

Park Manager Reports New Type Of Record

Some sort of outdoor-indoor record is being set each week at Ft. Wilkins state park in the upper peninsula, conservation parks workers believe.

Mac Primadig, park manager at the lonely Keweenaw peninsula outpost, has to brush frost from his typewriter keys each week before writing his regular activities report in a lay, unheated office.

Primadig says it's a weekly race between hands and activities.

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THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

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Design of the bridge was tested in the wind tunnel at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

It is planned to withstand a wind speed of 130 miles per hour for more than the highest record wind of 78 m.p.h. to carry a load equal to a continual line of heavy trucks about 50 feet apart on each of its four lanes; to resist an ice pressure of 65,000 pounds per lineal foot.

When the longest bridge in the world spans Mackinac Straits, it will stretch over a distance of some five miles. Height of suspension anchorages is 552 feet, higher than Detroit's Fisher building. Road level of the bridge is 18 feet above the water level. Charges are levied on solid rock about 53 feet below the water's surface.

The 3,800 foot suspension portion of the bridge is second only to the 4,200 foot distance of the Bix Creek Bay. Adding the length of the approaches, the Straits bridge will exceed by one half mile the four and one half mile structure in California. It should last more than 100 years, according to its designers.

Cost of the bridge will reach nearly \$160 million including interest, according to present arrangements.

Construction cost at today's prices is \$80 million. The legislature approved a bond issue of \$99,500,000 which includes money to handle the bonds and pay interest until revenue from toll charges can be collected. The balance represents interest until the bond issue is redeemed.

Toll rates will remain equal to present tolls for private automobiles, according to present plans of the bridge authority. This averages \$2.75 per vehicle including passengers.

If there are increases, they will apply against commercial users. Reasoning is that truck operators will still save money because drivers will not have to wait for ferries as they do at present.

If cross-lanes equal the expected number, toll revenue will meet the terms of the bonds and provide a balance to pay them off before the expiration date.

The project bridge authority consists of seven Michigan men, who serve without pay. Chairman is Prentiss M. Brown, farm-

er, U. S. senator and chairman of the board of the Detroit Edison company.

Other members are Mead L. Bricker of Detroit, former vice-president of Ford Motor; William J. Cochran, Jr., Iron Mountain, General Motors' distributor; Charles T. Fisher, Jr., president of the National Bank of Detroit; George A. Osborn, publisher of the Sault Ste. Marie Evening Star; Murray D. Van Wagoner, Birmingham, former highway commissioner; and Charles M. Ziegler, Lansing, present highway commissioner.

Their success represents the culmination of many efforts by many men over a long period of time.

Mack in 1854, long before automobiles were invented, the Grand Traverse Herald became convinced that ferry service across the Straits would not satisfy U. P. needs.

"Shall it be a bridge or a tunnel?" is asked editorially.

Since then there have been many attempts to join Michigan's peninsulas, including a PWA application in post depression days of 1935.

Governors since 1920 have favored the bridge to varying extents and several made efforts to bring it into existence.

All existing obstacles overcome, the bridge now can become reality. Preparation for construction is already under way. When it is completed, the advantages which resulted directly to the northern sections can be expected to benefit all Michigan, and provide for the state's sounder economic and geographical unit.

Dr. Adams To Return For Universalist Service

Dr. Frank P. Adams, noted author and lecturer, and pastor of the Farmington Universalist Church, will present a dramatic reading of John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" at a Vesper Service at the church on Sunday, February 14, at 4:30 p.m. This will be the first of a series of such readings, to be presented under the auspices of the women's organization of the church.

Mrs. Evelyn Costello, church organist, will open the program with a brief organ recital.

Tickets will be served in Adams Hall following the program. The public is cordially invited.

The overwhelming majority—90 per cent—of America's mineral fuel reserves are coal and lignite.

Feature Farmington Man At Royal Oak Meeting

Martin Muehling of Farmington will speak at the Thursday, February 11, meeting of the Organic Farm and Garden Club in the Royal Oak High School. His topic will be "Seeding and Transplanting."

The club will be host at this meeting to the Royal Oak Garden Club, testimony to the growing interest in organic methods.

Meetings are held regularly on the second Thursday of each month. All gardeners and farmers in the area who are interested in the organic method are invited to attend.

The club is affiliated with the Federated Organic Clubs of Michigan.

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Obituary

Mrs. Ella F. Hamlin

Mrs. Ella F. Hamlin of Farmington and South Lyon died Friday morning, February 5, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac following an illness of one day.

Ella Francis Hamlin was born May 8, 1872, in Washtenaw County, the daughter of Cyrus and Mary Jane Winnegar Kenyon. She was united in marriage to Fred P. Hamlin on January 23, 1895, in Vernon, Michigan. Mr. Hamlin preceded her in death in 1941.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning, February 8, at 11:30 o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Richard A. Geiger of the Farmington-Presbyterian Church officiating and burial took place in Greenwood Cemetery at Vernon.

Surviving are three sons: Delos of Farmington, St. Clair of South Lyon and Lamont of Kirkwood, Missouri. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Adel Patchel of Ludington, Michigan. Seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

State Places Wildlife In Special Pen For Foods Study

A buck, three does and two fawns were recently placed in special pens in a deer yard near Skagde to check the amount of food the animals strip from trees and brush in the area.

Robert Raftery, conservation game supervisor in the district, says the pens are in a typical hemlock-hardwood area used by deer for food and shelter in winter time.

The pens will keep the six deer

in and others out of the check area.

The animals will be watched for malnutrition or proper feeding, and the extent of their browsing activities will be studied.

Information gained through the work will help game workers develop future management plans for the state deer herd.

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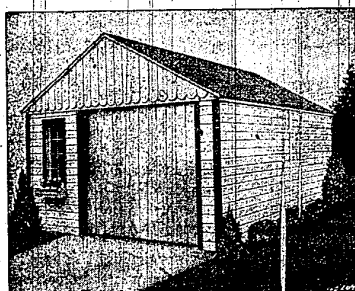


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