

MICHIGAN'S HIGHEST standard gauge railroad trestle in passenger service is near Lake Linden in Houghton County in the Upper Peninsula. The Keeweenaw Central Railroad's steam excursion train, headed by ol' Engine No. 29, crosses the bridge, which stands 120 feet above Douglass Houghton Creek. Tourists are the main source of revenue these days.

## Copper Country Train Revived

**CALUMET**  
The "Northern Michigan Special", a "name" passenger train that vanished decades ago, returns to Upper Michigan's Copper Country this summer, starting operations again on the Keweenaw Central Railway.

Although the phrase "You can't get there by train any more" applies to many parts of the country, in Upper Michigan's Copper Country you can -- with a 1907 full size, coal-burning, 135-ton steam locomotive at that.

Of course "getting there" in current Copper Country passenger train terms means taking the 13-mile, 75-minute-long "round trip" on the Keweenaw Central excursion train connecting Calumet with Lake Linden in Houghton County via Calumet Junction and the famous "Bridge No. 30."

**HISTORICALLY** the original Keweenaw Central, built in the 1880s as the narrow gauge "Lac La Belle & Calumet", became standard gauged as the Keweenaw Central Railroad about 1907, and entered the village of Calumet via Calumet Jct. over Copper Range Railroad tracks.

From then until about 1917 many Copper Country "Grants" to Calumet and then "out" to the old K.C." to Crestview Park, overlooking Lake Superior near Phoenix, northeast of Calumet on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Then four interested, railroad-oriented men brought the Keweenaw Central back to life, and re-opened its once-famous "Grand Special Excursions Keweenawland" — this time over trucks and with equipment they brought from the U.S. and Canada, and from the Copper Range railroad, with which it had connected 50 years before. The "Special," headed up by No. 29, snakes out of Calumet Yard normally three times daily, crosses U.S. Hwy. 41 at the intersection, and follows a loop curve named, abandoned C. & H. Centennial No. 2 mine, and steps for water at Calumet Jct. There Michigan's only working rackside water penstock fills the tender several times daily, not always before the train has left. It takes much per trip, but it makes a most unique and very rare picture for camera fans.

FROM THE "water stop" at the Junction to Bridge No. 30, it's over three miles down-grade, nearly 2%. Passengers peer 25 air miles over Keweenaw Bay to the Huron Mountains on the far shore.

Bridge No. 30, Michigan's highest railway trestle in passenger service, is 350 feet long and 120 feet high over Douglas Houghton Creek gurgling below.

"End of track" is near Lake Linden and Highway M-26 where the K.C. Railway connects with the Copper Range line.



## S.S. Office Seeks Job Applicants

# SEMCOG Sets Full-Scale Meeting In Pontiac

A general assembly meeting of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) will be held Saturday, May 23, in the supervisors auditorium in Pontiac, beginning at 9 a.m.

Delegates of member municipal, county and school governing units will attend to consider the official business of the second quarter of 1970 SEMCOG business.

Agenda items haven't been announced, but indications are that housing matters - subjects into which SEMCOG has been deeply immersed of late - will be a prime concern.

TWO SEMCOG publications issued recently contain items pointing up the issues which have made housing second only to pollution as the prime concern of the decade nationwide.

In its second installment of new "Housing Bulletin," SEMCOG notes that the cost of a basic 1,000-square-foot home has risen from \$12,990 in 1964 to \$22,490 in 1969 in the Detroit

market area, which includes Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. That's a 73% increase.

Interest subsidies are spur-builders, but "most of this housing will be located far outside the cities to keep costs low enough," said the bulletin.

An annual SEMCOG publication, the survey of residential construction experience in southeastern Michigan, is about to go to press.

**THIS NOTICE** will show when and where and what types of housing have been authorized during the past year in the region. Copies will be available from: SEMCOG attention James Thomas, 810 Book Building, Detroit, 48226.

SEMCOG is cooperating with the state housing development authority and other regional planning agencies to formulate a state "Operation Breakthrough" plan, also.

The basic objective of the plan is to determine the market characteristics functionally identified by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as crucial to the success of the low-cost housing drive.

SEMGOG has sponsored several conferences on housing and Operation Breakthrough this year. Administrator of SEMGOG's housing division is Charles Chomet, former assistant to the Elgin (Ill.) city manager and executive director of Kane County (Ill.) Coun-

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Also, SEMCOG is exploring its role in drug abuse problems.

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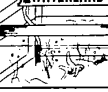
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