

Young Rocket Two Way Ahead, Fans Warned Four Very Close In Troy Primary



J. S. FRENCH
Oakland Hills
New President

Shooting of experimental rockets by youths should be done only under supervision and after official permission has been obtained, Arnold C. Renner, chief of the fire marshal division of the Michigan State Police, warns Birmingham area youths.

Because of governmental activity in long range ballistics missiles and attempts to fire a "moon" rocket, numerous groups of youths, principally in high school physics and chemistry classes, have undertaken similar efforts on a miniature scale, but nonetheless dangerous, he said.

Some injuries already have been reported due to premature or faulty explosion of the rockets and in addition, unless controlled and done in areas where there is no habitation, there is danger of injury to others as well as the setting of fires in residential and business areas.

John S. French of Bloomfield Hills, group executive, hardware and accessories group of Ford Motor Co., has been elected president of Oakland Hills country club, succeeding M. Homer Albridge of Detroit.

Re-elected to the board of directors were Joseph P. Baldez, of Bloomfield Village, Detroit manager of Cincinnati Milling and Grinding, Inc.; G. Ralph Angell of Huntington Woods, E. I. duPont de Nemours; and C. Norman Fry, of Bloomfield township, vice president, R. L. Polk & Co.

Other new officers of the club are vice president, Angelo, secretary, Baldez; and treasurer, David Jenkins, of Bloomfield Hills, executive vice president, J. L. Hudson Co.

2 Local Girls At U of M Receive Hopwood Awards

Two Birmingham girls received Hopwood awards for creating writing last week at the University of Michigan.

Jarlet E. Miller, of 811 Tenthaven road, Birmingham, received \$50 for her essay, "Art—The Mirror of Thought." Sally Hanson, of 5643 Putnam, West Bloomfield township, Birmingham, received \$30 for her short story, "Too Good."

The girls were among nine freshmen who received \$250 in awards. Judges were Arno L. Bader, professor of English, and Arthur J. Carr, associate professor of English.

Sally, the daughter of the Lee D. Hansons, received a number of top awards in national scholastic writing contests while she was a student at Birmingham high school. Jarlet is the daughter of the R. E. Millers.

Inter-city freight tonnage transported by truck during 1955 increased a 12.7 per cent increase over 1954, according to the American Trucking Association.

People's Column League Concepts Complete Accord On Discrimination

IN A LETTER to state fire chief, Renner pointed out that numerous requests had been received by his office from young persons asking permission to shoot rockets.

"It is my interpretation that these rockets are governed by the fireworks law and permission must be obtained from either the common council of the municipality or the township board for their use," he said.

It is my belief that more requests will be made all over the state and I would suggest that local government not issue any permits unless the board of education or the superintendent of the school is in the request and the operation is performed under the supervision and control of a competent faculty member of the school.

Renner stated that he had received a number of complaints from officials and other persons who expressed alarm over uncontrolled rocket experiments.

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Nothing was found missing from the Carron home.

The "cat burglar," Ernest J. Morris, is now serving a term in Jackson prison.

Michigan Is on the Ground Floor When It Comes to Winter Sports

Skiing, of course, is old as the hills. Tobogganing, sledding, ice fishing, rabbit hunting and the like have been around as long as there have been ice, snow, fish and rabbits, which is quite a spell.

In recent years, though, they have been classified as sports. And in this particular type of fun, Michigan is on the ground floor.

Take skiing, for example. What once was known only as a rather singular form of Scandinavian slide has become a \$12½ million industry in Michigan. This year some 400,000 citizens of the Wolverine will forsake fireside for hillside and they are not professional athletes just plain folks who enjoy getting out in the open a bit. And they'll be taking more and more along too, if the current trend is continued.

Six thousand years ago, according to the Michigan tourist council, the Norwegians set tongues to wagging when they strangled the bones of animals (the gent who dug up this information didn't get specific on what kind of animal supplied the bones) to their rituals with leather thongs and began bawling out the mountains.

Later this rig (they ran out of animals, perhaps) was replaced by 12-inch to Michigan's ski industry. It was a fast, if erratic, course by dragging a long pole.

AS A SPORT, skiing spread to the Alps from Norway in the late 1800's, from whence it chanced over to Michigan by way of Ellis Island and the immigration offices. And it came as a timely shot in the state and the nation's ski travel business, too, according to Robert J. Furlong, executive secretary of the tourist council.

For while Michigan's travel income has tended to level off because of a general decrease in travel spending and localized budgetary problems which hold the state's advertising and promotion to a minimum, skiing and other winter sports still are in their infancy in the state and the nation's ski direction has bolstered the Michigan travel picture substantially.

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COMING DOWN, of course, is no problem. There are ski patrol and thousands of words of advice to help him to the bottom. And the novice, there is the time-honored device of simply sitting down in the state and the nation's ski direction has bolstered the Michigan travel picture substantially.

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The tourist council has published a forecast by 136 prominent Detroit area companies on the business outlook for 1958 points to an upturn in the second half of this year.

The report was made Monday evening at a dinner-seminar meeting of the Detroit Sales Executives club in Detroit. George M. Hartley, 351 Lake Park, Birmingham, manager of marketing for the metalurgical products department of General Electric Co., served as moderator of the meeting.

Theme of the meeting was "counterattack on the marketing front."

THE BUSINESS forecast, disclosed in a survey conducted by the club, confirmed that business is down at the present time. The club represents a wide range of industries, consumer sales companies and service enterprises.

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