the additions of Dr. Lindsay and the patient coordinator to the staff, Colburn anticipates the center leveling off as far as growth for the next few years.

There are tentative plans to add a new wing to the center within the next few years, providing an additional 1,600 square feet of space, but the plans are just in the talking stage, according to Colburn.

"We'll try to get some relief for Dr. Carey," Colburn offered as a goal for the center in the short run. "He's been overwhelmed by the substantial increase in our patient population."

An expansion-remodeling program was to have started at Charlevoix Area Hospital during 1979 but was delayed by the process of obtaining a low-interest Farmers Home Administration (FHA) loan.

The loan application was closed in December, according to the hospital administrator, Richard Krueger. He anticipates work on the expansion-remodeling project to begin around March 15, or whenever the weather will permit.

"We need the new area before we can remodel the existing facilities," Krueger explained. Walls will be removed and new plumbing and electrical work will be done in the portions of the hospital slated for remodeling.

The purpose of the project isn't to add more patient beds, Krueger explained, but to expand the services offered at the hospital.

To help finance the project, which has a price tag of around \$2.7 million, the hospital solicited pledges from the community. Approximately \$810,000 has been pledged in the three to five year program.

Krueger, like Colburn, foresees a plateau in some areas of growth.

While the East Jordan administrator is looking for slowed physical expansion, the Charlevoix administrator is expecting a slackening in growth of the number of patients visiting the hospital.

Two possible reasons for a more limited growth in the number of patients are the county's economic situation and a trend of growing awareness about when to go to a doctor.

Experts doing a feasibility study for the FHA loan project: a three percent per year growth rate over the next five years for patient demand at the hospital.

The percentage of people over age 65

in the area is also increasing, and, as Krueger points out, "They do need and utilize hospitals to a greater degree than younger residents."

The addition to the hospital won't result in staff expansions, according to Krueger. "We're adding greater capabilities for diagnosis and out-patient surgery," he explained.

The addition of space will hopefully allow the hospital to help make the community better educated about health needs, the administrator said.

"We're anticipating having adequate space for classes," he said. He pointed to more attention being focused on health care via television and local health education classes—like those being offered at the East Jordan Family Health Center. These help to make the public more knowledgeable about when to go to a doctor and how to take better care for themselves.

"The whole trend is toward better health," Krueger said.

With expansion of facilities in Charlevoix and East Jordan and more attention being paid to health education at both facilities the prognosis for 1980 would appear to be fewer patients visiting doctors for minor ailments and patients being better served when they do visit a county health care facility.



Two new faces appearing at the East Jordan Family Health Center during the last year were Dr. Mitch Carey and Jean Miles, public health nurse working with the District Health Department No. 3 office at the center. Dr. Bruce Lindsay, currently finishing his residency in Ann Arbor, will join Carey at the center in July.

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State, federal government offer businesses economic assistance

BY PAUL COX
Capitol Correspondent

LANSING—Free enterprise economists don't approve, but the state and federal governments offer a billion-dollar grab bag or economic assistance programs to Michigan businesses.

These programs range from a little free advice to cash on the barrel to assist in the formation of new businesses or the expansion of existing ones.

Tourism is a key industry in Charlevoix County and it should get a boost from a caucus that has been formed within the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., said Rep. Robert W. Davis, R-Gaylord. Davis is a charter member of the newly formed "Congressional Tourism Caucus."

Davis explained that in addition to the traditional Democratic and Republican caucuses in Congress there are also special interest caucuses, such as the "Steel" and "Rural" Caucuses, designed to create and push certain pieces of legislation.

He added that the new caucus has attracted about 200 of the 435-member House, including eight of the 19-member Michigan delegation.

The caucus recently held a \$250-a-plate fund raiser in Washington to come up with the money for a caucus staff.

"Once we have a staff the caucus can begin to generate legislation to address the specific problems within the tourism

industry," Davis stated.

He said the caucus will also act as a clearinghouse for information about the national tourist industry. The Michigan tourist industry was victimized last winter by exaggerated reports of gas shortages in northern Michigan, Davis claimed.

The soaring prices and threatened supply of gas will force the tourist industry to alter its promotional strategy, said Bruce McComb, deputy director of the state Travel Bureau. The bureau is spending \$4.3 million this year promoting Michigan as a vacation spot and offering free technical advice to state residents in the tourist business.

Instead of promoting each community as a separate attraction, communities must band together to offer a multi-attraction "destination area," McComb said. Gas prices will cause people to vacation in one area where they can do many different things, rather than driving from place to place now, he added.

"The challenge over the next decade is to maintain what we have. We will not see the growth that has occurred over the last 20 to 30 years," McComb said.

In 1978 state tourism was a \$8.3-billion industry and ranked seventh in the country. This year has been another story due to the nationwide economic slow-down and this winter's lack of snow.

"Halfway through the winter season, the tourist industry is off about 50 percent," McComb said.

Some help may be on the way, in the form of \$20 to \$30 million in guaranteed loans from the federal Small Business Administration, McComb said. This program "is not a panacea" and the money will have to be repaid, but it helps, he added.

The Travel Bureau is just one of the programs to help state business within the state Department of Commerce.

Another is the Community Economic Development Division which offers "seed money" to communities that want to expand their industry, said Carol Hoffman, division director. The division has \$800,000 in its pot and will split the cost with a local community to hire a professional developer and construct a community industry plan to attract industry.

"The program is really flexible. The community can shoot for most anything it wants," Hoffman said.

The federal government also offers a number of economic assistance programs, including the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, a three-state organization including northern Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The commission helps businesses and communities get grants from other federal programs, said Alex Laggis, commission director. From 1975 to 1979 the commission helped obtain \$12.1 million in grants for projects ranging from a plastic technology center at Ferris State College to vocational educational equipment for Boyne City Schools.

"We will look at anything that will create jobs in Michigan," Laggis stated. Another federal program, the Farmers Home Administration, is geared towards helping rural development, said Richard Temple, an administration spokesperson. The program has about \$359-million to use in Michigan helping farmers with their trade, housing and community projects.

"We try to help the farmer who wants to stay in farming, but can't stay afloat or get credit elsewhere," Temple said.

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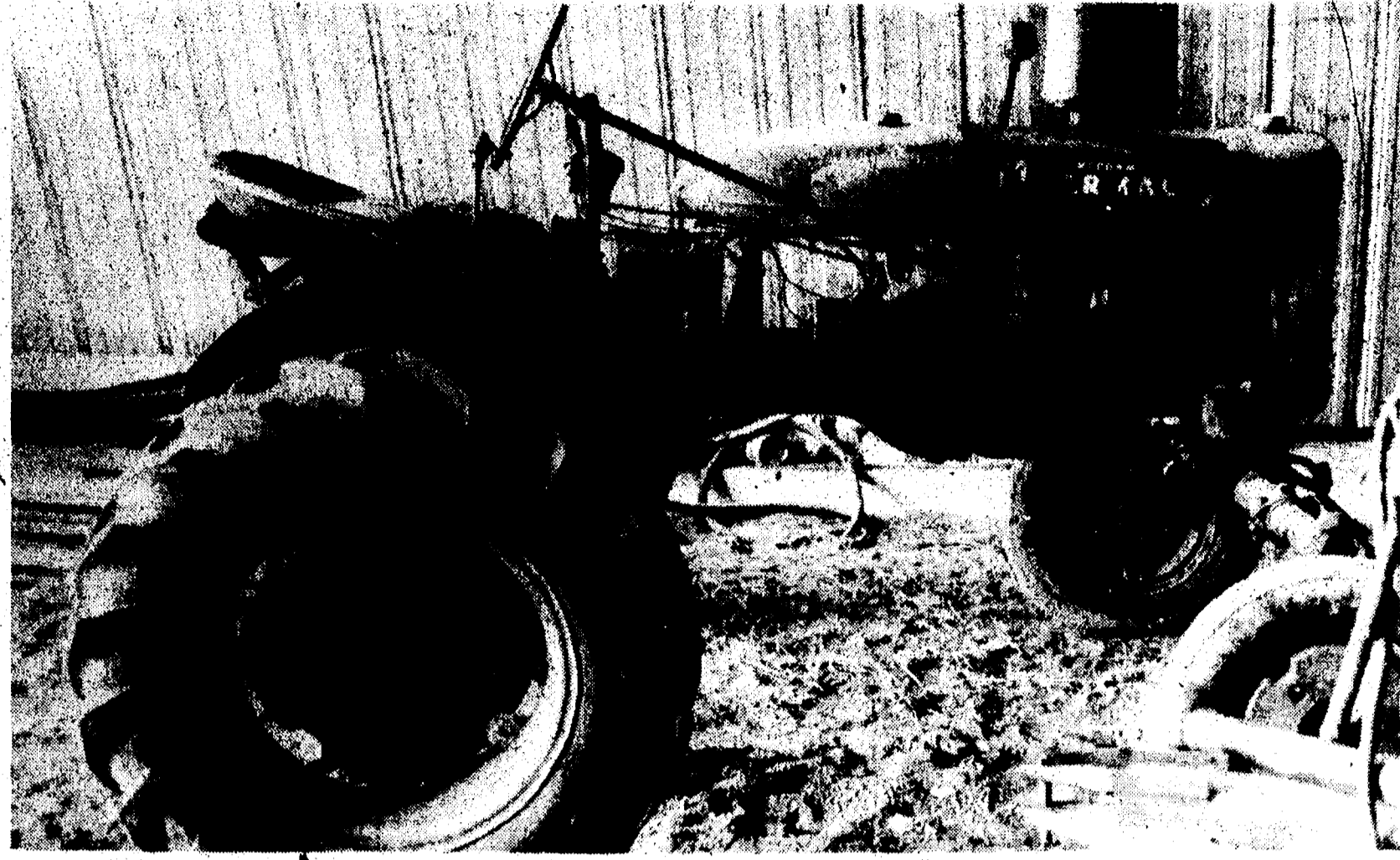
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This tractor cost about \$600 in 1941, according to its owner, Bill Korthase, a Charlevoix County farmer. Grade A milk was selling at the time for \$4.52 per hundred pounds. Today a tractor of a similar size would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000 dollars. Grade A milk is selling for \$12.56 per hundred pounds. The disproportionate increases in the cost of farming to the revenue from it often isn't realized by consumers, Korthase feels.

Slump hurts factories

Local industrial projections for 1979 were cautious. The actual industrial picture showed that the caution was well-founded.

As 1980 nears the middle of its second month, the only local industry with a real healthy financial forecast produces parts for military equipment.

Most area plants experienced layoffs during 1979. Projections for future business indicate that work forces could possibly be back to full operations by the middle of the year.

One plant, IIT Electrical Automotive in East Jordan, shut its doors completely during 1979 without any firm date for reopening set.

Much of the economic woes of local industry can be attributed to slumping auto sales. A decrease in new housing starts didn't help the local situation either.

"I guess it happened like we anticipated," said John DiMartino of Boyne City's Essex group. "Car sales went down and inflation went up."

Essex had entered 1979 without a layoff in nearly three years. Currently some 50 of the plant's 300 workers are laid off. The layoffs, started in late

October, probably won't be reversed until the 1981 automotive model production is started.

"Business should increase with the 1981 models," DiMartino ventured. "It will probably be slow for another six months."

"I guess it's as low as it's ever been," DiMartino said of the auto industry. "It's about the slowest I've seen in my years in the business," the veteran of 25 years in automotive-related work said.

The county's largest employer, the East Jordan Iron Works, also felt the impact of the general economic slump. The Iron Works, which employs between 300 and 500 people depending on the time of the year and general economic conditions, laid off workers in November and again this January.

"We think it'll pick up in June," offered Bruce Malpass, executive vice-president at the foundry.

Industry sources predict a 25 percent increase in business from 1978 to 1982, according to Malpass. One of the factors that bothers Malpass in making projections about future business is the trend toward lighter cars.

"They're taking all the weight off cars," he said. "It's all coming from the cast iron industry. What's going to happen ten years from now? Cars will weigh 2,000 pounds instead of 4,000. What are we going to do for scrap?"

"We try to plan with any information we receive," Malpass said. "You can use almost any industry." Many industries can be used to predict the foundry business' future sales, because of the vast number of industries reliant on metal castings.

"There are a lot of wild cards in the deck for forecasting," Malpass said.

Until a slow fourth quarter, the Iron Works' business in 1979 was good, said Malpass. "We turned down in November and December or we would've been approximately the same as the prior year," he said.

The foundry industry as a whole is cautious about the coming year, a condition reflected by lower-than-normal inventories.

"Backlogs of orders are much less. It's a result of cautioning from forecasters for all industries."

"Inventories industry-wide aren't as high as 1974-75," he continued.

Urban sprawl steals farm land

BY JON DENISON

"Every day in the United States, four square miles of our nation's prime farm lands are shifted to uses other than agriculture. The thief is urban sprawl."

The above information is from a pamphlet entitled "Where have the farm-lands gone?" produced by the National Agricultural Lands Study. The brochure approaches the subject of competition for the use of prime farm land by non-farm interests.

Bill Korthase, a dairy farmer on Korthase Road, and chairman of the Charlevoix County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, is concerned about this problem that he sees as the major threat to farming in the 1980s.

"Twenty-five of 100 people in 1960 lived on a farm," Korthase said in a recent interview. "Four of 100 do now." "Each farmer is producing for himself and 56 other people now. The average age of dairy farmers was 55 eight or 10 years ago. What's that mean today? Who's going to take over?" Korthase asked.

Korthase, who has a 30-cow dairy herd, doesn't ask the questions looking for sympathy; he asks them with concern about the future of farming.

Land use conflicts, government intervention and rising costs of production without concurrent increases in revenues all concern Korthase as he looks to the future of farming.

In his work with the soil conservation district, Korthase attends a lot of meetings and talks to a lot of farmers about the problem of losing farm land to other uses.

Shortly before talking to The Press, Korthase had attended a meeting about land leveling for cherry growing near Traverse City.

The land being studied would be, just as the term suggests, leveled, to make it possible to grow cherry trees on it.

While cherries don't rely on top soil too much—the roots go below the top soil level—other crops that might someday be grown on the land probably would rely on the top soil being altered for the trees.

"Chances of that ground being worth anything but for cherry growing are nil," said Korthase.

Farmers are being faced with choices

of more than just which crop to grow on land as well, Korthase stressed. Tax assessments for some not-too-productive land are high, based on the land surrounding it.

"Somehow they have to come up with a system where farmland is assessed at its ability to produce," Korthase said. "Property is assessed the same even if it's not the same—even if its tillability is different."

"The only way some people can survive is to subdivide," Korthase said, bringing in a factor that has agricultural land-use experts nationwide worried.

As the "Where have the farm lands gone?" pamphlet points out, unless protected by tax deferrals, some farmers can't afford to not sell their land.

Korthase entered into a partnership with his father in 1945. Seven years later he bought his father out. He's planning on building his dairy herd to about 50 cows, a size big enough to also support his son Bill, when, as planned, he joins the business.

Since he first started farming, Korthase has seen the costs associated with the business go up much faster than the money coming back into the farm.

A 25-horsepower tractor in 1941 cost his father \$600. A tractor of a similar size would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000 now.

Grade A milk sold for \$4.25 per hundred pounds in 1941. Today the price is \$12.56 per hundred pounds. As Korthase points out, if the price of milk had risen proportionately with the price of tractors, the milk would sell for around \$30 to \$40 per hundred pounds.

Korthase is quick to point out that he's not looking for sympathy. He wants a

better understanding by consumers of the costs born by farmers today.

Machine costs and taxes aren't the only areas that have hit farmers hard. Feed costs for Korthase's dairy herd have gone up, even though he produces everything but the protein supplement he feeds the cows on his farm.

"The increases have been gradual," Korthase said. "Some years they've been higher than others."

Repair parts for farm machinery have become more expensive too. "It's hard for dealers to keep parts on hand," Korthase said, acknowledging the problem brought on by long-lasting farm equipment—like the 1941 tractor previously mentioned that still travels his fields.

Korthase doesn't intend to paint a picture so gloomy that consumers will feel pangs of guilt every time they pay a too-low price for a farm produced product. He loves the business and is adamant when he says that someone can make a living as a farmer.

"It used to be that you could raise a family with eight to 10 cows," he recalled. "But we were buying gas for 18 to 20 cents a gallon."

Technology is entering into farming in many ways—like planting rye by airplane—but Korthase stresses that farming isn't necessarily best-learned through books rather than experience.

"It's a science," Korthase said. "If you don't treat it that way you'll have problems. Experience is the only solution."

"There seem to be spurts of young people going into farming," said Korthase, a father of six. "It costs so much they can make more by investing it

if they have the money."

"The FHA (Farmers Home Administration) is seeing it and making bigger loans," he continued. "They have to have the managing experience—you can't learn the management from books."

"Government regulation," Korthase said. "Without it I don't think we'd be in the problem we are. We should let the price be determined by supply and demand."

"But," Korthase conceded, "the government has always promised cheap food."

"If companies control farming they'll control prices," Korthase said. "They're going to make a profit. You don't have a reserve when supply and demand is the rule. The government is just now starting to talk about a reserve."

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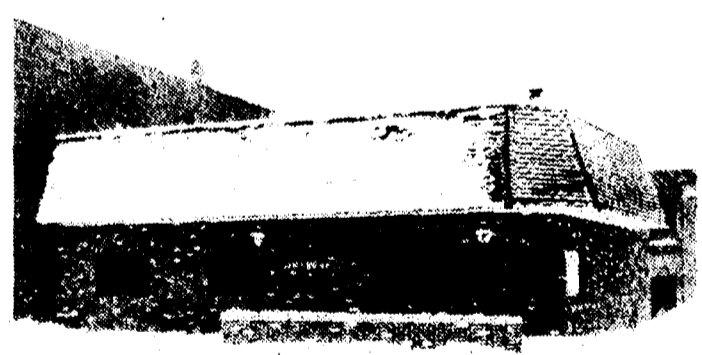
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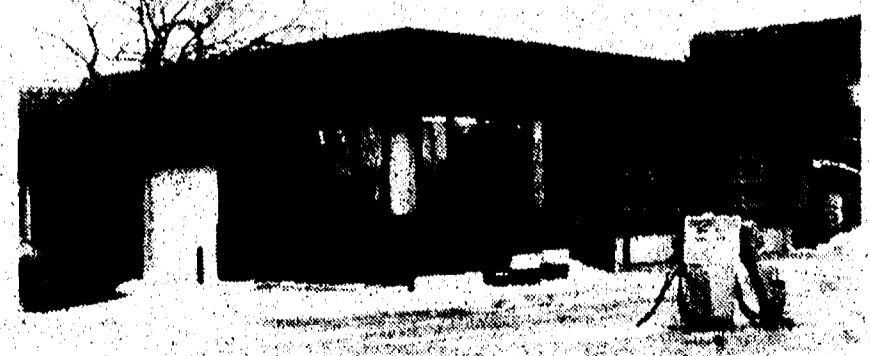


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Census population count means dollars for county

There was a time when the federal census simply charted the growth of the United States every 10 years.

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The census is the only federal program which is required by the Constitution, and directly or indirectly it affects every person's life.

The original purpose for the census was apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census

count is now also used in determining how the federal government distributes billions of dollars to state and local areas through a variety of programs. More than 100 programs through a \$50 billion federal budget are distributed based on census figures.

State and local governments use census figures to administer community programs too.

The census begins April 1. Questionnaires will be mailed to households at the end of March.

Ninety percent of the nation's house-

holds will answer the census by mailing in the questionnaire. The other 10 percent will receive instructions to hold the completed questionnaire until census takers pick them up.

In smaller counties, such as Charlevoix County, the majority of the census questionnaires will be picked up by an interviewer.

Two types of questionnaires will be used - a long form and a short form. The short form asks questions about the number of people living in the household, sex, nationality and marital status. The

long form contains all the short form questions plus more specific questions regarding ancestry, native language, and questions about how much fuel is used in the home for cooking and heating.

Census representative Evelyn Schwartz said the long form questionnaire helps small communities determine their housing situation. Many smaller cities and townships, such as those in Charlevoix County, have a difficult time determining where money should be spent for housing improvements, she said. The census helps local administra-

tions understand where their city's housing needs lie, Schwartz said.

Charlevoix County has increased in population by an estimated 17.6 percent since the 1970 census was taken.

At last count in July of 1977, the population of Charlevoix County was 19,450. In 1970 when the census was taken the population was 16,541, an increase of 2,909 people.

The per capita income has increased from \$2,543 according to 1969 figures, to \$3,778 in 1975. That is a 48.6 percent increase.

Dramatic changes in family life, income, housing costs, population distribution and Congressional representation will be revealed by the upcoming 1980 census, along with one of the lowest population growth rates in U.S. history.

Birth rate declines in the 60s became even more pronounced in the 70s, according to census figures.

The 1980 census is expected to show that:

sharing a household has more than doubled in 10 years.

As for population distribution, the 1980 census is expected to define sizable population shifts from Northern and Eastern States to Southern and Western areas.

Eleven seats in the House of Representatives will shift among several states as a result of the population counts from the 1980 census.

Michigan will lose one representative as a result of the census. California, Florida and Texas may each gain two House seats as a result of increase in their population since 1970. Arizona, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington will probably also gain one seat each.

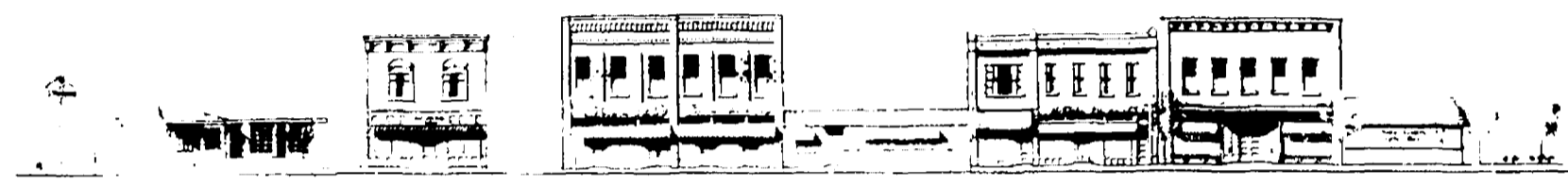
Population decrease may mean a loss of four House seats to New York. Other states which may lose seats include Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

The census also means additional employment. Although much of the census information will be taken by mail, close to 270,000 workers will be employed to handle the census information. In Michigan about 11,000 people will be hired for short-term employment to take the census.

As provided by Article I of the United States Constitution, the first census was conducted in 1790 and one has been taken every 10 years since then.

Besides finding out the population of cities, counties, states, and the nation, the census collects statistics on housing, employment, taxes, races, and demographic trends.

To keep up with local business and economic news You HAVE TO read The Press.



Big strides to downtown restoration

Holiday week OK despite no snow Many ITT workers have doubts plant will reopen

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Advertising talk planned for Percolator Club

Tax help available from Internal Revenue Service

EJ restaurant sold

Weather at fault for slow business

There's only one thing to blame if your business did not do as well as expected last year—Mother Nature.

Most business owners could deal with inflation, area layoffs and the rising cost of gasoline, but the weather was one thing no one expected or could change.

Cold and rainy weather in June when it is supposed to be warm and sunny curtailed the tourist industry in Charlevoix County. And the unseasonably mild temperatures during November and December left many business owners virtually customerless. "It was a slow, quiet Christmas," one business owner said.

The tourist business during June, July and August equals half the total gross receipts for the year at the East Jordan clothing store, owner Carol Tighe said.

Although tourism was down, Tighe said her 1979 summer business was the same as 1978 if not better because people were shopping locally rather than traveling out of town.

Other businesses were not as fortunate. One Boyne City businessman who asked not to be identified, said even though profits show business was up four percent, it did not keep up with inflation for the year.

"Our slight increase no where near kept up with a 15 percent inflation increase. At our store, we're cutting back on buying habits. Inflation is cutting into everyone's feasible income, including proprietors." He said that when ordering merchandise for the store he may order less or put more thought into what is selling.

The reason Michigan is in a greater turmoil than other parts of the nation is due to the state's heavy reliance on the automotive industry, he said.

"We have to grow with inflation and keep up with it. Most businesses can't say they are growing at the same rate as inflation is," he said.

Glen's Market in East Jordan opened a new and larger store on M-66 the first part of November because the old location on M-32 could not adequately service its customers.

"Business is holding up over inflation but the money is just not in the area," said the store manager Mark Weisler. "People don't seem to have the money to spend that they usually do."

Weather than blaming the weather, Weisler said layoffs in the area, which totaled almost 300 people, account for the dampening in business.

Weekend travel to the north was curtailed because of the gas prices, Weisler speculated, and so Glen's Market also lost some of the weekend business they anticipated. "The first half of winter business was really curtailed due to the mild weather," he said.

For Jim White, owner of Ace Hardware in Boyne City, keeping his prices competitive with other area hardware stores, has kept his business good.

"Certain items related to oil—things made out of plastic and some plumbing items—rise in price right along with oil. People who have not bought paint thinner or kerosene for a while and come in to buy it are apt to see the price has doubled. And they're shocked," White said.

Providing that the price is the same all over, people will pay the cost for the item they want, he said.

But some items such as snow shovels, snowshoes and snowblowers won't be sold in the same volume as in the past. Because of the mild winter, people haven't bought these items and they'll "ride the winter out, no matter how much more snow we get," White said.

One good thing about less snow, he added, is that it's easier to get out and go shopping. Compared to past winters, White has had more walk-in business. In the past there were days when no customers could make it into the store because of the snow. But so far, that kind of trouble hasn't been seen.

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JAHCOURT RACQUETBALL, 23 miles south of Charlevoix, off M-88 in Central Lake, is open from 8 a.m. to midnight daily. Court time is \$5 per hour non-prime time, and \$7 per hour prime time. Membership rates available. 544-6123.

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The Que Pasa coffee house will be sponsoring "Oreon," alleged to play "the funkier rock music you've ever heard," Saturday, Feb. 9, at 9 p.m. at 203 E. Upright St., Charlevoix.

Monday, Feb. 11 at 7:15 p.m. the Boyne City Public Library will present the original movie "Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney. An admission fee of 80 cents for adults and 20 cents for children 12 and under or the equivalent in pop bottles or cans will be charged at the door. The film will be shown at the library.

The 15th annual Moose Jaw Safari will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 in Harbor Springs.

Registration and parking will be at the city warming house at the ice rink off Hoyt Street, starting at 8:30 a.m. The safari starts at 9:30 a.m.

This event is a project of the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce.



Sam Sharp, first place winner in his age division in last year's race, said his quick start keeps him ahead of the rest of the pack. The competition this year will be much steeper because of the increased popularity of cross country skiing, he said.

Tough competition in Avalanche ski race

BY DIANNE MURRAY

One local winner in last year's Avalanche Ski Class race thinks the competition will be tough for this year's third annual cross country ski race.

Sam Sharp of Boyne City finished first for his age division of 25 to 35 with a time of 50 minutes, 58 seconds in last year's 10 kilometer race. "I think I came in fourth or fifth overall for the race," Sharp said. "I just raced for fun. The way the competition was, I was lucky to win."

Whether it was luck or skill, Sharp, a realtor with Charlevoix Properties in Boyne City, worked hard and conditioned before entering the race last February.

The first year the race was held Sharp finished third in a field of about 20 racers. That was the first cross country race he'd ever entered.

The Avalanche ski race is challenging, he said, especially because of its sharp turns and hilly course.

"You have to be able to do both uphill and downhill cross-country skiing. If you have a good kick and wax the skis well or if you have no-wax skis, you'll have no

trouble making it up some of the steep hills," Sharp said.

Sharp uses Trax Marathon no-wax skis, because he gets a better "kick" with waxless skis. "Kick" is the extra push to help you glide forward.

Why is it that one of last year's race winners thinks he won't place as well this year?

"Cross country skiing has really picked up recently. The first year people cross country ski, they're pretty awkward on them. But after they've had a full year of practice, they get much better. Probably good enough to compete with some of the top skiers in the race," Sharp said.

Sharp's 11-year-old son, Eli, competed in last year's Avalanche race and finished the 10 km. course with a pretty good time. But this year Sharp expects him to win his division. His son Simon, 9, also completed the race.

"Eli has a good balance, he's fast, he can keep up with the others. He doesn't get tuckered out half way through the course," he said.

Definitely look for Sharp competing in the race. He likes to take off ahead of the

crowd at the starting line and keep his pace fast to keep ahead of the pack, he said. "That way I don't get stuck behind slow skiers or get stuck in a pile up of people who have fallen on one of the sharp turns."

Sharp doesn't recommend to everyone the fast starting pace because many get tired too soon and won't last the whole course, he said.

"Everyone has a different technique and pace which works best for them. When cross country skiing you have to pace yourself at the speed you're most comfortable with."

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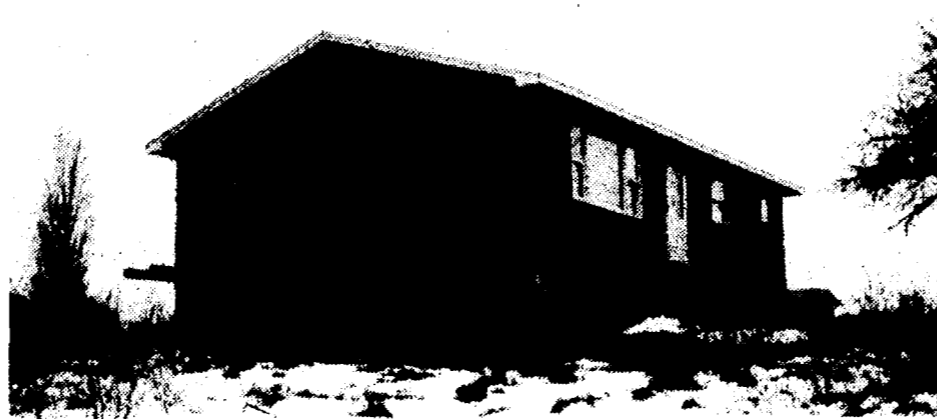
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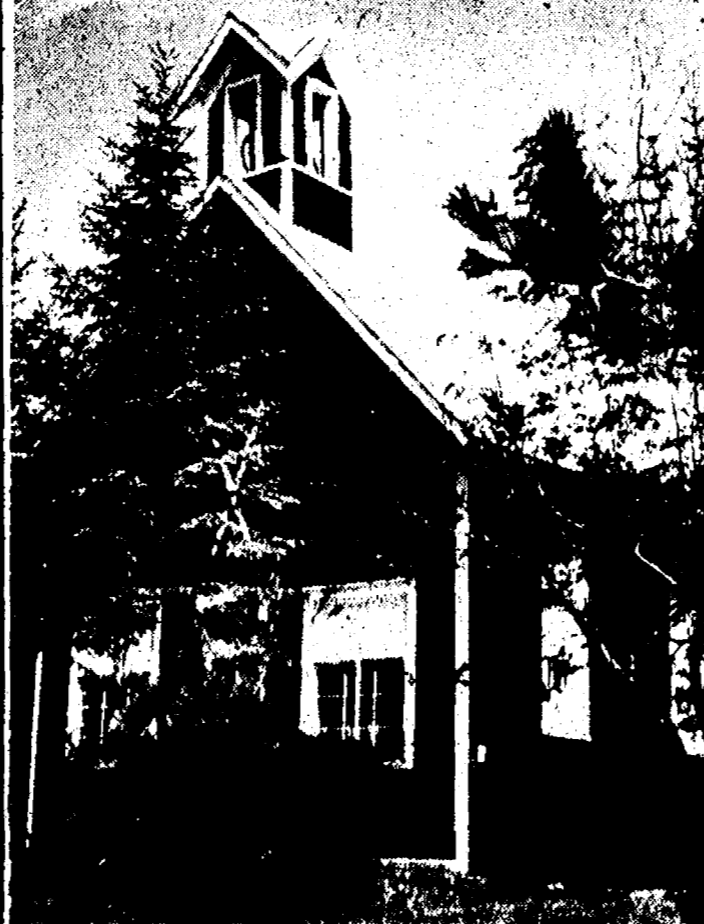
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Not Only For The Wealthy

I'll never pass up the opportunity to expound on the advantages of owning real estate. But it has occurred to me that many readers may assume that ownership of real estate, over and above their own home, is not for them because they may make an average working wage. This is far from true.

A large number of Americans own real estate other than their own home, and not all of them are in the higher income groups. The National Association of Realtors recently surveyed a cross section of the public and the results of the questionnaire punctured the myth that real estate investment is the exclusive domain of the well-to-do. The survey found that 38% of the respondents with incomes of \$15,000 or more own other real estate. Also 23.7% in the \$10,000-\$15,000 category has such investments; 22% of the respondents in the \$6-10,000 bracket and 36% in the \$6,000 and under category.

The survey also found that most Americans - 91% - view real estate as an excellent hedge against inflation.

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Businessmen's League Jan. 21

Bowers	43	17
B. C. Lanes	41	19
Green Const.	41	19
Boese Wood	39 1/2	20 1/2
Buick Realty	38	22
Bryan Bros.	37	23
Si's Marine	36	24
Ralph's Garden	35 1/2	24 1/2
Puff's	35	25
Mini Mart	31 1/2	28 1/2
Hellebuyck's	31	29
Sinbar Const.	28 1/2	31 1/2
Howard's	25	35
Gaylord Tool	24	36
B. C. Realty	23 1/2	26 1/2
Lil Pub	23	37
Chipman Pibg.	23	37
State Bank	21	39
Little Lenas	13	47
State Farm	10 1/2	49 1/2

Top Series

Carl Bayster	646
Eric Erickson	580
Ron Grunch	572
Terry Sierocki	563
Tim Skop	559

E.J. Merchants League Jan. 24

Gemini Lanes	90 1/2	29 1/2
American Leg.	86 1/2	33 1/2
Petries Const.	67	53
Rainbow Bar	67	53
EJ Lumber	63	57
Smiths Excav.	58 1/2	61 1/2
Daves Mobil	53	67
Country House	53	67
Taylor's IGA	51 1/2	68 1/2
Cass Supply	46	74
Greenhouse	42	78
Bartlett's Excav.	42	78

500 Series

Keith Peters	591
Perry Bennett	564
Barry Snyder	544
Tom Derenzy	542
Larry Drenth	542

Early Birds Jan. 31

Seals-n-Rob.	95	55
Denison's	91	59
Vallance TV	77	73
Zephyr	71	79
Bolser's Con.	59	91
Sayles Masonry	57	93

High Series

Star Waatti	446
Betty Burt	443
Susie Boggeman	437

Inter City League Jan. 28

Chuck's Place	62	28
State Bank	61 1/2	28 1/2
Legion	52 1/2	37 1/2
Spike's	39 1/2	50 1/2
Lions	30 1/2	59 1/2
Peters Laund.	25	65

High Series

P. Weisler	547
T. Derenzy	531
R. Dunson	529
F. Ballentine	526

Pin Twisters League Jan. 27

The B's & D's	31	13
Ferps	28	16
Help	25	19
Hot Shots Again	23	21
The H's & J's	22	22
Nite Owls	21	23
Uncontrollables	19	25
Whatevers	19	25
Keeps	18	26
Better Than Nothin	14	30

High Series

Floyd Peck	597
Jim Hubbard	567
Bob Peck	542
Sharon Pettiglio	509
Shirley Blekken	503
Betty Hubbard	501

Thursday Night Women's League Jan. 31

Rons Pro Shop	77	43
Boyne Essex	76	44
Overhead Dr.	73	47
Starks Total	70	50
Hamil	68 1/2	51 1/2
Northland T.	64	56
Schafers	62 1/2	57 1/2
Advance Groc.	62	58
Ace Hdwe.	62	58
Bucks Body Sh.	60 1/2	59 1/2
Altair	59 1/2	60 1/2
Little Lenas	59	61
B. C. Lanes	54	66
Trumco, Inc.	54	66
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Sports

EJ tries for revenge vs. Harbor

EAST JORDAN - The Red Devil varsity basketball squad will have two goals in mind when it entertains Harbor Springs Friday—avenging one of its two losses this season and thinning out the crowd on top of the Ski Valley Conference race.

East Jordan, Harbor Springs and Bellaire are sharing league honors but

still have games with each other remaining on the schedule.

The Devils had an easy time last Friday, topping Mancelona 74-48. Another tune-up with Central Lake Tuesday preceded Friday's show-down with the Rams.

East Jordan Coach Steve Vander-

Hyde feels the home court advantage will be a factor when Harbor invades the confines of the Devils' gym Friday.

"Being at home helps," VanderHyde allowed, but added "but the home court advantage isn't that much since they're such important games."

All of the Devils' league games

remaining will be in East Jordan. The only away games are with non-league foes Charlevoix and Boyne Falls.

East Jordan will travel to Charlevoix Tuesday to play what VanderHyde says is "a much improved team."

"They're definitely a lot better team than when we first played," he said.

The East Jordan coach said that the league games were first priority for his squad, but that they wanted the non-league wins too.

The Devils, with a 11-2 record going into Tuesday's game with Central Lake, were within one win of equaling last season's total. The squad was 12-8 last year after finishing 4-16 the year before.

Jerry Fuller led the offensive attack for East Jordan in the win over Mancelona with 20 points. Duane Carpenter added 18.

The junior varsity squad dropped its game by a 62-47 score.

Two possible wins on tap for Loggers

BOYNE FALLS - Their winless streak still intact after a game with Wolverine last Friday, the Boyne Falls Loggers will be facing their two most likely victims this week.

Wolverine topped the Loggers 90-48 last Friday in the Loggers' 32 straight loss. Friday's opponent, Vanderbilt, only beat the Loggers by one point the first time the two teams met this season while next Tuesday's opponent, Alba, didn't dominate the Falls squad too badly either.

"We're going into the Vanderbilt game pretty high," said Coach Joel Donaldson. "We only lost to them by a point the first time and we feel we've come a long way since then."

"We had one of our better games against Alba," Donaldson continued. "If we're going to win any games these two are must wins for us."

The trouble in the Wolverine game, according to Donaldson, was that Boyne Falls lost control of the game in the early going.

Heading into the Vanderbilt game the Loggers will be working on free-throws—an area that hurt them the first time the two played.

"We missed 10 straight free throws against Vanderbilt in the fourth quarter," Donaldson explained.

In the first game between Boyne Falls and Alba it was the Alba man-to-man press that hurt the Loggers.

"They hurt us with the man-to-man," said Donaldson. "but we've had a lot of experience with it since then."

Seniors Tom Mons and Don Green led the Logger offensive efforts in the loss to Wolverine while junior guard John Hausler was credited with a good defensive game.

Ramblers looking for 4th win

BOYNE CITY - The Rambler varsity basketball team, its two game winning streak stopped 62-60 by the Charlevoix Rayders and 63-58 by Petoskey last week, will try to get back on the winning track Friday at St. Ignace.

The Saints feature two of the highest scoring players in the Michigan-Huron Shores Conference—Jeff St. Louis and

Larry Peters—while the Ramblers will counter with offensive punch of their own in the form of Larry Jarema, Kerry Krugel and Daryl Timms.

"It's always tough to win at St. Ignace," said Boyne Coach Russ Harvey. "They have a tremendous record at home."

"We have to play four solid quarters

and not make mistakes like we did at Petoskey," Harvey said.

The Ramblers had three good quarters against the Northmen Friday but a poor third period led to their eventual loss.

After trailing by three, 37-34, at the half, Boyne shot 18 percent in the third period to fall behind by 12 going into the final period. A 17-10 fourth quarter margin in Boyne's favor wasn't enough to give the Ramblers the win.

"We had a very sour third quarter," said Harvey. "We only made three of 17 shots that quarter."

"In the fourth quarter they went into kind of a stall and we played super defense, forcing turnovers and getting some steals," said Harvey.

Poor free-throw shooting hurt the Boyne cause against Petoskey. The Ramblers out-shot Petoskey in the game 40 percent to 39 percent; had four fewer turnovers; and were only outrebounded by two caroms.

Boyne had five more field goals than Petoskey but could hit on only four of 12 free-throws to 19 of 26 for the Northmen.

"We hope to put together a good game from the free-throw line with a good floor game against St. Ignace," Harvey said.

"St. Louis and Peters are real fine ball players," Harvey said. "We can probably board with them. I know we can run with them. We'll have to get four quarters of consistent basketball though."

Jarema was the leading scorer for Boyne in Friday's loss with 14 points. His backcourt mate—Krugel—scored 10 points while Timms scored nine. Timms pulled in 14 rebounds to lead the team. Jerry Belford added eight rebounds.

Jim Plachta did a good job off the bench, according to Harvey, accounting for, with Jarema and Krugel.

Timms scored a career-high 26 points against Charlevoix. Jarema added 16.

Boyne skiers will host conference

BOYNE CITY - The Rambler ski team, after splitting a meet with Cheboygan and sweeping a triangular meet with Kalkaska and Mancelona, is getting set to host the Michigan-Huron Shores Conference meet at Boyne Mountain Monday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m.

The six schools in the MHSC with ski teams -- Boyne City, Charlevoix, Gaylord, Cheboygan, Grayling and Petoskey -- will be participating in the league meet.

In the Ramblers' meet with Cheboygan the Boyne boys team copped the first four places in both the slalom and giant slalom to win 20-52.

Mike Neumann and Scott Stackus tied for first in the slalom. Chris Kuhn placed next with Chris Wright capturing the fourth spot. In the giant slalom Mike Neumann again was first followed by his brother Marty in second, Kuhn in third and Tom Ellis in fourth.

The girls team fell 31-41 to the Cheboygan skiers despite a strong performance by Julie Dunlop. Dunlop won the giant slalom with teammates Karla Howard, Teri Heiermann and Kathy

Waldner placing fifth, seventh and eighth. Howard placing fourth, Renee Raveau

sixth and Waldner eighth.

In the triangular meet with Mancelona and Kalkaska the boys team won with 23 points followed by Kalkaska with 67 and Mancelona with 94.

Mike Neumann won the slalom followed by brother Marty, Kuhn, Doni Bajko and Chris Wright as the Ramblers took the first five places.

Stackus won the giant slalom followed by Mike and Marty Neumann in second

and third, Kuhn in fifth and Steve Kircher in eighth.

Dunlop won both the slalom and giant slalom for the girls in their win. The girls' scores were 40 for Boyne, 56 for Kalkaska and 59 for Mancelona.

Howard finished fourth in the slalom. Heiermann sixth and Waldner eighth. In the giant slalom Heiermann finished eighth, Waldner eleventh and Mary Beth Timms twelfth.

Men's basketball league schedule and standings

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Boyne River Inn	4	0
Great Lakes Energy	4	0
Country Star	3	0
Schafer's	3	1
Gold Nugget	2	1
Payton's	2	2
Ski & Shore	0	3
Victorian AFC	0	3
EJ Patterns	0	4
Stevens Concrete	0	4

Games coming up in Boyne City this Sunday feature Ski & Shore versus Great Lakes at 12:30 p.m., Schafer's against Country Star at 1:45 p.m. and the BRI against Payton's at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, in East Jordan it will be Stevens versus EJ Patterns at 7:15 p.m. and Victorian AFC against the Gold Nugget Bar at 8:30 p.m.

Rambler net squad stays tied with St. Ignace

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne City volleyball squad couldn't capitalize on a head-to-head meeting with the St. Ignace Saints last week, splitting the series to remain tied with the Saints for top honors in the Michigan-Huron Shores Conference.

St. Ignace topped Boyne 15-10, 15-11 to take the first best two of three series last Wednesday. The Ramblers came back to win 15-12, 16-14 to salvage a tie and remain even with the St. Ignace team in the conference standings.

Cindi Scott, Becky Aimesbury and Adrian Alama provided the bulk of the scoring punch for the Ramblers in the St. Ignace series.

The junior varsity netters lost two of three to St. Ignace. They won the first game 15-3 then fell 7-15, 1-15. Becky Kimbler was the leading server in all three games.

In non-league action with Mancelona last week, Boyne won two matches. Scott and Becky Aimesbury each scored with five serves in a 15-5 win; Bardell and Becky Aimesbury each connected on four serves in a 11-15 loss and Mary West served for six points to lead the cause in the deciding 15-11 win.

In the second series, the Ramblers swept two games by 15-3, 15-2 scores with Scott and Becky Aimesbury providing the punch.

The junior varsity squad won three matches against Mancelona 15-10, 15-7 and 15-5. Kimbler and Diana Notestine were the leading servers.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Ramblers split a six game series with Petoskey.

Boyne won the first match 15-11, 10-15, 15-11 but fell in the second match 15-4, 5-15, 8-15. The Aimesbury sisters and Donna Kleinschrodt were the leading servers in the series.

The junior varsity lost to Petoskey 5-15, 7-15 and 1-15 with Karen Winter and Notestine doing the scoring for Boyne.

Jan. 21 Boyne won a non-league contest with Bellaire, topping the first-year club 15-1, 15-5. Cindi Scott scored 13 points in the first game and Donna Kleinschrodt scored 11 in the second game.

The junior Ramblers won against Bellaire by 15-9, 15-0 scores with Kimbler and Winter doing most of the scoring.

Feb. 16 the Ramblers will play in the St. Ignace tournament with seven other teams.

EJ fresh win in OT

BY MARK DETLAFF
Student Reporter

The East Jordan freshman basketball team got off to a slow start this season, but has been constantly improving to bring its record up to 4-7. Coach Brad Jones said, "the team has been constantly improving this year, and they have really hustled."

Thursday's game was a tough one. It was a good team effort, with Brad Mayhew and Dan Nachazel leading the scoring for the Devils, with 12 points each. Close behind them came Bob Finch and Todd Chanda, who both fouled out with 10 points each.

It looked as if the Devils had it made at the end of the third quarter, but the Ironmen made a comeback to tie the game at 54-54, and send the game into overtime. The Devils did a tremendous job, ending the game at 59-56.

Coach Jones said, "Bob Sherman has had excellent rebounding all season." Jones felt that the defense was sloppy, during the first half of Thursday's game, but came alive the second half, and really hustled.

More bowling

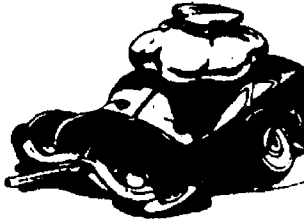
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Laura Looze	543	
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BC band students place well in competition

The District Two High School Band Solo and Ensemble Festival was held Saturday at Gaylord High School. The district includes more than 40 schools from Frankfort to Mackinaw City on the west side of the state. Several schools were represented by outstanding students who performed under the observation of the Michigan Band and Orchestral Association.

The students play individually to a judge and receive ratings from one to five with one being the top rating.

Those students performing from Boyne City, with band director, James Bogetto, and the ratings they received were: Roberta Korhase, piano solo, two; Theresa Schomberger and Margaret Kelly, flute duet, two; Rick Boyer, spare drum solo, one; Mary Jo McGeorge, tenor sax solo, one; Tim Hamlin, oboe solo, one; Mathew Irwin, trombone solo, two; Janine Froats, trumpet solo, two; and a percussion quintet made up of Mary Jo McGeorge, Tim Hamlin, Rick Boyer, Joy Pettis, and Barry Lewis, two. Mrs. Joyce Hamlin accompanied the last four solo entries listed.

The next level of competition available to students if they wish to compete is the State Solo Ensemble Festival on March 22. Those students who received a one rating may compete in the state competition.

Word has been received that Rev. William Smith's wife Lee has suffered a massive stroke. Rev. Smith is a former Boyne City Baptist Pastor. Friends wishing to send cards, may address them to Parkland Memorial Hospital, 5201 Harry Hines Blvd., Rm. 262, Dallas, Texas 75235.

Franchie Poineau is a patient in room 131 at Little Traverse Hospital after

receiving multiple injuries due to falling off the roof at Colwell Real Estate earlier this week.

The Rev. Wayne Bullocks and the Leroy Nicloys attended the Free Methodist North Michigan Snowmobile Safari held in Evert Saturday.

Cindy Kerr, daughter of Barbara and Pete, was home from Detroit. Cindy, a nuclear medicine technologist at Harper



Nancy Northup
582-9174

Hospital hasn't been home to visit the family since last summer.

Chris McClees was home from Central Michigan University over the weekend.

Robin and Dan DeRoos of Grand Rapids were here over the weekend visiting his parents the Adrian DeRoos and also the Jon Kennys in East Jordan.

The Boyne City Friendship Club met on Monday with their noon potluck and spent the afternoon sharing news of those who are wintering in Florida and elsewhere. They also enjoyed games of bingo.

On Tuesday at the senior center Sue Miller an inhalation therapist from Oxygen Unlimited of Petoskey presented the group with information on breathing machines. On Wednesday, nutritionist June Peterson, paid a visit to the center, staying for the noon meal. She will return at a later date to speak on nutritional diets.

Laurie and Michael Reid of Petoskey visited their grandparents, the Lloyd VanAlstines and Tina over the weekend.

Several members of the Antique Auto Club of America from the Boyne Country Region spent the weekend in Kalkaska at the antique auto show and flea market.

Diane, Greg Lutz and their two boys Greg and Mickey, of Grand Blanc, were here over the weekend visiting her parents, Jean and Fay Limron.

Evon and Bob Pluister and son Tom visited relatives over the weekend in Holland and Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eaton left over the weekend for a two week stay in Hawaii.

Shirley, daughter of the Rev. Wayne Bullocks, returned to her studies at Spring Arbor College on Tuesday after spending the weekend at home.

Elaine Kimball, of Saranac, who is a student at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, went home over the weekend. Elaine is rooming at the home of Ramona McGeorge.

The big winner in bingo at the Senior

Citizen Center on Thursday was Margaret Bennett. She received a \$5 gift certificate donated by the Petoskey Floral Shop. Last week's winner, Rose Reinhardt, won a beautiful plant donated by Boyne Avenue Greenhouse.

The Norman Nowlands and their son Chris Girard and his fiancée, all of Flushing, were guests over the weekend at the Ivan Nowlands.

Mrs. John Elder of Lansing was here over the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Genevieve Sutton.

Mrs. Harvey Varnum and Mrs. Jo Wolff went to Traverse City over the weekend and visited with Peggy and Keith McGeorge and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Stary Packard have returned after a two week trip visiting her mother, Mrs. Viola Rowe in Belding, their daughter Audrey and Glen Bears and family in Utica, and their son Leslie, Karen and Corey in Dearborn.

Myra Lewis and her two boys, of Clarkston, were here over the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Ann Jenkins.

Couple to live in Alaska

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, Feb. 2 uniting Alberta Rivera of Santa Fe, New Mexico and Jack VanHoesen of Haines, Alaska.

Rev. Ray Grienke of the United Methodist Church was the officiating clergy with Ruth VanHoesen, mother of the groom as matron of honor and Jim VanHoesen, brother of the groom as best man.

Guests were the immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim VanHoesen and two sons, John and Jay of Rogers City; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of Charlevoix; aunt and uncle of the groom; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth VanHoesen at whose home the wedding took place.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rivera of Santa Fe, New Mexico, are the parents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth VanHoesen of Boyne City, parents of the groom.

The young couple will be making their home in Haines, Alaska.

Community events

Is your group planning an event that our readers would like to know about? If so, The Press will be glad to print the details in our Community Events column. Call us at 582-6761 or mail or deliver your notice to The Press office, PO Box A, Boyne City 49712. Our deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Teacher workshop

A teacher-in-service will be held at Boyne City Public Schools Wednesday, Feb. 13. Elementary and high school students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. while middle school students will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m.

Florida picnic

The annual Boyne City Florida picnic will be held Wednesday, Feb. 27, at noon in Philippe Park, shelter 2, on state route 590 one mile north of Safety Harbor, Fla. Safety Harbor is several miles northeast of Clearwater. The event will be a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share, your own table service and beverage.

W.I.C. clinics

Starting in February all W.I.C. clinics for Charlevoix County will be held at the East Jordan Family Health Center. W.I.C. is a supplemental food program for women, infants and children. The clinics will be held on the 7, 19 and 21 of February from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Movie at church

Nite Song, a movie about survival in a hostile environment, will be shown at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, M-66 south, Sunday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

Weight control

Lighter and Livelier, a series of weight control and exercise classes sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and the East Jordan Family Health Center, begins Thursday, Feb. 7. The classes will be held in room 21 at East Jordan High School. For further information call Marlene Caszatt, extension home economist, at 582-6232 or Diane Moore, nutritionist, at 536-2206.

Rep in town

State Representative Steve Andrews will be holding office hours in Boyne City at the City Hall Friday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. No appointments are necessary.

EJ School board

The regular monthly meeting of the East Jordan School Board will be Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

EJ Senior Forum

Two films about Williamsburg, Va. will be shown at the East Jordan Senior Citizen Center Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 12:30 p.m. The films are about 18th century home life and 18th century community life. The films are open to the public at no charge.

Book and bake sale

There will be a combined book and bake sale at the Boyne City Public Library Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the library.

Staying healthy

Teenage use of drugs is the topic for the Staying Healthy session Thursday, Feb. 14. Directed toward parents, the program will discuss the ways of teen drug use. Jan Biddick, prevention education specialist for substance abuse, will lead the discussion and answer any questions about teen drug use. The Staying Healthy programs run from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the East Jordan Family Health Center. Those interested should register in advance by calling the Community Education office at 536-3241.

District rep

Charles P. Goddoyne, district representative for Congressman Bob Davis, will hold office hours Feb. 12 in Charlevoix from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse in the law library. He will also hold office hours that day at the Bay Township Hall in Horton Bay from 3 to 4 p.m.

Senior citizens

A film festival will be held at the Boyne City Senior Citizen Center at City Hall next week. Films on wildlife and history will be shown at 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Feb. 12-15.

Dance classes

Dance classes for preschool and school age children begin Saturday, Feb. 16 in the Boyne City Library basement. Preschool lessons at 1 p.m. include rhythms, taps, ballet, acting, tumbling and singing. School age lessons at 2 p.m. include taps and ballet. To register, contact Debbie Poineau at 582-9110.

Armed Forces

Dennis Shipe

Navy electronics technician Seaman Dennis M. Shipe, son of Lyle K. and Nancy J. Shipe of Route 2, Box 417, East Jordan, has reported for duty aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Bainbridge, homeported in San Diego.

A 1977 graduate of East Jordan High School, he joined the Navy in August, 1977.

William Fisher

Marine Pvt. William L. Fisher, son of Elbert R. and Eunice E. Fisher of 2347 Lake St., Boyne Falls, has reported for duty with 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

A 1979 graduate of Petoskey High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1979.

Timothy Bond

Marine Private First Class Timothy A. Bond, son of Ephram and Helen J. Bond, East Jordan, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Va.

A graduate of East Jordan High School, Bond joined the Marine Corps in June of 1979.

William Jensen

Airman First Class William E. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Jensen of 434 Poplar St., Boyne City, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base.

Graduates of the course earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

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John Reusch
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WEDNESDAY - Pizza, lettuce salad, bananas.
THURSDAY - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter sandwiches, cabbage salad, fruit cup.
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TUESDAY - Pizza, buttered corn, milk, dessert.
WEDNESDAY - Vegetable beef soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, milk, dessert.
THURSDAY - Hamburgers, green beans in mushroom sauce, milk, dessert.
FRIDAY - Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered spinach, bread, milk, dessert.
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East Jordan

Seniors to attend lunch

About 80 senior citizens from East Jordan and Boyne City will be attending the 10th annual Snowflake Luncheon at Boyne Highlands ski resort in Harbor Springs this Thursday. The luncheon was organized 10 years ago by Dorothy Pelton when she was active with the senior citizens in Petoskey. Now Dorothy is director of the Charlevoix County Senior Center in East Jordan.

Mrs. Pelton reminds area senior citizens that the center hosts weekly programs after the Wednesday noon luncheon. Upcoming programs for this month include a movie on 18th century home and community life on Feb. 13; Sheriff George Lasater on winter driving on Feb. 20, and nutritionist June Peterson on microwave cooking on Feb. 27. The weekly programs are planned by Debbie Peck and are sponsored by East Jordan Community Education.

The senior center will be starting a new service in conjunction with the Department of Social Services. Starting next Monday, about 20 residents of adult foster care homes will be coming to the center once a month for lunch and a program.

A surprise open house for Gladys Wilson's 80th birthday will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the home of Bill and Reva Dreth. All of Gladys' friends, relatives and neighbors are invited to the open house.

Sixteen employees of the East Jordan Iron Works spent the weekend snowmobiling at the Pine Stump Camp near Newberry.

The Lions and Lionesses are busy

preparing for their second annual Vegas Night Charity on Feb. 16. They had 176 people at last year's night of playing Las Vegas type games with play money, and this year they are expecting about 300. Seven more game tables have been added to accommodate the expected crowds.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and include a million dollars in play money and a buffet at 1 a.m. Drinks will be available, and all proceeds will be donated to charity. An auction will be held after the buffet. Prizes donated by merchants will be sold for play money.

East Jordan High School band members fared well in District Two Solo Ensemble Festival competition in Gaylord Saturday.

Earning number one ratings from the judges were Brenda Rullman, for a piano solo; Duane Carpenter and Dan Goebel, for a trombone-baritone duet and Linda Detlaff, Mary Richards, Matt Koontz, Andy Richards and Chris Beyer, for a woodwind quintet.

Earning second division ratings were Louie Drapeau, for a trumpet solo; Gary Walker, for a trombone solo; Mary Richards, for an oboe solo; Rich Hoffman and Todd Chanda, for an alto saxophone duet; Carmen Kadrovach, Maud Hansen and Dawn Eggersdorf, for a clarinet trio; and Bill Ulvund, Dave Oliver, Lynn Hawkins, Chuck Bond and John Tolgenhof, for a percussion quintet.

Should they choose to, the first division winners are eligible to compete in the state solo ensemble festival March 22. District Two includes more than 40 schools on the western side of the state from Frankfurt to Mackinaw City.

Rock-A-Thon at BFHS

This Friday, the girls of Boyne Falls High School will be holding a Rock-A-Thon in support of their athletic program. They will be rocking 12 straight hours in an effort to earn money for new uniforms and a trip to basketball camp this summer.

For the past few weeks they have been going out into the community soliciting pledges. Over 40 businesses in the Boyne Falls-Boyne City area have offered their

help along with hundreds of individual pledges. So far over 300 dollars has been pledged, but the girls would like to double that before they begin rocking Friday evening.

If you have not yet been contacted and would like to support the girls, please get in touch with a team member or call 549-2211 to make your pledge. The phone line will be open Friday night, all 12 hours, if you'd like to call in your support at that time.

Deer Lake

Visit Disney World

Judy, Jerry and Donnie Courtright returned home Friday night after a nine day vacation in Florida. While there they visited Disney World.

Leona Stanek visited Tuesday morning with Isadore and Kate Marker at Elmira.

Carl Hawkins spent Tuesday to Friday in Little Traverse Hospital for observation. He was injured by a limb off a tree while cutting wood.

Charles Jackson is a surgical patient at Little Traverse Hospital. He underwent surgery Friday morning for a hernia.

Leona Stanek was a Tuesday dinner guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wendt returned to their home near Chicago Wednesday after spending several days visiting Mrs. Elva Holowasko and also John who was a patient at Lockwood MacDonald Hospital. John entered Little Traverse Hospital Friday, the 25th, and was later transferred to Lockwood MacDonald Hospital. He returned to his home Friday, Feb. 1.

Tuesday afternoon callers to visit Jennie Bartlett were Larry Kratochvil, Leona Anderson, Sue Nemecek and Leona Stanek. Jennie returned home Sunday, Jan. 27 (her birthday) from Little Traverse Hospital and is wearing a cast on her leg after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vanderventer and Mrs. Shirley Beal visited Chuck and

Laurie Stanek and son Charlie Saturday evening.

Darlene, Cal and Sara Bricker were Thursday supper guests of their daughter Bette at her apartment in Boyne City. Bob Brewer of Flagstaff, Arizona was also a guest.

Henry Korthase reports that 71 years ago we had a winter similar to this one. He said the cattle were put out in pastures

Leona Stanek 582-9881

in February and the men started plowing their cropland in March.

Leona Stanek and Darlene Bricker spent Thursday afternoon in Mancelona playing euchre at the home of Louise Eckler and another guest was Dorothy Carper. Louise served pumpkin pie and coffee.

Sherman Thomas was a surgical patient at Little Traverse Hospital from Tuesday to Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Peck visited Friday afternoon at the Charlie Staneks. Saturday visitors were Bob and Kate Holzschu, Chonnie, Dale and Justin Holzschu, the Chuck Staneks and son, Betsy and Rick Olund. The afternoon was spent ice skating. Saturday evening for pinocle at the Staneks were the Cal Brickers and the Bob Holzschus.

Public Notices

Notice South Arm Township
South Arm Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting at the South Arm Township Hall Feb. 11, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to zoning.
ROBERT MALPASS
Chairman

NOTICE Evangeline Township
Planning commission meeting, Township Hall, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1980.
Edward Thurston
Secretary

NOTICE EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP
Regular board meeting, Township Hall, 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, 1980.
H. Anne Thurston
Clerk

Passenger van bids wanted
Bids now being accepted for purchase or lease of new 12 to 15 passenger van. Interested dealers, call Bergmann Center, 547-2979.

Public Notice Boyne Valley Township
Boyne Valley Township will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1980 at 8 p.m. at the Boyne Valley Township Hall. Public hearing on proposed budget, use and expenditures of revenue sharing fund for Entitlement 11. Unallocated funds, \$6,878.
LOUISE MAGEE
Clerk

Notice of General Election
Last day of registration for Boyne Falls General Election to be held on March 10, 1980 is Feb. 11, 1980. Registration from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 3130 Church on February 11th.
Joann Bell,
Village Clerk

NOTICE Eveline Township
The regular meeting of the Eveline Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. at the township hall.
Eric Belshlag
Eveline Township Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW South Arm Township
South Arm Board of Review will meet at the South Arm Township Hall, March 4, 1980, from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 1980 assessment roll.
Residents may examine their property assessments at the board of review March 10, from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. March 11 from 1-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the South Arm Township Hall.
South Arm Township tentative ratio and multiplier subject to change by the assessing officer, board of review, county equalization and state equalization.
Real Property: 46.28 ratio, 1.0804 multiplier.
Personal Property 50.00 ratio, 1.00 multiplier.
HELEN CHERRY
South Arm Township Clerk

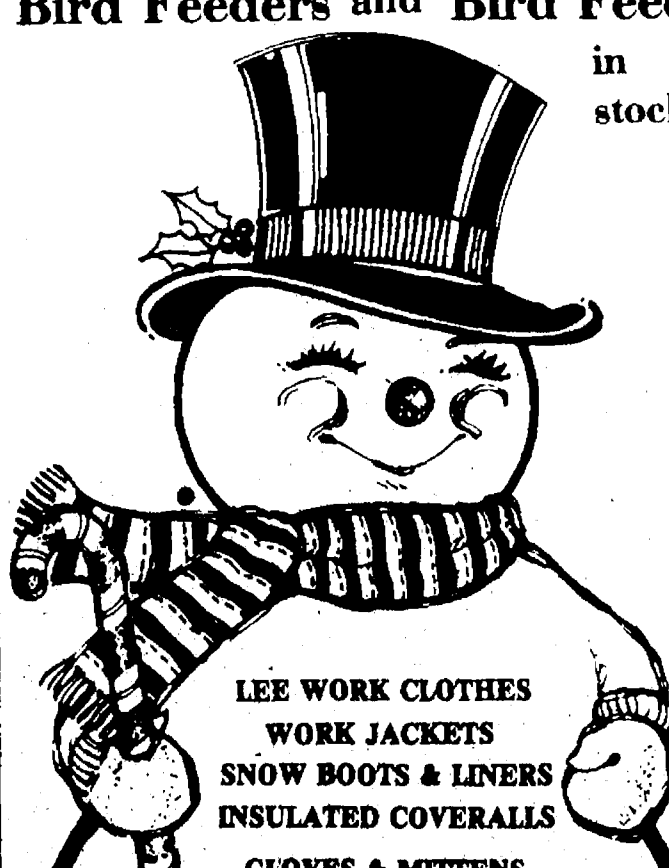
NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW EVELINE TOWNSHIP
The Eveline Township Board of Review will meet at the township hall on Ferry Road March 4, 1980 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 1980 Assessment Roll.
Residents may examine their property assessments before the Board of Review on Monday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 11 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. at the township hall on Ferry Road.
Eveline Township tentative ratio and multiplier, subject to change by the assessing officer, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization are as follows:
Real Property Ratio 40.84; Multiplier 1.2243
Personal Property Ratio 49.99; Multiplier 1
ERIC BEISHLAG
Eveline Township Clerk

Consolidated Report of Condition of Northwestern State Bank
at close of business on December 31, 1979. State Charter No. 238

		Dollar Amounts in Thousands	DP No.	DP No.	DP No.
Assets	1 Cash and due from depository institutions (From Schedule C, item 6)	11	2	394	1
	2 U.S. Treasury securities	12	4	035	2
	3 Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	13	1	100	3
	4 Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States (From Schedule B, item 2, Column E)	14	11	936	4
	5 All other securities	15	1	119	5
	6 Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	16	1	650	6
	7 a. Loans - Total (excluding unearned income) (From Schedule A, item 10)	21	35	092	7 a
	b. Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	22	1	225	7 b
	c. Loans - Net	23	34	867	7 c
	8 Lease financing receivables	24	1	none	8
	9 Bank premises, furniture and fixtures and other assets representing bank premises	25	2	852	9
	10 Real estate owned other than bank premises	26	1	none	10
	11 All other assets (From Schedule G, item 3)	27	1	917	11
12 TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 11)	32	58	247	12	
Liabilities	13 Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations (From Schedule F, item 1, Column A)	33	3	921	13
	14 Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations (From Schedule F, item 1, Columns B & C)	34	38	749	14
	15 Deposits of United States Government (From Schedule F, item 2, Columns A & B & C)	35	1	31	15
	16 Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States (From Schedule F, item 3, Columns A & B & C)	36	2	629	16
	17 All other deposits (From Schedule F, item 4, Columns A & B & C)	37	1	none	17
	18 Certified and officers checks (From Schedule F, item 5, Column A)	38	1	484	18
	19 Total Deposits (sum of items 13 thru 18)	43	51	874	19
	a. Total demand deposits (From Schedule F, item 6, Column A)	44	13	448	19 a
	b. Total time and savings deposits (From Schedule F, item 6, Columns B & C)	45	40	426	19 b
	20 Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	46	1	none	20
	21 Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money	51	1	none	21
	22 Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	52	1	none	22
	23 All other liabilities (From Schedule H, item 3)	53	1	796	23
24 TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 19 thru 23)	54	52	650	24	
Equity Capital	25 Subordinated notes and debentures	55	1	none	25
	26 Preferred stock - a. No shares outstanding	56	1	90,000	26
	27 Common Stock - a. No shares authorized	57	1	90,000	27
b. No shares outstanding	58	1	90,000	27	
28 Surplus	59	1	1,800	28	
29 Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	60	2	297	29	
30 TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 26 thru 29)	61	6	297	30	
31 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 24, 25 and 30)	62	58	947	31	
32 MEMORANDA	73			32	
Memoranda	1 Amounts outstanding as of report date	74	1	none	1 a
	a. Standby letters of credit - total	75	1	900	1 b
	b. Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	76	1	207	1 c
	c. Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	77	1	207	1 c
2 Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date	78			2 a	
a. Total deposits (corresponds to item 19 above)	79	51	428	2 a	

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