Most drivers wearing seat belts — poll

them and 5 percent were undecided or refused to answer, said Constance Soma, coalition poleswoman. "It's good to know that Michigan residents stand behind our efforts to

minimize traffic deaths and disa-bling injuries," Some said.

MICHIGAN BEGAN requiring drivers and front-seat passengers to buckle up on July 1, 1985. Officers can ticket them for not buckling up if their car is stopped for a primary traffic violation such as speeding.

Failure to comply can bring a \$15 fine.

In Farmington last year, the number of injury accidents fell 18 percent from 1983. The aumber of injury accidents fell 18 percent even though the number of accidents roos in percent.

"We noticed a gradual increase in total accidents and injury accidents werey year until 1980, "said Gary Goss, Farmington Department of Public Safety deputy director.

"Then number of severe injuries also has dropped. There were no fatal accidents in 1983, the addention of the sile of the solitors in 1983, the solitors in 1983, the solitors in 1983, the addention in 198

up before seal belts became manda-lory, 21 percent of those interviewed by Nordhans said always, 17 percent most of the time, 22 percent some-times, 17 percent seldem and 23 per-cent never, Soma said.

Now, 55 percent say they always backle up, 25 percent most of the time, 8 percent sometimes, 5 percent soldom, 5 percent never and 1 per-cent refused to say, Soma said.

Other studies, bowover, have

rosdways, the lowest Iatality rate in 15 years.

Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farming-ton Hills Police Department attribu-ied the decreases to Increased ticket writing and more drunk driving ar-rests by police and increased seat-belt use and wider alcohol aware-ness by molorists.

wess by motorists.
"We've stepped up enforcing traffic law at locations where accidents
are most likely to occur," he said:
"As a result, we're seeing not only a
drop in accident rates at these areas,
but a reduction in the severity of injury accidents."

jury accidents."

Elaborating on the value of seat belts, Officer Don Fradette of the Farmington Hills Police Department said: "Use of seat belts is always going to be a factor if for no other reason that simple injuries are going to be alleviated. A very simple accident tool turn into an injury accident if seat belts aren't worn."

FRADETTE SEES seat belt use FRADETTE SEES seat beit use steadily rising. "As each month goes by, more and more people are complying with the law, Seat beit use is becoming a more accepted fact, and I think the public is becoming more aware that wearing seat beits does curtail injuries."

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House Appropriations Committee
Chairman Dominic Jacobetti, DNegaunee, used his office holder account to pay his \$15 National Rifle
Association dues.

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Sen. Richard Fessler, R-Union
Lake, spent \$1,300 on photographic
services, bought flowers for funerals
and made contributions to more than
a dozen candidates for office. Money
for his GEF came from his campaign committee and some additional donations, including \$450 from
the Tobacce Institute, \$450 from
RJ. Reyandis Industries and \$450
from Philip Morris U.S.A.

THE SECRETARY of state has ruled the funds must not be used for personal benefit unrelated to holding

Most lawmakers who stepped down at the end of 1986 spent their OEF money before leaving office.

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cent refused to say, Soma said.

Other studies, however, have found lower rates of seat belt use in Michigan. University of Michigan transportation researchers, who observe drivers at various locations around the state every six months, found 47 percent of the drivers wearing seat belts in July 1986.

SOME OF the difference probably is because those interviewed by Nor-

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thaus gave answers they thought were appropriate, rather than reflecting actual seat belt inables. "People on the pione will say. That's what I should be doing," Some said.

Eighty percent of though mandatry seat belt use laws save a significant number of lutes. Nine percent say the laws don't save many lives and in percent aren't sure or won't say. Some said.

"The people of Michigan firinity believe that safety belt use laws are working," said Bob Van Dam, fordhaus president.

Van Dum said results of his rompany's telephone survey have a 4.5 percentage point margin of erry.

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Focus: expense accounts sage cost \$9,000, research for the State message \$4,000, and travel expenses for the Massachusetts consultant who did the work \$1,100, Blanchard's report showed. Blanchard also used the OEF to defray Christmass costs. The governor's official holiday greeting card cost \$13,507 to print, \$1,506 to address and \$47,800 for postage. None of that came out of tax money.

STATE SEN. Phil Arthurbultz, R-Whitehall, was among well-traveled legislators last year, but his disclo-sure report does not say where he

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for himself and his staff.
Sen. Basil Brown, D-Highland
Park, reported spending \$226 on
football tickets at Michigan State
University and the University of
Michigan; \$500 for "campaign sup-

Brotherton, on the other hand, pent about \$1,000-\$1,500. "Frankly, spent about \$1,000-\$1,000. it's mostly for donations, maga-

it's mostly for donations, maga-tines."

The Farmington Republican spent his GEF movey buying tickets for fund-raising activities or as dona-tions to the Farmington Community Center, Right to Life of Michigan and the Michigan Republican Com-multies, for example. Brotherton has also used his GEF to purchase books ty-or magazines and to occasionally pay for postage.

"Actually, you can do without it," Brotherton said. "I don't use it for baseball, football tickets or the coun-try club. But there are times when you need to take someone out of din-per and you've doing it because you are as state of Ticket.

But it (OEF spending) shouldn't be overdone," Brotherton said, adding that spending \$5,000, like many leg-islators have, is far too much.

LEGISLATORS SHOULD remember they have expense accounts that can cover many costs, and still other expenses are tax deductible, Brotherton said.

Secretary of State Richard Austin has ruled the funds must not be used for personal benefit unrelated to holding office. Attorney General Frank Relley has said officials can't take leftover money when they leave office, but he hasn't ruled yet on what they legally can do with the money.

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Not all lawmakers and state officials have been frugal with their OEFs.

Gov. James Blanchard's OEF bought a lot. He reported spending more than 1987,124 in privately raised money last year. Of that, more than \$35,00 was used for travel for the governor, his wife, Paula, and staff members.

Another \$76,000 was used for official receptions. A survey related to the annual State of the State mes-

Head count to be taken

Continued from Page 1

Enumerators will also double-check information with a random contact of about 40 households in each district, comprised of 1,000-2,500 residents. Final census results are expected to be compiled and available in lane.

If the city's population has in-

If the city's population has in-creased is percent—as projected — since 1980, Farmington Hills could receive additional state money in the last three years of the decade. A certified population increase also will increase the city's quota of population-based liquor licenses available through the state.

No-smoking signs offered

In response to Michigan's new
"Clean Indoor Air Act," which took
effect Jan. 1, 1987, the American
Heart Association is offering limited
quantities of "smoking is prohibited
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"signs free to individuals and businesses.

The signs are 11-by-14 inches and state (as required by law; "Similing is prohibited except in designated smoking areas persuant to Part 126 of the Public Health Code, P.A. 358 cities of Michigan is a 15410 13 Mile, Lathrup Village, call 537-2500. Posting of such signs is required by law to establish non-smoking as the norm in public places. The law states: "An individual shall not smoke in a public place or at a meeting of a public body, except in a designated smoking area."

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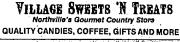
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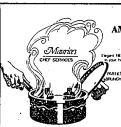
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