

# Regional Affairs

# The Chinook Wind Got Mighty Cold



Most people who were outdoors Saturday had to be. The temperature was eight below, and there was a bracing wind out of the west. There were, however, 1,000 tough exceptions — the boy scouts from 50 troops in the Sunset District, which covers northwestern Wayne County. These scouts from Garden City, Westland, Plymouth and Livonia and their shivering leaders swarmed over Lower Huron Metropolitan Park for "Chinook '72," the annual winter event of the district. They were judged on such skills as sled building, first aid, Indian lore, nature identification, ice rescue, knot tying (pretty difficult at those temperatures), travois building and survival.

If you didn't have a face mask, you were in for a bit of a bad time. Everyone brought a can of soup to pour into a common pot. Each scout also had to bring a length of rope and a long stick. These were for building a travois, a triangular structure to carry an injured man.

Each patrol also had to have a pencil, and before long the Observer Newspapers scribe found out why: The ink in his ballpoint pen froze. Fortunately, a well-prepared scout loaned him a pencil for note taking — a good deed to be sure.

WITH KNOTS and long sticks, boy scouts can make a travois strong enough to carry an injured man in the wilderness. Kevin Barreto plays the victim, carried by members of the Moose Patrol, Troop 271, St. Michael Catholic parish, Livonia. They were among 1,000 scouts from 50 troops in northwestern Wayne County's Sunset District who braved below-zero weather during the "Chinook '72" event in Lower Huron Metropolitan Park.



SKILLED KNOT-TYING, which scouts call "lashing," is needed to make a travois strong enough to carry a scout on. Richard Gibson puts the finishing touches on the work of the Scorpion Patrol, Troop 897, Cleveland School, Livonia.



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"LUCKY BUCCANEER" is the exotic name of this patrol, whose flag is held by Jack Proffit. It's part of Troop 879, Westland.



IN "ICE RESCUE," one scout plays the victim who has fallen through the ice and must be rescued by three different methods — stick, rope and human chain. Ron Summers gets help from Bryan Schrem and other members of the Roadrunner Patrol, Troop 853, sponsored by Kettering PTA, Westland.



HOMEMADE SLEDS are required for "Chinook '72," the mid-winter event of the Boy Scout Sunset District, covering northwestern Wayne County.

## Hey, little guy . . .

## . . . welcome to the family.

WE KNOW HOW IT IS, BEING A LITTLE GUY. YOU HAVE GOOD DAYS AND BAD DAYS. WE HAVE THEM TOO. BUT, IF US LITTLE GUYS STICK TOGETHER, THERE'S A VERY GOOD CHANCE WE'LL MAKE EACH OTHER FEEL BETTER. IT'S WORTH A TRY. ISN'T IT? TUNE IN 1090 ON YOUR AM DIAL.

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**1090**  
more than you expected



FIRES WERE WELCOME in the below zero weather at Lower Huron Metro Park, and gathering around this cheery blaze were members of Livonia Troop 884 (Randolph PTA) and other Sunset District scouts.