

'Help Plan Parks' Study Now Under Way

At home and at play, thousands of outdoor users in Michigan this summer will be collectively asked some million-dollar questions about their leisure-time opportunities and preferences under the most massive recreation survey effort ever mounted by the Department of Natural Resources.

The fact-finding study covers the public and private

sectors and is keyed both to random field checks and a telephone poll of 10,000 households, and will provide information for computerized sifting, sorting, and analyzing which is needed to rewrite the recreation plan for this state.

This master plan carries an April, 1974, deadline for reaching U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation officials.

HOPEFULLY, it will bear the right answers from surveyed recreationists and other input sources to keep Michigan on the receiving end for \$8-11 million in federal Land and Water Conservation Funds each year to cost share new state and local leisure-time facilities.

The two-year major project for survey work, data processing, and final preparation of the recreation

plan will be financed on a 50-50 basis with federal money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As part of this effort, the Bureau of Business Services and Research at Eastern Michigan University has been contracted to conduct a telephone survey which will reach 10,000 randomly selected households across the length and breadth of Michigan.

The survey will mark the first state-wide poll ever marshaled in Michigan to draw a fix on general recreation activity on the rural scene -- canoeing, camping, nature study, hiking, bicycling -- and in urban areas at day camps, playgrounds, tennis courts, senior citizens centers, etc. Among other things, the purpose of this broad-based survey will be to determine

when, where, and how many different people participate in various kinds of recreation, and to find out the number of times they pursue these activities, plus how far they travel to reach facilities they use.

FAMILIES CONTACTED by phone will also be asked to tell the types of facilities and resources (parks, lakes, trails, community centers) that their members use, and to identify these sites as to whether they are privately owned or managed by state, local, or federal agencies.

Results of this survey will enable the DNR to take stock of Michigan's recreational supplies and demands in comparison with the nationwide trend. "That same goal is a major one which the DNR has in

mind for a questionnaire survey that it will run from mid-July through Labor Day at virtually all state parks. Under this "Help Plan Your Parks" study, a standard question sheet will be randomly handed out to some 40,000 carloads of state park day-visitors this season to learn more about the people who use these areas, where they live, the kind of trips they are on, and the number of ways they use the parks.

Groups contacted under this survey will be asked to fill out their questionnaires and drop them in a box at park exits when they leave these areas. A similar survey will be conducted by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority at its regional parks and by local officials at major county parks to help the DNR gauge the importance of these

facilities in the total recreation picture as one means of projecting their future roles.

Also figuring prominently in the DNR's fact-finding effort this summer is a camper survey covering private campgrounds plus state park and forest campgrounds. Basically, the main goal of this survey is to measure the relationship between public and private campgrounds as it bears upon camper preferences.

Rounding out the DNR's sweeping schedule of surveys is a water recreation study which covers fishing, boating, swimming, and trip expenditures on Michigan's lakes and streams. This will guide the DNR in planning new water-based facilities for recreationists from a better cost-benefit standpoint.

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Geake Favors No-Fault Plan

LIVONIA Immediate passage of a modified no-fault auto insurance plan when the Michigan Legislature meets in the fall was urged Sunday night by Bob Geake of Northville, Republican candidate for state representative from the 58th district.

Speaking to a group of campaign supporters at the home of Mrs. Beverly Chassen of Livonia, he labeled the need for a no-fault plan "one of the most pressing issues of the day."

Geake declared the proposal would "assure fast, sure compensation for injured victims of auto accidents as well as reduce excessive legal fees for expensive court trials."

HE TOLD his audience that the primary benefit of this plan would be the requirement

that auto insurance companies must pay the insured motorist's medical costs regardless of who is to blame for the accident.

The modified version of no-fault which he would support, he explained, would include a provision allowing legal action against the driver at fault for additional injury expenses and earnings loss payment and for general damages commonly called "pain and suffering."

He pointed out that the only exclusion permitted under this type of no-fault auto insurance would be to those whose conduct contributed to their own injury. Such instances, he noted, includes driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs, using a car without authorization, driving without a license or while under license suspension or revocation, driving on a bet or driving to avoid arrest.

Health Bills Supported

Health care should be a national priority according to William H. Brown, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 2nd Congressional seat.

The seat is now held by Republican U.S. Rep. Marvin Esch of Ann Arbor. Six people are seeking the Democratic nomination.

Brown announced his support for the Kennedy Health Plan in a meeting at the home of Sharon Sarris in Plymouth. The plan would establish a program to educate more doctors, dentists and other health care personnel. Incentives would be provided to get these persons in areas where they are most needed.

Brown said it would be financed by federal government funds matched with employee and employer contributions.

"The poor suffer the most under the present system," Brown said, citing statistics stating that one in five Americans under age 65 didn't have hospital or surgical insurance in 1969.

Moon Eclipse Due July 26

ANN ARBOR July, a busy month for astronomy enthusiasts, will offer both a solar and a lunar eclipse, according to University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

ON JULY 25, only two weeks after the solar eclipse, an eclipse of the moon will occur, Prof. Losh noted. "Again, like the solar eclipse, this one will be only partially visible from Michigan."

The lunar eclipse will begin at about 12:56 a.m. and will terminate at about 3:37 a.m., she added.

"The moon in its orbital motion will first touch the shadow just after midnight. The darkness will gradually spread over the moon's lower surface until the mid-point of the eclipse at about 2:18 a.m. Then the moon will begin to leave the shadow and will be

out of it at about 3:37 a.m."

At the midpoint of the eclipse, a little more than one-half the moon's surface will be hidden, Prof. Losh stated.

"Both these partial eclipses will be interesting to watch, but are not of great scientific importance," Prof. Losh said. "These will be the last two eclipses this year."

ALSO OF astronomical interest this month will be the Milky Way which will "dominate the heavens," Prof. Losh said. "The wide lazy stretch of light will rise higher and higher in the heavens as summer progresses."

To the unaided eye, the Milky Way shines as a soft misty light, she said, but with some optical aid such as binoculars or a small telescope, it becomes "a myriad of faint stars, nebulae, star and dust clouds."

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