

U.P. ASCS Told: Emphasize Soil, Water Conservation

ESCANABA — A special Upper Peninsula meeting for farm-elected committees and county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASCS) personnel was held here this week. Present at the meeting from Alger County were Richard J. Carlson, County ASCS Chairman, and Arnold V. Hill, county ASCS committee member.

Those present from Marquette County were Paul Van Damme, vice-chairman of the county ASCS committee, and Arvo E. Johnson, county ASCS committee member. Also present were county office manager, I. Elaine Latvala, and Bertha E. Johnson, office clerk.

Nicholas Smith, Lansing, new state chairman of ASCS told the group that "There should be and must be more emphasis placed on soil and water conservation practices in the Upper Peninsula."

He said the State Committee plans an increased share of the State allocation to go to the Counties of the Upper Penin-

sula. **Was Short-Changed**
It is felt that this area has been "shortchanged" in the past with regard to State allocations for soil and water conservation.

The new administration of ASCS, Smith stated, had adopted a new policy that reflects the need of many of the U.P. counties. The policy calls for more emphasis on long term soil and water conservation practices and less emphasis on the short term or annual practices.

Smith told the 35 farm leaders and staff attending the meeting that there must be a better public understanding of the conservation needs and farm problems if these programs are to be continued at their present levels.

He said the greatest beneficiaries of the agriculture programs "is John Q. Public as an American and as a consumer."

Smith said that if there wasn't a better understanding of the problems and benefits, city law-makers would soon reduce budgets to jeopardize the effectiveness of the stabilization and conservation programs.

At Gwinn:

Holiday Activities

By OSWALD & JIM JACOBY
Some declarers rush to play to the first couple of tricks. Sometimes this does not hurt. Many other times a little early thought would have saved a headache later.

Smith was one of the early

Jaycees Man Salvation Army Kettle



Members of the Ishpeming Junior Chamber of Commerce who manned the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles Wednesday night are shown with Mrs. George Williams, an officer, with her husband, in the Ishpeming Citadel. Jaycees members (left to right) are James Smith, club chairman for the kettle drive; Gerold Paakola and Robert Truckey. — (Mining Journal photo)

Sawyer Official Transferred

SAWYER AFB — A second key staff member of the 410th Bomb Wing, K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, has received a permanent change of station assignment within a month.
Col. Merle J. Lee, deputy

Association Of Magistrates In State Proposed

HOUGHTON (AP) — A movement aimed at forming an association of magistrates has been launched by three magistrates in the Houghton area's 99th District.

Letters are being mailed to about 400-500 magistrates in the state proposing the association

St. John's Christmas Schedule

A selection of traditional and modern Christmas carols beginning at 3:30 on Christmas Eve by the senior choir of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 310 West Washington St., Marquette, will begin the

Discussion On Vietnam Held By Clergy Council

Led by a panel composed of a student, faculty members and several campus ministers, the December meeting of the Marquette-Clergy Council held at St. Michael's parish featured a discussion on the Vietnam war and the student moratorium.

Four major issues were raised during the discussion. The first was that of emotion versus reason, the second pitted the historical perspective on the war as opposed to ideological perspectives, the third the question of the ethical basis of the war, and the fourth the logic of the principle of self-determination when applied to the Viet Nam context.

It was discussed that commitment to a course of action in Viet Nam depends on how the war is interpreted. One panel member expressed the view that the conflict was essentially a civil war in which the United States had engaged. It was pointed out other interpretations arise from a commitment to political ideologies. For example, the anti-Communism line which sees Communism as a monolithic system often has small regard for historical facts other than those which justify the ideology.

Most critical political question raised was the challenge to the principle of self-determination which is one keystone of the administration's policy. Several clergymen expressed grave doubts that elections in the near future could be unbiased. A

more radical critique came from a panel member who questioned whether a western political concept and institutions such as "free elections" ought to be transplanted and imposed in an eastern and oriental context. He noted that if the Viet Nam war is a civil war, then the United States has interrupted a process of self-determination.

Running through the discussion was an expression of frustration by some clergymen over the caliber and tone of conversation about Viet Nam generally. They charged that much discussion is at the emotional level and little at the level of reason, let alone a rational ethical framework.

The program concluded without any attempt to obtain a consensus. The Rev. Don Zanon, convener of the panel, reflected sentiment of the group by encouraging clergymen to think through their own ethical framework for discussing the is-

ssues of peace and war. Several panel members expressed a willingness to meet and discuss these issues with other community groups or in individual churches.

AGE LIMITS
The Constitution does not prescribe a minimum age for federal judges, the question of age remaining within the discretion of the appointing officer.

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