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THE 131-MEMBER Clarenceville High School marching band had only 35 members when Director John Nettek took over some years ago, but now the band is big enough and good enough to play for a Lions game on Dec. 5. This is the formation they will use for the drum section's specialty. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

C'ville To Bubble At Lions Game

Clarenceville's 131 high school bandmen will present the half-time show at the Detroit Lions - Philadelphia Eagles football game on Sunday, Dec. 5. Under the baton of John Nettek, Clarenceville's navy-

uniformed musicians have the distinction this year of being the only high school band invited by the Lions to present, in addition to the half-time show, the pre-game and post-game program. Director Nettek has created his own band formations using the title "Salute to the Lions."

AS ITS pre-game offering the band will extend season's greetings to the Lions and their fans.

Features of the band show will include, a la Lawrence Welk, a champagne bottle and glass. While the band plays "Auld Lang Syne" the champagne cork will pop and the bubbly wine will be poured into the glass.

As the band forms a Christmas tree, 13 balloons will be decorated as Christmas balls to decorate the tree. Written on them will be such greetings as "Go Lions," "Happy New Year" and "Love CBS." (The Lions' game will be televised but not within a 75-mile radius of Detroit.)

Departing from the holiday theme, the band will play a funeral dirge as it forms an aerosol spray can designed to "kill" bugs. The 11 "bugs" who will scamper around the field awaiting their fate from the spray will represent the Philadelphia Eagles.

Remaining numbers in the band show will be dedicated to Lions' Coach Joe Schmidt and owner William Clay Ford.

The band's final offering of the day will feature the percussion section in a rendition of "Heat Wave."



THE PERCUSSION section will be featured in "Heat Wave" when the Clarenceville High School band performs at half-time in the Dec. 5 Lions-Philadelphia football game in Tiger Stadium. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Single Ticket ... Double Lift

Now one can ski Alpine Valley and Mt. Holly on a combination ticket good for both areas. Enjoy two of lower Michigan's finest ski areas on the same weekend and double one's skiing fun. Alpine Valley is located on M-59, west of Pontiac in Milford, Mt. Holly is on Dixie Highway just off I-75 in Holly.

In addition to the existing chairlifts and tows, Alpine Valley and Mt. Holly have the greatest skiing capacity in Southern Michigan. A double ticket which lets you experience two ski areas in one day. Morning, Noon and Night.

Alpine and Mt. Holly have snowmaking equipment. This assures a steady season of fun.

Mt. Holly's newest slope has a vertical drop of 250 feet, making it a run of 1800 feet. They just added a Stiltz to the area along with the existing four chairlifts and 12 tows.

FOR A double lift, Alpine's beginner area offers gentle curves and sweeping slopes with an improved chairlift slowed down for your convenience.

Alpine Valley can offer an earlier morning in which Bruiser regained his title, will be a German-death match. Under the rules of a German-death match, everything goes, with no time limit, no count outs and no disqualifications.

The second of the double main event will pit the WWA's tag team champions Black Jack Mulligan and Black Jack Lanza against Wilbur Snyder and Yukon "Moose" Cholak.

summer to remodel and improve their lodges. This year Mt. Holly has a completely remodeled lodge featuring a sandwich shop and cocktail lounge.

A new rental shop making available the latest in skiing equipment. It has doubled in size to accommodate even more skiers when they come off the slopes.

To make it easier and more convenient for all skiers who will be taking advantage of the combination ticket, Alpine and Mt. Holly have enlarged and improved the parking facilities to comfortably accommodate even more cars.

Olympia Hosts Heavyweight Championship

Dick the Bruiser and Baron Von Raschke will battle for the World Wrestling Association's heavyweight championship in the first of a double main event on Friday, Nov. 26 at the Olympia Stadium starting at 8:30 p.m.

A main event, a rematch of an earlier meeting in which Bruiser regained his title, will be a German-death match. Under the rules of a German-death match, everything goes, with no time limit, no count outs and no disqualifications.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

As predicted and expected, Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley is still talking about announcing the 1972 racing dates but that's about all.

Shirley indicated he would announce the allotments shortly after the first of November. Then he delayed it another week and that week has passed and still nothing from the commissioner.

By law he must announce the thoroughbred dates by Dec. 1 and to all intents and purposes he has done that. Most everyone in the business knows that Hazel Park will have 132 days next year and the Detroit Race Course will have 108.

That was by request of the DRA officials who indicated they preferred not to have 120 days in 1972 because of the work on highways adjacent to the track.

For instance, Middle Belt Road will be closed from Scholcraft to Plymouth during the entire season. With problems like that, the DRA preferred to take less days for the one season. It was okay with Hazel Park to take the additional dates for the one year. So the thoroughbred dates are all set. They could be announced any time and not surprise a soul.

BUT THE HARNESS dates are something else. Wolverine and Hazel Park trotters seem assured of their dates since each uses the facilities of the runners.

Wolverine, which will have the early part of the summer, must end its season by the end of July and Hazel Park must start the first week in August.

Thus it would appear that Northville Downs would have dates during the late winter and then 35 days in June and July, following the same format as this year.

But Executive Manager John Carlo isn't in agreement with that thought. Carlo insists that Northville have a money meeting in the summer and that's the snarl as we hear it.

Perhaps there is one thing the commissioner is forgetting ... he and he alone, with the advice of the governor, has the right to set the dates.

If Shirley has a set of dates in his pocket that follow the format discussed above, then it is his right as commissioner to allot them and simply tell the tracks, "here are the dates for 1972" and leave it go at that.

He may not have satisfied management but he will have dates. The tracks will know when they'll open and can make plans and racing will be set for another year.

We do hear that Shirley plans on having the harness season opening on Jan. 1 and continue through the entire year. Now we'll wait and see what happens.

WINTER IS on the way. And the Hazel Park Race Track, where the thoroughbreds will

go through December 18, is ready.

This will be the first taste of Winter racing for Michigan's No. 1 track. And all conditions are "Go."

Patrons can watch the races in comfort from the enclosed, heated lower grandstand or from the pleasant clubhouse. There are also four enclosed levels adjacent to the grandstand where patrons can bet, relax, watch the races on closed-circuit TV, and laugh at the weather outside.

Bert Thompson, director of racing, reports that the track is assured of an ample supply of horses to provide full, well-balanced cards each day.

"We need a minimum of perhaps 1,250 head for our daily programs through the rest of the meeting," he explains. "We will have between 1,350 and 1,400 on the grounds in late November and December. We're in good shape. Several more good stables have checked in lately."

Track superintendent Ken Marshall sees no problem with the racing strip, even in sub-zero temperatures. He has spent years studying the operation of other tracks in frigid weather. He knows what he will have to do.

Post parade for the first race begins at 2:10 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays and at 3:30 p.m. on weekdays.

IT'S WINNER vs. winner in the first division of the Jackson - at - Northville pacing series, headliner of Jackson's Saturday night action at Northville Downs.

The series, which Leon A. Slavin designed to attract, and hold top pacing talent for the 42 night meet, more than lived up to its advance notice last week. This week's matchings could be even more sensational.

The first division, which goes as the eighth race matches the six leading money winners thus far of the series. This pits last week's winners, Thimble, and Prince Knox against each other along with Winter Dean, Jerro, Jerry Pick, and Bedford Jet.

Thimble, the 3-year-old pacing filly from Jackson, O., won in 2:03 2/5 last week in a stirring stretch battle with Winter Dean, that had most of the 5,234 fans lunging at the finish were right along with their choices.

Prince Knox scored in 2:04 1/5 and seemed a rather easy winner in what had been thought to be the tougher division.

Thimble's winning tactics included a 29 2/5 first quarter, and a 29 1/5 final quarter. She was on top all the way. This time she may have more difficulty reaching the top, for Jerry Pick, whose first and second quarter clockings often border on the near record side, is in the same division.

By virtue of being a non-money winner in the series, Michigan Mack, making his first start in the event, drew into the second division. Ralph Mapes will drive the winner of the \$25,000 Midwest Pacing Derby from the four post. Tricky Dares, Johnny G and Knight Ballard will give the Hillsdale hopeful a test.

It is an all-pacing card on tap. So talent laden is the program that the likes of Charlie Van Dorsten's Hudson's Laddie, Bill Abdon's Corn Chips, Billy Boy, for Ray and Earl Forsyth, and Michigan Pacing Derby winner, Corker Bill provide the action in the sixth race, the first Tri-ecta event.

Course Record

Wayne State cross country runners Julius Aiello, Geoff Lane, Al Mette, Rich Sands, Frank Tymrak and Keith Wright all gained a share of the Lawrence Tech course record when their blanket finish was timed in 22:25.5 for the four-mile circuit.



IMPROVED MT. BRIGHTON ski lodge has improved facilities for the official opening of the season early in December. Upper left is a carpeted cocktail lounge with a capacity of 300. It includes two fireplaces, a horseshoe bar and a dining area. Upper right is the cafeteria with a

capacity of 300 during the day and a bar for the 18 and up group in the evening. The lower level contains ticket counters at both ends, ski school sign-up area and a rental shop which stores 1,250 rentals. Right side of the lower level is a small cafeteria which seats 100.