

# Wet Springtime Dampened Fires

Michigan's 1972 forest fire season has drawn to a snow-clogged close, with its last puff of smoke having settled several weeks ago over the last of 5,719 acres which were burned by 1,064 wild fires.

The state's acreage toll for this year is the 10th lowest on Dept. of Natural Resources records dating back to 1928.

## OCC Expands Offerings In Literature

An expanded series of literature courses will be offered on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College this winter.

Courses on women in literature, introduction to short story and novel, introduction to poetry and drama and Afro-American literature, as well as surveys of American and English literature, will be offered during the day.

The courses are particularly popular with adults in the Farmington community who desire a change of pace for their winter activities, according to George F. Keith, chairman of the English Dept.

Interested persons don't have to be working toward a degree to attend the classes, Keith said. Registration can be made by calling the campus to determine the appropriate time to register.

Registration, which runs from Jan. 2 to 5, can be completed in M building after filling out an admission application.

Several literature courses are offered in the evenings including English literature and creative writing.

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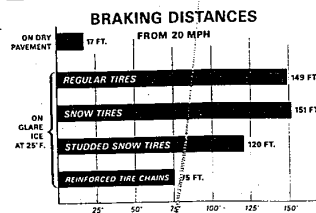
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A test car brakes to a stop on glare ice during the National Safety Council's winter driving test program. Stopping ability of various types of tires, fire chains and other equipment are evaluated in the annual test program.



The above chart, prepared by the Safe Winter Driving League, illustrates the extreme hazard of driving on glare ice. Tests show that with regular tires stopping distances on glare ice may be nearly nine times the normal, dry pavement distance. Studded tires reduce braking distance by 19 percent while reinforced tire chains cut braking distance by 50 percent.

Regardless of the help provided by this equipment, however, the League warns motorists that far slower than normal speeds are essential when driving on icy pavements.

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# 16 'Quiet Areas' Saved In Woods

Parts of 16 state parks and recreation areas have been designated as "quiet" areas, and reserved for such gentle and silent recreation as hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and winter bird watching.

Orie Scherschligt, chief of the Parks Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, announced the designation prohibits travel by off-the-road vehicles, including snowmobiles, on 75,312 acres.

"Our department is responding to a new trend in the lives of those who love the outdoors," explains Scherschligt. "More and more people, young and old alike, have been telling us they want to enjoy nature as it is, hearing only the sounds of snowbirds and woodpeckers, or the chattering of a squirrel."

"They say few things are more enjoyable than watching the wild things of the forest which can be seen in the quiet of a remote and untroubled area."

The 16 areas are in the Porcupine Mountains, now designated a wilderness, is the largest of the quiet areas. Tahquamenon Falls has 4,688 acres in the U-P and the 5,800 acres in Hartwick Pines includes all lands east of I-75 and north of M-93.

Other quiet areas in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula are: Wilderness, 2,200 acres; Silver Lake, 295 acres, fronting on both Lake Michigan and Silver Lake; Petoskey, 295 acres and

Tawas Point, 80 acres.

Nine of the 16 areas are in the industrialized, populous area stretching across the southern part of the state.

In order of size, they are: Waterloo, 5,686 acres, northeast of Jackson; Pinckney, 3,900 acres northwest of Ann Arbor; Highland, 1,400 acres west of Pontiac; Warren Dunes, 1,350 acres near Bridgman in the southwest corner of the state; Fort Custer, 1,300 acres near Battle Creek includes Whitford-Lawler lakes and Jackson Lake and lands fronting on the Kalamazoo River; Yankee Springs, 1,200 acres west of Hastings; Proud Lake, 1,100 acres near Pontiac; Muskegon, 665 acres; and Warren Woods, 312 acres near Warren Dunes.

ALL THESE areas, with the exception of Warren Woods, also have large areas open for snowmobiling.

Scherchligt issued a request to the public visiting any of the listed parks to ask the park manager for guidance to the quiet or to the snowmobile areas.

"The division has worked to develop an equitable and reasonable solution to the problem of satisfying those who want quiet recreation and those who snowmobile," he said.

"The problem was much like that King Solomon faced. But different from Solomon, we will have a second chance. If necessary, we can shift the borders of the two types of areas."

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## JA Contests Are On Jan. 6

Semi-finals for the Mr. and Miss Executive of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan will be held on Jan. 6.

The Region 4 contest, which includes contestants from Plymouth, will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. It is hosted by the Plymouth center.

The Region 5 contest, which includes teens from the Redford, Telegraph and Wayne centers, will be held in the Dearborn Holiday Inn on Michigan Ave. Time has not been announced yet. The Telegraph center is host.

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