



THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Madrigal Club, leading women's singing group in metropolitan Detroit, includes three local members. Marlowe Belanger, of Farmington, seated front center, is president, and other board members include, second row, Sue McCallister (left), corresponding secretary, and Claudia Novitsky. Back row (from left): Beatrice Hart, Annalce Mathes, of Novi, and Audrey Feldmeier. The club is preparing for a concert Tuesday, April 11, at 8:30 p.m. in the lecture hall of the Detroit Institute of Art.

Winter Highway Cost Set High

LANSING—The winter that came so early, hit so hard and lasted so long was indeed the worst and costliest in modern times—judging by a State Highway Commission report released recently.

Two principal criteria are used by the Highway Department in rendering judgment concerning the severity of the winter season, State Highway Director Howard E. Hill said.

The first—usage of salt and calcium chloride to keep highways free of snow and ice—hit an all-time high record by a wide margin.

An estimated 297,812 tons of salt (sodium chloride) and 5,817 tons of calcium chloride were spread on the 9,210 miles of state highways in efforts to keep them ice free, Hill said.

Previous high total was 282,882 tons of salt spread in the 1964-65 winter when slightly more than 6,102 tons of calcium chloride was used. The latter is mixed with the salt when temperatures are below 20 degrees above zero because salt loses some of its effectiveness at lower temperatures, Hill said.

The second criterion—cost—hit a record, but by only a slight margin.

Total needed for the current winter has been \$10,819,000, Hill said. This compares with a total expended of \$10,771,000 in the 1964-65 winter.

The Highway Department has budgeted \$7,593,928 for winter maintenance last spring and the record Lower Peninsula January storm cost costs up to \$8,937,000, Hill said.

In order to meet costs for March, the Highway Department is seeking legislative approval of a \$2.5 million deficiency appropriation and is transferring \$700,000 from other accounts to make up the difference between the sum budgeted and the sum needed.

Total snowfall reports by the U.S. Weather Bureau for different sectors of the state are not yet compiled. But a spot check at the U.S. Weather Bureau in Lansing indicates the severity of the Highway Department's Maintenance Division problems.

In Lansing, for example, the total snowfall recorded through March 29 was 81.5 inches compared with 63.2 inches in 1964-65.



Art Festival Is Open At Livonia Mall

Michigan artists and craftsmen will present an exhibit of paintings and crafts at the Livonia Mall on Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt from April 6 through 13, daily, except Sunday.

The Mall Hours are from 9:30 to 9 with the exception of Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Artists from the Metropolitan Detroit area will be on hand to demonstrate and show their handiworks in a great variety of materials and mediums, such as china painting, metal ceramics, lapidary and many other fascinating approaches to the creative arts.

Another feature will be a group of portrait painters, caricaturists and silhouette artists.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Merchants Association of the Livonia Mall and is one of the largest of this type ever held in Metropolitan Detroit.

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