High Hits 64 Here Before 36-Degree Drop; Snow Eyed

Temperatures in Marquette soared to a high of 64 Wednesday, one degree off the all-time record for April 8, set in 1879. The thermometer then dove 36 degrees to this morning's low of 23.

Yesterday's gorgeous weather provoked an exodus into the great outdoors. Huge expanses of bare ground were revealed as the snow continued its disappearing act. People breathed deeply, smiled and donned their winter coats. There was promise in the air.

It didn't last long but it was a harbinger of days to come this month, next month and later.

Blue And Cold Day

Marquette's snow depth dropped to nine inches, after having been 14 inches a few days ago. More ice departed the shoreline and Lake Superior's deep blue reflected blue skies above. The sun shone 87 per cent of all possible daylight hours Wednesday, as winds blew strongly out of the south.

Pair Of Cold Fronts

Late Wednesday, a cold front moved into this area from the west, reducing temperatures to the 40's and during the night, a second cold front arrived from Canada brought in chilly air that forced readings down into the 20's.

Wednesday's extreme readings in Marquette averaged 55 degrees, which was 19 degrees above the date and boosted April's average temperature to 1.1 degrees above normal. The average had reached a low of 2.7 degrees below normal several days ago, as the result of all three April days to date producing abnormal readings.

10 Degree Chill Factor

By this morning, not only had temperatures dropped but winds had shifted and were blowing out of the northwest at 16 miles per hour. Coupled with an 8 a.m. reading of 29, that made the wind chill factor equivalent to 10 degrees — a far cry from temperatures in the U.P. area, which brought a sweep of south winds from the dry Texas-Oklahoma region.

Judge Rules Joint Trial For NMU Black Students

There will be one joint trial by jury on Monday, April 29, in Marquette District Court for the six Northern Michigan University black students charged with creating a disturbance during a 19-hour sit-in last December in the dean's office at NMU.

Ruling late Wednesday on a motion filed by J. Kent Bourland, of Hancock, attorney for the defendants, who asked for six separate trials, Judge George E. Hill denied the request and scheduled a joint trial for the six.

Molinare Named MSU's Regional Director In U.P.

Frank J. Molinare, Marquette, longtime county extension agent for Michigan State University, has been given additional duties as MSU regional director of continuing education in the Upper Peninsula.

He succeeds James W. Gooch, who left the university last fall. In his new capacity, Molinare will coordinate all of MSU's educational programs in the Upper Peninsula.

B.S. From State

A native of Norway, Mich., he received the B.S. degree from Michigan State in 1939.

He is a member of various organizations, including the Michigan Association of County Agricultural Agents, serving as president in 1970.