

LAW OPENS SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The concept of community schools, pioneered in Flint by the Mott Foundation years ago, has gained full recognition as a major component of the nation's federal aid to education program, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, now extended for five years.

The community education program, authored in the Senate by Donald W. Riegle (D-MI) and Harrison Williams (D-NJ), is now a permanent title of the \$55 billion federal education aid package. No longer a temporary special project, the program has been significantly expanded to further encourage the use of schools as neighborhood centers, providing a host of community and human services.

"Through model programs, such as the highly-successful Flint community schools program, we've been able to demonstrate that this concept works very effectively to provide valuable human services 18 hours a day, 12 months a year, to people of all ages," Riegle said.

More than \$40 million has been authorized for community education programs for fiscal year 1979, an increase of \$23 million over the 1978 level. Funding is allocated through program applications from state and local educational agencies and non-profit, private institutions. The federal government covers 80% of program costs.

Senator Riegle, who attended Flint community schools, introduced legislation in 1971 and 1973, which eventually launched the community schools program. "There

are currently 1400 school districts operating a community schools program, more than double the 1973 level. Now, many more areas can develop this program which better coordinates the human and financial resources of the community — and enhances the lives of all community members — senior citizens, adults, youth and children of all ages."

Under the community education program, schools are used to provide educational, cultural, recreational and health care services in direct response to community needs. Funds may be used to provide preventive health care, dental care and nutrition programs; services for mentally or physically handicapped individuals; rehabilitation programs for juvenile or adult offenders; and special programs for particular groups, such as senior citizens.

The program is also designed to extend the use of the school to community groups or non-profit organizations and to improve the relationship between the school, the home and other community resources, such as libraries, museums and cultural centers.

The President signed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act into law November 1.

Holiday Inn opening with Holi-dome

By Cathy Mason

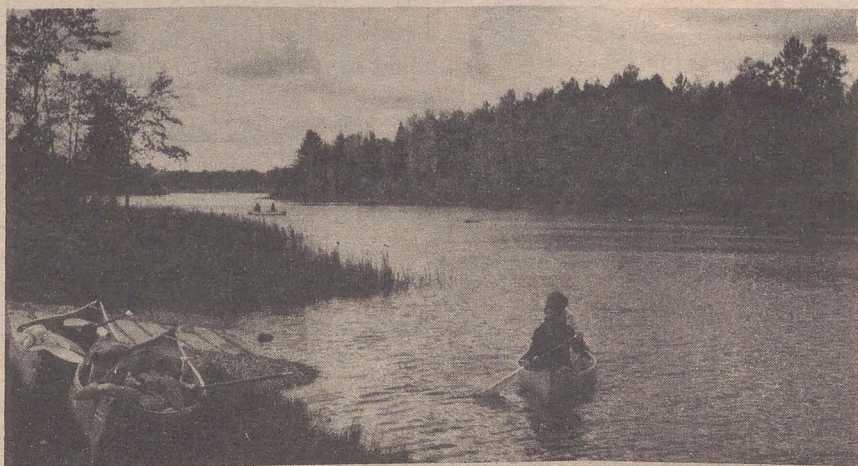
When completed, the Holiday Inn will have 150 rooms (plus meeting rooms) in a two-level "O" shaped building with a recreation area and a commercial area.

In the commercial area facing US 23 N, there will be a restaurant and a bar with entertainment seven nights a week.

In the center of the "O" shaped building will be a "Holi-dome". This is a recreational area with an indoor terrace and swimming pool.

The "O" shaped building surrounding the "Holi-dome" will hold the 150 motel rooms plus the meeting rooms.

The estimated completion date is April 1, 1979. The Grand Opening will be on May 1, 1979.



Sue Dreyer and Laurie Degge coming in for a landing at Hillman.

Cement Waste Poses Problem

By Connie Roeske

Alpena Community College has a rising problem of inconvenience and expense involving the disposal of the cement waste from the concrete lab since the new building going up behind Besser Tech has eliminated the area that was used for dumping this waste in the past.

The cement waste left over from the cleaning of the mixing machines in the concrete lab was at one time dumped into three separate underground pockets in the area behind Besser Tech, but the building of the new addition has eliminated this area for disposal purposes and the cement is now hauled off the campus grounds by the Crittenden Construction Company each week.

The waste caused no problems until the builders hit the solidified mass of one of these pockets while clearing out the area for the new building's foundation this September. Since this incident, all three of the large clumps have been removed and reburied between the new building and the Besser Tech Center where no future building will take place.

The waste cannot be pumped out to other college grounds, so the immediate solution is to each week, haul away the 150 gallons of waste — including 500-600 pounds of sand aggregate and cement. Second se-

mester use of the machines will double and the loads will have to be taken twice a week.

Crittenden Construction Company is presently contracted to dispose of the cement, but after the Besser Tech addition is completed, the job will be left for ACC and its two pick-up trucks.

The waste material is not suitable for use as badly-needed fill for the driveways of ACC, since it has a highly-watered consistency that will not harden smoothly, but will form rocky clumps.

Equipment could be obtained to recycle the concrete back into the cement lab or to pulverize it for gravel, but this equipment would cost close to \$200,000, and this figure doesn't fit into the college's budget at this time.

Dale Hlsley, administrator of the college buildings and grounds, says that he is open to new ideas regarding the economical disposal of the unused concrete.

CAR-DEER ACCIDENTS

By Susan Hunt

According to State police records, there were 35 car/deer accidents in Alpena county during the month of October. Many car accidents involving deer are handled by the sheriff's department, and many more are unreported.

The colder months are usually the months when the deer move. A comparative look at police records in July shows only six or eight such accidents.

When asked if there were any fatal car/deer accidents, Trooper, of the Alpena State Police Post, Jack Brandel answered, "Oh yeah. Nearly all of them are fatal — for the deer." There have also been a few human deaths due to the driver panicking.

Brandel had this to say to drivers, "Above all, if you see a deer, slow down. Don't panic. Bring the car down slow and safe."

REMEMBER VETS

By Cheryl Beasley

Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, November 11. Veteran's Day, which used to be called Armistice Day, is the celebration of the ending of World War 1, Nov. 11, 1918. The Government once wanted to move Veteran's Day to October 23, but the Vets got it moved back to the original date. There are 225 Vets on campus at ACC.

Canoe Class Takes to the River

By Elizabeth Littler

"It may be raining, and cold, with a 20 knot wind, but, that's just this afternoon," boomed our fearless, feckless leader to the motley, but courageous crew assembled before him. "Tomorrow," he resumed, "there's only a 20 per cent chance of rain, so plan on going"

Chered somewhat, we rechecked our equipment and food lists, confirmed routes and transportation, then dismissed into the cold, wet, windy afternoon.

Since the first Hiking, Camping and Canoeing class in September, we had studied the canoe from stem to stern. We learned care, safety and a raft of paddling techniques. Sweep strokes, J strokes, jams, deep-water switches and portages filled our Friday afternoons, in preparation for the overnight trip down the Thunder Bay River.

We met next morning at 6:30 behind Van Lare Hall. Embarking on this adventure were Julie Albert, Julie Bowen, Jody Cadarette, (continued on page 4)