

# National land use symposium at U-M

The changing attitude toward land in the United States will be the theme of a national symposium May 16 through 18 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The Citizen's Council for Land Use

Research and Education (CLURE), a non-profit educational organization, is sponsoring the symposium entitled, "The Face of America: This Land in the Year 2000."

The three-day conference will begin

Monday, May 16 with the 4 p.m. showing at Backham Amphitheatre of "Arizona, Here We Come," a documentary produced by CBS-TV. At 8 p.m. in the Amphitheatre, William H. Whyte, author of "The Last Landscape," and vice-chairman of the Conservation Foundation, will speak on "The Open City: Potentials in Urban Space." Monday's events are free and open to the public. Tuesday's and Wednesday's program require pre-registration.

Program participants include such nationally recognized scholars as Joseph L. Sax, professor of law at the University of Michigan; Lynton K. Caldwell, professor of public and environmental affairs at Indiana University; conservationist William F. Reilly, president of the Conservation

Foundation; and Fred P. Bosseman, author of "The Quiet Revolution in Land Use Control."

"Many problems accompany the use and conservation of land resources," explains Janet Lynn, executive vice-president of CLURE. "Loss of prime agricultural land to urban sprawl, conflicting and fragmented public policies, and obstacles to historical preservation are among problems that may be attributed to the uncertain status of land in the United States."

For a complete program and registration materials, contact Michigan Extension Service, Department of Conferences and Institutes, 412 Maynard Street, Ann Arbor 48109, or call (313) 764-5304.

## M-59 widening OK'd

Reconstruction and widening of 123 miles of M-59 (Highland Road) in Oakland and Livingston counties, at an estimated cost of \$15.2 million, has been approved by the State Highway Commission.

The commission held its bi-monthly meeting in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium April 27 to hear local and public views on alternatives to construction of M-275 Freeway through western Oakland County. As part of its regular agenda, the commission approved reconstruction of M-59 from an interchange with US-23 in Livingston County, east to Bogie Lake Road in Oakland County. The highway presently is a two-lane road.

As approved today, the proposed highway would be a four-lane facility

with a median boulevard for most of the 123 miles. A five-lane facility, without a boulevard, would be constructed through the US-23 interchange, in E. Highland.

A special feature of the project is construction of paved bikeways for the full length of the project. The project also calls for improving the alignment of some crossroads.

Present plans call for letting of construction contracts in 1978 and 1979. Bids on construction of another 44 mile section of M-59, approved previously from Bogie Lake Road east to Williams Lake Road, are scheduled to be opened to the Department of State Highways and Transportation this summer.

## Regional Roundup

### ABDUCTOR SOUGHT

Bloomfield Township and Toronto police and FBI agents are investigating the bizarre abduction last week of a 21-year-old Pontiac woman from the parking lot of a township bank.

The victim, Karen Schoenemann, was forced at gunpoint to drive her car from a Pontiac State Bank office at 2506 Telegraph, Bloomfield Township, to Toronto, Canada. She escaped from the abductor, called Toronto police and returned home safely.

### SHOW WILL GO ON

West Bloomfield School Board has given its nod of approval for high school students to stage a musical revue in June.

Many students urging the board to OK the project had been involved in the east and west of a slated "Music Man" production scrapped in March because of production problems.

Settlement expressed by those approving the project was that the dis-

trict, still functioning without a board-teacher contract, could use a lift.

### CORNELIUS IS HERO

Paul Cornelius is a hero in his Troy neighborhood. The 18-year-old high school senior saved the life of a young neighbor who had been sucked into a drainage culvert and swept 220 feet to the point where the culvert empties into a river.

Cornelius said he was talking to the youngster's father when he noticed that the child disappeared from where he had been playing near the culvert. He ran toward the culvert and saw the whirlpool. Thinking quickly, Cornelius ran to the point where the culvert empties into the river, waded into the water and grabbed the youngster as he came out, face down and not breathing.

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