



**TED KUCKELMAN** demonstrates his 79-year-old storage of energy at last week's testimonial dinner held in his honor at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall in Westland. The event was to honor Kuckelman, who retired the previous month as executive secretary of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, which he helped organize four years ago. Among the many gifts presented to him was a \$500 check from the Westland Chamber. Behind Ted is a large scroll listing the dozens of organizations he has been active in over the years.

# Schoolcraft Announces Apprentice Honors List

Twenty-five apprentices enrolled in the Schoolcraft College Related Instruction Program have been named to the Apprentice Honors List for outstanding academic achievement during the winter semester. Ronald J. Mandette, apprenticeship coordinator at the college, said the 25 students accumulated grade point averages of at least 3.5, a possible 4 in their classroom work during the semester. More than 400 skilled-trades apprentices from over 100 manufacturing firms in the area participate in the program.

Honors list apprentices, their occupations, employer and grade point average are:

- 15 Credit Hours or More -
- Michael Medwid, 45285 Grand River, Novi, tool and die maker, Vicate Die & Engineering, Novi, 3.95; Gene E. Gail, 167 S. Plymouth, Wayne, toolmaker, Chevrolet, Livonia, 3.87; John

# Must Fish Trout Pond

Tell your neighbor that his trout pond is probably like most of those in Michigan—underfished.

Natural mortality takes most of the stocked trout, merely because the owner doesn't fish it enough.

"Only a small percentage of pond trout will live more than two years," according to Vernie Knudson, Michigan State University extension specialist.

"Start fishing the pond when the trout are seven or eight inches long," says Knudson, "and you'll get the greatest returns in the number of eating-size trout."

THREE YEARS after stocking, even without fishing, a pond will only contain a few large trout—and these will be difficult to catch.

"Fishing every three or four weeks isn't enough," says the extension specialist, "unless the fishermen are unusually successful. Ponds should be fished often for maximum harvest."

Many pond owners stock trout and rarely take time to fish for them. This is where friends and neighbors can perform a service—by reminding the owner that during the first two years most trout will die unless caught. Maybe an invitation to help catch these fish will follow!

During the summer, trout will feed mostly in the mornings and evenings. Flies, spinners, lures or natural baits are all recommended for catching them during their feeding periods.

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# Property Fire Loss Reaches Record High

Michigan sustained record losses of 324 lives and \$86,458,998 in property damage in 76,195 fires in 1967, according to the annual summary by the fire marshal division of the Michigan State Police.

Of the property loss, \$14,250,000 was attributed to 43 fires occurring during the riotous civil disturbances in the state last year.

The loss in lives, which exceeded the previous high of 297 in 1964, included 231 adults, 90 minors and three firemen.

Not included were 17 deaths in fires following automobile accidents and 13 in fires after plane crashes.

The total of fires was 12,742 fewer than the record 90,877 reported in 1966 while deaths were up by 27 and property damage rose by almost \$22 million. The previous high year for damage was 1953 with \$78.1 million.

PROPERTY DAMAGE was divided into \$44,256,180 on buildings, a new high of \$35,571,576 on contents, and \$6,831,127 involving cars, boats, unheated machinery, grass fires, aircraft fires, etc. The high of \$54.7 million in building loss occurred in 1963.

Most of the state's annual increase in fire damage occurred in Wayne County which reported losses totaling \$33.4 million in 1967 compared with \$19.5 million in 1966. Of the state's 83 counties, 43 showed decreases in fire loss, 40 reported increases.

There were 161 large loss fires—\$50,000 damage or more—including the 53 related to civil disturbances, which accounted for \$29,085,586 in damages. Two fires resulting from aircraft crashes at Air Force base installations and involving buildings housing electronic equipment did an estimated \$5,683,538 damage.

Fifteen large loss arson cases had damages totaling \$1,885,700. Of 3,272 incendiary fires reported, 1,686 were committed by adults and 1,684 by minors. Seven deaths resulted from arson.

The breakdown of fires included dwellings 21,584; grass 15,819; auto 15,487; house trailers 729; schools 453; bulk storage plants 184; dry cleaning plants 125; aircraft 40; theaters 33; and all others 25,681.

Carelessness again caused

# Freeway Open For July 4 Holiday

LANSING — Michigan will reach the 80 per cent mark in completion of its allotted Interstate freeway system prior to the Fourth of July holiday weekend with the opening of 37.9 miles of freeway in Arenac, Bay and Calhoun counties, the State Highway Commission reports.

The Commission said a 13.5-mile section of I-69 between Tekonsha and I-94 near Marshall in Calhoun County will be opened June 28 and a 24.4-mile section of I-75 between Bay City and Standish in Bay and Arenac counties will be opened July 2.

This will bring to 669.5 the number of miles of completed Interstate freeway in Michigan, 80.4 per cent of its allotted 1,061.5-mile system. Nationally, 64 per cent of the 41,000-mile system is open to traffic.

ALSO TO BE OPENED July 2 is a 2.9-mile section of state freeway connecting I-75 with US-23 at Standish, built at a cost of \$1.9 million.

The opening of I-69 will complete construction of the \$38 million freeway between the Indiana border and I-94, a distance of 38.5 miles. The first section, between Tekonsha and the border, was opened last Oct. 11 with officials from Michigan and Indiana participating in ceremonies at the border.

Known as Michigan's safest highway, I-69 includes such modern safety features as break-away sign supports, wide medians and two-span bridges with only one center pier.

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