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## Walled Lake Park Opens Tomorrow for Summer Season

Official opening of Walled Lake Park, Oakland County's popular resort, has been announced for tomorrow, May 2nd. The park will be in full operation daily thereafter.

All rides and amusements will be in full swing for the crowds that will attend the gala opening. The entire park has been re-stated—hundreds of picnic tables and benches have been placed throughout the large shaded picnic groves and numerous outdoor cooking stoves will be ready for the many picnic groups that patronize this popular resort.

The fleet of speed boats have all been overhauled and new high-powered motors have been installed to give added thrills to this "king of water sports." New row boats of modern design to accommodate outdoor motors have been added to the row boat fleet.

The popular skating rink with the music system that was installed last year will be ready for the opening. The new Casino Ballroom, adjacent to the Park, will also have its grand opening Friday, May 2. Two one-hour floor shows and dancing will be the opening night attractions at the ballroom with Michla Auer, comical character actor of motion pictures and Bonnie Baker, shy-voiced singing star of "Oh, Johnny" fame, the stars.

Dance music will be supplied by Freddy Shaffer's orchestra. Eddie Howard, curly-haired maestro whose recording of "Each His Own" skyrocketed him to the pinnacle of the musical world last summer, and his orchestra will play a two-night engagement at the New Casino Saturday and Sunday, May 3, and 4.

There will be dancing every night but Mondays throughout the summer, beginning at 9 every night except Sundays. Sundays the dancing will begin at 8:30.

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## Tells of Change



J. F. Benjamin

Jerome F. Benjamin, president of the real estate firm of Hoey, Benjamin and Stephens, made the announcement this week that the firm interest of John T. Hoey has been purchased and in the future the business will operate under the title of Benjamin and Stephens, Incorporated.

Besides Benjamin, who is also secretary as well as president, the other partner of the business is Lloyd H. Stephens, who is vice-president and treasurer.

The business has been operated in Birmingham under the old firm name since July 1945 at 259 South Woodward. It will continue in the same location with the same personnel with the exception of Hoey.

Both partners of the firm are members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board with Benjamin serving as the board's treasurer this year.

## No. 1 Opera Blonde



The No. 1 blonde of opera is what they're calling Dorothy Kirsten now, a title voted her at an International Beauty Show in New York.

## A June or September Summer Vacation Just as Nice as One in July, August

When recent snow hurries failed to materialize and the sun beams down to warm an earth saturated with recent flood waters, Birmingham residents have begun to think that they would see a glorious summer after all, and they are beginning to plan their summer vacations in various parts of Michigan.

The latest analysis of the resorting picture for 1947 in Michigan indicates that early summer and late summer accommodations will be the easiest to obtain.

Tourist travel in Michigan will be a bigger business this year than in 1946—if both Michigan residents and others do part of their vacationing in June and September.

Make Early Reservations. The pressure to be made by the touring bureau of Automobile Club of Michigan, which explains that Michigan residents should book their July and August last year resort facilities were overtaxed, and few additional have been built for 1947.

Persons planning to vacation in Michigan—and 5,000,000 natives of Michigan will do that this year—should make early reservations, the Automobile Club advises. In compiling its 1947 Michigan accommodations directory, the Club already has replied from a number of state resorts that are booked to capacity for the peak season of July and August.

Along with many other vacation-area businessmen, Michigan resort owners are finding that during the peak months they are rushed almost beyond endurance, while in May, June, September and October, when weather is often pleasanter, business slackens off.

Being on the spot, they know the crowds often come at the wrong time for full enjoyment.

Like Up Vacations Most Michigan resorts won't raise prices more than 10 per cent this year, according to the Auto Club. Many resort owners raised prices some in 1945 and 1946.

Prices of both food and lodging in Canada will go up at least 20 per cent this year, if the Canadian government lifts its restrictions, which it is being urged to do.

One of the many Michigan localities that is growing in vacation popularity is the Keweenaw Peninsula and nearby Isle Royale. Travel throughout the Upper Peninsula has grown as fast as accommodations have risen to take care of it. A record volume of 348,000 cars crossed the Straits in 1946.

Michigan was the most popular spot with its own vacationing residents in the following months of 1946: June, July, August, September and October. Of the more than 1,200,000 trips mapped for travelers last year by Auto Club, California was most interesting to travelers in November and March. Florida rated high for Michigan tourists in December, January and February. In April and May interest turned to Washington, D. C., and Virginia, with Louisiana or Virginia of Michigan ranking a close third.

360 Per Week Is Tops A question often asked by the vacation planner is "How much will a week's stay at a Michigan resort cost me?" For the average officeworker going singly, \$50 a week will cover both meals, room and entertainment features at a first class resort. Added to this

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## Brelsford Picked for Membership in National Honorary

Quentin Brelsford, 212 Pignion road, was tapped for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, national men's honorary, at Ohio Wesleyan University in a colorful ceremony last Friday at which thirteen men and one faculty member were chosen.

Brelsford, the University's champion distance runner, who finished second behind Gil Doidis in the featured Catholic University

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