Move to boondocks can be mistake

By LEM MESEE

If, during your trips up north to cance, fish and hunt, you have ever thought about leaving the metropolitan area for the more serene rural life, you may be making a big, big mistake.

So says Dr. Margaret Bubolz, pro-lessor of family and child sciences at Michigan State University. Many out-doorsmen who have also been around awhile will tell you the same thing.

The good professor conclude in a study of Ontonagon County in the Upper Peninsula, that both natives and -pp. a cimisma, that both natives and those who are relocating can rub each other the wrong way in a "population turnaround"

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All too often, people who move from a metropolitan area to the boonless are not really prepared for the drastic-thange in lifestyle.

The expectations of people moving from the city to the country are frequently too high, Dr. Bubolz wrote. Job opportunities are limited or non-existent and many rural communities we little in the way of entertainment or medical facilities.

Dr. Bubolz also concluded that many times, natives resent outsiders coming in and perhaps speculating in land, pressing for zoining changes or the younger, unatteched element taking frautdulent advantage of welfare regulations.

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On top of all those potential diffi-culties, increased growth of rural areas can put a drain on the local eco-logy. "The nature of the land in the region (with too much migration to

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Ontonagon County) creates water shortages and sewage disposal problems," said Dr. Bubolz.

I KNOW THAT it's good to get away from it all for a couple of days or a week up north, but I also know that a life of rural leisure is not for most city

One of my fishing buddies. Dan, in a bit of a depression once with regard to the work-a-day world, decided to chuck it all and move up north where the pace would be slower.

He found what he thought was a per-ect spot on a lake near good trout treams and hunting fields.

It turned out that he quickly tired of fishing and hunting when that's about all he had to do every day because he didn't have a regular, full-time job.

The kids were upset because they didn't have anyone to play with and the wife was unhappy because the family finances were draining. The

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Luckily, they had rented rather than sold their home in the city and made the move back, poorer, but much the wiser—and happier.

I guess the moral is not to confuse the pleasure of a vacation with how you would feel living in a rural area all year around. The grass may be greener on the other side, but greener grass must be mowed, too.

A COUPLE OF spring activities are coming up at the Metroparks. A "canoe in" along the Huron River will start off 1 p.m. Saturday from the Big Bend Plenic Area at Willow Metropark and end at the nature center of nearby Oakwoods Metropare Flat Rocks. Metropark and the Nature Coupling of the Nature C

near Flat Rock.
Naturalist Bob Wittersheim will
guide. Participants must have their
own canoes. Transportation will be
provided back to the point of origin.

Girls' track listing planned

Listings of outstanding track and field performances by high school girls in the area, compiled by cach Mark Timmins of Farmington Harrison High School, will appear in the Oxserver & Eccentric's sports sections, beginning soon.

Coaches with times and distances to report should call Timmins at 476-289 from 7-9 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

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One of the best ways to get to Willow take I-275 south, exit and go east on Will Carleton Rd., turn left on Romine

Rd., then turn left on Willow Rd.
For more specific information, contact the nature center at Oakwoods 782-1255.

A WILDFLOWER WALK, conducted by Glenn Dent, part nuturalist at Oakwoods. Is on the schedule for 2 p.m. Sunday at Oakwoods. To get to Oakwoods. Joliow the same route as for Willow Metropark except turn right on Willow Rd. As always, a vehicle entry permit, Sf for a year, s 16 for a day, is necessary to enter any of the Metroparks.

Southfield to sell soccer tickets for Express game

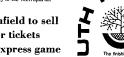
Tickets for the Detroit Express bome opener on Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome may be purchased in advance at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Bullding. 26000 Evergreen. Tickets purchased in Southfield are priced at 85 for adults and 83 for children younger than 16, and will be for seats in Section 116 in the Silverdome's lower level. The Parks and Recreation Department Building is open from 9 am. to 9 p.m. through Saturday. The Detroit Express will play the Tampa Bay Rowdies in Stunday's home opener. It'll be Youth Soccer Day at the Silverdome.

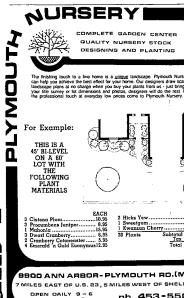
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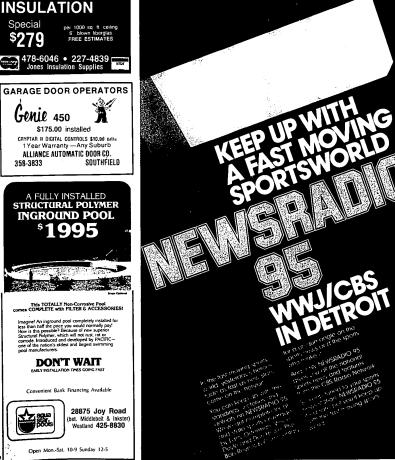
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