

Steps Taken on Integration of Resort

KALKASKA—Steps to integrate the Lake Valley Resort Club near here are being taken by the owner, Arthur A. Hagman, according to a recent report in the Michigan Chronicle, a Detroit weekly newspaper.

Hagman is a former personnel director of Borg-Warner Corporation, Muskegon Division, and was later publisher of Inside Michigan magazine.

In explaining his decision, Hagman told the Chronicle, "Our experience has proven that true sportsmen do not discriminate against other sportsmen because of color of eyes, skin or regalia."

"When vacationists seek freedom from care in fishing, hunting, swimming, boating, or golfing, they are so deeply absorbed in pursuits of happiness, there is no time for the fallacies of friction," he added.

Hagman told the Record-Eagle

this morning that a group of business and professional people of the colored race approached him last fall about selling his resort.

Outstanding Negroes who spoke to him then were Bob Mann, former Michigan football great and a Detroit Lions player; Dr. Sidney Jenkins, chief psychiatrist, Wayne County General Hospital; Ben Davis, insurance executive; Peter Cobbs, attorney; and E. Hudson,

apartment building owner, all of Detroit.

Hagman said that acceptance of Negroes at his resort would be on a membership basis, and would be as selective as that for whites.

Lake Valley Resort includes hundreds of acres of forested hills and valleys, two lakes, a complex of 10 buildings, swimming pool, tennis court, shuffleboard courts, and playground equipment.



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