



ALL TYPES of winter gadgets were in use snow. This scene was taken on one of the over the weekend as old and young alike slopes at the Western Country Club in Red-t took advantage of the cold weather and ford Township.



RIDING a water ski is this youngster who received just as much of a thrill on the ice and snow as he did on the water during the summer months.

EVEN DAD found it fun to join his daughters and the family pet in a sled ride down the improvised runs. All but Mom sat in on this trip over the ice and snow.

Judge to Decide Site Of Sheriff Buback Case.

A Wayne County Circuit Judge will decide next week whether the willful neglect of duty trial for two sheriffs' department officials will be held in the county or moved elsewhere.

Judge Carl M. Weideman scheduled a hearing for Thursday, Jan. 12, on the motion to change the location of the trial to a court outside of Wayne County.

Seeking the change in location is Robert Goussy, assistant attorney general, who claimed that if the trial is held in the Wayne County court, the jurors would be under the physical control of deputies, who would be employees of the two defendants, Sheriff Peter L. Buback and Undersheriff James Bommarito.

In addition, Wayne County is not a suitable location for the trial since Buback and Bommarito have been "in close proximity with persons now involved in the administration of the Circuit Court."

The jurors would be under the physical control of the sheriff's deputies when they are outside of the courtroom, Goussy pointed out.

Usually a change in venue request is made by the defense attorney. In the current case, which came out of the Westland traffic ticket fixing scandal of 1985, defense attorney Joseph Louisell called the attorney general's request "ridiculous."

Louisell also said that in his legal experience, he has never heard of a prosecutor seeking a change in venue. However, Goussy said that it has been done before.

At their arraignment before Presiding Circuit Judge Thomas Murphy, Buback and Bommarito didn't enter any pleas but the court submitted an innocent plea for them.

The ticket fixing issue resulted in the creation of a one-man grand jury, in the

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Area Parents Warned Foreign Dollies Are Very Dangerous

Parents in the communities served by the Observer Newspapers Monday were warned by area fire chiefs that there are thousands of dolls in the hands of Michigan children that are fire hazards.

The warning came after the federal government moved to recall stocks of the imported European dolls.

In Washington, the Federal Food and Drug Administration requested the New York importing firm of A. D. Sutton & Sons to withdraw their stocks from the market.

An FDA official indicated that the agency didn't want to start a panic about the dolls but stressed that they are potentially dangerous even though no injuries have been reported from flammable dolls.

The dolls were reported in a number of states besides Michigan including New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio and Louisiana.

The FDA acted under the 1966 Child Protection Act which forbids interstate commerce of toys made from hazardous substances.

The faces of the dolls are made of nitrocellulose, a highly flammable plastic also used in the manufacture of gunpowder. The dolls are from seven to 16" in length. Fire officials said confusion about the origin of the dolls resulted in a warning that was too limited. They urged anyone who suspects a doll might be dangerous either to destroy it or return it to the store where it was purchased.

The dangerous dolls were thought to have been only those made in Poland and imported through Great Britain by A. D. Sutton.

However, it was discovered that the same type of doll had been made in England and was being widely sold.

The J. L. Hudson Co. advised fire officials that it had hired its own tests and had determined that the English dolls its was selling through its budget stores

were virtually identical with those labeled dangerous. Other major stores in Detroit, and apparently throughout Michigan and in many other states, also handled the British dolls.

The dangerous dolls all have the same face—made of nitrocellulose—but their hair and dress differ. The bodies are stuffed with sawdust adding to the hazard.

One version has a negro complexion but the features of the face are the same as the blond, brunet and red-head models.

There isn't any question about the presence of the dolls in the Plymouth area. Mrs. Maurice Breen, after reading of the dolls, took one to Plymouth Township Director of Public Safety William Burr for a check. Burr struck

a match to the face and it blazed brilliantly for a few moments.

Burr and City of Plymouth Fire Chief George Schoeneman urge all with suspected dangerous dolls to take them to one of the area fire stations for a check.

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Observer Newsboy Dies Under Wheels of Car

Michael John Rowley, 14, of 2841 Sandra Lane, Westland, was hit fatally by a car Saturday on Wayne Road. It was several hours before his parents were informed

while police frantically knocked off doors in the apartment building and surrounding neighborhood on Wayne Road in an effort to locate them.

Police only knew his approximate age and had no other information. The boy who was hit at about 4 p.m. and died in Wayne County General Hospital at 1 a.m.

His parents lived a considerable distance from the scene of the accident.

Witnesses told police he ran in front of a car driven by James R. Jones, 20, of Westland. The driver was released pending further investigation.

Services will be held Thursday, at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Bernadine, Westland, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Michael was a Westland Observer Newsboy.

Burroughs Promotes Ex-Plymouth Chief

DuRay Stromback, former general manager of the Plymouth plant of Burroughs Corporation, is returning to the area after an absence of three years during which he served as general manager of the Pasadena, Calif. plant.

Stromback, who joined Burroughs in 1949, was named manager of engineering at Plymouth in 1955 and then served as plant manager there from 1958 through 1964. He has been elected vice-president and general manager of manufacturing and engineering of the new Business Machines Group of the Corporation.

The promotion took effect on Jan. 1 according to Board Chairman Ray Eppert.

The changes came after Eppert earlier had the consolidation of Burroughs' two largest divisions in the United States into a single manufacturing and marketing organization called Business Machines Group.

The new group will include the domestic business

machines manufacturing and engineering division and the equipment and systems marketing division.

Eppert indicated that Burroughs will place all worldwide activities into four major groups. The others are International Group, the Defense, Space and Special Systems Group and the Business Forms and Supplies Group. The latter, until recently, has

been called the Graphic Systems Group.

In his new position, Stromback will be responsible for the domestic manufacturing and engineering activities of the new group, composed of Burroughs' two largest divisions, the equipment and systems marketing division and domestic business machines manufacturing and engineering division.

Michael R. Capo has been appointed controller of the new group. He remains as assistant controller of the corporation, a position he has held since 1963.

The manufacturing and engineering division produces electronic data processing systems and equipment in plants in Pasadena and in the Tireman Ave. plant in Detroit, electronic and electro-mechanical accounting machines and systems in the company's largest plant in Plymouth and small parts in a plant on Schaefer Ave. in Detroit.



DuRay Stromback

Worker Dies In Cave-in

A Westland father of nine died of injuries suffered in a sewer cave-in Friday in Taylor Township.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Wyandotte General Hospital was Creed Frazier, 41, of 32583 Mason Court.

Authorities said that Frazier, a heavy equipment operator, was backfilling a sewer excavation and had climbed down into the hole to set a tile in place.

Livonian James O'Neil Sworn in to State Board

LANSING—Dr. Leroy G. Augenstein and James F. O'Neil, newly-elected members to the State Board of Education, were formally sworn into office by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas M. Kavanagh.

The ceremony took place in the Supreme Court Chambers at the State Capitol in Lansing. Attending were O'Neil's wife, Elaine, his two sons, Mark and David; brother David; and Augenstein's wife, Elizabeth, and son, David.

Augenstein and O'Neil, who took over their official responsibilities as State Board members on January 1, were elected to eight-year terms under Michigan's new Constitution.

The ceremony marked O'Neil's second admission to State Board membership by a Chief Justice of Michigan's highest court. He was sworn into office for a

six-year term in 1963 by the then Chief Justice Leiland W. Carr.

Ironically, the six-year term was cut short in 1965

when the Constitutional chamber for which he had actively campaigned, went into effect.

Augenstein, who is chairman of the Michigan State University Biophysics Department, resides in Holt. He has previously been a research consultant at Brookhaven National Laboratory, a research consultant at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory which he still serves in a consultative capacity, and a research administrator for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

O'Neil, a Ford Motor Company executive, lives in Livonia.

In addition to previous membership on the State Board of Education, he has been active in both civic and educational endeavors which have included serving on the first Board of Trustees for Schoolcraft College, an institution he helped organize and establish.



TAKING OATH of office as a newly elected member of the State Board of Education is James F. O'Neil of Livonia, who is sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas M. Kavanagh in the Supreme Court Chambers at the State Capitol in Lansing. Watching the ceremonies are: (from left) son, Mark O'Neil, David, brother of James; Mrs. Elaine O'Neil and son, David A. O'Neil.

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