Finding historical markers became his hobby

(Costlamed from Page 1) which destroyed millions of acres of timberland swept across the Lower Peninsula that same day. Ten years later, there was another fire in the Thumb area which destroyed thousands and thousands of acres of timberland.

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A marker in a state park near Mus-kegon tells the story of the 1871 fire.

Using his map of historic attrac-tions (no longer in print as far as Bates knows), one day, the couple headed for the southwest corner of



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the state to find the marker for St. Joseph Mission—one of the first missions in the state. It had flourished under four flags, Spenish, French. English and American: The map described the marker as located in a ceremetary near Bertrand. From the directions, Bates knew they were in the rections, Bates knew they were in the first agricultural relation of the Model T, Orassfield Virtual Road, but no town by that name. "No one I saked knew anything about it."

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"An old fella heard me talking to the owner and came ower explaning he hunted in that area. He told me to go down the road to the wagon track and take the track to the iron gate." Sure enough, at the end of the track there was the iron gate, a small ceme-tary and the marker at the site of the original mission founded in the late

original mission founded in the late 1700s.

Most sites have been considerably easier to find—few more interesting.

Bates has a special feeling for the marker at the northernmost point of the Lake Michigan shordine. It is just east of the small community of Naubinway.

"Each of the Great Lakes has a marker." Bates says, explaining that this northern point was originally the western boundary of the state in the Upper Peninsula.

"But as a result of the Toledo War—did you know Michigan and Ohio had a war? No shots were fired and the armies managed to avoid each other—but Congress gave the To-

ledo area to Ohio. And they gave michigan all the territory in the pensionals west of that northern point.

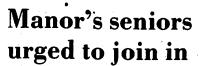
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refressa to label himself a historian, just as once in 1923 he declined to call himself a school teacher.

Shortly after he graduated from high achool ag group of people approached him about taking the exam to quality to become the teacher in the one room school in his home community—Butter Township. Branch County.

He took the exam passed it and got the control of the control o



FARMINGTON HILLS—Detroit Bap-tist Manor, the city's only sensor citi-zen housing project, is more than just a place where the elderly while away their lives.

The 140-resident facility on Thirteen
Mile Road west of Orchard Lake is a
one-story self-care complex where
residents can participate in all types
of self-vittles.
The Rev. Joseph Bogar, administrator, said there is a "tremendous
need" for such facilities.

Pointing up this need are Baptist Manor's expansion plans which call for 150 more apartments to house 200 more residents. Also planned are additional apartments for 50 • 60 residents and a 200-bed supervised living unit.

WHEN THE expansions are completed, the facility will be able to serve as many as 600 persons. Residents must be at least 62 years old, Rev. Bogar said. In the units for married couples, at least one spouse must, be 62.

The oldest resident now at Baptist Manor is \$3. Residents are by no means tied down. Fifty to 60 per cent retain their cars.

beauty shop located in the manor, at-tend the Monday morning coffees for cards and games, participate in the monthly polluck supper, attend prayer services and hymn singing sessions, and even work out once a week with a phsycial education instructor.

There are film programs, concerts and programs sponsored by area organizations and churches.

We have had a wonderful reception from the community." Rev. Bogar said. "The quality of the people and the quality of the baddeng is not going to detract from the community."

"There is a tremendous waiting list." he said. "It has proved to be very popular.

"WE ARE ENABLING them to maintain their independence and con-ribate in a large part to their dignity of living." he said. The city has received inquiries from developers about the feasibility of building a high-rise senior citizen prof-ect in the city.

City Manager George Majoros said the developer, who has built a number of high-rise facilities in other commu-nities. had contacted him. The developer, whom Majoros would not identify, had an option on property in the city.

However, the proposed project would exceed the city's 30-foot limit on all buildings in the city. Farmington and Farmington Hills have a joint committee that has been exploring possible sites for farming citizen housing, although the group has taken no formal action.





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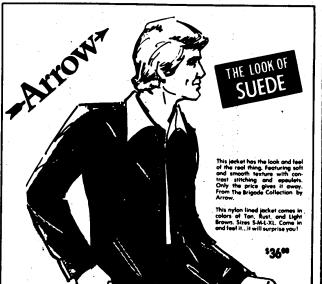
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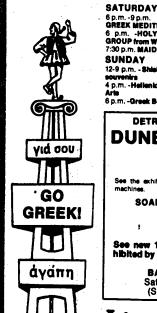
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