

Jamboree preview next week

By LEM REESE

The 1977 National Boy Scout Jamboree will be previewed Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Walter Reuther Junior High School, on Auburn Road between John R. and Dequindre roads in Rochester. All Clinton Valley Council scouts are invited to attend.

Some 47,000 scouts are expected nationwide at next year's jamboree in Butler Park, Pa. Scouts are invited to bring along their parents. Scouts will see a review of past jamborees and will get a chance to talk to scouts who participated in past jamborees. The jamboree will give scouts a chance to live off the land. They will learn how to skin a deer and prepare cooked venison. Grove Co. (George Pa) and the Boy Scouts are working together to develop the program. A group of outdoorsmen from Utah will demonstrate what it really was like to be a mountain man in the United States in 1850.



Outdoors

THE DRAVTON PLAINS nature center's annual meeting will be held Sunday.

Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Nature Center Interpretive Building.

The annual report will be presented, and two slide presentations will be shown on log cabin building and a wilderness experience in the wilds of Ontario. All members are welcome.

BIKERS WILL prevail at Kensington Metropark near Milford this summer as a contract for \$277,140 was awarded to the J.D. Construction Co. for construction and paving of the bike hike trail. The three-mile trail will consist of a previously unpaired trail, now to be paved, and a new trail will be created. Hurren Clinton Metropark/Lands and a grant from the Bureau of

Outdoor Recreation of the U.S. Department of the Interior will pay for the project.

PROPOSAL A will have its first effect on the Department of Natural Resources and state parks long before the banning of throwaway beverage containers takes effect in two years.

A ban on the sale of nonreturnable bottles and cans will take effect immediately at all DNR-operated facilities, including state parks and recreation areas, harbors of refuge on the Great Lakes, and office buildings. The department also requested Gov. William Milliken to consider similar action to affect all state facilities.

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Oakland crime rate dips, but murders still on the rise

Ten-month crime figures in Oakland County show a continued overall drop in crime, but such violent crimes as murder and rape continued to increase.

The overall downturn was due to the sharp decline of assaults, burglaries and auto thefts in the past 10 months according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The south Oakland area was hardest hit by crime, including Birmingham-Rosefield, Farmington, Troy and Southfield. Murders increased 29 per cent from 18 to 23 this year.

The area showed a drop in total crime, however. Aggravated assault dropped 17 per cent as there were 635 committed in 1975 with only 529 in 1976.

The western lakes area of the county enjoyed the least crime, including the areas of West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills.

The area showed a rate only in the crime of rape, and it was a six per cent increase. Murders were cut nearly in half as the number declined from 18 last year to eight this year.

The area showed a marked decrease of aggravated assault and burglaries. Rape crime in the western lakes area is down nine per cent.

The sheriff's department reasons the

downturn in crime may be partly due to the affirmation by police chiefs that they will not tolerate an influx of criminals from bordering counties. Citizen involvement, government funded crime prevention programs, and media presentations of special crime prevention programs all possibly contributed to the favorable downward trend, according to the department.

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In addition to presenting awards to the select alumni, WSU President George E. Galen Jr. awarded degrees to 2,510 graduates.

Alumni honored included William A. Bastick, a 1948 graduate of WSU, who is administrator and secretary at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

James Fraser Jr., a 1963 graduate who is assistant conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Edith Freeman, a 1949 graduate, who is honorary secretary of music at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Joseph E. Hill, a 1957 graduate and currently president of Oakland Community College. He formerly served as a faculty member and associate dean for graduate studies at WSU.

Kathleen Lardie, a 1944 graduate, is the retired director of arts and television education for the Detroit Public Schools. She was a pioneer in educational broadcasting and won a wide reputation as the "story lady" on WJL for 15 years.

Neil J. Havitz, a 1948 graduate and professor of sociology at WSU. Havitz is also director of the Jackson-Wayne County Mental Health Board. He has long been active in city and regional government including 13 years on the Detroit Common Council, chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and president of the Comprehensive Planning Council.

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