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Bad Records Take 46,000 Off Highways

LANSING -- The number of drivers "taken off" Michigan roads for bad records is shattering all previous records, a nine-month report from the Michigan Department of State has revealed.

"I put the words 'taken off' in quotes because in many instances suspensions and revocations are not a strong deterrent to keeping motorists from driving," said Secretary of State James M. Hare.

"Even though 1969 promises to eclipse last year's nearly 52,000 license actions against drivers in the state, there is no guarantee that these drivers are not operating vehicles illegally," notes Hare.

HE SAID THIS was the principal reason that he was so interested in a new Michigan law... Public Act 197 effective November 15... which the courts may use to impound vehicles of drivers convicted of driving while suspended or revoked.

"I have high hopes that it will succeed where other measures have failed," Hare said. "A person can't drive if he doesn't have a vehicle to drive in."

During the first nine months of 1968, more than 46,000 drivers have already been hit by cancellations, revocations, suspensions, revocations based on failure to appear in court, restrictions of driving privileges, referrals to country driver safety schools, and denial of licensing privileges.

While driver improvement actions against licenses were at a high ebb, other activities of the driver improvement operation of the Michigan Department of State were also running.

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Schoolcraft Sets Plans For Apprentice Program

Winter semester registration plans for the Schoolcraft College Related Instruction program for industrial apprentices have been announced by Ronald J. Montefiore, apprenticeship coordinator at the college.

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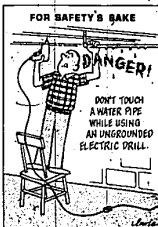
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The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

HOW TO WINTER MUMS: What's the best way to keep garden mums over winter? One reason why mums die over winter is not cold, but water building up around the roots. More mums winter kill in heavy clay soils than in sandy ones.

The reason water builds up around the base, excluding oxygen and the plants suffocate. Another reason: heavy duty water to freezing and thawing will actually lift plants out of the ground, breaking roots and killing the plants.

Here are a few tricks to try for overwintering your mums: (1) Dig the clumps up and place them along the foundation of your house. Cover the roots with a little soil and keep them somewhat moistened to prevent them from completely drying out.

(2) Or you can dig up the clumps and place them in a cold frame. Pack them close together and keep the soil slightly dampened. On rainy days in winter, open the sash a bit to prevent sunburning. In spring, you can separate the clumps and start new plants by divisions or cuttings.

(3) Or you can dig the plants up and place them on top of the ground. Cover with cornstarch, evergreen boughs, or coarse straw. Do not cut the tops off the plants. Leave them on to catch falling leaves and snow, which help protect the plants.

CARE OF FLORIST AZALEAS: Be sure to bring your azaleas indoors before hard frost. Store plant in a cool (40 to 50 degrees F.) light place, such as a sun porch or bedroom. Water enough to keep soil from drying out completely.

In January or February, bring plant in to a sunny window, temperature about 60 degrees and increase the watering.

Feed with a liquid plant food such as 23-19-17, and you should get blooms in about five weeks. Key to repeat blooming each year is cool period in fall so buds can develop.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "I dug up our geraniums and brought them indoors. Plants are three feet tall. How can we start new ones for next year?"

Answer: Take cuttings (4

inches long) and insert them into a box of moist sand, sand-peat mixture, perlite, or vermiculite. These will root in 3 or 4 weeks. After that pot them up in a soil mixture of 1/3 each sand, peat and loam. The mother plants can be cut back about half way and these too will bush out into respectable specimens by the time spring rolls around.

If the leaves on your geraniums turn yellow and drop off, blame it on high temperature, overwatering, poor drainage or lack of light.

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If you may be moving interstate this year, and your previous moves were local ones, you will pay to take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the difference between the two kinds of moves to prevent needless misunderstandings later.

The most significant differences between local and interstate moves, according to a leading nationwide moving firm, are the following:

The cost of a local move is usually determined by the man-hours involved with a fixed charge for travel time. The cost of moving to another state is determined by the weight of your load and the company's rate per hundred-weight for the distance traveled.

Local moving companies are generally licensed and regulated by State public service agencies or a utilities commission. Interstate carriers are licensed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, a Federal agency, which sets many of the conditions under which they may operate.

The companies file rates with the I.C.C. Once the rate is on file the movers cannot charge any more of less. Beware of "flat" rates! They are illegal, and no reputable movers will quote them.

A QUESTION frequently asked by families moving long distance for the first time is, "how do I know that the weight of my shipment will be accurate and that the charges will be

fair?" Before your shipment is loaded, the vehicle must be weighed by a certified weighmaster at a certified scale with a full gasoline tank and all pads, rope, dollies and other equipment.

The net weight of your shipment is determined by weighing the vehicle again after your shipment has been loaded and the previous weight is deducted.

If you request it, the carrier will notify you by telephone or telegram of the weight of your shipment and the charges as soon as they have been determined. They may or may not be at the carrier's expense. But, if the actual charges exceed the estimate by 10 per cent or \$25, whichever is greater, the carrier must immediately notify you of the amount of the actual charges of his expense.

If you question the weight reported by the carrier, you may request that the shipment be reweighed. This will be done where it is practicable to do so. There may be a charge for reweighing, if the difference between the two net weights is less than 100 pounds (on 5,000 pounds or less shipments) or less than two per cent of the lower net weight (on 5,000 pound plus shipments).

Other information on how you are protected by I.C.C. regulations is provided in two brochures. The first, "Important Notice to Shippers of Household Goods," should be handed to you when the mover's representative visits you to make an estimate. The second, "General Information for Shippers of Household Goods," is given to you by the mover when you order a move.

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