

GRAND MERE ASSOCIATION

Box 140, Stevensville, Michigan 49127



NEWS LETTER

JULY 1970

Annual Meeting July 29th Maude Preston Palenske Library

In retrospect:

If you attended the 5th Annual Hike through Grand Mere on June 7th...this time thru the Grand Mere Natural Study Preserve, you will remember it for the exceptional day that it was. Beautiful weather...not many wild flowers though...June is not the best month for the wildflower display that Grand Mere boasts of. Not even a columbine left...they had been in great profusion the week before. The various groups learned much from their leaders. Dr. Leonard Hare, Head of the Biology Department, Andrews University, kept his group of about 50 interested every foot of the trail, with his fine explanations of the various plants and trees in the Preserve. Another group intently followed Richard Ranthum, a Biology teacher, Bridgman, on his trek while Mrs. Naomi Neidlitz, Biology teacher from Galien shared her large group with Mrs. Juniata Cupp, both pointing out the significance of the area. Over 250 people enjoyed the day's outing starting at 1:30 and ending as late as 5 o'clock. Bob Kerns and his very helpful wife, Nadine, who are Chairmen of the Study Preserve this year, are to be commended on their organizational work in connection with the hike. Both Nadine and Mrs. Verna Braga, our Secretary, were kept busy at the Registration desk where we were able to get acquainted with many new friends of Grand Mere. A very successful day!

LEGISLATION:

The Legislative Committee continues to be a busy group with any number of knotty problems this year. They are happy to announce that the original House Bill #3055 has passed the Senate and now with Governor William Milliken's signature on it, it becomes a law. A law that provides for an individual or group to file suit against polluters of our environment. (In simple terms). Many of our members were contacted and responded to the call to send letters and telegrams to Lansing. We are told that many were sent from this area and we feel certain that it did some good. All of which proves that our Legislators want to know how the people feel about these matters. The last amount of telegrams went to the Governor. The law now will be known as the Anderson Act. (Incidentally Rep. Anderson is a friend of the Grand Mere cause).

We also sent telegrams to Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickle, in connection with Thermal Pollution and other vital issues.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT pertaining to the acquisition of land in Grand Mere will be made at the Annual meeting. Be there.

IN MEMORIAM: We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Betty Iler. She had long been a devoted member of the Association. Her membership was transferred to her son, Captain George Iler of Fort Knox, Kentucky. He responded with a thank you letter and said, in part, "I'm vitally concerned with the progress of the Grand Mere Association in attempting to protect some of our natural resources."

July 29th - Annual Meeting - Don't miss it.

G. R. Csapo attended the annual convention of M.U.C.C. and reported on the progress made by that illustrious organization in coming to grips with all phases of conservation. He was present when Governor Milliken presented the citation and Plaque to the Hon. Thomas Anderson for his work on the "Anderson Act", that, in the words of the Governor was the best piece of legislation on conservation in this decade.

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Lincoln Township Legislative Committee urges Lincoln Township voters to vote August 4th.

Jack Griffin, Don Chapman, Don Morrison and Morris Jones are candidates for posts on the Township Board.

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Pete and Pat Roe says not to forget the big R U M M A G E S A L E . . .

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The Secretary says..."Thanks to everyone who have made an early payment of their dues. Our fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30th. Would appreciate yours if you have not already sent them. Will accept dues on July 29th but hopefully they should come to Box 140, Stevensville, Michigan 49127.

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Have had a lot of fine comments on our enclosures last newsletter. Will have some interesting hand-outs at the Annual Meeting.

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"Unique Grand Mere" slide show, was presented to 75 members of the Bridgman's Women's Club and their guests at Schüler's recently. It will be shown to the Niles Garden Club on August 4th and at Nature Conservancy National Conference on August 28th in Madison, Wisconsin.

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Report of the Nominating Committee:

Our By-Laws indicate that six DIRECTORS are elected each year by the members of the Association to complete a roster of 12 members on the Board of Directors. One month after the Annual Meeting, the President appoints six ALTERNATES. Since this revision of the By-Laws went into effect last year, it has proved very satisfactory as it provides a goodly number present at every monthly Board Meeting, where the business of the Association is transacted.

Because of illness and other reasons there have been two resignations from the Board this year. Our second President Gordon Krachey and our former Secretary Janet Wach, found it necessary to tender their resignations. Their posts have been filled by Dr. Sharon and Peter Roe. They are now candidates for full two-year terms. Our Vice President, Mrs. Juniata Cupp has served four years on the Board and thus cannot be a candidate for a third term.

We ask that you study the proposed ballot and vote for the people that will represent the Association to fill these posts. A space is provided for any write-in.

VOTE FOR SIX (6)

Dorothy (Robbie) Donnell ☐

Peter Roe ☒

Dale Park ☐

Dr. John Sharon ☒

Walter Phillips ☒

Emil Tosi ☒

Vern Snyder ☒

Paul Ambruster ☒

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

7:00 Registration

7:30 Welcome address by President Don Gallaway

7:35 NATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

With Slides

Winston A. Elkins - Midwest Director

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Legislative Report:

State of Michigan proposal for purchase of Grand Mere
Juniata V. Cupp, Chairman, & Don Gallaway

Dr. John Sharon, Chairman of Environmental Protection

Bob Kerns, Chairman of Grand Mere Natural Study Preserve

Peter Roe, Finance Chairman - Report

Future Planning, - Don Gallaway

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BUSINESS MEETING . . .

9:00

1. Report of Nominating Committee -
Joe Ray

2. Report of the Secretary -
Verna Braga

3. Old Business -

4. New Business -

Adj.