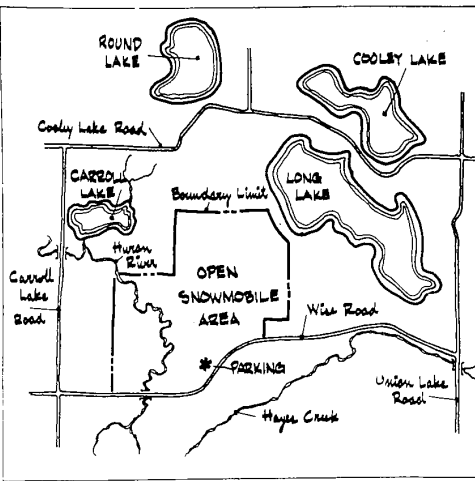


Snowmobile Damage Arouses Lawmen



OPEN AREA—This map shows the experimental area of some 320 acres in the Proud Lake State Recreation Area which is open to cross-country snowmobiling. The area is in eastern Commerce Township of Oakland County. Entrance is from Wise Road.

For conservation officers, the behavior of snowmobilers is a problem in southeastern Michigan.

But there's little they can really do about it. Snowmobilers seem bent on killing, drowning and maiming themselves. They run across small trees and shrubs on both private property and in state forests. They make lots of noise at night.

What law officers seem to be trying to do, however, is not so much to make arrests as to get snowmobilers to behave better.

IN THE WINTER of 1968-69, State Police reported 573 accidents involving 661 snowmobile drivers. Thirteen persons were killed and 562 injured.

In 102 cases, the snowmobile collided with another snowmobile, an auto or a truck. Four snowmobilers had run-ins with trains. A dozen pedestrians were hit by snowmobilers.

This year, 10 persons already have been killed—five in a family in a single drowning—and the rate is running considerably ahead of last year.

Of the 661 snowmobile drivers involved in accidents, 100 had been drinking, 501 had not, and 50 cases the question of drinking was unanswered.

Drivers age 15 or younger accounted for 16% of the accidents, State Police records show.

STATE POLICE Director Frederick Davids says that law enforcers have been "tax" in enforcing existing laws, and he argues there should be even stiffer laws.

But a conservation officer in the Jackson District office of the Natural Resources Department says "we're not personally promoting any new laws."

Said the officer, Ervin Parker: "Our office covers 14 counties. You can't catch snowmobilers on foot. We have only one snowmobile, and we use that in Monroe County to check ice fishermen on Lake Erie."

The Oakland County sheriff's office reported much the same thing—the difficulty of policing rural areas, where snowmobilers operate, and the impossibility of running after

It's difficult to patrol rural areas and besides, "You can't catch snowmobilers on foot."

errant snowmobilers on foot.

THE JACKSON office of NRD reported no recent arrests in the Waterloo State Recreation area, north of 1st on the Jackson-Washtenaw County line.

The Oakland sheriff's office also reported no recent arrests. Complaints to the sheriff's office average five or six a day on the weekends, one or two a day during the week.

Last weekend, one snowmobiler broke an arm, another a leg, in separate Oakland County accidents. Other complaints were that snowmobilers make noise late at night along



TASTY — Four-year-old Ann King skims the ice and samples air temperatures that bounced above and below zero this week. Pelted by fluffy snowfall George Niepoh,

ple trails is available in this area, quite a distance from the sanctuary.

"Some complaints were received from fishermen of snowmobilers buzzing close to their fishing spot or shanty," Hartwig said.

To make matters worse, when property owners complain, snowmobilers bombard them with bad language, NRD officials say.

WITH THREE exceptions, snowmobilers must stick to designated trails in southeastern Michigan. Trails are located at Bald Mountain, near Lake Orion, Highland, north of Milford, Holly, and Funckney recreation area.

"Snowmobilers continue to be a problem by traveling helter-skelter all over state-owned lands and are not confining their use to designated areas."

"Some snowmobilers were apprehended in the sanctuary areas of the Highland Recreation Area (north of Milford), even though an area with am-

at Cass Lake; and Waterloo Recreation Area, on the Jackson-Washtenaw counties line.

A map of the Waterloo area may be obtained from the NRD office at Jackson. It's located at Lansing and Parnell roads, north of the city limits and a mile west of the state prison.

Private property owners sometimes advertise their territory for the use of snowmobilers.

In addition, the Oakland County Parks Development has just announced that its newest park, the 700-acre Addison-Oaks, will be available to snowmobilers. Price is \$2.50 a day for Oakland residents, \$3.50 for non-residents.

The park is located at 1480 W. Romeo, Addison Township, in the northeast corner of the county. A warming house and refreshment stand will be open.



5, captures everyone's fancy with his obvious zest for fun. Both are Farmington youths. (Evert photos)

2 Senators Urge: 'Hold-The-Line'

Two area Republican state senators are among 16 signers of a letter urging Gov. Milliken to "hold the line" on state spending because of an unfavorable economic outlook.

The originator of the letter was Sen. George W. Kuhn (R-West Bloomfield), whose district includes Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth. A signer was Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-Hearton Heights), whose district includes Redford Township.

The letter said, in part: "AS YOU KNOW, new home construction as well as the sales of existing home units in this state and nation, have been far below normal activity."

Recent wholesale cutbacks in auto production schedules have caused the layoff of thousands of employees, and there exists an excessively high inventory of new cars in dealer show rooms.

"November department store retail sales are off 15% from last year and a continued drop is expected when December sales are recorded.

"These economic indications, coupled with the ever increasing inflationary pres-

sure spiral and continued higher interest rate trends, cause serious concern for the integrity of Michigan's fiscal position. We can easily foresee losses in anticipated state revenues during the first half of 1970.

"A CITIZENS RESEARCH Council of Michigan recently pointed up that Michigan's current spending rate yearly exceeds the previous year's budget by 14.7%, while revenue growth has been at a 6% factor.

"If this trend continues during the next four years, Michigan will face a \$32 million deficit by June 30, 1973. The Citizens Research Council report indicates this situation based on the current spending policies of our state.

"In view of these factors, it is imperative in our judgment that Michigan's future course of action must be based on total fiscal responsibility and a 'hold-the-line' philosophy on state spending," the letter concluded.

McDonald Says Job Academy Pleases Cabinet

A National Service Academy proposal to provide government training of technicians and an alternative to the infantry for some conscientious objectors appears on the verge of crea-

tion. Congressman Jack McDonald (R-19th District) announced in a news conference Friday that his proposal for a federal agency to set up such an academy has gained important administration backing.

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird and Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch are among several cabinet members who have endorsed the plan, said McDonald.

PRESIDENT RICHARD Nixon is expected to pass on it soon, McDonald's proposal is presently undergoing White House appraisal.

First designed by McDonald and his aides, the proposal has been refined by five college professors.

Similar to the national military academies in concept, the National Service Academy would provide two years of junior college training for persons interested in technical careers.

Upon completion, the student would be eligible for non-combat assignment in military services for two years, or a two-year national service occupation.

MC DONALD SAID the plan aims at two current national problems: need for an alternative service for bona fide conscientious objectors and a build up of much-needed technically skilled workers.

A student could be trained to fulfill jobs as computer technicians, computer technicians or electronics, for instance.

O'Neil Rips GOP Leaders On 'Consensus'

James F. O'Neil, a Livonian billing himself as a "potential Republican candidate for U.S. senator," is opposing a strong GOP move to have a "consensus" candidate and avoid a costly primary battle.

O'Neil, a member of the State Board of Education, argues for an open primary.

"In keeping with the true spirit of the Republican Party as well as the law,"

He is asking party delegates in a poll to support an open primary.

Party leaders, however, won't avoid a primary battle between two or more strong candidates because it would weaken the winner and burn up scarce funds that could be used to fight incumbent Democrat Sen. Philip Hart.

Party leaders are scheduled to meet Jan. 31 to try to achieve a consensus behind one senatorial candidate and discourage the others. Leading contenders are former Gov. George Romney, U.S. Rep. Donald Riegle Jr. and Chief Justice Thomas Brennan of the State Supreme Court.

O'Neil's name has been left

GOP Ladies Meet Jan. 13

The Wayne County Women's Republican Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Italian Room of the Teller Hotel. An executive board meeting will precede the business session. Board members will begin their session at 11:30 a.m.

Following the business meeting, a speaker will discuss the Model City Program in Detroit. A question and answer session will follow the talk.

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- Golf club used by a fighter
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- One way to cook your catch
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- New York resort
- Big little word
- Spring in Alaska
- Drilling targets
- One way to cook your catch
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