

Is land a commodity?

In a recent response to an inquiry asking what can be done to preserve our land, Grace Gluskin indicated that we must begin to think of land as a resource and not as just another commodity. Many others agree that our perception of land must be changed in this manner if we are to save it.

Beginning on May 16, a three-day symposium on "Land, Commodity or Natural Resource?" will be held in Ann Arbor. At that time scholars, citizens, business representatives and public officials will join together in a search for a new perception of land which will reflect ecological and social reality while providing for the needs of an industrial society.

This conference is not "just another land use conference" which focuses on institutional practices that impact on land uses. Instead societal perceptions of land and the rank land occupies in the hierarchy of American values will be examined, because they provide the basis on which our institutions determine their practices.

By stating the conference focus in this way, I do not mean to imply that this conference is an exercise in philosophy. On the contrary, eight different workshops will ask real questions such as: Is land ownership too concentrated in the hands of a few people and companies? Should the Fifth

Amendment prohibition against the taking of private property be substantially changed? What should be done with Indian rights in land? Is a community focus possible under modern development? Should natural areas be exploited? Is growth desirable? And so forth.

The conference is being sponsored by the Citizens Council for Land Use Research and Education in cooperation with the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University. The general public is invited to participate for any or all three days.

This conference will not be the least expensive one you have ever attended. But it should be one of the most interesting and important. You can listen to William Whyte, Joseph Sax, Lynton Caldwell, William Reilly, and Fred Bosselman on Tuesday. Or you can join a variety of resource people in the Wednesday workshops. A review of the earlier proceedings will be given.

Brochures explaining the conference in detail can be obtained from the University of Michigan Extension Service, Conferences and Institutes, 412 Maynard St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Since time is short, you may wish to call Central at 679-1333 or EMEAC at 879-6040 for details.

John G. Sobetzky

NJW installation is May 9 at Plaza

Esther R. Landa of Salt Lake City, Utah, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, will be in Detroit for the May 9 installation luncheon of Jewish Women, which will be in Detroit for the May 9 installation luncheon of the Greater Detroit Section, NCJW at the new Detroit Plaza Hotel, Renaissance Center.

Because of council's commitment to the revitalization of Detroit, the NCJW board of directors voted unanimously to hold its annual installation luncheon at the Renaissance Center. The program will begin at noon.

Mrs. Landa's topic at the meeting will be "Women's Changing Role and Its Effect on Family Life."

The subject brings together under one topic council's continuing interest in both family life and issues of concern to women—topics as varied as child development, justice for children, welfare reform, quality education for all and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Mrs. Landa has served as a member of the Salt Lake City Board of Education, vice-chairman of the Utah State Board of Education and co-founder of Project Head Start in Utah.

Another area of concern for Mrs. Landa is Israel. Her volunteer work in this area ranges from membership on the NCJW task force to Israel (which resulted in the establishment of the NCJW research institute for innovation in education) to chairmanship of the Salt Lake City United Jewish Appeal in 1973-74.

mingham; Anne Faigenbaum and Barbara Grant.

both of Southfield; Edith Sweetwine, Lathrup Village; Amy Brown and Sandra Leshman, both of Farmington.

Also, Barbara Kuhlth and Linda Weissman, of Bloomfield Hills; Phyllis Steuberg, Orchard Lake; Sonia Macey and Phyllis Welling, W. Bloomfield; Adele Sonnenklar, Huntington Woods; and Norma Schonwetter, Oak Park.

The National Council of Jewish Women, founded in 1883, has 100,000 members in 200 cities across the nation who are committed to a broad program of advocacy, education, community services and social action.

Reservations for the installation luncheon are required. The price is \$7.50 per person.

Charter bus transportation is available for an additional \$2 per person. The bus departs from Temple Emanuel, 1450 W. Ten Mile Rd., Oak Park, at 11 a.m. and returns by 3 p.m.

Cleft palate group meets

The Cleft Lip and Palate Parents' Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. May 18 at Beaumont Hospital in the 10th floor lecture hall.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Poole, a member of the cleft palate team at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. His

topic will be "Plastic Surgery for the Child with an Oral Cleft."

A short business meeting will be held before the program. If transportation is a problem or for further information, call the Oakland County chapter of the March of Dimes at 851-8000.

Other newly elected officers are: vice presidents Pearl M. Holfordy, Daniel W. Marzahl, Patricia M. Spackman, and Lee-B. Bennett; treasurer, Clarence N. Franz; secretary, Bernadine E. Owens.

Brown heads group

Harry L. Brown has been elected president of the National Accountants Association, Oakland County Chapter.

Brown is vice president of administration and education of Citizens Mortgage Corp., located in Southfield.

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Coop care discussed

"Cooperating" is the title of the 26th annual conference on the young child, sponsored by the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries and Michigan State University.

The two-day meeting will be held May 9 and 10 at MSU's Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, with more than 1,600 participants expected.

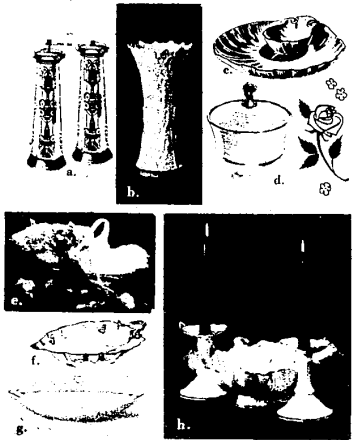
The conference will feature David Newell, co-star of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," who will discuss the positive use of television for children. He will appear in MSU's Munn Ice Arena at 8 p.m. Monday, May 9. A \$1 admission will be charged at the door.

The conference will present in-depth workshops and seminars for parents and teachers, focusing on the cooperative theory of preschool education.



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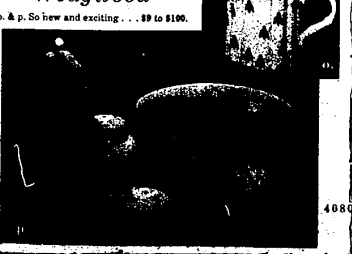
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