

## Population boom in two counties has residents of area worried

ANN ARBOR (AP) — A population boom is rapidly filling up Cheboygan and Emmet counties at the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula and residents there are desperately concerned about protecting the environment, University of Michigan researchers say.

Residents are willing to forgo economic development and more jobs for maintaining farmland, good water quality and stable tax levels, scientists Robert W. Marans and John D. Wellman concluded in a recent study.

The study, "The Quality of Non-metropolitan Living: Evaluations, Behaviors and Expectations of Northern Michigan Residents," says that researchers found a prevailing "new mood" concerned with limiting growth and planning more carefully for it.

Between 1960 and 1970, population in Cheboygan County increased by 13 percent and it increased 15 percent in Emmet County, more than double the increase for 1950 to 1960. Between 1970 and 1974, population in Cheboygan County increased 15.5 percent and in Emmet County, the increase was 12.9 percent.

"These figures are impressive, because the population increase for the entire state of Michigan during the same five-year period (1970-74) was only 2.5 percent," Marans and Wellman state in their study.

Marans is program director for the UM survey research center at the Institute for Social Research, Wellman, formerly of the research center, works at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Some of their conclusions:

- Economic development and creation of new jobs were favored by 93 percent of year-around and seasonal home owners surveyed.

When faced with a choice, however, the number of people willing to accept new economic opportunities at the expense of good water quality was reduced by 50 percent. Twenty-five percent of those favoring more jobs were willing to forgo them if more jobs meant development farmland or higher tax bills.

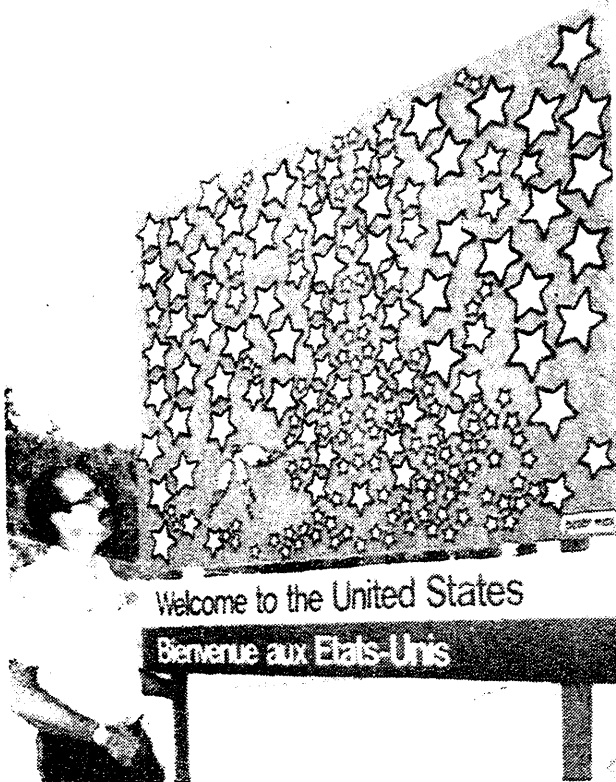
Sixty-nine percent of those surveyed said they favor policies for limited development. Twenty-five percent of those surveyed, including permanent residents, second-home owners and vacationers, opposed all growth.

When offered the choice between a state park and a private ski resort, three of four respondents who chose one of the alternatives selected the park.

Only 18 percent of Emmet and Cheboygan County residents said they favored a new freeway, which is under consideration for the area. About one-third of the respondents favored widening existing county roads. Fifty

percent of those queried wanted the region's roads left untouched. Freeway opponents said it would bring too many visitors.

Seven of 10 respondents said they preferred single-family housing to less costly housing clusters.



### Bilingual welcome

U.S. Immigration Service Inspector David Bigelow looks at a multi-colored sign unveiled at the U.S. border station in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The sign reads, "Welcome to the United States" in English and in French.

## Swimming pool study urges safety emphasis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The swimming pool industry and government agencies could reduce paralyzing accidents in pools by placing greater emphasis on safety, a federally sponsored study says.

The study for the Consumer Product Safety Commission suggested a national education campaign that would include information on spinal injuries and emergency care

techniques.

The report also calls for painting "No Diving" notices around pools where the water level is less than 5 feet.

The report said that of 72 cases of serious injury studied, 57 resulted in quadriplegia — a permanent paralysis of feet and arms along with loss of bowel and bladder functions.

Most of the 72 serious accidents involved diving, according to the nine-member team of researchers from the University of Miami School of Medicine and Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"Examination of regulations in states where the accidents occurred indicated to the research group that their emphasis was more related to the sanitary aspects of pools than to safety," the study said.

"Furthermore, it was found that most states have no regulations or laws governing residential pools."

Industry standards relate more to design and construction of pools and their sanitary aspects than pool safety, the study added.

### Embassy is target of demonstration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Syria's Washington embassy was the target of 11 protesters that anonymous callers describe as Lebanese-Americans.

Secret Service spokesman Ken Lynch said the demonstrators, including two women, were arrested on Wednesday as they tried to occupy the embassy. Syrian peacekeeping troops in Lebanon have been battling Lebanese Christian militiamen since last week.

### Taiwan buys corn

ATLANTA (AP) — Thousands of metric tons of Georgia-grown corn will be shipped to Taiwan under an \$11.6 million contract. The contract for 101,000 metric tons of corn was signed Wednesday at the state Capitol, where Gov. George Busbee played host to members of a Taiwanese buying mission.

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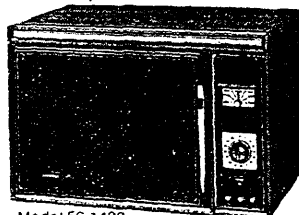
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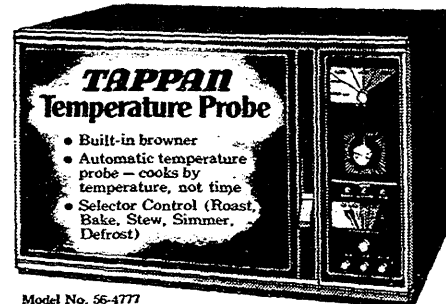
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