Changing Government

In the wake of Tuesday’s elections, it’s interesting to note that one of the oldest Upper Peninsula cities and one of its oldest villages have decided to change their systems of government.

St. Ignace, which became a city in 1888, has been a so-called general law city since its incorporation, operating under an aldermanic form of government which several decades ago was quite common. Now, the residents of this community, along the Straits of Mackinac, will switch to a council-manager form of administration which cities like Marquette, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Sault Ste. Marie, Munising, and Escanaba adopted quite some time ago.

St. Ignace’s tenure as a city is exceeded only by Marquette (1871). Ishpeming and Negaunee both 1873. Menominee and Escanaba also were incorporated as cities the same year as St. Ignace.

It took 10 years of effort for Houghton’s leaders to convince residents that they should approve city status.

Business Mirror:
Consumer Protection Plans Hit

By John Cunniff

Some advocates of consumer legislation, and nearly everyone agrees, that consumer commissioners members of the panel that will administer the new consumer commission in Washington have been disappointed with the President’s proposals. The Senate, however, is still expected to act on the measure.

The disappointment, as expressed by consumer groups, concerns the President’s attitude toward so-called class suits, or actions by groups of aggrieved consumers against a seller whom they felt had harmed them.

This is the way Nixon’s special assistant for consumer Affairs, Mrs. Virginia Kramer, explained her view of class suits in a conversation with the National Association of Miami.