



HENRY SLADEK (left), Livonia resident who is Wayne County Republican chairman, met the presidential candidate last week when he addressed the Michigan delegation to the GOP national convention.

## Oakland's Open Land Going—Fast!

By TIM RICHARD

Real estate taxes and the sheer pressure of population are forcing the development of Oakland County's naturally beautiful lands faster than they can be preserved for a future generation's enjoyment.

This was the lament of Kenneth Van Atta, director of the one-year-old county parks and recreation commission.

High property taxes, he said, are making it economically unrealistic to hold land open any more.

"When a farmer wants to retire, he doesn't sell his land to another farmer any more. He sells it to a developer," Van Atta said.

"I HAVE FIVE years to pick up after 150 years of no one's caring," he said.

The 150 years is the length of time the organized county has lacked a park land buying agency. The five years refers to the length of time a quarter-mile lot property tax will be levied for park buying, development and operation.

The idea that Oakland still has a lot of open space is something of an illusion, he said. Much land is privately owned, "and land costs have become astronomical. . . Land is being swallowed up by a demand that is unquenchable."

Lake front property, for example, sells at \$100 to \$150 a foot, he said.

THE COUNTY parks agency, Van Atta said, got its first year's tax collections—\$752,000—in March of this year.

It has picked up a total of 650 acres for \$1 million and is working on getting another parcel as a gift.

Nevertheless, he was pessimistic about the prospect of saving much open space before it could be swallowed up by developers.

Townships lack the resources to do it; the state set up an open space program a couple of years ago but has been unable to fund it; the federal government is providing some real help, but its hands are partially tied by the Vietnam war, Van Atta said.

A SPOKESMAN for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, a six-county parks agency in southeastern Michigan added another complaint during audience discussion.

Although people want parks, he said, township supervisors don't.

"When we come in to talk to the township supervisor, he says: 'You're going to take property off the tax rolls.'"

## Sunday Liquor Passed

All three state senators representing Observerland voted against the Sunday liquor sales bill last week.

On the short side of the 21-15 vote were Sens. George Kuhn, R-West Bloomfield; N. LeVine, D-Beebe; R-Darwin; Hights; and William Faust, D-Westland.

The bill goes back to the House for concurrence in an amendment.

The bill provides that the voters themselves or county boards of supervisors may authorize sale of liquor by the glass in establishments which derive more than half of their revenue from the sale of food. In essence, it would apply to restaurants but not to the traditional tavern.

The bill was supported by five Republicans and 16 Democrats and opposed by 14 Republicans and one Democrat (Faust).

## Sen. Kuhn Asks For Tax Limit

State Sen. George Kuhn, R-West Bloomfield, has appealed to Gov. Romney to support a rate limitation on the state income tax.

There is little prospect, however, that Romney will agree. Kuhn, who opposed initial passage of the income tax and has fought enabling legislation for city income taxes, has asked for a state constitutional amendment limiting the income tax rate, but says he would be happy with even a statutory limitation.

In a letter to Gov. Romney, Kuhn said that a rate limitation will serve notice to the citizens that state government is not going to be another federal government following the policy of tax, tax, tax and spend, spend, spend.

"Needless to say, it has been extremely painful for most taxpayers of Michigan for several reasons:

"(1) The state income tax of 2.6 per cent on individuals, 5.6 per cent on corporations and 7 per cent on financial institutions.

"(2) A strong prospect of early enactment of a 10 per cent federal surtax.

"(3) Possible city income tax increase for Detroit July 1.

"(4) Recent adoption of local income taxes in Pontiac and Lansing, as well as many school and property tax increases.

"The total overall tax increase by the various levels of government indicated above has been staggering," Kuhn said.

## Planes Cause Havoc

Dairy farmer John DeGaff has obtained a temporary restraining order to halt construction on an airport near his farm. He charged in District Court that airplanes disturb his milk cows. A hearing was set for April 11.

## Children Killed

A train struck and killed three children this week as they dashed across tracks near San Cipriano, Italy on their way home from school. Police said the children, aged 8, 11 and 12, waited until one train passed but failed to hear the approach of another one coming from the opposite direction.

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