



WINTER SPORTS BOOM

It's a healthy sign: more people than ever before are finding fun in Michigan Outdoors during the winter months. Throughout the state, tobogganing, skiing and ice fishing are winning new followers every week end. Many a Chamber of Commerce has aroused the citizenry to realization of potential new tourist and vacationist business in areas where this type of enterprise was generally put in moth balls during the winter.

West Side Attractions
All the way from Kalamazoo in the south to Petoskey in the north, the west side of the state is calling to winter sports enthusiasts, offering 12 specially prepared areas for every winter sport. The Boyne City sector boasts of two—Avalanche within the city limits itself, and the magnificent Boyne Mountain ski resort just 6 miles east. Visitors to Boyne Mountain marvel at the 1800-foot main slope served by a double chair lift for the skiers.

For variety skiers head for Caberfae, near Cadillac, with 17 ski runs covering a 645-acre development. Ski jumpers find their thrills at Briar Hill near Muskegon where a new lower peninsula record was set recently, topping the 150 mark. Elberta Mountain near Grandport is another ski jumper's mecca. Closer to the populous southern cities, Ionia with a 200-foot toboggan slide, and Echo Valley 4 miles east of Kalamazoo with 4 long

toboggan runs attract thousands of "snow bunnies."

East Side Offerings
If you live closer to Michigan's "east side," try the picturesque attractions at Silver Valley near Tawas. In January and February this area is at its prettiest, and big week-end crowds thrill to the mile-a-minute toboggan rides and good skiing in the precipitous terrain. Tawas also boasts of "Parchville," the little city on ice on Tawas Bay, where ice fishermen throng every winter.

Loughton Lake's "Tip-Up-Town," and Lake Charlevoix's "Smeltania" are similar attractions. East side skiers congregate in the area between Gaylord and Grayling where well-organized schools teach the elements of controlled skiing.

Upper Peninsula Calls
And in the land of Hiawatha atop the Straits the new Porcupine Mountain winter sports park near Ontonagon and Milwaukee. In February Ithpeming and Iron Mountain present the year's top winter time specialties with ski jumping tournaments in the land where the nation's best ski riders are born. With a bridge across the straits to speed the flow of traffic, these events may one day pull more than 50,000 spectators—many of whom will say Michigan Outdoors is at its best in the winter time!

Rec. Board Reviews Poppleton Diamond

Resident opposition to the location of a baseball diamond at Poppleton Park has prompted the city to take another look at the park development.

Birmingham Board of Recreation members Thursday night promised interested residents that they would visit the field to determine whether the proposed baseball diamond could be shifted to a new location.

Neighbors protested that the city was erecting the backdrop too close to the home of Fairchild H. Doty, 485 Rivewood. Initial plans for the backdrop placed it midway on the southern border of the field.

City workers placed the poles for the backdrop in the southeast corner when Recreation Director Frank Whitney inspected the field for the best location of a ball diamond. Doty's home is within 300 feet of backdrop poles.

WHITNEY explained that preliminary plans for the park development were made on paper and that the topography of the land did not conform to the original plans. He stated that the money appropriated for work on the ball diamond had nearly been expended on drainage structures and grading.

Residents also charged that there was too little known about the overall plans for the park.

Actually, there are no final plans for Poppleton, according to City Manager Donald C. Egbert. "We are trying to meet the demand that exists for recreational facilities on the money that we have," he said.

"It has been shown," Egbert continued, "that there is an immediate need for more ball fields and it is the city's aim to have this additional ball diamond ready for use this summer."

WHITNEY POINTED to the phenomenal growth of the organized baseball leagues as the reason for the Poppleton development at this time. "In the past five years 23 teams have been organized and the city just does not have facilities as yet for all these teams," Whitney stated.

Poppleton, because of its limited area, is to be used for those ball games that will draw the fewest spectators. Whitney also explained that the field would be for softball, not baseball.

Tentative plans for the field call for its use by the YMCA and other groups who do not expect large

Dinner to Launch '53 Fund Campaign For County's ARC

A dinner meeting at 6:16 p.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook on Feb. 4, will mark the "kick off meeting" for the 1953 Red Cross drive.

Gar A. Sweeney, county chairman, said the Rev. John A. Whitney of St. John's Episcopal church, Royal Oak, would speak on "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Other speakers will be Mrs. A. A. Dodd of Dryden Plains and Oak, chairmen for the north and south divisions of the county.

Reports of campaign plans will be given by Mrs. Doda's assistant, Mrs. V. VanFleet, Bloomfield Village; DeHull N. Travis, 1027 Forest, Birmingham campaign chairman and Mrs. Louis Colombo, Jr., Lahser road and John E. Stevenson, 841 Glenary road, Bloomfield chairmen.

Cranbrook Art Students Get Contest Opportunity

Prizes totaling \$500 will be awarded to Cranbrook Academy of Art students in a competition sponsored by Allan Harlan of Harlan Electric company, Detroit.

Open only to Cranbrook students, the competition is for the design of an original and practical lamp which can be manufactured in quantity. The lamp may be either the table or floor type. Judges will be Zoltan Sepszky, academy director and painting instructor; and Robert Snyder and Theodore Ludewski, instructors in architecture and design, respectively.

Aboard USS Oriskany

Joseph R. Granda, aviation structural mechanic airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Granda, 266 Ann, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany operating off the east coast of Korea.

Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

A Birmingham resident, Mort Neff's "Michigan Outdoors" television show appears every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. over station WWJ-TV.

Ford Announces Personnel Shifts

Benson Ford, vice president and general manager of the Ford Motor company's Lincoln-Mercury division, and T. O. Yntema, 3950 Franklin, vice president-finance as part of the company's management development program, today announced reassignment of company executives, including two Birmingham men.

V. Z. Brink, 1101 Putman, was named divisional controller of Lincoln-Mercury division and Morgan Collins, Jr., 291 Wadlington, was made assistant treasurer of the

company. Brink, a native of Matlock, Iowa, joined the Ford company in 1949 as assistant controller. A graduate of the University of Nebraska and Columbia university, he taught at both institutions and at Dartmouth college.

He served as a lieutenant-colonel during World War II, later was a partner in a New York firm of certified public accountants.

Collins, born in Chicago, attended MIT and the Harvard School of Business Administration. Since that time he had had wide experience in the field with several of the country's outstanding manufacturers.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of MATHILDE L. ROBINSON, Deceased.

At a session of said Court held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 18th day of January A. D. 1953.

Present: Honorable Arthur H. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Notices are hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 15th day of April, 1953, at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said county, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therewith, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

ARTHUR H. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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