



## MOON SPACEMEN WON'T EAT GREEN CHEESE



**FIRE THREATENS DOWNTOWN STORES:** Stores located on Main street near Pipestone street in downtown Benton Harbor were threatened Saturday when a fire broke out in the America's Best Steak House restaurant, 139 East Main. Smoke damage was reported in the Leath-Newland Furni-

ture company, Wilder's Book store and in the restaurant. Firemen said that the fire could have been very serious if they had arrived five minutes later. Main street was blocked and traffic diverted during the blaze. (Staff photo)

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## Restaurant Fire Smokes Up Stores In Downtown BH

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Businesses in a main section of downtown Benton Harbor were counting up losses today from smoke caused by a grease fire in a restaurant during the peak dinner hour Saturday.

Hardest hit was the Leath-Newland Furniture company, 151 East Main street, where retail inventory valued by firm officials at \$200,000 was threatened and damaged by the smoke. Also reporting heavy damage was Mi-Lady's Apparel Shoppe, 133 East Main. Part of an inventory valued at \$55,000 was involved, a shop official said.

Others affected were Wilder's Book store, 143 East Main; Fox's Jewelry, 129 East Main, and offices above the jewelry and wearing apparel shop.

Spokesmen for the furniture store said they would be open today only to receive payment on accounts. Firm executives and insurance adjusters would be inspecting the premises to determine extent of damage. The other firms, excluding the restaurant, reported they would be open for business as usual, while damages are assessed.

### DINERS FLED

The fire erupted in the America's Best Steak House restaurant, 139 East Main street, and forced an estimated 30-40 diners plus employees to flee. The restaurant is located in the southwest corner of the building which houses the furniture firm as well as Wilder's Book store.

Besides a first floor main entrance and showroom, the furniture store uses the entire second and third floors of the building. Heavy smoke damage occurred on the second and third floors, Benton Harbor firemen said.

"If we had arrived five minutes later," said Fire Dept. Capt. Harold Gaddies, "the fire could have been very serious."

One person, Norman Edmonds, 24, of 1126 Maynard drive, Benton Harbor, was

overcome by smoke and required treatment at Mercy hospital. He collapsed on the second floor of the structure.

Firemen were commended for their actions by both Fire Chief Ralph Hetherington and Richard Lawton, manager of the furniture store.

"The firemen did a fantastic job," stated Lawton. "They averted a major catastrophe by their prompt action."

Firemen said the fire occurred about 6 p.m. in the exhaust ductwork above a grill in the restaurant. It was confined to walls and ceiling around the duct and a portion of the roof. The duct runs from the ground floor to the roof where a fan pulls the fumes outward. Grease in the duct caught fire from the heat of the grill below, firemen said.

Capt. Gaddies said flames were shooting 15 feet high off the roof of the building when firemen arrived. The flames, he

said, came straight up the ductwork and spread to a 15 by 15 foot section.

### FIRE SPREAD

"At first we thought the flames were confined to the ductwork," said Capt. Gaddies. "But then we found it spread to the walls and ceiling."

Floor joists between the first and second levels above the restaurant were charred extensively, Gaddies commented.

Firemen were at the scene for three hours. Ceiling tile above the grill was removed to get to the spreading flames. Benton Harbor police blocked off Main street traffic at Pipestone and Sixth streets.

George Lianos, 4121 Rhinehart road, Stevensville, part-owner and manager of the restaurant, said he and two others were near the grill when flames came down the ductwork. He and a friend turned extinguishers on the flames while other employees called firemen.

The restaurant was opened Oct. 24, 1968, and is the latest in a chain of steakhouses owned primarily by Samuel Pappas, Lansing.

Lianos said he expects to reopen the restaurant by Friday or Saturday. Adjustors, he said, would inspect the losses today.

Lawton said he had left the furniture store about 15 minutes before the fire was reported. He said he had toured the second floor then and found no evidence of smoke or fire.

Ray Wilder, Benton township supervisor and owner of Wilder's Book store, said smoke damage in his store appeared slight. But he said he would know better after an inspection today.

Chief Hetherington commented, "I'm very proud of the men. The way the building is built, it is an old hotel. If the fire had gotten into the second and third floor, it really would have gone."



**WHERE FIRE OCCURRED:** Fire Chief Ralph Hetherington talks with firemen at grill in America's Best Steak House restaurant, 139 East Main, Benton Harbor, where fire broke out Saturday. Firemen removed a suspended ceiling and broke into the covering above to reach flames. Heavy smoke damage was reported to at least two nearby firms. (Staff photo)

## Whirlpool Announces Lunar Fare

### Local Industry Prepares Food For Apollo 11

When Apollo 11 astronauts land on the moon, they will be eating tasty, nutritious and varied meals supplied to NASA by the Life Support Division of the Twin Cities' Whirlpool Corporation.

Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin will spend about 24 hours on moon. Between the two exploratory and rest periods, they will eat two meals there.

Their first scheduled meal to be eaten on the moon will consist of bacon squares, peaches, sugar cookie cubes, pineapple grapefruit drink and coffee. The second meal will contain beef stew, cream of chicken soup, date fruitcake, grape punch and orange drink. In addition to the meals, other snack items such as dried fruit, candy, extra beverages, wet packs, sandwich spread, and bread will be included.

The food items are similar to the types used in previous Apollo missions: freeze-dried bite-size foods, those eaten directly from the package; and rehydratable freeze-dried foods, those foods which need to be reconstituted with water before eaten.

### EAT IN MODULE

Astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins will eat in the command module according to pre-planned menus and will also have pantry items which they can select at will.

The meals are referred to as Meal A, B or C and are identified to each astronaut by predetermined menu by means of a colored tab of "velcro" material. "Velcro" is a nylon hooked material which mates to a similar textured material on the spacecraft wall. Besides identifying the food, it acts as a holding device which keeps the food packs from floating in space.

Unlike other missions, Apollo 11 will carry pre-planned menus for only the first five days of the flight. For the duration of the flight, the astronauts may select individual food items from a pantry. Pantry items are foods which are not assembled by means but merely packaged in categories such as: Desserts, Beverages, Breakfast items, Bite-size Cubes and Salads and Meats. The pantry system enables the astronauts to select at random whatever food item they desire.

Other pantry items include: Rehydratable dessert items: banana pudding, butterscotch pudding, applesauce and chocolate pudding.

Rehydratable beverages: orange drink, orange grapefruit drink, pineapple grapefruit drink, grapefruit drink, grape drink, grape punch, cocoa and coffee.

**SNACK ITEMS**  
Bites: cheese cracker cubes, barbecue beef bites, chocolate brownies, brownies, date fruitcake, pineapple fruitcake, jellied fruitcake, jellied fruit candy and caramel candy.

Breakfast items: peaches, fruit cocktail, canadian bacon, bacon squares, sausage patties, sugar coated corn flakes, strawberry cubes, cinnamon toasted bread cubes, apricot cereal cubes and peanut cubes.

Salads and meats: salmon salad, tuna salad, cream of chicken soup, shrimp cocktail, spaghetti and meat sauce, beef pot roast, beef and vegetables, chicken and rice, chicken stew, beef stew and pork and scalloped potatoes.

## Fire Chars Restaurant In Benton

A grease fire Sunday at the Burger King drive-in on M-139 caused about \$1,000 damage to the drive-in's kitchen around the stove area, Benton Township Fire department reported. The Benton Harbor Fire department rescued a resident of the Harbor Towers who was trapped when an elevator in the building stuck between floors. Alva Osborne, 208 Harbor Towers, was stuck for 45 minutes before the city firemen could release him.



**MOON MEAL:** Whirlpool Corp. has announced the first scheduled meal to be eaten on the moon will consist of bacon squares, peaches, sugar cookie cubes, pineapple grapefruit drink and coffee. Whirlpool Corp. is preparing meals for the flight of Apollo 11 next month that is scheduled to include a landing on the moon.

## Sheriff, Deputy To Talk

### Officer Suspended Following Crash

A Berrien county sheriff's deputy suspended June 20 following an auto accident in which four persons were injured was scheduled today to meet with Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell.

Jewell said he would confer with Deputy Douglas Fishburn, 32, after reviewing details of the case with department officials. The sheriff said the suspension was for an indefinite period pending completion of his investigation.

Fishburn, a five-year-veteran of the force, is also scheduled to appear by 5 p.m. today before a Fifth District court magistrate, the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, on a traffic summons charging improper passing. The ticket was issued after the crash.

The deputy was suspended without pay after the squad car he was driving was involved in a crash with another car on Pipestone road near Lett road about a mile northwest of Eau Claire.

Two persons injured in the smashup remained in the hospital. They are Eldon Lewis Carper, 26, of 1200 East Empire avenue, Benton Harbor, and Charles Williams, 50, of the Ward Collins farm, Sodus.

Carper, driver of the other car, was reported in fair condition in Benton Harbor's Mercy hospital. He was admitted with internal injuries, broken ribs and facial scrapes.

**HOSPITAL ROUND**  
Williams, being transported in the squad car to Berrien General hospital when the crash occurred, received a back injury. He was reported in fair condition in the county hospital at Berrien Center.

Fishburn received cuts and bruises but was not hospitalized. The squad car was listed as a total loss.



EMERY A. RANTZ

## Accidents Hurt Three

**PAW PAW**—State police at the Paw Paw post reported that three persons, including two youths on a motorcycle, were injured Saturday night in traffic mishaps.

Troopers said a motorcycle, operated by Garth Prindle, 16, Lawton, went out of control on a curve and flipped over on 93rd street, west of M-119, about five miles southeast of Lawton. The accident occurred about 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

Prindle was listed in satisfactory condition at Lake View hospital, Paw Paw, while his passenger, Terry Molnar, 18, South Bend, Ind., was listed in fairly good condition at Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo. Officers said Prindle was ticketed for not having an operator's license.

Injured about 6 p.m. Saturday in a one-car accident on Red Arrow highway about two miles south of Hartland was James R. Drake, 32, Hartland, who was treated at Lake View hospital and released. Troopers said Drake told them he had passed another auto and lost control while coming back into his driving lane. The car rolled over. Police said Drake was cited for reckless driving.

## SJ Club Elects New Officers

### President Gets Job For Year

Blossomland Toastmasters have elected as president Emery A. Rantz, 45, of 1663 Bonny Bruce, Stevensville, a systems analyst at Whirlpool Co., and have voted to give him the job for a year.

Toastmaster clubs have the option of six month or year-long terms of office. Some have the shorter terms to give more members executive experience. Others have longer terms for club continuity.

### OTHERS ELECTED

Rantz succeeds Milton Weaver as president. Rantz moved up from the educational vice president's post. Other officers elected last week were Dick Johnson, educational vice president; Henry Rushing, administrative vice president; Wayne Hemingway, secretary; Lloyd Phillips, treasurer and Fred Cooper, sergeant-at-arms.

The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Red Rooster restaurant in St. Joseph at 6:15 p.m. Persons interested in joining can contact any officer for information or attend a club meeting. Advance reservations are not necessary.

**FORMERLY WITH BENDIX**  
Rantz is a life-long resident of the area. He was with the Hydraulics division of the Bendix Corp. for 13 years before joining Whirlpool a year-and-a-half ago. He is a 1942 graduate of St. Joseph high school.

He has been active in the Lakeshore Little League, Pack 63 Cub Scouts and the Roosevelt PTA.

He and his wife, the former Jean Urch of Benton Harbor, have two sons, Tim 11 and Mark 9.

## He Just Had To Have That Wine

DETROIT (AP) — A powerful thirst, an 89-cent bottle of wine and a twenty-minute wait proved too much for a customer who pulled a pistol Sunday morning so he could have his drink.

The man robbed the store after a clerk refused to sell him a bottle of wine at 11:40 a.m. — 20 minutes before the store legally is allowed to sell beer and wine under Sunday liquor laws, police said.

On leaving he promised to "pay for it tomorrow."

### Traffic Deaths

By Associated Press  
June 30 State Police Count:  
This Year 1,085  
Last Year 1,021

### BARODA

## Two Hurt In Collision

Two Baroda residents were admitted to St. Joseph Memorial hospital Sunday following a collision between their cars on Lemon Creek road, near Baroda.

Mrs. Audrey Somora, 54, was admitted for back injuries, and Dennis L. Schmaltz, 24, for a cut on his forehead.

No tickets were issued.



**SEE TODAY'S NEWS QUIZ**  
IT'S FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

## News Quiz Summer School For Students

Schools are out, but students and their parents can keep up their day to day education about the world around them right through the summer.

The daily newspaper continues its steady report on the community and world, regardless of the season.

To help you see if you are keeping up with steady flow of information during the vacation period, this newspaper presents its weekly News Quiz on Page 19 of today's paper.

The questions are varied and interesting. Today's Quiz, for instance, checks your knowledge about a space experiment, a holiday, a new French premier, and Britain's Prince