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School Board Elections

There is no more nearly universal institution in any community than its schools. The lives of all of us are influenced by them. The manner in which they are administered is a direct reflection upon the community. Obviously, school policies and procedures should be determined by the most competent persons who can be persuaded to serve as school board members.

That is why the several school board elections being held Monday in Marquette and Alger Counties are so important.

And yet school board elections often attract only a small percentage of the persons who are eligible to cast ballots. This is particularly true in elections in which there is no apparent opposition for seats on the school board; for instance, where no more than one candidate has filed for a single vacancy. But this does not assure election of that candidate. Write-in votes for a candidate who has not filed for election could result in the defeat of the candidate whose name appears alone on the ballot.

In the final analysis, the only way a qualified voter can actually support his candidates is by exercising his franchise. Any citizen who is interested in better schools and who is conscientious citizen isn't — should cast his ballot in Monday's election. It is the least he can do for the schools in his community.

Antidote For Bears

The black bear is one of the Upper Peninsula's most important animals. It is a tourist attraction and a major game species. In Keweenaw County, bears are so prized as

part of the region's lure for tourists that county leaders succeeded in closing Keweenaw to bear hunting during the early seasons (in September and October). In the Lower Peninsula, bear numbers have declined so sharply that this species is now protected there throughout the year.

But the black bear also can be a serious nuisance, particularly when it strays from its natural habitat. This is a not uncommon occurrence in Marquette, where several bears have wandered into the city limits in the past few years. Only last week, two bears that had made their way into the city were shot and killed by law enforcement officers.

One of the readers of The Mining Journal raised an interesting question in a letter to the editor as to whether this is the best way of dealing with these situations. On the one hand, there is an interest in preserving bears as a natural resource of aesthetic and economic significance. On the other hand, there is a concern over protecting the public from an animal capable of doing a lot of harm.

Both of these objectives could be obtained if bears that happen into residential areas could be captured and released in woods. Perhaps the best way to accomplish this is through use of tranquilizer trajectories propelled by firearms. This is a somewhat troublesome procedure, but it also is humane and would help preserve an animal that is a valued part of the fauna of Upper Michigan.

Peninsula Perambulator

The Manistique yacht harbor, popular with Great Lakes yachtsmen crossing northern Lake Michigan, is scheduled for more improvement. The city next month will install 100 feet of steel docking. The old Yacht Club building has been removed and the former justice court building, which has been moved to the harbor area, is being outfitted as a clubhouse.

Two Marble Arms Corp. employees with a total of more than 90 years' service have retired. They are William Reese, who started work at Gladstone plant in 1915 and has been a regular employee with the exception of a three-year period 1917-20, and Paul Waeghe, who worked for Marble Arms for 45 years.

Proof that Monday holidays would be a great boon to Michigan tourism was evident in the 1967 Memorial Day traffic over the Mackinac Bridge. There were 3,800 vehicles less than the three-day holiday weekend of 1966 and 1,400 under 1965, which also was a three-day weekend holiday. Bridge Authority Chairman Prentiss M. Brown said that May traffic "was actually running ahead of a year ago until the holiday weekend, but with Memorial Day being celebrated on Tuesday instead of Monday as it has been for the past two years, thousands of persons apparently decided not to visit the Upper Peninsula."

A Navy reserve pilot, Lt. Comdr. Girard Thibault, landed a helicopter in the yard of David Pelletier, his nephew, at Garden. Thibault, accompanied by another pilot and a Marine, was on a training flight from Detroit to Marquette.

The Matadors



Andrew Tully:

Nasser's Record

WASHINGTON — In trying to do business with Egypt's President Nasser, and thus prevent the Egyptian-Israeli clash from developing into World War III, President Johnson is haunted by the memory of Nasser's doublecross of his predecessor during the period from the fall of 1962 into the spring of 1963.

At that time, Nasser proved to the satisfaction of even the United Nations' politically myopic U Thant that his word was worthless. Yet he continues to woo the West with promises that he'll behave if we just let him throttle Israel.

In the fall of 1962, the royalist regime was deposed in a coup in Yemen, a miserable little principality planted like a

festering boil on the southwest corner of the Saudi Arabian peninsula. The coup was engineered by Nasser agents and its position was consolidated by the dispatch of Egyptian troops and Russian "technicians." Predictably, Saudi Arabia jumped in on the side of the loyalist guerrillas operating out of the mountains on the reasonable grounds that Nasser had his eye on Saudi territory. The British were properly concerned about their enclave in Aden.

Inevitable Defeat Predicted
After considerable soul-searching, President Kennedy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk decided to recognize the revolutionary Yemen regime, and so announced on Dec. 19, 1962. They concluded that Nasser

should not be pressed lest he attack Saudi Arabia in a fit of pique. There was also the danger that both Egypt and Yemen would seek Soviet military involvement in any clash. The CIA predicted inevitable defeat for the Yemen loyalists, a bit of soothsaying that is not mentioned today because the loyalists are still planning down more than 40,000 Egyptian troops.

Nasser had promised he would not use Yemen as a springboard for attacks on Saudi Arabia. As soon as U.S. recognition of the rebels was announced, he began a campaign of harassing attacks on Saudi Arabia and warned both Jordan and Saudi Arabia that "peoples' revolutions" soon would erupt on their territories. The then Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia promptly dispatched aid to Yemen's loyalists.

In the spring of 1963, a special American envoy, the highly competent Ellsworth Bunker, now ambassador to Vietnam, wrote a promise from Faisal to withdraw his support of the loyalists if Nasser ceased his attacks on Saudi territory. Bunker then traveled to Cairo, where he persuaded Nasser to halt the attacks and to start a phased withdrawal of Egyptian troops within 15 days after Saudi suspension of aid to the loyalists.

Soviet Aids Yemen

Thant, who had hesitated to involve the U.N. in any peacekeeping move because he was afraid it would fail, now announced "settlement" of the dispute and sent a small U.N. force under Swedish Gen. Carl von Horn to supervise the "disengagement" of Egyptian and Saudi troops.

Since the Philadelphia police began refusing guns to habitual

Coffee Break

WITH THE JOURNAL STAFF

THREE people will receive honorary doctor of laws degrees from Michigan State University Sunday, and none of them is a stranger to the Upper Peninsula. The first is Walker L. Cislser, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Detroit Edison Co., who is co-chairman of Operation Action-U.P. and a frequent visitor to Marquette. The second is Operation A. Beukema, vice president of U.S. Steel Co.'s ore and limestone operations, whose company is a major landowner in the Upper Peninsula and operator of a limestone quarry in the eastern U.P. The third is Frederick C. Belen, Washington, D. C., deputy postmaster general, who was in Christmas in Alger County last November to take part in ceremonies commemorating the first day of issuance of the 1966 Christmas stamp. (Coincidentally, on the same weekend that Cislser receives his honorary doctor of laws degree, his co-chairman in Operation Action, Dr. Edgar L. Harden, Northern Michigan University president, receives the same honorary degree from Alma College.)

TODAY marks the 20th anniversary of Dr. J. R. Acecks' superintendency of Morgan Heights Sanatorium, and employees there have scheduled an observance for the occasion. It will include presentation to Dr. Acecks of a plaque in appreciation of his two decades of service.

JAY Scriba, former telegraph editor and feature writer for The Mining Journal, has penned a graphic description of bird life for the Milwaukee Journal, for whom he now labors as a feature writer and reviewer. "Walk downtown in Milwaukee on a still, balmy night, and you will likely hear something up in the dark making a whooshing, swooping sound, like a small boy whipping the air with a stick," Scriba writes. "The source of this mysterious summer sound is the common nighthawk, a harmless, fast-darting bird with pointed falcon wings which give it a hawklike appearance. Before there were cities, nighthawks nested on gravel bars, sand pits and in rocky pastures. Now they seem to be content to nest on the flat, gravel topped roofs of big buildings. They are mostly nocturnal and can often be seen wheeling in the glow of the city's lights, gulping insects on the fly. Their call is faint, reedlike 'beep.' The whoosh comes during the mating and nesting season when a grandstanding male pulls out of a plummeting power dive with stiffly set wings. In other words, a swooping nighthawk isn't trying to attack you—she's just in love. (Chimney swifts, which are smaller than nighthawks, often fly with them, but have a twittering call and don't go whoosh.)" Incidentally, a nighthawk "nested" atop The Mining Journal building several years ago, depositing two eggs on the flat surface. The bird somehow moved them to the opposite side of the roof after the well-camouflaged eggs had been discovered by Journal staff members.

SPEAKING of the Milwaukee Journal, the women's section of that newspaper last Sunday published a full page of color photos and a feature story about the family of Philip Rippe, the Upper Peninsula's congressman, and their home in Sumner, Md.

DON'T be surprised if Cliffs Ridge is lighted for night skiing when the season opens next winter.

James Marlow: Preserving Sanity

WASHINGTON (AP) — The oil supplies for the Western European administration and the powers.

While the Arabs can't avoid feeling it down by the Soviets, it was against United States they expressed their resentment. This alone will make it harder for the United States to reach things up.

And this is only the beginning of the American problem in the Mideast since it will be involved, in one way or another, in any peace settlement. Besides the Soviets, being closer, are in a better spot to be an influence.

Three Spheres Of Influence. Yet, as time goes on and Soviet strength increases, the United States is at the same disadvantage in sticking its nose into the Middle East, which is under the Soviet umbrella, as the Soviets would be if they tried to push into Latin America from which the United States long ago banned any foreign

Health And Safety Tips:

Boating Accidents

Small boats by the hundreds of thousands are back in the water this month, freshly scraped and painted after a winter of storage.

In the deep South many boating fans are on the water most of the winter, but in most of the nation June is the season to get back on the lakes and streams.

man. If your boat overturns, stay with it. The chances are that sooner or later someone will pick you up. Very few individuals are in good enough physical condition for a long swim in rough or cold water.

WHOSE RIGHT?

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Editor's Mail

(Contributions are invited. Letters should be limited to less than 300 words. Only signed letters will be considered for publication. Personal attacks on individuals will be eliminated.)

Student Demonstration

Dear Sir:
In regards to the June 5 article in The Mining Journal concerning the demonstration at NMU, I can't help but wonder if there isn't some partiality to the students and the university, since it is located in our area. I speak of the comment made by Stambaugh, and I quote, "It was loud, but otherwise a very orderly demonstration."

In my opinion, a demonstration that is impromptu cannot in any aspect be orderly. Although nothing serious happened this time, mass hysteria is also impromptu, and people get killed during such times.

I fully realize that in order to get what is desired, the students feel that this is the best way to achieve it. And if this is a result of "pressures built up through the long spring semester," then by all means let them relieve their anxieties.

But in doing so, if windows being broken, air let out of the tires of security police cars, an attempted overturn of a vehicle, a student being treated for a head laceration, let alone the need for all NMU security police and nine officers on campus, is still called orderly, then someone certainly must have a different Webster than myself.

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