

Parks gear up for winter fun

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'Oh, it's lovely weather for a sleigh-ride together with you...'
It's not only good for sleighriding, but also snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and ice-fishing. Two Oakland County parks are offering the entire state this winter as long as the snowflakes fly.
Addison-Oaks, located north of Rochester Road on Romeo Road in northern Oakland County, has 13 miles of supervised snowmobile trails as

well as a quarter-mile dragstrip. The park, which is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each weekend, also offers a lake for ice fishing and areas for sledding and skating. And, for those who like ice and snow in moderation, Addison-Oaks has a warming house.
Independence-Oaks, located on Sashshaw Road, two miles north of Pine Knob in Clarkston, features eight miles of cross-country skiing trails winding through the park's 800 acres. And if you get your jollies sitting over a hole in the ice, Crooked Lake, a

65-acre, spring-fed body of water, offers ice fishermen largemouth bass, pike and bluegill.
Independence-Oaks (and its warming house) are open daily from 8 a.m. until dusk.
Park entry fees for Addison-Oaks are \$2.50 per car for county residents and \$3 for non-residents. At Independence-Oaks, county residents are charged \$2 and non-residents \$2.50.
Annual passes are available from the Oakland County Department of Parks and Recreation at a cost of \$7 for county residents and \$10 for non-residents.



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Electronic equipment works best and lasts longer when kept dry, Warren said. When the equipment is in use, its own internal heat is enough to keep the circuitry dry, but winter douse invites problems for the next season.

Electronic equipment depends on electricity, so check out all wiring, connections, and fuse clips for breaks and corrosion. If your wires grew warm during the past season, its a warning to replace the wiring with larger size lines to handle increased load.

Remember, one of the most important pieces of electronic gear aboard any boat is the radiotelephone. Check the antenna—keep it free of paint—and the standoff insulators.

With crystal sets, each radio channel must be verified for proper frequency and with the newer synthesized, all-channel sets, only the basic frequency must be verified. This is a job for a professional technician who has the proper instruments, know-how and the required Federal Communications Commission's technicians license.

BOATERS AREN'T the only sportsmen needing reminders.

Hunters, it seems, need to be reminded that it is illegal to kill wolves, moose or any other animals on the Michigan endangered species list.

In a recent incident, a game-law violator is more than \$500 poorer today and the man who turned him in is \$500 richer.

Gilbert Kuehl, a Livonian who pleaded guilty to killing a bull elk last month, was ordered by District Court Judge John Mach to pay a fine of \$500, plus \$250 in restitution charges and \$100 in court costs. He was also given a 30-day suspended jail sentence, had his hunting privileges revoked for three years and had his rifle and scope confiscated.

Michael Thayer, the Clarkston resident who provided the tip, was hunting deer near the Canada Creek Ranch in Montmorency County when he saw a party of three men driving a pickup truck out of an area in which he had planned to hunt.

When he entered the area, he found a 12-point elk that had been shot a few yards from the road.

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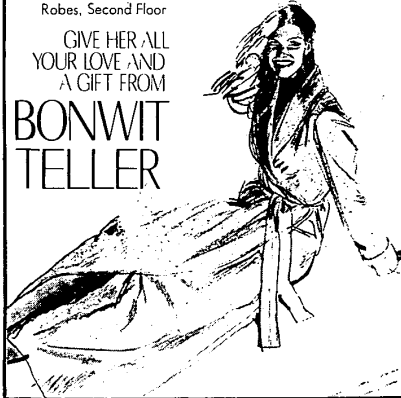
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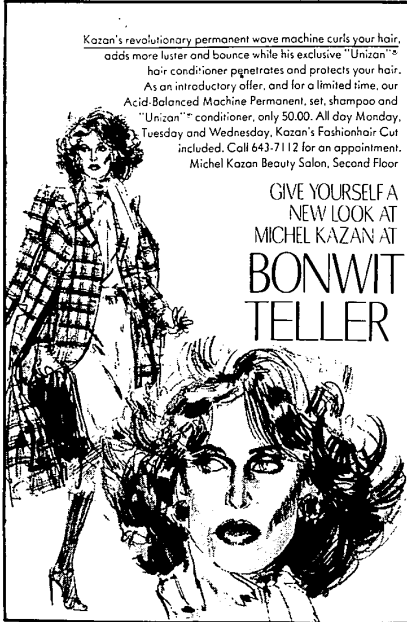
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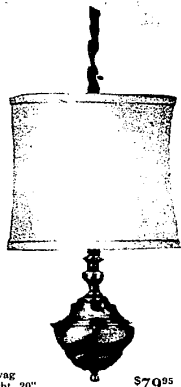
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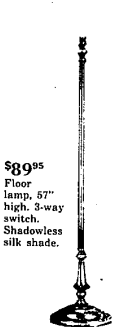
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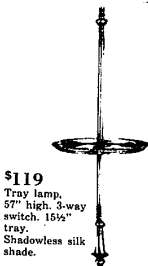
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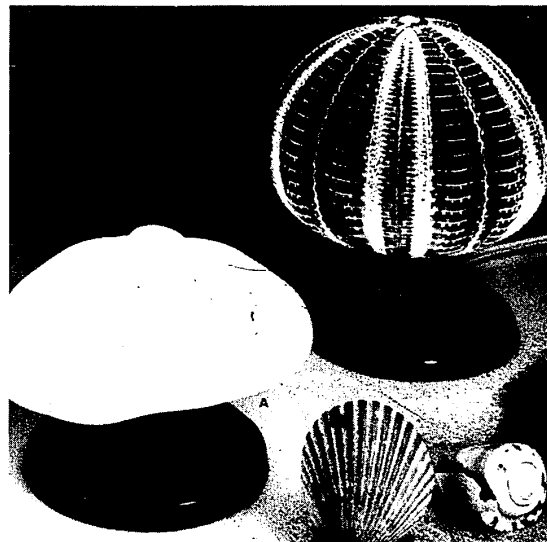
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