







# Alabaster Twp. Clerk Gives West Branch Hearing Report

By Betty Hammond

Citizens of Iosco, Ogemaw and surrounding counties packed the commission room at the courthouse in West Branch on November 9 for a public hearing offered by the House Committee on Towns and Counties to explain House Bill 4611 pertaining to annexation. The bill sets up criteria which must be met before a city can annex portions of a township. The hearing was arranged and chaired by Rep. Tom Alley and the panel consisted of Reps. Thomas Brown, chairman of the Towns and Counties Committee; Claude Trim, Everett Lincoln, Francis Spaniola and Carl Gnodtke. Betty Hammond, Alabaster Township clerk, gave testimony relating to the annexation proposal of a portion of Alabaster Township by the City

of Tawas City and presented a resolution adopted by the Alabaster Board supporting passage of House Bill 4611, with the exception that state equalized valuation (SEV) be reduced five percent to three percent. Lowell Thomas, city manager for the City of Tawas City, testified in opposition to adoption of the bill. Representative Trim summarized HB 4611 and explained the need for changes in the present annexation laws that allows annexation by municipalities of areas containing less than 100 people to be annexed without a vote of the people or consideration of the unit of government it is being annexed from. The State Boundary Commission, which was created by Public Act 362 of 1972, considers all petitions for the incorporation or consolidation of cities and villages. In deciding on a petition, the commission considers population density, the need for municipal services, the effect on the area to be incorporated and on the remainder of the unit of government from which the area is taken, and other factors. HB 4611 would amend the act to provide that if a municipality is proposing the annexation of

municipal territory, in addition to considering the criteria specified by the act, the commission could not approve the annexation unless it found all of the following: —That not less than 30 percent of the boundaries of the area to be annexed is contiguous to the annexing municipality. —That the SEV of the area to be annexed is not more than five percent of the total SEV of the township, unless the entire township is to be annexed. —That irregular boundaries would not result from the annexation, unless those boundaries result from natural or artificial features which interrupt contiguity. —That additional municipal services are needed in the area to be annexed which would be provided in the immediate future by the municipality more economically than those services could be provided by the township. —That owners of a majority of the land in the area to be annexed approve of the annexation. —That there were no viable alternatives for supplying needed government services in the area to be annexed through municipal authorities, joint



PROGRESS on the new Hale branch office of Peoples State Bank of East Tawas is pictured above as of Wednesday. Contractor for the project is Davison and Son Builders, Tawas City. The new office is located at the northeast intersection of M-65 and Esmond Road.—Tawas Herald Photo.

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Mohawk	16 1/2	27 1/2
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Individual High Single: J. Uman, 232; D. Sergeant, 226; M. Cockburn, C. O'Driscoll, 225.

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Tawas Bar	23	17
Buckhorn	19	21
Tawas Bay Glass	19	21
McIntosh-McKay	18	22
North Star Motel	16	24
Coyle's Restaurant	15 1/2	24 1/2
Squires Wheel Align.	14	26

Team High Series: H&B Trucking, 2922; The Place, 2789; Coyle's Restaurant, 2784.

Team High Single: H&B Trucking, 992; Barbier Oil, 987; Coyle's Restaurant, Buckhorn, 950.

Individual High Series: Sharon Studley, 632; Marlene Cockburn, 626; Marion Toska, 617.

Individual High Single: Pat Bublitz, 246; Marlene Cockburn, 235; Lulu Lacy, 232.

**Bowling ...**

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Dane Construction	24	20
Mousseau Body Shop	23	21
Webb Well Drilling	22	22
Nathan's Upholstery	22	22
Scotfield Real Estate	22	22
Hale Pharmacy	20	24
Booth Appliance	18	26

Team High Series: Mousseau Body Shop, 3126; Nathan's Upholstery, 3116; Scotfield Real Estate, 3048.

Team High Single: Mousseau Body Shop, 1097-1066; Nathan's Upholstery, 1063; Scotfield Real Estate, 1056.

Individual High Series: Don Stevenson, 681; Guy Mousseau, 678; Nathan Nunn, 672.

Individual High Single: Guy Mousseau, 277; Nathan Nunn, 260; Don Palmer, Don Stevenson, 253.

Ups and Downs

Timber Steak House	W	L
Sykes Chiropractic Clinic	29	15
Hale Hardware	26	18
Mary's Team	24	20
Kenyon's Bar	21	23
Century 21	20	24
Daeschlein Realty	10	34

Team High Series: Timber Steak House, 2379; Hale Asphalt, 2378; Sykes Chiropractic Clinic, 2360.

Team High Single: Timber Steak House, Hale Asphalt, 824; Mary's Team, 821.

Individual High Series: Maxine Gray, 676; John Seman, 625; Bill McCracken, 604.

Individual High Single: Maxine Gray, 248; Mike Senyko, 247; Joe Tomczak, 237.

(See BOWLING, page 4, sec. 2.)

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Please take notice that the Planning Commission of the City of Tawas City will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29, 1979, 7:30 P. M. at City Hall, 508 Lake St., for the following purpose:

To receive public comment on a request from William Philpot, owner of property at 1033 Lake St., for special approval under Section 801 of the zoning ordinance to operate a vehicle repair type of service within an enclosure to be erected on said property.

Public comment may be given orally or in writing. Written comment will be received at the city hall until 5:00 P. M., November 29, 1979.

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City Manager

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TAWAS HOSPITAL'S new ambulance arrived last week and is to be placed into service as soon as state certification is received. Shown inspecting the new unit are Phyllis Langley, director of nursing, and William Hester, emergency medical technician. The new \$30,000 unit is equipped with a removable van type module which will permit its transfer to a different chassis in the future. The module is fabricated from aluminum and is guaranteed for 10 years, which should result in considerable saving in replacement cost unless the state changes its specifications for emergency vehicles. — Tawas Herald Photos.



**HARNESSING THE WIND!**

AN IRON TURBINE windmill, left, manufactured at Springfield, Ohio, was installed at the Curry farm on Hemlock Road. Another popular windmill of that era was manufac-

tured by the Perkins Company, shown at right. Besides farm use, windmills were used to pump water in towns. The center picture shows a windmill in use around 1906 in Tawas City.

With the shortage of energy looming as the most critical problem for America to solve in the coming years, some scientists believe that harnessing the wind may provide a "new" form of electrical generation to one day replace power presently provided by burning fossil fuels.

Man has used the power of wind provided by nature for several centuries to perform numerous tasks and the windmill, like barbed wire, played an important part in settling this region as well as the American West.

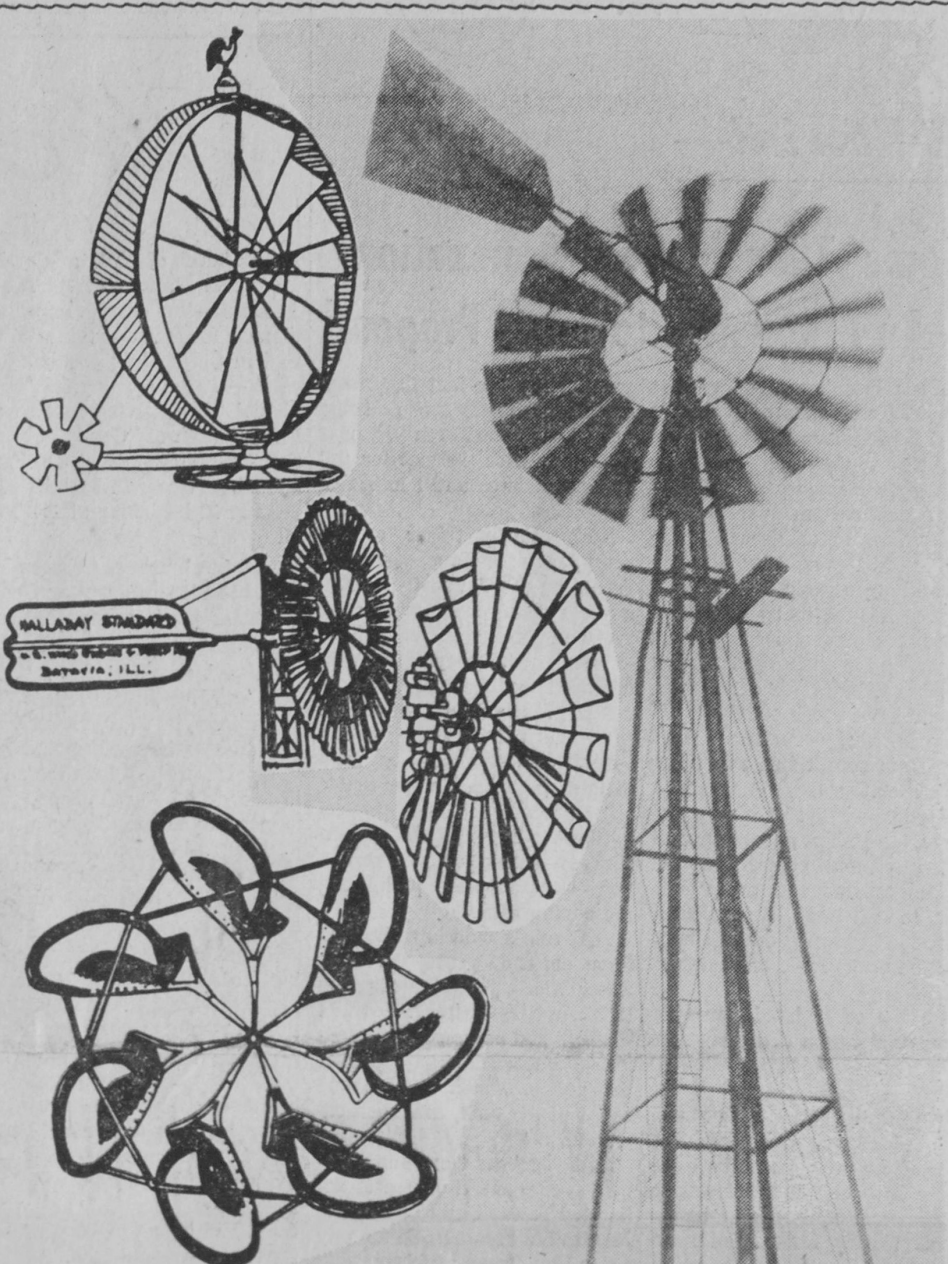
Without windmills, some contend the nation's cattle business probably could not have survived. The windmill appeared on the great plains in the 1870s, when ranchers were faced with the grave problem of supplying water to cattle.

The windmill was important in Michigan, too, although the urgency to provide water from deep wells was not so important here as in drier parts of the country.

In the days before the development of the gasoline powered internal combustion engine, many windmills dotted the countryside of Iosco County and it has only been in recent years that the windmill has been replaced by other means of pumping water from the ground for farm use.

This state is blessed with a bountiful supply of life-giving water, both above and below the ground surface. Here in Iosco County, the first settlers used the unlimited supply of water from Lake Huron and area streams. As the interior of the county began to fill in with settlers, shallow wells were first dug by hand and deeper underground water sources were later tapped by mechanical means.

Getting that water to the surface was performed by hand pumps, which meant back-breaking labor for a farmer with a herd of cattle and large numbers of horses. Finally, someone in this country recalled that windmills could be used to pump water—they had been used for centuries in Europe and even along the eastern seaboard



ONE OF THE LAST operating windmills in Iosco County can be found on the Robinson farm in Reno Township. This Aermotor unit has seen more than 50 years of service. The

drawings show the fans of three different windmill firms prior to 1900.—Tawas Herald Photo.

of this country to pump water—and shortly after the Civil War the first windmill appeared on the market.

Introduced around 1870, it was not long before "iron fans" were catching the four winds wherever they swept across this country. With this new labor saving device came a little known figure today, the itinerant windmill builder and later the windmill salesman.

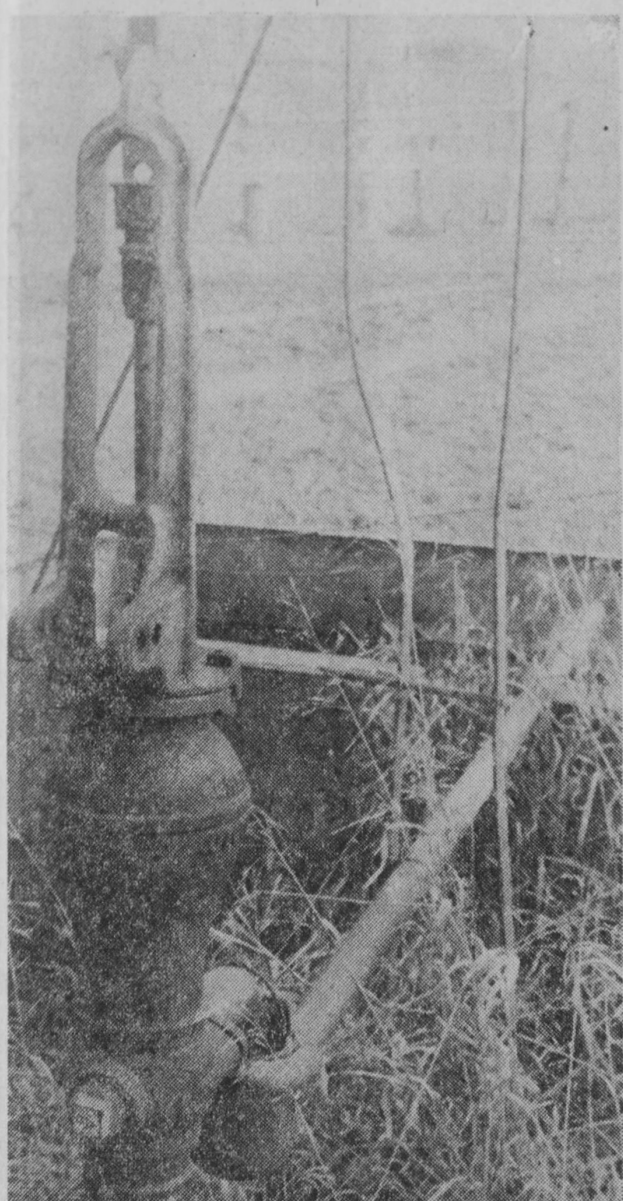
The Aermotor Company of Chicago, Illinois, was one of the pioneering windmill companies, developing the first iron windmill in the 1880s. It became extremely popular throughout the Midwest and the Aermotor Company outsold all other brands in Iosco County.

Windmills were also available

through mail order houses, but the traveling salesmen for the Aermotor Company were the principal suppliers.

One of the first farmers to install a windmill here was Reuben Wade, a Civil War veteran, whose large farm was located west of Tawas City on the Hemlock Road. The Curry, Bouchard, Katterman and Blust farms were among the early windmill purchasers and it was not long before the majority of farmers were using this labor-saving device to pump water.

"Among the improvements at the Curry farm is a new Turbine windmill and a Buckeye force pump. Two wells were sunk to a depth of 76 feet," reported the

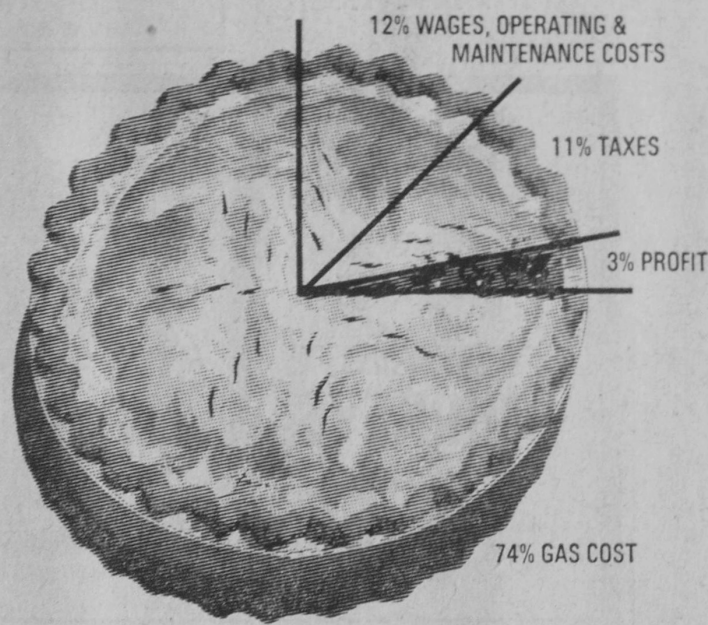


THE PUMP on the Robinson windmill has been modified over the years due to worn parts. The revolving fan actuates short strokes on the pump through a long connecting rod. The watering trough can be seen in the background.—Tawas Herald Photo.



WINDMILLS also provided the power for private water supplies in Tawas City and East Tawas. This picture shows a windmill towering above the old Iosco County Jail shortly after the turn of the century.

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"By following these suggestions," Hosbach says, "customers will be assured good mail service this holiday season."

It is important, the Tawas City postmaster states, that families double check envelopes and cards to be certain that proper postage is affixed. Envelopes without postage will be returned to senders, if possible,

or delayed by postage-due procedures.

When the return address is placed on envelopes bearing holiday greetings, it also helps remind friends of one's current address. If the mail is delivered by carrier, the correct address is the street and number. If received through a post office box, be sure to include the box number.

And, if the family to whom a holiday message is sent moved more than a year ago, it cannot be forwarded. With a return address, Postmaster Hosbach says, such letters are returned to the sender with a notation that the following order has expired.

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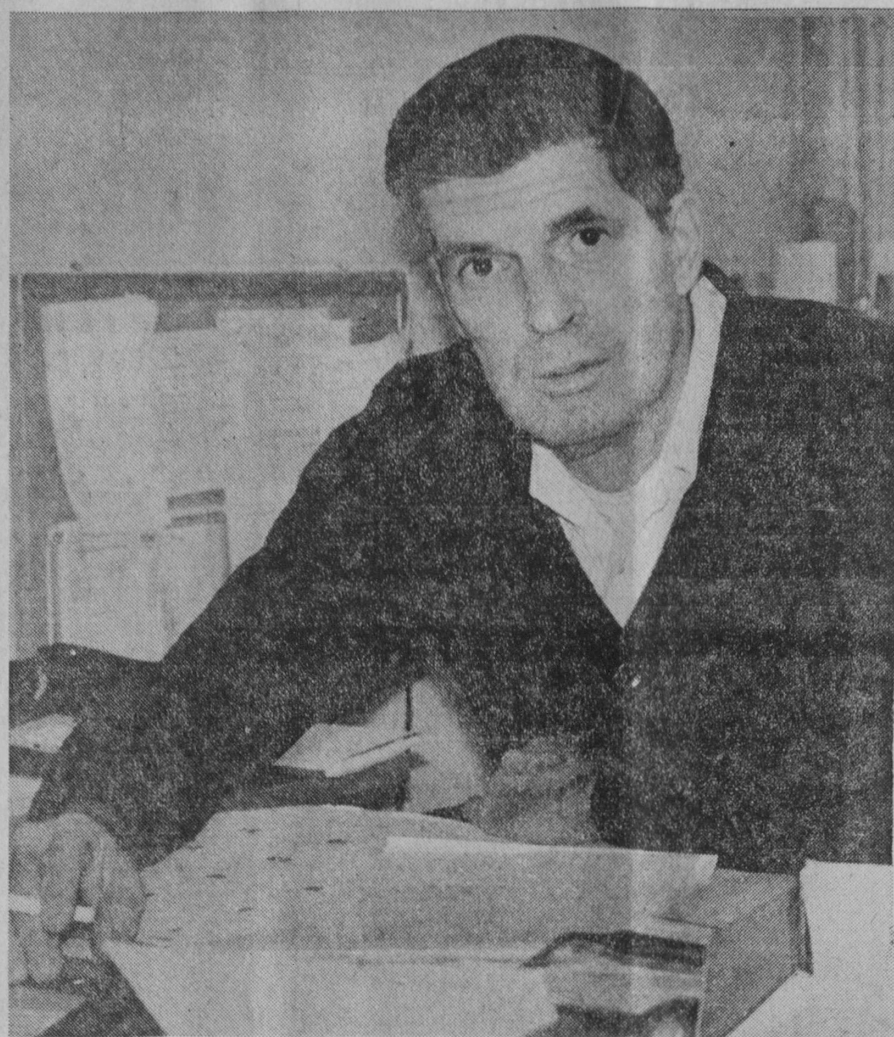
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**WILLIAM A. SMITH**, East Tawas superintendent of public works, recently attended a three-day course on basic mathematics and hydraulics held at the Ralph A. MacMillen Conference Center at Higgins Lake. The course was sponsored by the Michigan Department of Public Health. Water department personnel from 24 communities attended the course and acquired information in the areas of mathematics, hydraulics, water chemistry and chlorination.—Tawas Herald Photo.

## LOOKING BACKWARD— Nunn Named to Highway Commission

**15 Years Ago—**  
November 18, 1964—W. D. (Mike) Nunn, East Tawas hardware owner, was named to a 2½-year term as one of the four members of the new Michigan Highway Commission. Nunn will serve as one of the two Republicans on the four-man bipartisan commission named by Gov. George Romney under terms of the State's new constitution.

Among freshmen enrolled at Alpena Community College this year are five from the Tawas area: George Bolen, Robert Erickson, JoAnn Phillips, James Sass, Richard Zaleski. Clifford Eppert of East Tawas is a member of the sophomore class.

A bulletin from the United Press indicates that Robert E. Burns, Grand Rapids, won by less than 1,000 votes over Judge Allan C. Miller, East Tawas, for the final seat in the Third District Appeals Court race.

A 26-year-old Owosso city policeman died of a gunshot wound suffered while hunting west of Sand Lake Road and south of State Road, Grant Township. It was the first hunting fatality in Iosco County in six years.

Hale Area Athletic Booster Club organized November 7 with 45 people attending the first meeting. The group is to obtain names of persons to sign a note at Farmers and Merchants State Bank to finance installation of a new lighted football field.

**25 Years Ago—**  
November 19, 1954 — Great Lakes Greyhound Line has unveiled a new 43-passenger "Scenicruiser" coach on its route through this region.

Iosco dealers displaying the new 1954 Plymouth cars include Arnold Bronson Motor Sales, Tawas City; Cowan Motor Sales, Tawas City; Edward Graham and Son, Whittemore.

Prospects for a successful deer hunting season looked rather slim late this week after a light opening day kill of bucks throughout the north country.

Iosco Archery Club held its annual banquet at the Kunze Camp Thursday night. Arthur Evans had charge of entertainment.

Arenac Eastern will build a new high school at Twining next year. Electors of that district authorized a \$240,000 bond

## IN THE SERVICE— Hale Marine Participated in Cuban Exercise

Marine Cpl. Paul C. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Fisher Sr., Hale, is participating in a reinforcement exercise at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

He is a member of the 38th Marine Amphibious Unit, Second Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The month-long exercise involves more than 3,700 United States sailors and marines. It began October 17 when marines from the 38th Marine Amphibious Unit were put ashore from three Norfolk, Virginia, based ships by landing craft and helicopters during an amphibious landing operation. Throughout the remainder of the exercise, the marines will be conducting small unit maneuvers and artillery and tank firing while the navy will practice sea control techniques.

The reinforcement exercise is being conducted to demonstrate the United States' capability to reinforce the Guantanamo naval base and to show the United States' interest in ensuring the free use of the Caribbean area. A 1976 graduate of Lapeer West High School, Lapeer, Fisher joined the United States Marine Corps in January 1977.

L. E. Ewing and son have installed a sawmill on their farm, one-half mile north of Hale.

Joe Danin and Roy Charters of Whittemore are at Alpena packing wool.

## Raise Money for Food Purchase

A money-raising program to finance the Christmas food purchases of selected Wurtsmith airmen began last week, with the initiation of a chapel-sponsored Christmas Basket Fund.

The effort accumulates funds through which airmen buy food from the base commissary. Money for the drive comes from the chapel, social clubs and squadrons.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am working diligently to defeat proposed legislation which would retroactively legalize the recent and present illegal strikes by public school teachers.

In my opinion, the State of Michigan flags on state buildings should be flown at half-mast for as long as we have public school teachers on strike.

My 11 years in the legislature serve to reinforce my beliefs that indicate government must take lessons from the private enterprise system which cannot survive without good production by good people on a cost-accountable basis.

Unions per se are unproductive and gain power and wealth by formenting strife, demanding shorter hours and higher pay for their members.

Union controlled public school teachers who have tenure, and who consistently refuse to have their competency tested, are insulting the citizens and taxpayers of the State of Michigan. Their direct violation of the law is a poor example of those of their students who can read the local newspapers and learn that lawless teachers are publicly threatening the laws of a sovereign state.

History has shown us that a duly elected government cannot share its monopoly power of compulsion. It cannot share its sovereignty.

Flying the state flag at half-staff on state buildings would be a symbol of how close we are to bowing to teachers' demands that we pass law to legalize

teacher strikes. We must not allow a large and well organized band of public employees to bring the state to its knees as if we were a factory producing goods rather than a duly elected government providing peace and security to our people. Teachers should be reminded they are not making cars and car parts which are closely checked and double checked by inspection and recall. In its callous disregard for law and government, the Michigan Education Association would more correctly carry the name Michigan Educated Anarchists.

I hope the readers of your paper will let their legislators know how they feel about bowing to the union teachers' demands.

Your very truly,  
Gerrit C. "Barney" Hasper  
State Representative  
96th District

## Major Uniform Change for SAC

Wurtsmith Air Force Base reports that Strategic Air Command personnel will be making a major utility uniform change by next summer.

Air force officials announced recently that the wear of subdued insignia (dark blue on green) on utility uniforms will become mandatory July 1, 1980. Utility uniforms with the silver or white on blue and brightly colored insignia will be unauthorized for wear after June 30, 1980.

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