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By Doc Minard

It seems a bit strange that the State of Michigan should be in financial difficulties, so much so that Gov. William Milliken algrady has indicated there will be stashes in many budgets, while at the same time Racing Commiscioner Leo Shirty erfused to allow racing during the month of January.

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"That two months of no racing will be hard to overcome in lieu of, the tremendous hike in action at Windsor," said the veteran Northville boss, "It will be a long
time before we'll be able to'
get the impetus we need for a
successful meeting."

ORRIN K. Grettenberger, president of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, has been appointed to the post of USTA director for Delation II.

BASEBALL HAS ITS Alou brothers, hockey has its Plager brothers, but Wayne State may have the only collection of three brothers may have the only collection of three brothers in college swimming with the Haley Brothers of Southfield. Products of Southfield High School, the trio includes (from left) team co-capitain Mike, a senior; junior Dave and sophomore John, All lettered last winter for the Tartars and are expected to play key roles in the 1970-71 WSU swimming program.

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well-known breeder-owner, well-known breeder-owner, entire from those assignments.

Pat, who has been in harness racing for more than 25 years as manager of a stable, owner, trainer, groom and any other chores, will leave for Florida next week to check into his new home.

His wile, Betty, will follow in another week. They plan to stay in the sunny south until next summer, returning the summer of the summer of

Harness Horsemen's Association, has been appointed to the post of USTA director for District II.

O.K. was named to fill the vacancy created by the death of longtime MHHA Secretary Charley Coon. He will serve the unexpired term of two years.

Harry Petgrson will be back at Northville Downs as gracing secretary of the 1971 meetings. It will be a cold reception for Harry who took off for Plorida last fall and has been a member of the official family at Northville Downs for years as paddock.

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per tollowing a lengthy illness.

Northville trainer Ken Bug is well on the road to recofery following a hospital stay for an operation.

Horsemen Jim' Kennedy, Bay City, and Tom Harrner.

Utica, are vacationing in the Bahamas.

Bengals Give More Bargains

There will be more bargain bills than ever at Tiger Stadium in 1971. Laddes/Reti-rees Days will be on Saturdays, with seven different teams facing the Tigers on the eight dates. Pamily lights have been spread to three nights of the week with a different opponent scheduled for each of the seven events.

On Ladies/Retirees Day, women, girls, boys 14 or under and senior citizens are admitted for \$6 cents each with sales limited to the first 10,000. Scating is in the Upper Deck, which can be reached by an elevator of ramps.
On Family Night, Dad

reached by an elevator or ramps.
On Family Night, Dad pays \$3 and the rest of the family 50 cents each, with seating in designated sections of the Upper Deck and sales limited to their capacity.

Lower Huron Offers Frills For Skaters

Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville has its entrance on Hannan Road just 'w mile south of the Wij-low Run Expressway (194) via Haggerty Road Interchange between Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Belleville.

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So, it's a new year. . . although there's an old matter all of us still must tackle-meaning income tax-before we officially can brush aside 1970.

But now that we're almost a week into 1971, there are some interesting sports doings to which we can look forward.

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LIKE --

LIKE -Michigan's first high school baseball tournament. It's like a dream come true for the veteran baseball coaches on the prep scene.
They have been talking about a state meet for years. They have proved through a series of fivitationals that it's possible to stage tournament baseball in Michigan.
Now one must hope that the weatherman despit meet up the widel busines. Time with he

Now one must bope that the weatherman doesn't mess up the whole business. Time will be short in the late spring and if, for example, we should be hit by a week or two of rain, well, there'd go the entire tournament.

But it's something that is bound to make prep-baseball 'big league' in Michigan.

Wonder how the Catholic Beague schools will enjoy going back to four balls and three strikes after three years of playing two strikes you're out, three balls you walk?

LIKE -- '

The changing of the format for the state prep basketball finals.

For as many years as one can remember, the semifinals and the finals have been played back-to-back at Michigan State University's Jenison Field House.

Field House.

The semis staged on Friday and the finals on Saturday made for the biggest weekend of the year for the schoolmen. They looked forward to the "trip" to East Lansing-Lansing as much as many prepare for a winter solourn in Florida or a summer hike to Europe.

But it won't be like that any more.

Now the state tourney will be spread over a fourth week. District and regional weeks remain unchanged. But the quarterfinals and the semifinals will be played one week all over the state and then on the Saturday of the-next week all finals will be held at University of Michigan this year, at Michigan State next...and then they'll alternate.

So what happens to the big weekend?
Some say it's a shame. Others claim, the preps must adjust to the times.

We shall see what we shall see.

The flourishing of ice hockey at many

Senools.

Here in Observerland, the four Livonia senior highs have varsity teams for the first time. It's expected that within a year or two more schools and more communities will have their own indoor rinks for ice hockey. There's every possibility that hockey could become the fastest growing prep sport in Michigan.

LIKE -How will the Tigers react under new manager
Billy Martin and without Denny McLain?
What's in store for coach Ned Harkness and

what s in store for coach Ned Harkness and
the Wings?
Can the Pistons keep rolling on? What about
the Lions - will '71 be THEIR year to qualify for
the Super Bowl?
What's going to happen at Michigan State:
is the end in sight for Biggie Munn and Duffy
Daugherty?

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LIKE -

LIKE Booming new sports activities,
snowmobiling for one. It's become dangerous and
steps may have to be taken to curb where one
may use this new "monster" of the winter.
The spreading of sports for the gals in ourhigh schools. This is something on the plus side
and hopefully the day may come when there are
more regional and state tournaments for the
fairer sex.

Right now, the State Association has a ski tournament for the gals, but nothing else.

The extending of the running and harness rac-ing seasons in Michigan.
The sessions will run longer than ever. The trotters begin shortly at Northville Downs and the runners right after that at DRC. They'll be racing until almost Christmas.

Too long a season? One might think so, except for the fact it's rather apparent people wait to attend the races and wager. And, as long as that's the way it is. . the public should be re-

LIKE

Expanding events on television. More and more local stations and networks realize that sports is one of the best ways to get good ratings. Actually, they are relatively inexpensive to produce and the audience interest is high.

The sports fain never seems to get enough on the tube. or, for that matter, anyplace. Besides watching from his home, he's eager to go where the live action is, too.

You'll note that attendance for most the Detroit area teams is at an all-time high. TV

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Beginning January 1, complete

April

New-car shopping members are figuring on saving with the Club's low-cost MembelLoan financing plan for cars, boats and recreational vehicles.

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