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POACHERS' PARADISE

The Upper Peninsula, which is known to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as "Region One," is patrolled by 48 DNR law enforcement officers, or game wardens, as they used to call them. That figures out to be about one officer for every 100 lakes, and about one officer for every 350 square miles.

"That's too darn many," one Yooper was heard to say recently. "At that rate you can't git more than 20 miles from the law..."



AIR POLLUTION

WHISKEY WILLARD, from out in the hills behind Maricisco, says he's installed a new electric moonshine still. "Cuts down on air pollution," Will says. "An' besides, it don't send up no unnecessary smoke signals..."

PAID UP

THE AVERAGE WORKER puts in nearly 3 hours in every 8 hour work-day just for taxes, according to a recent article in U.S. News & World Report. At that rate, workers put in over 4 months per year for the government. Last Wednesday, May 4, was the turning point where the average American worker stopped working for the government and started working for his own benefit. And just think — it's all gravy from now until January 1, 1978...

NO SPEECHES PLEASE

JACK FOWLER was the last man to be hanged in the northwoods. When the final day came, the judge walked the condemned man up the steps of the scaffold, sat him down in front of the noose, and said, "You've got fifteen minutes to live, Jack. Might be nice if you spent 'em giving a little speech, confessin' your wrongs, an' cautioning youngsters not to follow in your evil ways." "I guess not, your honor," Fowler replied. "If it's the last fifteen minutes I got, I'd just as lief spend it starin' at the sky and puffin' on my pipe."

There was a little stir in the crowd which had gathered to witness the gruesome event, and soon the local State Senator came ambling up the steps.

"If the condemned men don't want to say anything," the senator said, "then rather than waste the next quarter of an hour, I'd like to say a few words about the inequity of taxation as relates to Townline Sixteen..."

"Hold on!" Jack Fowler shouted. "If that man is gonna give a speech, yer honor, well you can just hang me right now!"

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**GOGEBIC AIRPORT
MR. CHIPS GOES TO WASHINGTON**

GOGEBIC COUNTY TAXPAYERS spent over a thousand dollars last week sending three county commissioners and one county controller to Washington, D.C. on a combination junket and wild-goose chase. Chip Chiantello, Rick Sofio, Phil Nelson, and Charlie Londo all flew to Washington along with Italo Bensoni and John Pavlovich of Iron County, Wisconsin. Their purpose was to consult with their congressional delegation and with officials of the FAA, the EDA, and the UGLRC on funding for the proposed Gogebic County Jetport.

What did they accomplish in the nation's capitol? Well, not much. "What we primarily did was to try to get the congressional delegation to amend the Airport Development

Aid Program to increase funding for development," Londo said. It's tough to say whether the delegation from the great northwoods had much effect at this point.

Could they have accomplished the same thing over the telephone or through the mails? Who knows...

Why did it take so many people to do the job? Couldn't one person have gone to Washington and come back empty-handed as well as six? "This has been going on since 1969, Londo said. "Some of these guys have been working on it ever since. I guess they felt that possibly there would be more impact if more went."

But there wasn't.

**MACCANI
RECALLED**
Council is three shy...

THE CITY OF BESSEMER will ask Governor Milliken to appoint two members of the city council to fill seats vacated by William Maccani and Richard Matrella. The two remaining members of the Bessemer City Council, Frank Perlich and Ed Lundgren, agreed to make the request on the advice of City Attorney Anders Tingstad at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The council had been left shy one person due to the death of Chas. Eppolite in December. Matrella's recall on April 26 cut the council to three members, and Maccani's recall on May 3 reduced the number of councillors to two — which is fewer than the quorum of three required to conduct city business.

The city had previously set June 13 as a date for an election to fill the seat vacated by Eppolite. It was decided at the Wednesday meeting that the city would try to fill the other two seats at the same election, but would ask the governor to appoint interim councilpersons who could conduct the city's business in the meantime.

Tingstad said that the appointment process could take several weeks, and the governor was apt to contact the local State Representative, Russell Hellman, State Senator Joe Mack, and probably Gogebic County Re-

NOTICE

PERSONS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM BESSEMER'S SECOND & THIRD WARDS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1977. APPLICANTS MUST BE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AND RESIDENTS OF THE WARD THEY WISH TO REPRESENT.

publican Chairperson Chuck Best for advise in filling the vacancies.

City Clerk Isabelle Haapoja has requested that persons from the second or third wards in Bessemer who are interested in being appointed to the council contact her office by Wednesday, May 11 so that their names may be sent to the governor's office for consideration.

RECALL RESULTS

Maccani was recalled by a vote of 119 to 101. There were two spoiled ballots for a total 222. Just over 50% of the voters in the second ward turned out to vote. Maccani himself turned up at the poles at a late hour, and was on hand for the counting of the ballots. He smiled graciously on learning of his loss, and promised that he'd try again when the election went at large. On leaving the city hall, he called out to the city hall janitor, "You're still mayor, Kako!"

SEAFARER AS USUAL

THERE WEREN'T ANY GREAT SURPRISES at the Seafarer hearings this week. Everything went about as expected, with the navy going through the motions of holding public hearings and a few hundred interested citizens joining in the charades.

The United States Senate moved to restore Seafarer funds which had been deleted by the House of Representatives, which caused long-time Seafarer foes to wonder, "What year is this?"

The navy made it clear that it can outlast any of the politicians involved, and that they would just as soon settle for an Upper Peninsula site considerably smaller than the one which they had proposed. This may be the result of an ancient method of acquisition known as "Ask for a bushel when you really want a peck," or it may be the

old familiar "camel getting his nose in the tent" routine.

The citizens of the Upper Peninsula continue to be courteous toward their enemies who are invading our province and bull-dozing over our will. The navy again presented its propaganda in the U.P. without meeting so much as a rotten tomato of resistance.

And a consortium of 19 Michigan administrative departments has found five areas of the Seafarer Project to which it objects. These include land use, archaeological impact, priority of the site, the juxtaposition of an Indian reservation, and the fact that the NAS report has still not come out.

In the meantime, serious opponents of the project are lining up their camping gear, and getting it set for the day the bulldozers start.

CAMPING IN MICHIGAN'S GREAT NORTHWOODS CAN BE A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE!