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Natural Gas is Best Option for Midland Plant

If Michigan's future power needs are going to be met, Consumer Power Company's \$4.1 billion investment in the Midland nuclear plant can't be abandoned.

So says U.S. Rep. Carl D. Pursell, who today endorsed a plan to convert Midland to a gas-fired electric plant.

"Converting the Midland plant to a gas-fired facility is the most practical, most cost-efficient option on the table," Pursell said.

"The Midland Options Study addressed three basic questions: first, how much additional electrical capacity will our state need in the coming years.

"Second, is there a cost-effective means of salvaging the Midland nuclear plant.

"And third, if there is a cost-effective means, what is it," Pursell said.

"There is no doubt the need for additional electrical capacity is going to grow in Michigan. As things stand, we face a shortfall of in-state electricity supply in the mid-1990s.

"Based on the findings of the study, converting Midland to a

gas-fired plant will provide a solution to our mid-1990 shortage, as well as assisting in recovering part of Consumers' large investment at the site," he said.

"Confidence in the completion cost and schedule is highest for the gas option. The gas technology is proven and equipment is readily available. Also, there should be no serious obstacles with regard to regulatory requirements," he said.

"Gas also offers the most savings in terms of increased costs to the consumer - some 5 percent per year, compared with 33 percent if the plant was abandoned," the Congressman said.

The Midland study, completed this month, investigated nuclear, coal and natural gas options at the facility, as well as total abandonment.

While coal and natural gas both were found to be feasible, natural gas conversion would require the least capital and provides construction in stages to match load growth.

Traffic Slowdown Advisory Second Graders Take Trip To Space Center

Traffic on two-and-one-half miles of Interstate 94 Business Loop, from Interstate 94 east to Fletcher Road in the city of Ann Arbor, is slowed for curb replacement and resurfacing, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) said today.

At least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times while work is being completed on each of three sections of the roadway. After the first section has been completed, work will begin on the next section until the project is completed. The three sections are: (1) I-94 to Dexter Road; (2) Dexter Road to First Street; and (3) First Street to Fletcher Road.

The project is scheduled for completion by early July.

Help Needed For Fair Food Tent

The Athletic Boosters are running the Food Tent at the Manchester Community Fair again this year. Anyone interested in working at The Food Tent, please come to the Booster's meeting on May 7th at 8:00 p.m.

in the High School Library, or contact Bill and Cindy Kemner, Duane and Darlene Kuebler or Dawna Stockwell. Last year's Food Tent was a big success, thanks to all the people and organizations in our great community. We are looking forward to your loyal support again this year.

Local Student Honored

Jonathan Munson, son of Fred and Mary Munson of Manchester, has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. Tau Beta Pi represents the highest honor which can be achieved by an engineering student. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character.

Jon is a senior at the University of Michigan and he expects to graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in December, 1986. Jon graduated from Manchester Community High School in 1978.

Park Notice

Carr Park will be open on May 1, 1986.

Calling All Bikers!

St. Jude Wheels for Life Biker-A-Thon needs you! Join the ride, May 10th. Contact your neighbors, get sponsors and ride to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the largest treatment and research center for childhood cancer. Be a partner in an exciting ride for success. Call Rita Burkhardt at 428-8083 for information or donations. Say yes to Wheels For Life.



Karina Bihmeyer and Jenny Sahakian look on as Amy Hlavka tries on an astronaut helmet.

Second grade students from Klager School participated in a field trip to the Jackson Space Center as the culminating event in the study of Space Science.



Erika Panches and Jaeleith Moran explore a display from Skylab.



Amy Hlavka, Carrie Matson and Jenny Sahakian view a picture of Enos, 5 1/2 year old chimp in space - November 29, 1961.

Hit or Miss

by farley

The most dangerous place to be these days is anywhere the poverty line says the President's task force on hunger 'tis said. Cuts in assistance haven't hurt the really needy, it is reported, for they are still being adequately cared for but benefits have been reduced for those "just above the poverty line."

As we are told as an example, a mother of five is having a tough time because she can't stay below the poverty line. The way things are she reports, "the nearer you get to the poverty line the more trouble you're in." If you are way below the line the government has to take care of you and if you are way above it you don't need help. But when you get close to the line you are in trouble. The big problem however, is that no one seems to know just where the line is. Every time one finds the line, somebody changes it.

Hunger, we are told, is not necessarily a test. In some places the owning of a television set removes you from a poverty line. You're just above it.

One complainant reports that last week she was eligible for food benefits for her family but this week the added benefits she was getting put her above the poverty line.

"Are you trying to tell us," we asked, "that the addition of the food benefits you are getting did this?"

"The lady at the welfare office said that if I didn't take my benefits of food, I might have

remained below the poverty line so I didn't take them - for the minute I did I went above the poverty line and was no longer entitled to them. I told the lady my kids were still hungry even though the government had decided that we were poor but she said they had to draw the line somewhere."

"Why didn't you quit your part-time job?" she was asked. "Wouldn't that put you safely below the poverty line?"

"Yes, I've thought about that," she replied, "but with five kids on government handouts I can't make it just on my salary. What I need is both. If the government would stop moving the poverty line up and down I would know where I'm at. It seems that even President Reagan can't decide who's poor and who ain't. Somebody said the other morning that the fact that a person sleeps on a grate doesn't necessarily make him homeless. Maybe he likes to sleep on a grate."

In this connection, we have been told, that the government is trying to make us believe that there are many less poverty stricken than there have been. That's why the poverty line is so important to the administrators. That's supposed to make us feel better and to go along with the cutting of some budgets.

The gal being interviewed in this quoted instance however was assured that if things didn't change by next fall the government wouldn't make her and the kids sleep on a grate

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Monday, May 5. Chicken Patty on Bun, Tator Tots, Dill Pickles, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
Tuesday, May 6. Homemade Italian Spaghetti, Broccoli Spears, Dinner Roll/butter, Applesauce, Milk.
Wednesday, May 7. Deli-Turkey Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Vegetable Sticks, Brownie, Milk.
Thursday, May 8. Boneless Rib-B-Q, Escalloped Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Bread & Butter, Granola Bar, and Milk.
Friday, May 9. Cheese & Sausage Pizza, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Fresh Fruit, Lemon Pudding, Milk.

Athletic Boosters To Meet

The May meeting of the Manchester Athletic Boosters will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 1986, at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Library. This is an important meeting which will include election of officers for the coming year and finalization of plans for the scholarships voted on at the last meeting. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Board Briefs

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Horning at 8:00 p.m. Members present: Horning, Golding, Schaffer, Davis, Broucek. Members Absent: Talcott, Samonek (arrived 8:12). Also present: Brian Schick, acting Superintendent, Principals - Bushaw, Morrison, Okey.

Correspondence from Manchester Education Association concerning the withdrawing of grievance 6/86 and letter from Mr. and Mrs. Syd Leeman concerning concern for the safety of youngsters who

cross Ann Arbor Street was read and earmarked to file.

Minutes of previous meetings: Special meeting, March 13, was approved as read. Regular Meeting of March 17, was approved as corrected. Special Meeting of March 26, was approved as read, and Special Meeting of April 16, was approved as read.

Financial report showing a 3-31-86 cash balance of \$2,151,023.46 was approved. After payment of tax anticipation note on April 1, the cash balance is \$902,143.46. Bills totaling \$319,910.82 were approved.

The Board approved the purchase of one additional school bus.

Mr. Schick advised the Board he was putting together a package to send to various insurance companies for bids on our insurance needs.

Mr. Dave Mieras, Assistant Superintendent for Area Programming, Consortium was present to discuss utilization of the Pleasant Lake School as a center for vocational education.

The 1985-86 Budget amendments were presented to the Board for approval.

Gary Acree, representing the Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke to the Board and offered the assistance of the Committee during the upcoming millage campaign.

Tenure recommendations were approved for Nancy Kruse, High School English teacher, Jay Hopfensperger, High School Mathematics teacher and Joanna Van Raden, Special Education teacher at Klager Elementary.

Second year probationary recommendations were approved for Terryl Monkiewicz, Special Ed teacher at the Middle School; Richard Darga, Autistic Program teacher at Klager Elementary; Timothy O'Neal, Science teacher at the High School; Nancy Gibbard, Speech Correction teacher for the district and Joan

Thompson, High School Librarian.

The resignation of Charlene Brown, English, General Business and Journalism teacher at the high school was accepted by the Board.

A maternity leave of absence was granted to Joanna Van Raden for the first semester of the 1986-87 school year.

Timothy O'Neal, Science teacher at the High School was placed on indefinite layoff for the 1986-87 school year.

Spring track coaches were approved for the Middle School. They are Varsity Girls - Ron DuRoss; Head Jr. High Coach, Bill Symons and Assistant Jr. High Coach, Gay Perry.

Millage discussion followed. The Board established the following extra voted millage to be included in the official resolution: 1) 22.78 mills renewal for operating purposes for five (5) years. 2) 3.5 additional mills for operating purposes for two (2) years. 3) 1.3 additional mills for operating purposes for two (2) years.

The official election resolution will be adopted at a special Board of Education meeting on April 28, 1986.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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Eastern Michigan University recognized 3,562 students for their outstanding academic achievements at its 38th Annual Honors Convocation Sunday, April 6, in Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus.

Those honored at the convocation were all EMU students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 (B) or better on a scale which extends to 4.0 (A). This year 555 freshman, 583 sophomores, 821 juniors, 1,601 seniors and two special students were honored.

Manchester area students include Mark A. Ball, Michelle A. Ball, Carol A. Buss, Steven A. Dielman, Catherine Gentile, Rod L. Henry, Sandra L. Knickerbocker, James A. Lenhart, Teri L. May, Colleen H. Mendel, Marley G. Pagel, Karla A. Raab, Lisa M. Rickelmann, Terri L. Rowe, Christina J. Schroeder, Eunice D. Scully, Matthew J. Simpson, Mary T. Spork, Rosanna M. Stewart, Vance P. Talcott, Carol L. Widmayer.

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EMU Confers Degrees

Eastern Michigan University conferred degrees upon approximately 1,442 students April 19, at spring commencement ceremonies held in Bowen Field House on the EMU campus.

Some 1,132 seniors were candidates for bachelor's degrees and approximately 310 graduate students were eligible to receive advanced degrees.

The theme of the commencement ceremonies was "A Salute to the College of Education".

Manchester area graduates included John W. Phillips of Pleasant Shore Drive and Allysande V. Scott of West Main Street.

Golf Notice

Clark Lake Sunday Mixed League will golf on May 4th. Tee off time is 1:30 p.m.

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On Saturday, May 10, the Annual Manchester Metric Relays will be held. There will be Boys and Girls Teams from eleven schools at the Relays. In order for this event to be run successfully, we need people to work. If we can not get enough people to help, then this year could be the end of this fine meet.

If you would like to help, please call John Korican at Home 428-8670 or school 428-7333.

New Books At The Library

Ball, John SINGAPORE
 Brand, Max BLACK SIGNAL
 Currie, Ellen AVAILABLE LIGHT
 Estleman, Loren D. EVERY BRILLANT EYE
 Gillis, Jack CAR BOOK 1986
 Hailey, Elizabeth JOANNAS HUSBAND AND DAVIDS WIFE
 Holman, Felice SONG IN MY HEAD
 Kuchner, Harold WHEN ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED ISN'T ENOUGH
 Lionni, Leo ITS MINE
 Livingston, Myra C. CELEBRATIONS

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For the fifth straight year, WCC is accepting nominations for its Community Recognition Awards. The awards honor those whose efforts go unrecognized but still benefit the surrounding community. Winners will be selected by a committee of citizens and College employees and will be honored by a reception June 11.

The awards are given in four categories:

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS recognize persons who give extraordinary volunteer service for more than one year.

COLLEGE SERVICE AWARDS honor Washtenaw County Residents who have served the college in an outstanding fashion.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AWARDS are for WCC staff members who improve the life of the community beyond the college.

ORGANIZATION AWARDS honor volunteer or service groups that provide exemplary service to the area beyond the scope of their normal activities.

To nominate someone, send a brief letter to the Office of College Advancement, Room 232 Student Center Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, P.O. Box D-1, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. For more information, call 973-3631.

- SOPHOMORES**
All A's
 Jacquelyn Miller
Honor Roll
 Colin Anderson, Kim Bailey, Marie Ball, Jennifer Barnard, Terry Beck, Lisa Cousino, Jackie Davie, Dan Dezarov, Renea Drouare, Mark Fenelon, Amy Fielder, Deanna Gilbert, Scott Gross, David Hammang, Dayna Hock, Craig Houck, Heidi Keezer, Kim Lockridge, Cindy Manor, Kris Miller, Nicholas Miller, Sara Samonek, Sara Scully, Hugh Smallwood, Michael Stidham, Kevin Strahle, Brad Uphouse, Kris Vedder, Kris Wagner, Rocky Weber, William White, Tracie Robichaud.
- FRESHMEN**
All A's
 Linda Hansen, Molly McGuire, Brenda Nimke, Lyle Portice, Steve Samonek.
Honor Roll
 Jennifer Bailey, Bryan Barnard, Heidi Beasley, Cheryl Blumenaer, Shawn Booth, Angela Campbell, Sarah Coorin, Kathy Cowgill, Valerie Dunn, Beth Gilbert, James Hakes, Kristin Houck, Karla Lutton, Tom Mann, Linda Milkey, Karen Poley, Julie Post, Bryan Pratt, Tammy Privatte, Sherry Rickelmann, Rod Rodriguez, Michelle Sannes, Amy Schearle, Shannon Sloat, Jason VanDeven, Vicki Warner, Bradley Wilson, David Witzard, Annette Wurster, Daniel Young, Constance Zimmer.

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Kindergarten Potters



Rachel Campbell and Billy Sloat practice rolling coils of clay to form a simple pot.



Matthew Laskowski tries his hand at making clay shapes.



Mrs. Greenwald and her daughter Meghan demonstrate pottery techniques to Meghan's kindergarten classmates.

Mrs. Ellsworth's P.M. Kindergarten was very lucky to have Mrs. Bonnie Greenwald come to the room and teach us how to work with clay. We learned different techniques like pinch, slab and coil. We made some beautiful projects!

Every seventh bird worldwide is said to be a Finch.



Many people find that mayonnaise removes white water marks left on table tops. Apply, rub in, let stand for about an hour and wipe clean with a soft cloth.

SAVING ENERGY TIPS

Six Tips For The Home Seller



their primary concern when purchasing a house.

The reason energy efficiency is so important is because more and more lending institutions are lowering their debt to income ratio for buyers of energy efficient homes. Their rationale is that owners of energy efficient homes will spend less on energy each month and have more income available for home mortgage payments. Remember, the more energy efficient your home is the more potential buyers will be available to you.

Cleaning: There is no doubt that an exceptionally clean, well kept house will be more appealing to prospective buyers than a messy one. Make sure windows and storm windows and doors are bright and shiny. Wash all floors thoroughly and clean and vacuum all carpeting. Dust off furniture.

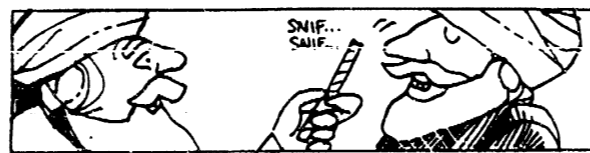
Lawn Care: The outside of your home is as equally important as the inside. Make sure you mow the lawn, and rake any leaves left over from the fall. Also, weed all gardens, trim bushes and sweep walkways.

Roof and gutters: Many homeowners take a close look at the roofs and gutters of homes they are considering purchasing. If shingles are missing, you may want to replace them. Make sure gutters are cleaned out as well.

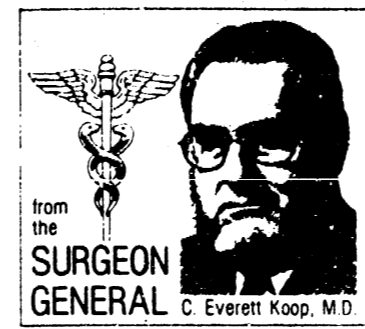
Indoor Extras: Little extra touches like a vase of flowers are important when selling a home as well. They brighten up a room, and offer a pleasant smell, but most importantly, leave a good impression in the mind of prospective buyers.

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Stick cinnamon is the rolled inner bark of a small East Indian tree.



The Heimlich Manuever

[Part one of two parts]

More than 3,000 people die from choking in the United States each year. Most choking in adults occurs while they are eating. Meat is the usual culprit. Other foods and objects cause choking, too, especially in young children who, as all parents know, seem to delight in putting all sorts of things into their mouths.

For years medical opinion differed on the best way, or ways, of dislodging an object from the throat of a choking victim. Sharp blows to the back, finger sweeps of the throat and manual thrusts to the chest were methods often recommended. Today, there is universal agreement that these methods can be dangerous and should not be performed. A back slap or a probing finger, for instance, can drive the foreign object even deeper into the

throat. The best rescue technique in any choking situation, doctors now agree is the Heimlich Manuever, which I shall describe briefly in today's article and in more detail next week.

The Heimlich Manuever is safe, effective and easily mastered by the average person. Basically, it requires the rescuer to press sharply and repeatedly on the victim's abdomen, just above the navel, thereby forcing air from the lungs up the airway with such force that it dislodges the obstruction. The Manuever can be performed on standing or seated victims and on persons who have fallen to the floor. It can be performed on children. Before resorting to the Manuever, however, the first thing the would-be rescuer must do, to the best of his or her ability, is to make sure that the victim actually is choking and not suffering from another condition, such as a heart attack.

Look for the sign of choking that many victims give instinctively by bringing their hands to their throats with thumbs and fingers spread wide. Ask the victim, "Are you choking?" Even if he cannot answer, he may be able to nod affirmatively.

Sometimes, the airway will be only partially blocked, allowing the victim to cough and to breathe to some extent. In most cases,

the victim will be able to expel the foreign body without the assistance of another person. If spontaneous expulsion does not soon occur, however—if breathing becomes more difficult and the victim's distress increases—the Heimlich Manuever should be started, before the complications of prolonged, inadequate ventilation or complete blockage of the air-way can occur.

If the victim does not give the choking sign, look for three more signs that will indicate complete obstruction of the air-way: first, an inability to breathe, cough or speak; second, pale skin color that is beginning to turn bluish; and, third, loss of consciousness. The Heimlich Manuever should be started at the first sight of any of these signs.

A more difficult situation is presented when someone is found unconscious and not breathing and no one saw a choking attack take place. If the victim is young (under 30) or a child, and if he is in the vicinity of a restaurant—for instance, in the restroom or hallway leading to it—the rescuer should assume that choking has taken place and should begin the Heimlich Manuever immediately. If the situation does not suggest choking, the victim must be treated as a heart attack victim and CPR should be initiated. If there is an obstruction in the airway after all, the rescuer will realize it at once when he is unable to breathe for the victim. The rescuer should immediately initiate the Heimlich Manuever to clear the blocked air passage.

Next week: How To Perform the Heimlich Manuever.

Michigan Hunter Safety Program

Michigan hunters who have not taken a hunter education class may be in for a rude awakening when they go to another state to hunt, warns Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Hunter Education Program Supervisor

Jim Dabb. "What's happening is that many hunters aren't checking on some states have," says Dabb, including Colorado which is a popular state for Michigan hunters to visit. It's mandatory for anyone born on or after January 1, 1949, to have completed a hunter safety course to buy a license in over half the states. Hunters without a certificate indicating completion of a course, are not allowed to hunt.

According to Dabb, the certification students receive is permanent and recognized across North America by all the states and Canadian provinces.

Hunters planning to go out of state this year should enroll in classes now. Michigan's 10-hour training seminars are held year-round, most often during the spring (April and May) and fall (September and October). In classes, participants learn safe hunting habits, hunter responsibility, firearms and bowhunting skills, wildlife identification, management and game care, survival and first aid.

Moreover, students learn such practical matters as how to cross a fence with a gun, when to pass up a shot, and where to find posted game laws which must be observed.

DNR volunteer instructors teach the course at colleges, sportsmen's clubs, schools, and police departments throughout the state.

Since the Department began keeping records in 1960, 800,000 men and women have taken the course, with 700,000 of those individuals trained since 1971. The hunter safety program began in 1945.

For information about hunter education classes, contact the nearest DNR district office or call Jim Dabb, (517) 373-1230.

Girls Track Results

Saturday, Manchester Girls Track team competed in the Grass

Lake Invitational placing in the bottom half of the teams competing. Placing second for the Flying Dutchman was Jod Brokaw in the 110 Hurdles (17.7) and 4th was Rita Talcott (18.4). The 440 yard Relay Team although not placing, ran their best time of the year. Jod Brokaw ran the lead leg with Beth Evans, Laura Meister and Rita Talcott following. The team score of 12 points was 10 better than last season.

During the week saw the team partake in dual meet action. Some excellent times were turned in although the Lady Dutch remain winless. Tracy Schuler 6:07 in the 1600 Meter Run, Rita Talcott 18.1 in Hurdles and Kristen Houck 29.6 200 Meter Run were their season bests and also first place in the meet. Others running well include Trisha Schuler in the distance. Beth Evans and Jodi Brokaw in the Hurdles and Renee Yeutter in the Shot and Discus.

Manchester Village Council

May 5, 1986

AGENDA

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Minutes of the previous mtg.
- Correspondence
- Public Participation
- New Business
 - Manchester Historical Society - John Swainson
 - Bids
 - Street Painting
- Old Business
 - Corner Parcel - Update
 - Work Rules - Discussion and Update
- Managers Report
 - Industrial Park - Update
 - Handicap requirements
- Adjourn

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Farmers Alerted To Underground Tank Registration

Farmers using underground tanks for storage of petroleum products or other hazardous substances, or having tanks taken out of service within the last 10 years, but still in the ground, should be aware of recently enacted federal and state legislation, according to Paul E. Kindinger, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Federal legislation, under amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, establishes minimum requirements for tanks and requires registration of some existing tanks by May 8, 1986. In Michigan, the state legislature enacted Act 423 of 1984, which incorporates federal tank registration requirements, establishes a separate set of fines and penalties, and designates the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as the coordinating state agency.

"The May 8, 1986, registration requirement applies to tanks that contain or have contained products such as gasoline, used oil, diesel fuel, pesticides, herbicides, fumigants or other hazardous substances," Kindinger said. "An underground storage tank is any tank with at least 70 percent of its volume below ground, including any attached pipes. Therefore, some above-ground tanks with extensive underground piping may be regulated."

Farm and residential tanks holding less than 1,100 gallons of motor fuel used for non-commercial purposes, tanks for storage of heating oil used on the premises, septic tanks, flow-through process tanks, pipelines regulated under other laws, systems used for collecting storm water and waste water, liquid traps or associated gathering-lines related to oil/natural gas industry operations, and tanks in an underground area such as a basement,

if the tank is open or above the floor surface, are exempt from the regulation requirements.

Federal legislation provides for penalties of up to \$10,000 when notification has not been given or false information submitted. State law provides for civil fines of up to \$500 for notification violations.

Persons needing more information may contact DNR Groundwater Quality district offices in Cadillac, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Lansing, Marquette, Plainwell, Roscommon or Saginaw.

Registration forms are available at DNR district offices and local Secretary of State offices.

Completed registration forms should be sent to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Groundwater Quality Division, P.O. Box 30157, Lansing, MI 48909.

Eye Care Project To Help Elderly

Falling eyesight is not an inevitable result of growing older.

This is the message of the National Eye Care Project (NECP) Helpline, a project designed to bring medical eye care to the nation's needy elderly, which opens in Michigan on May 5, 1986.

The NECP offers ophthalmic care to U.S. citizens and legal residents age 65 and over who have medical eye problems, but who do not have a medical eye physician.

By calling a toll-free Helpline -- 1-800-222-EYES -- disadvantaged elderly may obtain medical eye care at no out-of-pocket cost to them.

Information on eye diseases will be sent to every person who calls the number. Those elderly who do not have a medical eye physician will be eligible for an examination.

The National Eye Care Project is opening on a region-by-region basis over a six-month period, and will be operating nationwide by July 21, 1986. It is sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Michigan Ophthalmological Society. The project is supported by voluntary donations from ophthalmologists and from gifts from firms associated with medical eye care.

"It's a tragedy that many elderly people lose some of their eyesight because they think that nothing can be done," said Frederick W. Bryant, M.D., President of the Michigan

Ophthalmological Society, and Floyd S. Tukul, M.D., State Coordinator for the National Eye Care Project. "The fact is that ophthalmologists often are able to improve vision in the elderly. We are now able to repair and even replace certain parts of the eye by using sophisticated surgical tools, like the laser, microsurgery and important new drug therapies," said Dr. Bryant and Dr. Tukul. Both Dr. Bryant and Dr. Tukul are general ophthalmologists in the tri-county area.

It is estimated that half of all blindness is preventable if eye diseases are detected and treated early. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to eye disease. People over 65 constitute approximately 11 percent of the U.S. population, but more than 50 percent of blindness occurs in this group.

"Regular medical eye exams by ophthalmologists are the key to early detection," Dr. Bryant said. "Treatment has a much better chance of success if it is started early, before the disease progresses. Some blinding eye diseases, like glaucoma, don't present obvious symptoms and can be diagnosed early only through a medical eye exam."

"Other potentially blinding diseases associated with aging, such as cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration, often yield to early treatment," Dr. Tukul said.

Dr. Tukul went on to point out that "Even diabetics, who know that their vision is at risk because of the disease, often neglect having regular eye exams."

The longer a person has had diabetes, the greater the chance that small blood vessels in the back of the eye may begin to leak. Now ophthalmologists can often use the intense light beams of lasers to seal the leaking vessels and reduce further loss of vision.

The Michigan Ophthalmological Society is a group of 300 eye physicians and surgeons. Ophthalmologists diagnose and treat eye disease medically and surgically, provide eye examinations, and prescribe corrective lenses.

State Senator Pollack To Visit Senior Citizens

State Senator Lana Pollack will host 12 question and answer sessions for Washtenaw County senior citizens during a five-week

period beginning May 5.

The question and answer sessions will be held at community and senior citizen centers where seniors are provided lunch through the Senior Nutrition Program.

The Senior Nutrition Program provides meals to senior citizens at sites throughout the county, as well as to homebound seniors, and is funded by appropriations from the federal, state and Washtenaw County governments.

"In a few weeks thousands of seniors will converge on Lansing to meet with their elected officials as part of Senior Power Day," Senator Pollack explained. "However, experience has taught me that one day simply isn't enough time for senior citizens to express their concerns and receive answers to their questions."

"There are also seniors who never participate in Senior Power Day for whom access to information and contact with

elected officials is even more limited," Senator Pollack added. "By scheduling question and answer sessions in conjunction with the Senior Nutrition Program I hope to meet with as many senior citizens as is possible."

Senator Pollack will be at the Chelsea North School at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, and at the Saline Senior Center at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 30.

The question and answer sessions will be held before or after lunch and will last one hour.

"I am very pleased for the opportunity to meet with senior citizens throughout Washtenaw County," Senator Pollack concluded. "I hope that seniors who participate in the Senior Nutrition Program will be sure to attend lunch on these days."

Perhaps if there are seniors who have not yet participated in the program but would like to, these sessions will be a good time for them to begin," she added.

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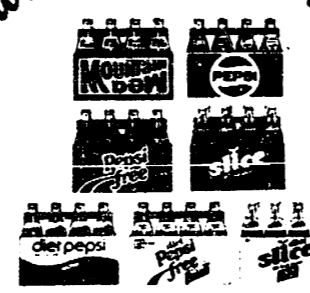
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