DeWitt residents submit petitions to recall mayor, 3 councilmen

By JOE EMERSON

Clinton County News Reader

Several petitions have been submitted to DeWitt Mayor Ronald Klieman by residents seeking the recall of Mayor Klieman and three members of the DeWitt City Council.

Mayor Klieman and two councilmen, Carolyn Smith and Robert Ballard, have been accused of violating the city's conflict of interest policy. The petitioners allege that Klieman and Smith had a financial interest in a project that was pending before the council, and Ballard had a financial interest in a project that had already been approved.

The petitions were submitted to the DeWitt City Clerk on Monday, April 11. According to city officials, the petitions were submitted by at least 50 residents of DeWitt.

The recall petitions will now be reviewed by the city attorney to determine whether they meet the legal requirements for a recall election.

The recall election will be held if the petitions are found to be valid, and the recall election will be held on the same day as the next regular election in DeWitt.

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Clinton County News Editor

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Mr and Mrs Willard Greenwood: Mr and Mrs Eugene Carter
Mr and Mrs Robert Shea: Mr and Mrs Lyt Frevich
Bee's Chev: Glades: Mr and Mrs Frederick Beach

Bike licenses due in St. Johns

ST JOHNS - Bicycle licenses in St. Johns were due April 1. Cost of the license is 25 cents. All persons who own bicycles are urged to purchase their licenses at the St. Johns Police Dept. Owners should take a description of the bicycle and serial number.

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Deaf and blind Helen Keller meets Belle for the first time in Captain Keller's attempt to acquaint her with a world of meaning in objects and things. The scene took place during the performance of "The Miracle Worker" Friday and Saturday at Ovid-Elsie High School. Belle, a leader dog training service animal is owned by Julie Feeman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Feeman of St. Johns. Area residents missing the first performances may see the play this Friday and Saturday night at Rodney B. Wilson auditorium at 8 p.m.

Helen Keller portrayed by Dee Holley is in the midst of conflict between her mother, Kate, played by Virginia Schmaltz and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, played by Rachel Houska. Others in the Third Act of the First Nighters' presentation of "The Miracle Worker" performed Friday and Saturday night at Ovid-Elsie High School were (l. r.) Emily Davis as Aunt Ev; Robin Cole as James Keller; Delia Anderson as Viney and Eugene Livingston as Captain Keller. The play is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 6 and 7 at Rodney B. Wilson auditorium in St. Johns for area residents who missed the first showings. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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High School Seniors Get a Glimpse of John Wesley College Travel-Study Program

Innovative Programs

Wesley Center to be Used For Conferences, Adult Ed.

Despite National Trend

Financial-Picture ‘Very Encouraging’

9% Interest

John Wesley College: A ‘Smart’ Investment

Pilot Trip To Focus on Civil War

Do You Know a College Where:

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April 4, 1973

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More than 100 high school seniors will be flying this week to England, France, and other European countries. They’ll see the Tower of London, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Paris, in Paris, and many other sights.

The tour, called the Big Glimpse It, is actually just that: a glimpse of John Wesley College’s travel-study program, which has been in existence for five years. The administration and faculty of John Wesley believe that the travel-study program will help them attract students.

Gayla Roehl of Owosso is one of the students who was involved in the College’s travel-study program last year. She participated in the four-week program, in part of the regular educational program. Gayla is pictured in the photo at the left having a coin into the Trevi Fountain, which has become popularized in America, as well as the many other attractions in London she was involved in during her travel-study experience. Gayla also participated in the traditional study experience at ‘‘getting to know a country’s people, culture and history,” she told the News.

Gayla Roehl is in her second year of participating in the innovative educational experiences of John Wesley College. This year, she will also be in the regular educational experiences for the first time.

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Innovative programs are used at the Wesley College Center. This year, John Wesley College recruited 100 students for the college’s travel-study program.

Innovative Programs

Wesley Center to be Used For Conferences, Adult Ed.

Innovative adult education programs and a continuing education program, including courses, workshops, and seminars, are being held in the college.

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Ovid-Elsie presents basketball awards

Fredonia-Three Varsity Basketball players at Ovid-Elsie High School were honored at the Ohsb High School Basketball Banquet held April 4. Larry Poletz, sportswriter for the Associated Press, was master of ceremonies for the event. One of the award winners was John K. Crescimben, who was named Most Valuable Player of the Conference. He had an average of 15.5 points per game and was voted Most Cooperative and Most Improved Player of the Conference. Crescimben also was named to the All-State team. Coach Robert Farkas, principal of the school, presented awards to all the basketball players, who were the keys to the state, all conference, and all district teams. The Ovid-Elsie High School basketball team defeated the Alto High School team 65-63 in the state championship game.

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Mr and Mrs Leonard Doolittle

honeymoon in Smokies

FOULGER -- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doolittle of Route 1, Clinton, were married here on March 10, at the First Congregational Church. The wedding service was performed by the Rev. Albert J. Fowler, pastor of the church. The bride selected a floor length gown of gold and white knit, polyester with a high bishop sleeves. The groom's coat featured a fitted blazer, high-ruffled neckline and long sheer sleeves with deep purple inserts. Her chapel length mantilla was accented with a wide gold belt. They were both presented with matching corsages of pink roses and white carnations. "Mrs. Fowler" presented them with a wedding ring. The bride selected a stand-up collar trimmed traditional gown of white lace. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. The Rev. Fr. Albert J. Fowler performed the ceremony at the church. The new Mrs. Camp is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Camp, Adrian; Tim Evans, Roanoke; Randy Camp, brother-in-law of the groom; and Joe George, brother-in-law of the bride of Rick Camp. The Rev. Averill Carson of St. Johns, presided. The bridal party included Denny Braman, best man; and Burdette Goerge, father of the groom; and Joe George, brother-in-law of the bride of Rick Camp. The Rev. Averill Carson of St. Johns, presided. The bridal party included Denny Braman, best man; and Burdette Goerge, father of the groom; and Joe George, brother-in-law of the bride of Rick Camp.

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Coming Events

April 4 - First meeting of the St. John's Optimist Club will be held in the Memorial auditorium at 8 p.m. All Optimists are invited to attend and meet their new president. Mr & Mrs Hiram Lyon are host and hostess. 

April 5 - St. John's Ledges Playhouse will present "The Miracle Worker" at the Ledges Playhouse, 8:30 p.m. Mrs Allen Anthes will direct this play. 

April 5 - Ovid Oddfellows Lodge will hold their annual Fish Supper at the IOOF Hall in Ovid from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are $.75, children 4-12, $.50, children under 4, free. 

Caucus benefits from performance

ST JOSHDUB - The Sons of St. John will be appearing at the First Annual Fish Supper, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Saturday April 4 at 12:30 p.m. for a special tip. Curfew moments at five P.M., the overall area. The public is invited to attend. 

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Open House

The children of Charles and vows Hildreth will hold an open house on their home at 5:30 with Wedding. Saturday, April 11 from 3-5 p.m. 

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Maple Rapids

Mrs. Glenn Parks and Mrs. Marilyn VanderWal have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janice VanderWal, 222 Main St., Maple Rapids. Janice VanderWal has been employed at the Bank of Maple Rapids, caring for the babies there since her arrival in Maple Rapids. Mrs. VanderWal, who has been employed at the Bank of Maple Rapids, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Larry VanderWal of Ovid, Maple Rapids. 

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Narrow Way approaching March 31

ST. JOSHDUB - The Narrow Way Drama Club will be holding a musical at the Church Hall. The play is a 7:30 engagement. The theatre will be reserved just for the evening. There are no exceptions. 

The program of the play and all officers will be announced. Mrs. Fellows is the director. 

There is no charge at the door. 

Elise First Baptists have evangelistic meetings

The First Baptist Church of Elsie will hold special evangelistic meetings with the Best Ronald Hedge, door prizes, a "Thank You" Gospel meeting of 5 am on and 7 pm 

Saturday, April 5 through 7 a.m. 

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Fulton names honor students

Karen Sorrell, one of Mr and Mrs Melvin Sorrell of Pleasant Plains and of United Methodist Women's Auxiliary, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 1973 at Michigan State University. She has earned this honor with a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the Senior Band. Mr and Mrs Melvin Sorrell of Pleasant Plains and of United Methodist Women's Auxiliary, have been named Valedictorian of the Class of 1973 at Michigan State University. She has earned this honor with a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the Senior Band.

Clinton births

A girl, Kelly Paige, was born at 9:05 p.m. on March 29 at St Johns Public School. The baby, who weighs 6 lbs 6 ozs. The baby was born to Mr and Mrs Donald Kelly of Pleasant Plains and of United Methodist Women's Auxiliary.

A boy, Timothy Howard, was born at 9:45 p.m. on March 29 at St Johns Public School. The baby, who weighs 7 lbs 3 ozs. The baby was born to Mr and Mrs Charles Howard of Pleasant Plains and of United Methodist Women's Auxiliary.

Eliese OE's evening at Masonic

Pleasant Plains and of United Methodist Women's Auxiliary, are planning a farewell party for Elise OE's evening at Masonic Hall on April 19. The party will be held at 7 p.m. and will feature dancing, refreshments, and a program. The event is open to all members of the community.

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St Johns students attend conference

EAST LANSING - Philip Grey (right) and a student from St Johns Public School attend the annual Michigan Junior Classical League Convention held March 31 at Michigan State University. The St Johns group was among the first to arrive for the convention.

Eagle

Herbert Patrick will enter hospital for surgery the week of April 12. Mr and Mrs Donald Patrick of Pleasant Plains and of United Methodist Women's Auxiliary, have been named Valedictorian of the Class of 1973 at Michigan State University. She has earned this honor with a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the Senior Band.

Shepardsville News

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Council approves
7 street projects

PROJECT 1 - Build shoulders and correct storm
drainage on east side of Locust Street from
Bird Street to DeWitt City limits. Street is to
be done by the city DPW, under contract,
with a completion date of June 1, 1973.

PROJECT 2 - Bridge street from Locust Street
south to Washington Street. Curb and gutter,
both sides, where needed. Replacement will
be needed. This project will be done by
DeWitt DPW, with a completion date of
June 1, 1972.

PROJECT 3 - Bridge street from Lincoln
Street to Locust Street. Curb and gutter,
both sides, where needed. Replacement will
be needed. This project will be done by
DeWitt DPW, with a completion date of
June 1, 1972.

This project will also be a non-
assessment project, work to be
done by the city DPW with a
completion date of July 1, 1972.

PROJECT 4 - Rebuilding and straightening of
Shavey Road from Locust Street
south to Washington Street. This
project will be done by City DPW,
with a completion date of July 1,
1972.

PROJECT 5 - Rebuilding of East Geneva
Drive, West Geneva Drive, South Geneva
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starting from Lucerne to East
Geneva Drive, South Geneva
Drive to Washington Street, South
Geneva Drive to East Geneva
Drive, West Geneva Drive to East
Geneva Drive, West Geneva Drive to
Shavey Road, as per plans
submitted by the city engineer.
These projects will be on a non-
assessment basis and the
funding will be done by the city
DPW and the cost will be
spread on all project property
owners. This project will be
billed to the property owners.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public hearings will be held on
the 1st reading of the liquor
ordinance at the DeWitt City
Council meeting of this night.

The DeWitt City Council meeting
night approved a liquor project.

DeWitt liquor ordinance
studies streets,
Fire violations of Couzen's Building Building released

New equipment improves local service at hospital

The World is their Classroom

ATTENTION!

Individuals Liable for Lansing Income Tax

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Consumers Power requests $142 million rate income

Michigan Public Service Commission requesting approximately $56 million additional yearly revenue. The company stated that a reasonable rate relief in the amount of gas rates approximately $83 million annually, and its electric rates approximately $59 million annually, and its electric rates approximately $59 million annually. The company also sought the increasing demand for electricity energy has resulted in a greater degree in deter-

Annual emphasized that Consumers Power is able to meet and continue with the Michigan Public Service Board in current and past years. The company is estimating that Consumers Power's rate relief in the amount of approximately $30 million annually would be approximately $30 million annually. The overall effect of the proposed rate increases on the over-average residential customer would be approximately 3 to 5%. The company plans to stage a rate increase by quarters in the amount of $30 million annually. The company plans to request a rate increase of $30 million annually in the next quarter. The next quarter is scheduled for April. The company plans to request a rate increase of $30 million annually in the next quarter.
Elsie group treks south for golf

LEAVING snow covered Michigan this week four out of the five members went to 10 days of sun and golf. They returned home in time for the season.

20 DAYS LEFT. IMP. APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Clerk, 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

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Henry Block has 17 reasons why you should come to us for income tax help.

Reason 13 If the IRS should call you in for

WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF BIDS

The taxidriver was born in

RILEY TOWNSHIP

Regular board meeting will be held April 9th at the
township hall at 8 p.m.

Victor Hopp

an old friend for her...

new one for him...

a CHETPHONE. Arrm your tip to December telephone for your special
color, dummy, others. Be sure to identify instrument when

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the world -famous

North River Country Club

through resort maintenance.

Mr and Mrs Harold Chad-

Mrs Adrian Cook, Mr and

and Mrs Herb Betts, Mr and

Johns; Donald Willard of

Road south where they

famous golf tournament, held on Thursday,. April 26, 1973 at 8 p.m. in


 favored a restricted schedule. They were

be held on Thursday,. April 26, 1973 at 8 p.m. in .the Courthouse,

reason at the state shrine

the famed Battleship USS

France; ante-bellum

New Orleans; America’s most interesting

early history, the French

Mardi Gras Day in, rjew

The tour included memorials

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O-Board of Education holds special meeting

ST JOHNS — Winners of L&L 'winners of the St. Johns Sheriff Department. If you want Goodrich, you'll just have to remember Goodrich, located at 1411 North, US-27 Phone 224-6791 St. Johns.'

In addition, a finalized report was made and presented to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and the DeWitt Township Board in a series of seminars at the college. This report will be utilized by the DeWitt Township Planning Commission and the Township. It will be used to complete the implementation of the Town Plan which is currently underway at the college.

RICH BROWN, a student, was present to make a personal appearance at the college.

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Kenneth C. Youry of St. Johns, Michigan. The bids to accept the proposal, which in the opinion of the City Commission for awarding, study or rejection

Several nieces and nephews survive.

Mr. Zatocil died March 27 at the Elsie area residence, Bertha

she lived in California, she resided in California

Convalescent Hospital. A funeral service was held March 23 at Riverside Cemetery.

Mary Zatocil was born to

High School, and resided at

Eureka, California; 3 sisters, Mrs

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in 1874.

OviBe Carter Funeral Home March 28 for Josephine

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How do Michigan tax laws affect you?

By the Automotive Information Council

It's a sunny spot in need of your attention to get out and give it a good brushing. However, depending on your particular taste in cars, you may need to use more or less varying things to look out for to keep your car looking sharp and serving well to do to prepare for its next look.

As noted in the Automotive Information Council's "Car Maintenance," exterior maintenance demands require special equipment, and it's a good do-it-yourself project for the whole family.

The basic steps to successfully get your car washed are:

1. Wash car using a soft cloth or sponge, or wash with a mild detergent and water.
2. Rinse the car with fresh water.
3. Wash the car again to remove any detergent residue.
4. Wipe off dirt with a dry cloth, or rinse again with fresh water.
5. Wipe off any remaining water with a clean, dry towel.

Special cleaning solutions are available for use on chrome-plated surfaces. Special cleaning solutions are especially vulnerable to corrosion because they are more sensitive than other surfaces. If you live in an area where corrosive agents are available, you may use a car wash compound, special equipment, and it's a good do-it-yourself project for the whole family.

Committee studies building program

STURGIS - An in-depth Building Committee was established by the board of Trustees at the Catholic Church in Detroit, in order to meet the needs of the parishioners. The committee's membership includes:<br>
- Robert L. Hooper, Bill Hubert, Bill F. Walz, and Mary W. Wilkins.

The committee will work closely with the church administration and will keep it informed of any changes or additions to the plans. The meeting will take place at the church until a specific date is set.

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FREE CHECK 75

If you don't have your checking account with us, now's the time to make a move to free checking services at Clinton National - the wide-awake bank.
Back Through the Years

Thoughts Through a Typewriter

In 1927, 1929, and 1930, a young newspaper editor wrote a column that is now known as "Thoughts Through a Typewriter." This column was originally published in the "Clinton County News" in St. Johns, Michigan, and later reprinted in other newspapers across the Midwest. The column was written by Ralph S. Lathrop, who was the editor of the "Clinton County News" at the time. The column is known for its wit and智慧, and it is considered to be one of the best loved columns in American journalism.

The column was written in a conversational style, and it was often filled with anecdotes, personal stories, and musings on current events. The column was also known for its use of the typewriter, which was a common tool for writers at the time.

In the following pages, you can read some of the columns that were written in the early 1930s. The columns are filled with the author's thoughts on a variety of topics, including politics, culture, and society. The columns are also filled with the author's wit and wisdom, and they are a testament to the power of the written word.

The columns were originally published in the "Clinton County News" in St. Johns, Michigan, and they are now available online for everyone to enjoy. We hope you will take the time to read them and see for yourself why this column is considered to be one of the best loved columns in American journalism.
I INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

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PORTABLE ELEVATOR DIVISION

and well give you the mower

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By. SEN.’ WILLIAM” S. BALI­GER

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that $6 million was too much

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extremely unfavorable-

unhappy at their inability to

more medicaid patients.

To Tillage

Model SS

HOWE.

To The Editor:

husband told them we didn’t

what they called it, didn’t put

hitchock as we live on Green

letter in Sat State Journal

/ (3/24/73) written

Mrs Donald Lidle entered

there are TEN more new houses on

Hitchock as we live on Green

Dear Editor,

my husband dug it

 Fiberglass Insulation

inch of the house. Mrs Donal­

Lidle had had a leak in the

water pipe that caused

the water to seep into the

living room. The following

afternoon, Mr Kirkconnell

daughter met at the home of

Mrs Ruby Wyman, Mrs

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Hundreds of prices reduced even further! You asked for it and Kroger’s got it!

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Is Sold With Our
STORE MANAGER'S
PERSONAL WORD
GUARANTEE

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**Hubbardston**

Mr and Mrs Joseph Larkey of Hubbardston and Mr and Mrs Harold Lodge of St. Johns attended the Wednesday evening "Better Buy." Mr and Mrs William Malcolm of Ashford are the parents of Mr and Mrs William Malcolm of Ashford. This past year Mr and Mrs William Malcolm have enjoyed their "Better Buy."

Mr and Mrs Harold Lodge spent the previous Saturday evening at the home of their son in law Mr and Mrs Harold Lodge.

Mr and Mrs Harold Lodge are happy to announce the birth of their third son to Lee and Janet Lodge. The baby, born on April 2, is the first time the Lodge family has had a son.

Mrs. Jack Billings at the Clark Memorial Home.

Mr and Mrs Charles Allen of Wyoming were Saturday afternoon in Grand Rapids visiting Mr and Mrs Charles. They were accompanied by their daughter Mrs. Harold Lodge. The Lodge family enjoys spending time together and is grateful for the support they receive from friends and family.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Johnson of St. Johns attended the Wednesday evening "Better Buy." Mr and Mrs Wayne Johnson are the parents of Mr and Mrs Wayne Johnson of St. Johns. They have been married for 50 years and continue to enjoy their "Better Buy" relationship.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Johnson are always looking for new ways to "Better Buy" and are excited to see the new "Better Buy" offerings at this year's event. They are eagerly anticipating the upcoming "Better Buy" show and are looking forward to making the most of this "Better Buy" opportunity.

Business is expected to increase as the "Better Buy" show is a popular event among business owners. The "Better Buy" show provides a unique opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services to potential customers in a fun and engaging setting.

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Franciscan Friars at DeWitt provide weekend retreats

By LAURENCE KEPF

DEWITT — A sign inside the big door of DeWitt House reads, "Those who enter my teacher's right is to choose."

That sign is by DeWitt's former Retreat Master, Fr. Capistran. And it might well be the best way to describe the Friars at DeWitt. They have been providing weekend retreats for groups of up to 52 persons, in a serene setting, just outside DeWitt, every Friday and Saturday, since April 4, 1973.

In addition to the religious function provided, DeWitt said "recreation" has been involved by "retreatants" from approximately 7 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday and Saturday nights, while the Lee's have found their friend, volunteer fireman for the Porcupine Mountains Volunteer Fire Department, the Rev. John Murray, to be a good listener, and would like to pass on to you some of the things they have learned.

An ounce of prevention

By Jour J Lliban, MD

Department of Community Dental Health Clinic, State University of New York At Buffalo, and Buffalo General Hospital.

Because I lived and practiced in Jackson for many years, I will still return to the town where I was born. The closeness of the people and visitors to the town will make me feel at ease, even though it has changed.

An ounce of prevention will do more than an hour of cure.

A STITCH IN TIME

That's what I mean by "An ounce of prevention will do more than an hour of cure," a line that is as old as the proverb itself. The original form of this maxim was "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In fact, the maxim is so old that it has been traced back to ancient Greek and Roman sources.

The saying means that prevention is better than cure. It is a reminder to take action before a problem becomes serious. The saying is often used to encourage people to take preventive measures to avoid health problems or other issues. For example, it may be used to encourage people to get regular check-ups or to take precautions to avoid accidents.

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EAST LANSING — A further reflection on set-aside in East Lansing is being given for 1973. The Federal Crop Insurance Program, which was established in 1972, is now being implemented.

The program is designed to provide insurance coverage for agricultural commodities. It is intended to reduce the amount of grain produced and thus help maintain prices.

For farmers who elected to enter the set-aside program, the federal government will pay them a fixed rate per ton of the grain set aside. This rate varies depending on the type of grain and the location of the producer.

In East Lansing, the set-aside program is being implemented through the local Farm Bureau. Farmers interested in participating should contact their local Farm Bureau office.

The program is expected to have a significant impact on the local grain market. Farmers are encouraged to enroll in the program to help stabilize prices and ensure the availability of food for the future.

For more information on the Federal Crop Insurance Program, contact the local Farm Bureau or visit the USDA website.
Next Sunday in Clinton County churches

All churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Clinton County News. They must reach us by 11 a.m. Monday to insure publication in the current week's edition.

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**Bridgeville Baptist Church**
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Tulip festival will be May 16 thru 19

April showers bring May flowers and the allure of color from thousands upon thousands of tulips at the Holland Tulip Time festival. Every year since 1927, (except for three years during World War II) Hollanders have spent an enormous amount of time and effort planting tulips to beautify the city to observe the coming of spring. But this isn't the only cause for the festivities. In fact, even though the tulips are the highlight of the festival for many, the overwhelming reason for their presence is based primarily on Dutch heritage which is so prevalent in Holland.

The 44th annual Tulip Time Festival begins on May 16 and draws to a close on May 19. The festival features the Volks Parade featuring the first performance of the Klompen Dancers dressed in traditional Dutch costume. Their style is old Dutch, but visitors find new fun in watching them dance. The Children's Parade is a favorite event everyone enjoys watching. Thousands of elementary school youngsters in Dutch garb parade through town, on foot and on their bikes. And as for special entertainment features, you can count on clean, wholesome events and attractions that are suitable for the entire family.

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The entire four-day program is outlined in a color brochure which will be sent free of charge upon request. Write Tulip Time Festival, Inc., Civic Center, Holland, 49423.

Shepherd to host festival

Sypr will flow almost as fast as the hospitality April 27-29 when the village of Shepherd hosts its 15th annual Maple Syrup Festival. The festival had its beginning in 1969 when syrup production was not a great deal more than 100 gallons and only a few hundred meals were served during the one day celebration. Last year, more than 12,000 meals were served and 8,000 gallons of syrup produced.

For the past few years the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival has become one of the first spring rallies for recreational vehicles. Several hundred families bring their recreational vehicles to this small mid-Michigan community and park on the street and in driveways where many lasting friendships are made between the visitors and the residents.

Besides the pancakes and sausage meals that are a hit with everyone, the festival includes art, hobby and craft exhibits, square dancing, sugarbush open house, sky diving, helicopter rides, tractor and pony pulls, a country-western show and numerous other events.

For owners of recreational vehicles, the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival is one of the highlights of the year.

Ithaca Rodeo June 22-24

The Gratiot County Sheriff's Posse will present its ninth annual Frontier Days Rodeo June 22, 23 and 24 in Ithaca. The rodeo, approved by the International Rodeo Association, will be held at the Gratiot County Arena one mile south of the traffic light in Ithaca. Show hours for this exciting event will be 8 p.m. June 22 and 23 and at 2 p.m. on June 24.
Alma hosts annual Highland Festival

The bagpipes and drums will be heard all over Alma May 25-27 when that city hosts its annual Highland Festival. Dancing, piping, drumming, field events, and the U.S. Open Pipe Band Championship will be heard all over Alma May 26 along with an art fair, judged band performance, military tattoo and the Celtic, a Scottish pub and dance at the Alma Armory.

A festival parade through downtown Alma to the college campus is one of the highlights on May 26 along with an art fair, judged band performance, military tattoo and the "Celtic, a Scottish pub and dance at the Alma Armory.

Interdenominational church services will start activities on May 27 followed by the continuation of competitive field events, a collie dog show, band competition and the 100th anniversary celebration of the Alma Fire Department.

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The survey concluded that a vehicle towing an RV averages 31 miles per gallon, consumes 418 gallons of gas, and spends $154.86 on gasoline, based on 37 cents per gallon. With 10,000 RVs in Michigan, approximately $32,478,600 is being contributed to Michigan's economy by the RV traveler just in gasoline consumption alone.

Many events planned

The Ithaca Chamber of Commerce members have many events planned for 1973 which can be enjoyable occasions for Gratiot, Clinton and Montcalm county residents.

The next major event on the C of C calendar is the first annual Recreational Vehicle and Camping Show April 7 and April 8 in downtown Ithaca. Numerous kinds of recreational vehicles will be on display along with dealer representatives who can answer your questions.

Other events scheduled this year include:
- April 21, Easter Egg Contest; June 22, Ithaca Frontier Days; July 12, Sport Shirt Outing; July 21, Ithaca Sidewalk Sale; Aug. 23, Fall Festival and Golf Scramble and Oct. 31, Halloween Window Painting Contest.

Ithaca to hold RV and Camping Show

The first annual Ithaca Recreational Vehicle and Camping Show will be held April 7 and 8 in a new mall at the Gratiot County seat.

Recreational vehicle dealers from throughout mid-Michigan will be showing vehicles and equipment April 7 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and April 8 from noon to 6 p.m. There will be exhibits of travel trailers, tent campers, truck campers and motorhomes in addition to other camping equipment.

The exhibit is free. Exhibitors planning to display at the show include: Beck and Hyde Farm Marina, St. Johns; Mid-State Trailer Sales, Midland; Mike Fung Motor Sales, Alma; H.J. Martin Co., Cannon City; H.C. Hyde Co., Riverdale; Wheeler International, Wheeler; Davis Ford Sales, Ithaca; Fulton Ford Sales, Alma; Butternut Marine and Camping, Butterscot; Den Cooper Chevrolet, Ithaca; Sherwood Forest Trailer Sales, Alma; Hunter Motor Sales, Alma and Wheeler; Ron's Traveland, Alma; Bayard Tire Service, Alma; The Pit Stop, Alma; Belt Buick, Wheeler; Best Sales and Distributing, Alma, and Bradley Sales and Service, Ithaca.

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Michigan state parks plan reservation system by ’74

By DAVE HIGBIE
Editor, Trails-a-Way

A campsite reservation system will be instituted in Michigan State Parks beginning Jan. 1, 1974 unless completely unforeseen circumstances cancel present plans.

The Parks Division of the Department of Natural Resources has asked approval of the Michigan Legislature to “test” a reservation system in 71 parks in 1974. Sen. Robert Vander Laan, Grand Rapids, a long-time advocate of a state park reservation system, told Trails-a-Way that he thought the move would be a boon to camping in Michigan.

“I see no legislative problems at all,” Sen. Vander Laan said.

While not all the logistics and mechanics of the system have been worked out, parks division representatives Paul Reanick and Harold Gottflanne hastened to point out that the system will not be in use this year and it will not be computerized.

The possibility of a reservation system in Michigan State Parks first came to light last year when the legislature attached a requirement to the DNR appropriations act calling for a feasibility study on a campsite reservation system. The legislative order called for the study to be held in at least two state parks.

Orie Scherschligt, chief of the parks division, said he and his staff decided to make the 71-park “test” since the results would be more useful.

“If we only use a couple parks,” Scherschligt said, “everybody interested in reservation camping would try to get into those parks and we wouldn’t have any valid idea what the demand really is. We think it is better to try it in all the parks where we offer camping, and then evaluate the results and reactions.”

Parks division personnel visited California and Florida to study their systems and decided that Michigan’s initial test should be patterned after Florida. Oregon, Virginia and Washington also have some type of reservation system.

Michigan’s system will not be centralized. It will depend entirely on each camper making his own reservations directly with the park concerned.

For instance, if you wanted to make a reservation at Higgins Lake State Park, you’d first have to write to the park requesting a reservation application. Your letter then becomes a tentative hold on a site for the dates you requested. However, you are limited to a minimum reservation of four days.

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The Reservation system planned in Michigan will be in any state park will be in the reservation system. If the park has 100 sites, 50 of them can be reserved. The remaining 50 will stay on a first-come-first-served basis. Reservations will not be accepted earlier than six months from the reservation date. While the "cut-off" reservation date has not been established, it is expected to be three weeks. In other words, all reservations applications must be received within three weeks of the first day of the reservation.

After you receive your application from the park concerned, you will have approximately 10 days to return it with all the money needed to cover your reservation. If you are going to stay the minimum of four days at a rate of $3 per day, you will have to send a money order or personal check for $12 plus the "service fee" for the reservation. While the "service fee" has not been definitely established, Rearick and Guillaume anticipate that it will be $2 to $2.50 per reservation.

Reservations will be accepted by letter or in person only. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Confirmation of your reservation means only that there is one campsite reserved for you at that park. Campers will not be allowed to reserve a specific site nor will more than one reservation be accepted on one application. Each camping party must make their own reservation.

Maximum reservation allowed is 15 days, the same length of time campers are presently allowed to stay in any one park.

If you encounter problems on your way to fulfill your reservation, your site will probably be held without occupancy for another 24 hours. If by that time the park supervisor has not heard from you, he'll most likely rent your site out to someone else and you will receive a refund minus the "service fee." These are the tentative plans, at least.

Rearick and Guillaume said refunds will probably be handled through the Lansing office after the camper has requested the refund from the state park office at which he made the reservations. Rearick also pointed out that "no shows" may also be penalized via a small fee, depending on the circumstances surrounding their failure to meet the reservation.

Rearick said one of the adjustments is that it is going to have to be made concern "check-in" and "check-out" time although no specific plans have been made along this line. He also said that the state hopes to have brochures in the parks this summer explaining fully the workings of the reservation system.

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Territorial Sup Wills Law to or spee the term of the Reserve system. The "numbered assignment" procedure started in 1968 will remain in effect for the number of campsite still on a first-come basis. Plans also include reservations being accepted year-around, although they probably won't be needed during the off-season.

Guillaume, Rearick and Scherschligt look at all the policies and procedures discussed to date as tentative with minor adjustments to be made along the way, even probably after the system is in effect. But the step toward a state park reservation system in Michigan has been taken.

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How will that ‘extra hour’ of light affect campers?

Michigan campers are going to have something new this season, Daylight Savings Time. And while there is mixed opinion as to whether it will be good or bad, there is no disputing the fact that it will be different.

Campers will find out the difference beginning with the last Sunday in April when they will turn their watches and clocks ahead one hour. And if you have trouble remembering whether to turn the jials forward or backward, just remember that it’s always “spring forward and fall back.”

State Parks Chief Orie Scherschligt thinks Daylight Savings Time probably will mean a lot more weekday use of State Parks. After-work evenings will be longer, and allow more driving time from the cities for an evening picnic or fishing.

He also thinks it probably will mean an increase in the “campmuting” families—those camped in parks from which the wage earner commutes each day.

The extra hour of daylight also may increase the weekend traveling distance and create more traffic at parks another 60 miles distant from metropolitan centers.

The new daylight hours also are sure to doom the traditional 10 p.m./quiet hour at State Parks. Some campers have regarded this as an unrealistically early hour for many years. With the added hour of daylight, it is almost certain to be changed.

While the extra hour of daylight will be welcomed by many campers, there are two groups for whom it will bring problems. These are the crack-of-dawn-starters and children.

The crack-of-dawn-starters are those who like to rise early, pack, and leave to get their traveling done early in the day. This gives them more time to enjoy their next campsite. Most of these are camping veterans who know how to make their departure quietly.

However, the crack-of-dawners also favor early bedtimes; this frequently puts them in direct conflict with the other side of the generation gap. The conflict is one that aggravates tension in the parks; younger campers favor staying up later, and compensate by sleeping longer in the mornings.

With the later quiet hours almost sure to be set for State Park camping rounds, the generation gap may be expanded this summer. It’s already too wide for small children with early bedtimes; no one has yet found a way to keep a six-year-old in bed while it’s still daylight and there’s a lot of activity in the campground.

Some bar operators say their business may be curtailed because there’ll be fewer hours between sundown—traditional first-drink time—and closing. And there’s a frequently-repeated story supposedly heard on a bus about a lady complaining at the passage of daylight time.

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DNR raises overnight fees at state parks

For the second time within two years, the cost of camping in Michigan State Parks is going up.

Orie Scherschligt, parks division chief for the Department of Natural Resources, announced the increase effective April 1.

The new rate structure includes three separate fees, each depending on the type of facilities offered in the park.

Fees for campgrounds having all modern facilities, including electricity, will be $3 per night. This fee will be charged whether or not electrical service is used.

A rate of $2.50 per night will be charged in campgrounds having either flush toilet facilities and sites without electricity, or vault-type toilets with electricity at each site.

Campgrounds having no modern facilities and those areas used by backpackers and hike-in campers will charge $1.50 per night.

Since May 1, 1971, when the state last changed its state park rate schedule, the fees have been $2.50 and $1.50 per night. This year's increase will raise an estimated $500,000 per year based on anticipated attendance. Parks division personnel say the increase will only maintain present services.

Rearick pointed out, however, that Michigan State Park rates, even with the increase, are proportionately low in the nation for services offered.

The $2.50 rate reflects the "new look" in state parks in which there are only semi-modern facilities.

Clear Lake State Park near Atlanta is the prototype of facilities to be built by the state in the future. At this type of park, the state will have either flush toilets and no electricity, or electricity and vault-type toilets.

Boats will generally perform better when the center of balance is as far to the rear as possible. Note how driver has positioned passengers toward the stern. This means that the boat will require less horsepower to keep the bow out of the water and that extra horsepower can be used to make your boat go faster.

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16 frankfurter rolls, toasted
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There's only one right time to snap a picture...now! I learned this the hard way. While visiting a campground in Illinois we passed a ready-made scene, perfect for picture-taking. An octagonal shaped barn gleamed in the sunlight, its white trim sparkling. An obliging black horse stood grazing in a field of green wheat.

Foolishly, I decided to wait until the next day. But when we drove by the following morning, the barn was a red blob wavering in the mist, and the horse was gone. I'd muffed my chance.

It was the last time I was just too busy or too tired to drop everything and pick up my camera. My 35 mm. Contraflex is now always loaded and ready. While traveling I keep it tucked safely under the car seat out of the sun, and at the campground, it stays inside a plastic bag locked in the car trunk.

Camping offers many opportunities for spontaneous shots. No two sites, swimming holes, or trails are exactly alike. Also, children and friends make perfect objects for pictures. Catch their wide-eyed expression while emerging from a sleeping bag or swaddled in a bath towel after a cool dip.

Even a novice can attain clear, sharp pictures. There are only a few techniques to remember.

Become familiar with your camera before the vacation begins. It's even a good idea to snap at least one roll of film a couple of weeks before leaving, and have it developed. This way you can check to see if the camera is working right, and assess the quality of your shots, possibly avoiding future mistakes.

Uncluttered pictures are often successful because the photographer has concentrated his full attention on one thing, but don't be so intent you forget to check the background. Have you ever taken a picture of your dog, only to find that a sapling is growing out of his head?

Camera calisthenics are important, too. Try viewing the scene from different angles...not only from left, right and straight ahead, but from atop the stone fireplace if necessary!

Some of my pictures have been bland because I snapped the horizon at the half-way mark so I've learned that the picture looks better if the horizon is one-third the way from top or bottom. Another thing, trees look better growing out of the soil, not out of the white border around the print.

In a landscape, a child or an animal in the foreground gives perspective. Angular lines make

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action, vertical lines produce
vitality, and horizontal lines
are harmonious. Few things are
more restful to the eye than
gentle waves lapping a shore as
a couple of boats dot the scene
to give it action.

It's time to admit to the
truth, I have no mechanical
knack. My husband keeps me
away from tape recorders and
can opener, yet even a duffer
like me can handle the
technical end of photography,
and enjoy it.

I think of the shutter as a
gate that opens and closes in
a certain length of time, and it
represents the total length
of time that light can reach the
film. With my camera, it ranges
from a whole second to
1/300th of a second. The
f/stop opening is the control
on the amount of light that
gets to the lens.

The numbers on the
exposure meter are just as easy
to understand. The top line is
the f/stop (amount of light),
and the bottom line is the
shutter speed (controlling the
time). They fall into automatic
combinations and you can tell
at a glance where to set the-
camera.

I stick close to the
middle of the dial on my meter,
unless, it's a very dark day. At 125,
or 250, meaning 125th of a
second or 250th of a second, a
little jiggling doesn't affect the
picture.

If you're snapping the sky
and an object on the ground,
find a reading for each and
choose midway between them.
But if you're shooting only the
sky, point the light meter
down to counteract the surplus
of light.

The pros bracket their
shots, so why don't we?
Bracketing is nothing more
than moving the setting one
notch above or below the light
reading and then shooting at
each setting. For instance, I
shoot one picture at f/8 1/125th
of a second, another shot at
f/11, and a third at f/5.6,
keeping the shutter set at 1/250.

It's insurance for getting the
best possible combination.

I like to carry my
accessories, including lipstick
and other personal items, in a
gadget bag. It's light enough to
hold all my photo equipment. I
carry one small brush with a
rubber squeeze bulb and facial
tissues. The brush is used to
blow dust off the lens after
opening the camera cover, then
wipe the lens with the tissue.

For wildflowers, fungus and
insect photography, I always
carry along two boxed close-up
lens, as well as a sunshade (for
the camera, not me).

An anti-haze filter is a good
investment for shooting in the
eastern or western mountains.
It cuts excess ultra-violet light
at these high altitudes.

A must for serious
photographers is the changing
bag; it's almost as important as
a first-aid kit. It looks like a
headless puppet, but it is
invaluable if your film jams.

One time in the dune
country of Michigan, my film
went off the sprocket. My
husband slipped the camera
inside the changing bag, zipped
it tightly, slipped one hand in
each side and opened the
camera. With the film
protected he worked the reel
until it wound freely. Many a
roll has been saved from the
oblivion of the trash can.

Kodak puts out booklets of
photo tours available at some
of the Visitor's Centers in our
national parks. We used them
in the Tetons and the Rockies,
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Although the weather may not show it, the outdoors is awakening to a new season.
Trees begin to grow larger with each passing week; and wherever there is a standing puddle of water, frogs will be paying tribute to this rebirth. During the next few weeks campers will have a good opportunity to view spring wildflowers in the woods.
In our region, wildflowers begin their “march” in the woods, in rich humus soil. Later, as leaves appear on forest trees and a heavy canopy of green covers woodlands, wildflowers will sprout in sunny open areas.
But, now, look in the woods for the delicate, colorful wildflowers. They will be hard to find in some cases, but they will be there, often hiding near a stump or fallen log. In some cases they may be found shining upward through a light covering of snow.
This column will be devoted to just those wildflowers found on the ground that normally bloom in April and May. Many of them will be easy to remember; others will be more difficult. But as we discussed last August in “Trails of Light” when we talked about trees, some of the plants will become easier to remember if you make a game of it.

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squirrel corn are rounded bags instead of legs.

Bloodroot first emerges in March, but the flower head remains rolled and protected by the flower leaf. In April, under a warm sun, it opens in all its glory. This wildflower is well named, for its stem and root do contain a liquid that looks almost exactly like blood. This is an interesting feature to show the kids — if there are a number of different kind of trilliums as these are tents. He probably wouldn’t be too far wrong. There is a great variety. But they all have at least three things in common — three sepals, three petals, and three leaves.

The trillium season starts in April with the purple anemone, the trillium with purple, red, or sometimes yellowish flower. The season ends in June with the last of the great white trilliums. When you point these out to the kids, show them the three flower petals in the center of the three leaves. The first three letters — tr — of the word “trillium” will help you associate the name with the plant. The trilliums are so called from the word “tripart,” meaning three.

All trilliums are members of the Lily Family, and are often called wood lilies because their favorite haunts are damp, rich, wooded areas. Our family has always been associated with darker yellow near the stem. The open flower is bell-shaped, and like other bells it has a clapper, or tongue. The “tongue” is actually six downward-hanging stamens.

A good reference source on spring wildflowers is the Golden Nature Guide, available in most book stores. It can be carried in the pocket, and its colorful pages make a handy, reliable guide for the camper and his family.

As we move into summer, give some attention to the wildflowers that can be found in the fields and open meadows. But, for the time being, you can make a good beginning by getting acquainted with a few of the early blooming spring wildflowers.

EARLY WILDFLOWERS — Two of nature’s early wildflowers are the Dutchman’s breeches (left) and Squirrel corn, often confused for each other since they look somewhat alike. If they confuse you, just remember that the Dutchman’s breeches blooms earlier and is not fragrant, while Squirrel corn is fragrant, and blooms slightly later. Campers can pass a lot of interesting and educational hours in the woods looking for early blooming wildflowers.

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Flameproofing controversy extinguished in hearings

The smoke surrounding Michigan's controversial tent flameproofing law hasn't cleared completely yet, but it's apparent there'll be no restrictions on camping tents and trailers this year.

A new law was expected to pass through the House and Senate quickly for Gov. Milliken's signature before April 1.

A "grandfather" clause excludes those tents and trailers already in service, and makes the law apply only to tents and folding camping trailers sold in Michigan after Oct. 1, 1975.

Under the new law, camping tents and trailers sold in Michigan after that date must conform with the provisions for fire resistance as prescribed in the specifications for flame retardant materials used in camping tentage by Canvas Producers Association International — 84, 1972.

A second standard National Fire Protective Association No. 701 — 1969 will apply to tents occupied for public assembly (by 50 people or more), tents in which animals are stable for public exhibition or sale, a tent located within a portion of a premises used by the public (such as tents or trailers on display in a showroom) and all tarps or decorative materials used with any of these.

The new law follows hard on the heels of another law on tent fireproofing passed only last year. It stated simply that all tents must meet the flameproofing specifications outlined in National Fire Protection Association booklet No. 701. It was supposed to become effective April 1 of this year, but a storm of opposition rose as the deadline neared. The law was called "unenforceable" and "impractical."

There were even reports that the state would prohibit all camping in tents and folding camping trailers because of the ambiguity of the 1972 law.

The Michigan Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Institute raised early questions about last year's law and worked for a re-examination of the flameproofing question.

And canvas industry people claimed fireproofing was too costly, and that current fire-retardant treatments were water soluble so tents would have to be re-treated after every rain.

Scouting groups were similarly concerned about the law, which would effectively have deprived them of their considerable inventory of tents.

So when Rep. Edward E. Mahalak, Romulus Democrat, offered the new law, it became popular fast. Two public hearings were held on the proposed new law, with resulting broad changes.

The hearings were attended by everyone with an interest in tent camping, from State Police and Fire Marshal men to Boy and Girl Scouts, plus the tent manufacturing industry and the Michigan Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Institute.

Although the MMH&RVI earlier had determined the 1972 state law didn't include camping trailers, the institute retained a close interest in the law's effects.

At the first of the public hearings on the proposed new law, the question of need for the tent flameproofing came up. Law officers reported the last — and only — injury from a burning tent was recorded in 1970 and involved a child's backyard play tent.

Canvas industry representatives said flameproofing tents would probably add 15 to 20 per cent of their total cost, probably would have a total price increase of two to three per cent attributable to the flameproofing expense.

After the second hearing, the legislation — House Bill 4169 — was reported out of the Committee on Public Safety for immediate action by the House and Senate, with gubernatorial approval prior to the April 1 deadline of the 1972 state law.
I always enjoy the convenience of motorhome travel, but I was shocked to learn that many of the manufacturers are producing units that have the same “hangups” I used to uncover when I wrote "Travel with an RV" articles back in the mid-sixties. I can’t understand why those who go into motorhome production fail to profit by their predecessors’ mistakes, but they obviously don’t.

One manufacturer even went so far as to establish company policy that forbids the loan of their vehicles to RV owners. To this I counter, "If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." It’s too bad this handbreadt doesn’t have to recall all defective units until the automobile manufacturers are required to do.

The entire house on wheels, including every component part, every pipe, hook, screw, and screw, is subjected to constant flexing as the motorhome travels over bumpy roads, railroad tracks, and up and down every ramp at gas stations, shopping centers, etc. This flexing can cause just about everything in a motorhome to come loose or fall off if not properly installed.

Instead, they let the motorhome owner endure a period of frustration and bewilderment before he finally discovers what’s wrong and how it happened. I don’t need, of course, a "downfall" — a two-piece wedge. You attach one piece to the door jam just below the striker. Then you like the other piece up to match (physically lifting the door into the proper position first) and attach it to the door frame. The downfall serves as a guide to slide the door up into the proper closing position.

The reason neither the door supplier nor the motorhome manufacturer is to own up to the necessity of a downfall is that in some cases it ISN’T needed.

Motorhomes equipped with a "Herminian" lock will have the downfall built into the lock. And, you’ll find the Burgeman lock used on all motorhomes that have a passenger seat opposite the entryway door in compliance with federal safety regulations.

Another way door suppliers or motorhome manufacturers could prevent door sag is to use the new steel hinges that have internal stops going across them like you find on automobile doors. But these hinges cost half as much as a complete door. Since motorhome manufacturers are always trying to keep the price down where the average person can afford to own one, they are reluctant to go this route.

Once you’ve decided on a particular motorhome, I can’t stress enough the importance of your having your vehicle properly serviced before you take delivery. As a rule in point, let’s consider the matter of refrigerator doors.

Today’s RV refrigerators rival at-home models for ease of operation and storage space; in the refrigerator door while traveling can cause a major catastrophe.

First you’ll notice that the door runs against the bottom support when you try to close it. This condition becomes progressively worse and you have to physically lift the door to close it. Road flex and the weight of bottles contribute to the problem. Finally, and quite without warning, the door can spring completely. I should know; I’ve had it happen.

If a child had been standing nearby, it could have resulted in a tragedy. As it was, I had the unsavory job of removing mayonnaise, catsup, butter, and fruit juice from the entire galley and carpet. If the motorhome you’re considering has a bimini in the driver’s compartment, overhead, note whether there’s a device to prevent the sliding barrel bolt from the service area from working loose and allowing the bunk to come down in travel. I had a front bunk drop while whizzing through the Chicago Loop one evening. I lost a quarter inch weight, it would have knocked me from the driver’s seat, and I probably wouldn’t be around to write this article.

Perhaps the manufacturer reading this article might not consider this any great concern. But all I’m trying to do is make the point that improved interiors and spacious layouts with picture windows are no substitute for safety and reliability. In fact, you could say that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."
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New directory to list 800 public-private campgrounds

A comprehensive Michigan campground directory—one that lists nearly 800 public and private campgrounds—has been given top priority by Michigan's new Public-Private Campground Liaison Committee.

The determination came out of the group's first 1973 meeting, held in mid-January to establish broad goals and directions for the committee. Another meeting in mid-February was scheduled to further work on the directory's publication.

The directory was only one of several major goals the committee outlined for its attention. Others are:

- A system for public reporting of vacancies at private, as well as public, campgrounds. This would include referring overflow traffic at public campgrounds to nearby private grounds.
- Guidelines for avoiding and controlling conflicts at both public and private campgrounds.
- A feasibility checklist for campground construction.

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Presumably the new state directory would augment or even replace the partial campground listings offered by local resort areas, trade associations, or chamber of commerce.

In addition to making the directory plans, the committee heard that help on another committee goal was on the way, Orie Scherschligt, chief of the forestry division of DNR.

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Every camper should have 'take-alongs'

By Charles E. Flynn

Careful planning is the key to having fun camping while providing nutritious and tasty meals for your travel group. Thus, take-alongs make lots of sense, especially for those long weekend jaunts.

Containers with tight-fitting lids which are light and inexpensive make it possible to prepare many foods at home so that what is required in camp is to bake or cook in a skillet.

As a general rule, keep in mind that thoroughly frozen meats, such as ground beef, will take 24 to 36 hours to thaw completely. Whole frozen fowl will keep two days in a tight container.

In addition, you can take any number of dishes unfrozen if you plan to use them for dinner on the first night out. Then, other goodies can be put into jars, refrigerated, and kept as cool as possible until used.

Here are some recommended recipes for "take-alongs."

The baked caserole can be assembled and kept refrigerated until time to put in the oven. Mix together 1 cup uncooked rice, 1 can (unflavored) mushroom soup, 1 package dehydrated onion soup mix, 1/2 cups milk, and place in a large caserole. Wash, dry, and cut into serving pieces a large (3-pound) flier. Put chicken skin side down on top of other mixture. Salt and pepper to taste. Bake uncovered (225 degrees) for 3 hours, turning chicken once during the time. Serve 4 to 6.

Jugue is a robust New England recipe which can be made in advance and simply reheated over the camp stove. It seems to gain flavor this way. Soak 3 large potatoes or Spanish onions in 2 tablespoons bacon fat until soft. Mash or puree. Add 1 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup chopped green peppers, 1 cup grated cheddar cheese. Chill for 1 hour. Upon arrival bake 2 hours at 325. Serves 4 to 6.

A tasty salad which goes well with casseroles and one-dish meals also can be made in advance, put into jars, and kept almost indefinitely (except it won't last if you like sweet-sours).

Slice 3 medium zucchini and add to length of sauerkraut. Stir 1 cup sugar (enough to sweeten), 1 cup vinegar, 1 cup salt and a few dashes of pepper. Pour over the other mixture and top with 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese. Chill for 4 hours. Upon arrival serve 2 hours at 350. Serves 6.

Make this one ahead of time and use as a mid-day meal when you arrive at a camping spot. Cut crusts from 8 slices bread. Sprinkle ham with 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese. Chill for an hour. Upon arrival bake 2 hours at 325. Serves 6 to 8 generously, or may be reheated again for another day.

Now to hear from readers. Mrs. Judy Foley, 1345 Linn Road, Williamston, Mich., wants to share this favorite salmon recipe. Drain a pound can of red salmon and place in a mixing bowl. Chop 2 tablespoons onion and 2 tablespoons celery. Add to salmon and stir lightly. Crumble 1/2 cup crackers and add to mixture. Add 1 egg, salt and pepper. Mix all ingredients and shape into patties. Fry in 1/4-inch hot cooking oil on both sides. Serve on hamburger buns with salad dressing and lettuce atop each patty.

Campbell Soup Co.'s home economists have just prepared a 24-page booklet which all our readers will find extremely useful. "The Cooking Camper" not only contains some excellent recipes, but also gives valuable hints on nutrition, campfire equipment and care, an equipment checklist, a camper's cupboard, tips on cooking on the campground, and guidelines about campfires.

Have fun camping and cooking in camp. If you have a question about food, or wish to share a favorite recipe with others, write to Chuck Flynn, care of Trails-a-Way 109 North Lafayette, Greenville, Mich.

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Examine your buying habits

By ERNIE HICKMAN

Camper makers know their customers. They know those who sell those campers, how to market them, how the habits of the camper at rather chance to study the buying pattern, and how the customers are to be won. Some of them become quite the most money, of course. It's a- ,

It's somewhat like choosing a wife by the lipstick she wears. In another case, you could awaken in the morning with a monster! (Interestingly, some of the highest quality recreational vehicles have had some of the most drab interiors. These were ripped out by companies dominated by engineers. Ultimately, of course, these companies turn to lady interior decorators to brighten interiors for sales success.)

And then there is the matter of layout. While this is a lot more important than mere color, like color, it isn't everything. Yet in many cases it is the only criterion by which prospective buyers judge a recreational vehicle.

What makes this a poor criterion by itself is that there's just about as much thing as a unique layout; there are just so many ways that the elements of a vehicle interior can be arranged, and every arrangement has several builders using it.

At this stage of the industry's development, there probably aren't any "good" or "bad" layouts; there are only layouts that some people like better than others, or that suit one set of needs better than another. Yet we saw a lot of otherwise rational shoppers stick their heads in the doors of trailers and immediately judge the worth of a manufacturer according to whether or not they liked the layout.

For the most part, the only thing that mattered to some folks was the overall layout. That assumption has been proved by talks with experienced salesmen and dealers. It's layout that, generally, sells a recreational vehicle.

And yet, choosing a vehicle or layout alone is only a little more logical than selecting a house according to the furniture arrangement.

Manufacturers are keenly aware of this: It's why they offer so many interior variations. It's also why the size of dealer inventories must be so expansively large. Yet if a dealer doesn't have a particular layout on hand, he may lose a sale to an inferior unit with the desired layout. But even this kind of nickel-picking probably represents a better evaluation that most shoppers give to bathrooms.

In our display, one of the trailers had an extra-large bathroom. But what I thought was a rather small one. In either case, the lookers' criteria was the same: door, sink hand in, look, leave. Now, I'm no bathroom freak; I'm not all that hung up on fixtutes. But trailers aren't very cheap, and it seems to me the least the shopper should do is to make sure he or she can get inside one of those travel trailers. Like shoes, they can be miserably useless if they're too small.

Yet few shoppers actually stepped inside the large bath, or tried the shower stall for size.

Would you believe that during the nine days of the show, only a precious few of the hundreds of people that seriously evaluated the trailer with the small bath—and that includes those who bought one—ever stepped inside that small bathroom? In spite of our invitations, they stood outside and looked in, studying the colors and the layout of the fixtures.

Obviously, colors and layout are important considerations in choosing a trailer. But they shouldn't be the only ones. Frames, suspensions, workmanship, materials, quality, owners manuals, warranties, service facilities—these are important, too. But we can't expect manufacturers to pay more attention to them than the customers do.

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Nature notes add to camping

By WILLIAM WAGNER

Just the other day, the family and I were planning our camping excursions for the coming year. This is an annual habit with us, and although we didn’t always stick strictly to the plan, it does provide us with a helpful guide.

We’ve always tried to keep records of all our camping trips. We feel this helps us recall in greater detail some of the things we experienced on each trip. We record such things as what we liked and didn’t’ like about various campgrounds, the names and addresses of friendly folks we met around the campfire, and interesting nature-type experiences.

Number one son expressed his feelings about turkey vultures when he wrote about a spring camping experience in southern Ohio: “When you look at them on the ground they seem ugly, but they were beautiful and graceful circling in the sky. I never saw so many of them at one time in my whole life. There must have been 100.”

Number three daughter was impressed with the whip-poor-wills we heard each night during a week’s stay near Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan. One night we spotted one sitting on a log. When we shined a flashlight in that direction, its eyes glowed red. She recorded that memory by drawing two red circles in her notebook and writing “whip poor will” next to them.

Actually, it’s a good idea if each member of the family carries a notebook, because each person may look at the same experience in an entirely different way. The notebook should be small so it can easily be carried in the pocket. If it’s a spiral notebook, a small slab of a pencil can be pushed down into the spiral for easy carrying.

Although it’s good to write about experiences, sketches usually take less time and can often bring an event to mind better than page after page of written description. Don’t worry if you’re not a Norman Rockwell — sketch the object the way you see it. Then, next to the object, write specific things about it.

If, for example, a certain kind of bird keeps visiting your campsite, draw the bird, then write a short passage in your notebook about the way it acts. Maybe it scolded you for being too close to its nest, or perhaps it kept visiting the same shrub near your campsite.

The important thing is that by drawing and writing in your notebook, you are not only keeping records, but you are also forcing yourself to take a closer look at the world around you.

One of my favorite entries came about during a camping trip to a state park in Illinois. It all started bright and early one morning. With shaving gear in hand, I walked a short distance to a shrub, hung my mirror on a limb, and started shaving my face.

“I had taken not more than two swipes when a cedar waxwing flew into the shrub, no more than two or three feet above my head! My first thought was that it wanted to watch me shave. "Maybe it has never seen anyone shave before," I told myself. It stayed a few minutes, then flew to a tree a few feet away.

Before I had even completed my chore, it was back again. The same thing happened the next morning. And the next.

The whole thing really had me puzzled. I almost came to the conclusion that the bear just enjoyed looking at my face. On the fourth day I discovered what made the bird act the way it did. It had a nest full of babies in that shrub and was guarding them the best way it knew how.

Always try to keep your notebook entries as brief and to the point as possible. An entry we’re always thrilled to re-read was made by number one daughter on a spring camping trip to the Great Smoky Mountains.

“She wrote: “Monday — Rain, rain, rain. Tuesday — More rain, rain, rain. Wednesday — Rain. Finally stopped. We took a hike on one of the trails and heard a crashing noise. I asked Dad if he thought it was a bear. He said he thought it could be. We ran all the way back to the campsite.

“Thursday — We were coming back from town late at night and, as we turned a corner for the campsite, the headlights hit on a small bear! "Later Thursday night — I had trouble sleeping. I asked Dad if he thought the bear would come back. He said he didn’t. I asked him if he cared. He said he was. I finally got to sleep. I was in a car and trailer that were parked across from our tent. When the bear saw us it jumped over the gas tank on the front of the trailer and ran into the brush at the edge of the forest.”

Thank you! Truly so...

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