

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Progress continues on the repairing and resurfacing of Hwy M-69 and US Hwy-2 from Sagola to the base of Lake Emily hill in Bates Township. The work includes extensive work on the deck of the Paint River Bridge at the bottom of Superior Avenue and new curbing along Crystal Avenue. The project is expected to be complete by the end of September.

Chuck Kopf and family, oldest son of Ray Kopf, have returned from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin to help his brother Richie in the operation of Kopf's Resort on the Michigamme Reservoir in Mansfield Township. The resort has the distinction of being the only private facility on the Way Dam backwaters which features over 150 miles of shoreline.

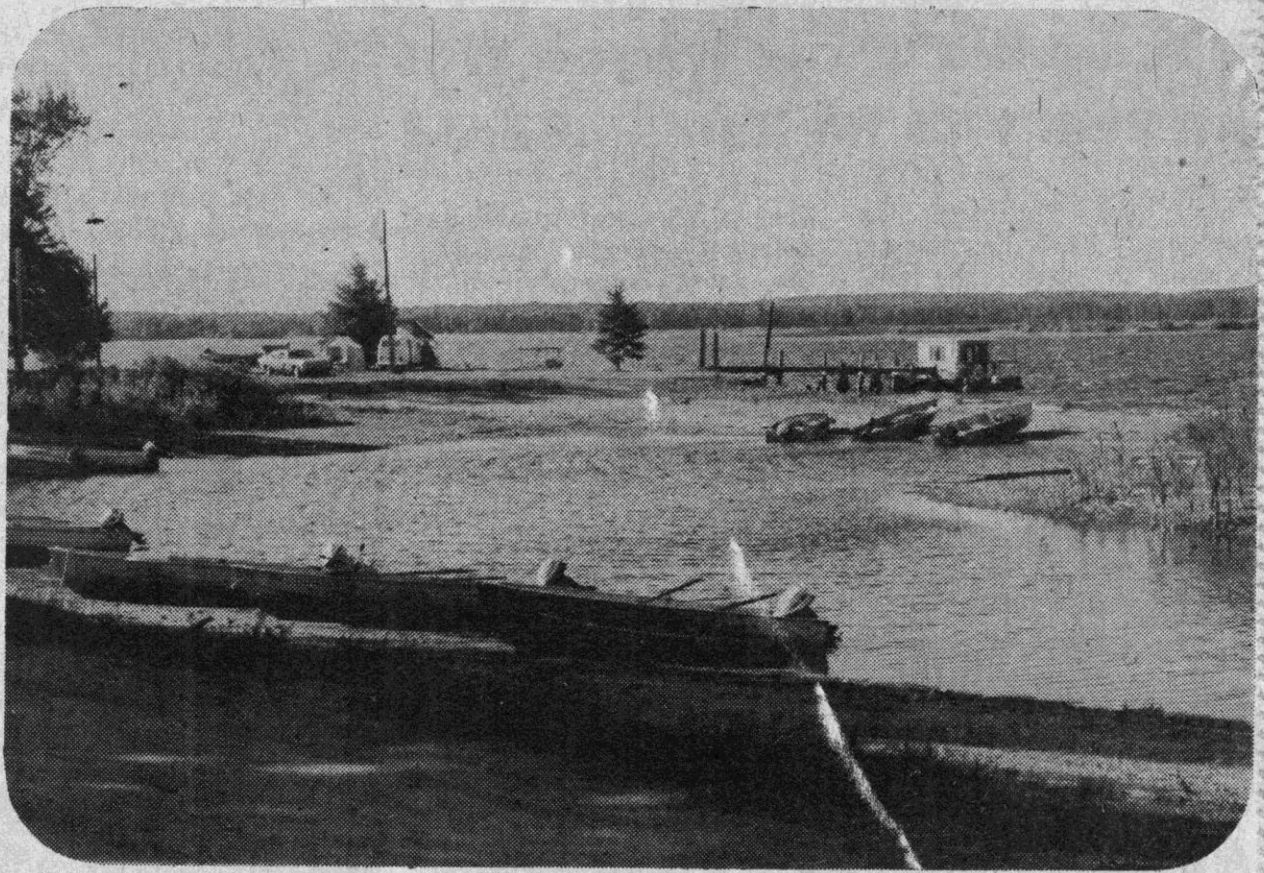
A plant of excess brood stock from the Michigan DNR Fish Hatchery in Marquette was made in Chicagon Lake at the end of July. According to DNR District fish biologist Bud Jacobs 295 lake trout ranging in size up to 18 pounds and 18 years old were transplanted due to the fact that they are no longer effective producers for the hatchery.



NEW BRIDGEWORK is just a part of an extensive highway improvement underway in the East Iron County area. The Paint River bridge, shown above, and the Michigamme bridge on M-69 had the blacktop completely removed down to the concrete deck.

The decks will be patched and waterproofed, and new blacktop will be applied. Highway M-69 from Sagola to Crystal Falls, including Superior Avenue, and US-2 from its junction with M-69 to the Lake Emily hill will be completely resurfaced. Also, extensive

repairs were being made to large frost heaves in the Parks Creek area to eliminate the large bumps that resulted. Highway Department engineer, Tony Marusich, estimates that the project will be completed by mid-September.



KOPF'S RESORT has the distinction of being the only resort on the Michigamme backwaters, and that fact does not hurt the popularity of the tourist facility, particularly to fishermen who fish its waters all seasons of the year. Shown here is the protected boat

inlet with part of the north shore of the 150-mile plus shoreline of the reservoir. Recently Ray Kopf's oldest son, Chuck, and family returned from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin to help his brother, Richie, operate the business.