



### Skiing in the Summer

It may be summertime in Birmingham, but local ski enthusiasts still find a way to beat the heat. Inge Gutheim, 4160 Sandy Lane, Birmingham, (second from left) attended the summer racing school at Mr. Hood's Timberline Lodge in Oregon. With her are (from left) instructors Pepi Gramshammer, Erich Sailer and Anderl Molterer.

# New Mental Health Chief Seeks Red Tape Removal

By ELMER E. WHITE

Care of mentally ill patients in Michigan apparently will undergo some change in procedure, but will follow the current trend under the state's new mental health chief. Dr. Robert A. Kimmich came from California to Michigan July 1 to serve as head of the large Mental Health Department. One of his first observations was that much of the red tape involved in mental care should be eliminated.

"I would like to see us minimize the number of persons and places a patient has to go to in order to receive care," he said.

**THE TREND TOWARD** part-time, close-to-home care facilities is one which should be continued, said Kimmich. Michigan accentuated this trend

within the last three years. Its aim is to provide care as close to home as possible and on a day-care or out-patient basis wherever practical.

Establishment of community care facilities was enabled by legislative act last year. Prior to the official act, mental health experts touted community care centers as the answer to space demands in existing institutions.

**ONE POSSIBILITY** for even further localization of care for mental patients was hinted at by Kimmich shortly after his arrival in the state.

He said he hoped to develop a broader program of cooperation with general medical practitioners, social workers and others in a position to observe potential mental problems and suggest early treatment programs.

**THE AGING PROCESS** which has been working on Michigan's Capital building for 85 years is about to be stopped.

Some \$200,000 was appropriated this year to clean the exterior of the sandstone building. It was white when built, but over the years has become a dirty, streaked gray-black.

Are-minded citizens have contended over the years that the aging process should be allowed to run its course unhindered, that the natural look should be preserved.

Others, many tourists among them, say the state's central government building should be more physically attractive.

**A NEW COAT** of paint was applied to the dome of the building within the last few years, empha-

sizing more the aged appearance of the rest of the facade.

Some experts feared the effect of sand blasting on the soft Indiana sandstone structure, but

### Professional Women Convene in Detroit

Over 4,000 delegates attended the 31st national convention for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., last week at Cobo Hall and the Statler Hilton Hotel.

The National Federation represents over 170,000 women in 3,555 member clubs under 53 state federations including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Many prominent speakers were on the program, including Gov. Romney.

state officials expect a new cleaning process to be used this summer will eliminate this risk.

By fall almost 20 years of debate on the advisability of the project will be a moot point. There will be a new face on the building which will house so many new legislative faces at the beginning of the new year.

An unknown factor in the Fall elections nationally, reactions on both sides of the civil rights question, may have particular impact in Michigan.

Democrats usually count heavily on the Negro vote. The Freedom Now Party has nominated Negro candidates for several of the open offices in an effort to marshall the Negro vote to these people.

**ANY MAJOR SHIFT** in the

Negro vote is viewed by Democrats as a threat to the party's strength in marginal districts and tight statewide contests.

Republican Gov. George Romney has made little public comment on the new party but made a major attempt in 1962 to win a Negro vote in his campaign and will again be trying to capture a large segment of this population group to his side in this year's contest.

Organizers of the new minor party say their effort is a protest to both major parties for failure to give the recognition and representation due Negro voters in Michigan.

Impact of the new group will not be felt until after Nov. 3 but both parties are likely to be eyeing the Negro vote more closely this year because of formation of the Freedom Now Party.

### School Tax Notes Issued by B'ham

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, chairman of the Municipal Finance Commission, has announced that the commission approved \$2 million of tax anticipation notes to be issued by school district of the city of Birmingham.

Attorney General Kelley said, "The proceeds will be used to cover operating expenses until December tax collections. These notes are to be dated July 15, 1964; are to be due April 1, 1965; and will carry a maximum interest rate of 4%."

Other members of the Municipal Finance Commission are Sanford A. Brown, state treasurer; Billie S. Farnum, auditor general; and Lynn M. Bartlett, superintendent of public instruction.

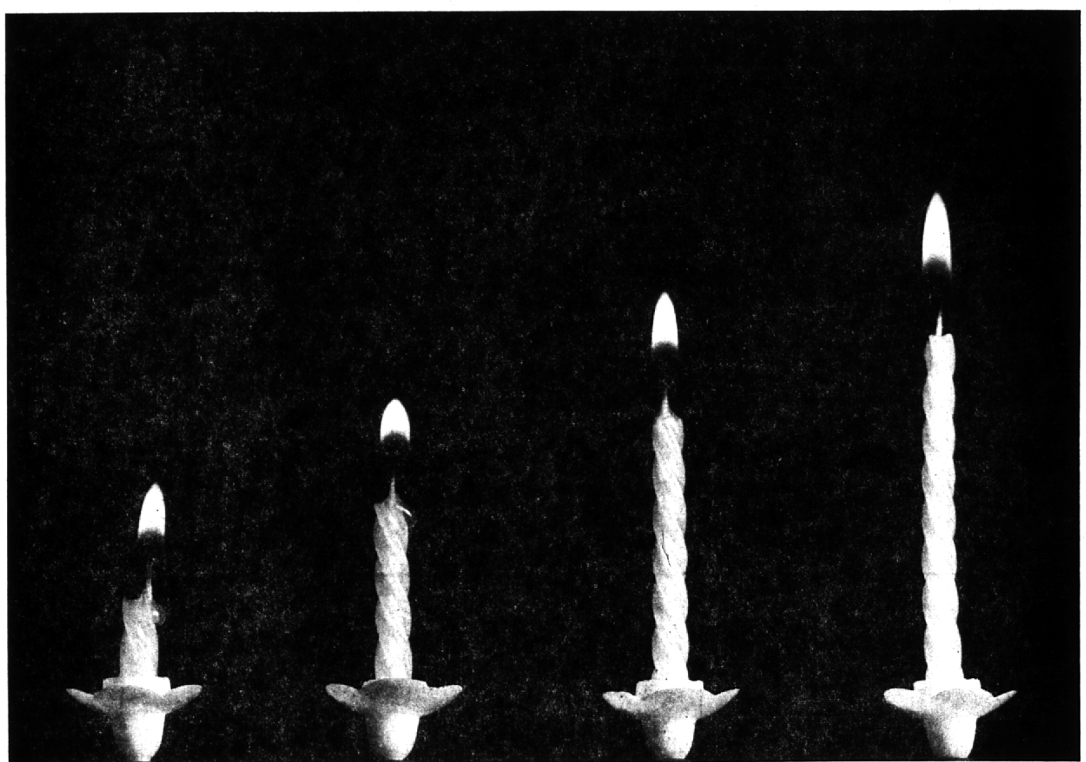
### Union College Honors Scholar

Arthur B. Campbell III, a junior physics major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Campbell, Jr., 6031 Snowshoe Circle, Birmingham, was named to the Union College, N. Y., dean's list for the spring grading period.

Students named to the dean's list earned at least a "B" average.

### Capt. Ends Course

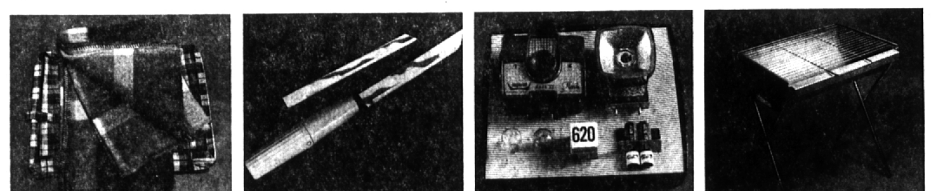
Capt. Louis R. Batson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Batson, Sr., of Detroit, has completed the combat operations course at the Air Force Air - Ground Operations School at Hurlburt Field, Fla. His wife, Glenna, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts of Birmingham.



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