



RETIRING last Friday after 33 years as postmaster at Hale was David G. Bernard.—Tawas Herald Photo.

## Hale Postmaster Ends 33 Years of Service

David G. Bernard, postmaster at Hale for the past 33 years and eight months, retired effective last Friday. Appointed acting postmaster to succeed him was Robert Pember, well-known Plainfield Township resident.

Bernard was appointed postmaster at Hale on March 30, 1934, to succeed the late R. D. Brown. He had been a farmer and livestock buyer prior to joining the postal service.

Born at Hatton, Ohio, Bernard came to Hale in 1916 with his parents. He attended school there and married the former Alice Rahl.

Bernard recalled that in 1934, there were about 190 patrons on the two rural routes at Hale. Today, each of the two routes have 600 patrons.

Hale post office was a third class office in 1934, became a fourth class office the following year and, on July 1, 1954, was named a second class office.

## Businessmen Seek Decoration Funds

Tawas City Businessmen's Association is currently conducting a fund-raising campaign to purchase street decorations for the Christmas season and to pay for additional welcome banners along US-23.

The campaign is to be completed within the next two weeks and anyone who has not been contacted may send checks to L. G. McKay Jr., committee chairman.

This is part of a continuing program of street decorations during the past two years, purchased in conjunction with the City of Tawas City.

At last Thursday's meeting, Consumers Power Company representatives discussed street light changes along US-23 and integration of decoration lighting with separate circuits and meters on poles.

Power company representatives appearing included Gordon Huck, Max Beach and Edward Savage.

## Last Winter Seemed a 'Blinger,' but No State Snow Funds for Iosco

Iosco, Arenac and Gladwin Counties are the only local units in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula which do not share in this year's state snow removal funds, according to a report Thursday from the state highway commission.

Funds were distributed to 60 counties of the state—an all time high—that had an average of 70 or more inches of snow removal during the previous year.

Michigan's average snowfall last winter—102 inches—was the highest recorded since 1956 when the snow removal fund was established by the state legislature.

Counties not sharing in the snow removal funds seemed to have been influenced by the tempering effect of Saginaw Bay, although this did not hold true in all cases. Saginaw and Huron were

two exceptions. Locally, Iosco had a snowfall of 62 inches, while Arenac had 67 and Gladwin had 64. Besides the above three, those "Saginaw Bay counties" not sharing in snow removal funds were Bay and Tuscola.

Counties in the geographical center of the state also escaped the record snowfall. Those included Midland, Isabella, Mecosta, Montcalm, Gratiot, Shiawassee, Southeastern counties of St. Clair, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Monroe, along with Ingham, Jackson, Washtenaw and St. Joseph did not share in the fund.

Excluding the Upper Peninsula, the western shore of Michigan was hit hardest last winter. However, Otsego County, located in the center of the northern half of the

## Tawas City Council OK's Zoning Change

Property owned by Joseph Barkman southwest of M-55 in Tawas City's First Ward was rezoned from industrial and residential to commercial B-2, according to action of the Tawas City Council Monday night.

The council, by a four to two roll call, overruled a recommendation of the city planning commission. Planners felt that property used for the lumber yard, presently zoned industrial, should be rezoned to commercial as requested.

The planning commission recommended that the remainder of the Barkman property in Porterfield's Addition, including Block 20, Block 11 and the north half of Block 10, presently zoned residential, be held in abeyance.

The council learned of this recommendation from the October minutes of the planning commission, read Monday night. The majority of councilmen believed it was received too late, inasmuch as a public hearing had been called to rezone the property entirely commercial. No objections were heard from adjacent property owners.

Mr. Barkman was present at the hearing and stated he did not believe the property would ever be used for residential purposes.

Aldermen Cecil Cabbie and Howard Hatton, who cast the only "no" votes, believed further clarification should be received from the planning commission before taking action. The property was rezoned by a council majority with "yes" votes recorded by Aldermen

Clyde Evril, John St. James, Clark Tanner and Daniel Ulrich.

The planning commission had been divided on its recommendation to the council. A tie vote was broken by Chairman Paul Chevis.

In other business, the council approved transfer of ownership of General Television of Michigan, Incorporated, which provides cable television service as a public utility, to Oregon CA-Television, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation. This action had been proposed last month, but was delayed by the council until satisfaction could be received on promised service to several sections of the city.

Bruce G. Freel, former president of the cable company, said that numerous installations had been made in the past weeks and, to his knowledge, there was not an area in the city that could not now be serviced.

A special meeting is to be held November 14 to open construction bids on the Mathews Street sewer project. Bids on the purchase of \$34,000 in special assessment bonds to finance this project are to be opened November 20.

Recommendations of the council's salary committee were tabled for further study.

## Change of Venue Granted by Wayne Co. Circuit Court

Wayne County Circuit Court granted a change of venue requested by Tawas Hospital and Dr. James Jacques in a \$55,000 damage suit brought by a Detroit man.

Last June, Harry W. Tindol filed suit in Wayne County seeking damages against the hospital and local physician. On May 27, 1965, Tindol was taken to the hospital for treatment of severe hand lacerations.

The Detroit man claims that the hospital and physician failed to exercise due care in examination, diagnosis, care, treatment and hospitalization.

## Putnam's Guilty Plea Accepted; Test Slated

Jonathan L. Putnam, charged with the April 13 strangulation-stabbing of Mrs. Viola Stern, entered a guilty plea to a reduced charge of second degree murder when arraigned Monday afternoon in Iosco Circuit Court.

Putnam had been charged with first degree murder under a warrant authorized by Pros. Atty. J. Richard Ernst and a jury trial was to have opened Monday morning. Prospective jurors had been notified Friday that their services would not be needed Monday.

Circuit Judge Allan C. Miller accepted Putnam's plea subject to the testimony of two psychiatrists from the Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Ypsilanti, who are to examine Putnam Thursday.

Last August, a state psychiatrist testified in court that he believed Putnam was mentally competent to stand trial.

Although the first degree murder charge was reduced, Putnam faces a possible maximum sentence of life imprisonment or a term of specified years. A first degree murder conviction, which carries mandatory life imprisonment,

hinges upon proof beyond reasonable doubt that premeditated murder was involved.

## Reynold Mick Heads Kiwanis

Reynold E. Mick, Tawas Area School superintendent, has been elected 1968 president of Tawas Kiwanis Club. He and other newly-elected officers are to be installed the first week in January.

Others elected were Cecil Cabbie, second vice president; Albert Buch, third vice president; Neil Luedtke, secretary; Edward Nelkie, treasurer.

New members of the board of directors are Dr. James E. Jacques, Gordon Dunham and Herbert Hertzler.

## LET'S DAY POST OFFICE HOURS

Lobby of the Tawas City Post Office will be open from 8:00 to 10:00 a. m.; 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. Saturday, November 11, Veterans Day. There will be no rural delivery service on this day, states Martin Kasichke, postmaster.



DEMONSTRATING a breathalyzer is Cpl. J. G. Sandusky of the Michigan State Police Post, East Tawas.—Tawas Herald Photo.

## Breathalyzer Aids Ban Against Drunk Drivers

If you are arrested for drunk driving in Iosco County, there is a good chance you will find out what the breathalyzer is all about.

According to Sgt. George Briggs, three officers from the East Tawas state police post just completed a one-week breathalyzer training program at Michigan State University's highway traffic safety center and are now fully qualified to administer the breath test to persons arrested for drunk driving.

Effective November 2, Michigan's new "implied consent" law went into effect. Simply stated, this means that a driver has given his consent to take a chemical test for alcohol if arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Refusal to take a chemical test could result in the automatic suspension or revocation of the driver's license.

William E. Barber, course director at the highway traffic safety center, said that successful completion of classroom and laboratory course work by Cpls. William C. Scales, J. G. Sandusky and James H. Hayden has given the area the capability of effectively enforcing the law against drunk drivers.

The three most common chemical tests for alcohol now being given analyze the driver's blood, breath or urine. However, the new law states that a driver has the option to demand that only a breath test be given. The test findings are admissible as court evidence and could work either for or against the defendant.

Since it is assumed that a high percentage of drunk driving suspects will demand the breath test, it is essential that breathalyzer test instruments and qualified police operators be available throughout the state.

To meet this need, the Michigan Law Enforcement Officer's Training Council, Michigan Department of Health, Department of State Police and MSU's highway traffic safety center teamed together to conduct a mammoth training program.

Early estimates indicate that 175 breathalyzers, a proven instrument for measuring alcohol content of the blood through analysis of the breath, will be needed, along with 750 trained police operators.

The new law brings Michigan

## Janet Sheldon Named DAR Good Citizen

Janet Sheldon, Tawas Area High School senior, has been named recipient of the good citizen award sponsored by John Alden Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Midland.

This award is made each year to a senior girl in each of the several high schools of the area. Chosen by a vote of the entire senior class, qualities of good citizenship are based on dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Miss Sheldon served as vice president of the Keyettes and currently serves as its secretary, she was secretary of the student council last year and presently serves as vice president. For the past two years, she has been secretary of her class.

Her greatest interest is in music. She plays the French horn in the concert band and piano in the dance band. She has attended solo and ensemble festivals for three years and entered piano proficiency I and II at the state ensemble. She was elected president of the band this year. She has studied piano for seven years, plays the organ at her church, provides dinner music for various clubs of the community and played for a local dance school.

In June 1967, Miss Sheldon attended Girls' State at Ann Arbor. Last month, she was honored by being chosen homecoming queen of Tawas Area High School.

She likes writing, dancing and meeting people. She plans to attend Central Michigan University and major in music.

Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sheldon, 97 Tawas Beach Road, East Tawas.

## Glennie Man Was Iosco's 16th Highway Fatality of 1967

A 70-year-old Glennie man became Iosco County's 16th traffic fatality of 1967 last Friday.

Kenneth V. Cole was dead on arrival at Standish Hospital after his car ran off M-65 just north of the Iosco-Arenac line.

Cole's car ran off the road on the right side, skidded to the left shoulder and then rolled over into a ditch. He was thrown from the vehicle, which came to rest on top of him.

Investigating state police officers said that the highway had recently been resurfaced and was slippery from a mixture of snow and rain.

## Supervisors-Roadmen-

## View '67 Iosco Construction

Road construction during the past year totaling more than \$300,000 was viewed Monday by the Iosco Road Commission and members of the Iosco Board of Supervisors' roads and bridges committee.

The annual road inspection was conducted by John Henry, road commission foreman, and Otis Love, road commission engineer.

This tour is designed to give supervisors a first hand report on how local, state and federal tax dollars are spent on local highway construction.

Projects inspected included the following: Three miles of reconstruction on Alabaster Road, which connects US-23 with Sand Lake Road. This included the stretch from Lorenz Road to Jordan Road, which is to receive a gravel surface this winter.

Domres Construction Company, Manistee, was contractor at cost of \$70,000. It was financed entirely with gas and weight tax money at no cost to Alabaster or Sherman Townships.

Six miles of the Hale to Sand Lake Road, better known as the Hale short cut. This road, extending from Sand Lake to Esmond Road, two miles east of Hale, was stabilized with asphalt and received a double bituminous seal. The project cost \$120,000.

A two-mile federal aid secondary project was viewed in Plainfield Township. This extends west from M-65 on Kokosing Road and cost \$100,000. The project was financed by the road commission and Bureau of Public Roads.

In addition, a 1.8 mile section of Kokosing Road was reconstructed at a cost of \$40,000, at no cost to the township.

Another project viewed included one mile of local road con-

struction in Burleigh Township on Keystone Road, from Nile Road to Holtis Road, at a cost of \$10,000.

The group also inspected reconstruction of the bridge over the West Branch of the AuGres River east of Whittemore, costing \$11,000, and progress on reconstructing a bridge over Dead Creek on Meadow Road, west of Tawas City. This project is to cost \$6,000.

The group viewed approximately 12 miles of single seal maintenance work on the county road network.



JOHN HENRY, right, road commission foreman, points out road construction sites prior to Monday's tour. From left are Nelson Bean, Percy Jocks, Arthur Aulerich, James Mielock, Clarence Curry, Otis Love, Richter Lixey and Henry Conley. Jocks, Mielock, Lixey and Conley are members of the board of supervisors' roads and bridges committee.—Tawas Herald Photo.

## City Studies Purchase of Clute Land

Possible purchase of the Gordon Clute property on Ninth Avenue is being investigated by the Tawas City Council.

This action came Monday night upon recommendation of the city planning commission. City Atty. Alf C. Watson was directed to study legality of the purchase and to determine methods of financing.

The 21-acre site, once used as a golf driving range, could be utilized for industrial development. In the meantime, it could be used as a parking lot to serve the city's boat launching ramp on Tawas River.

Third Ward Ald. Howard Hatton said the area must be ready for the first run of coho salmon, expected in two years. "Boat launching sites and parking must be provided and this would be an ideal spot," he said.

Hatton emphasized that Eastern Michigan should not be caught unprepared to handle large crowds of fishermen, as was the case during the first big run on the western side of the state.

## Disaster Training Featured Program

About 150 area fire fighting, police, medical, conservation and civil defense authorities attended a disaster preparedness conference Saturday at Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

Role of civilian officials in responding to a military aircraft accident in the area was the primary content of the program aimed at insuring an informed response in the event of a disaster.





















