

**U. OF M. REPORTS
OVER MILLION
PEOPLE HELPED**

More than 1,440,000 people in Michigan benefited from the educational and other services of the University of Michigan last year, according to a recent report of Dr. Frank E. Robbins, assistant to the President of the University. Dr. Robbins listed 63,163 individuals who were directly reached by the University as students, attendants at institutes and short courses, or patients in the University Hospital and clinics. In addition to these, he estimated that 37,363 were somewhat less directly affected by University functions, besides 1,000,000 listeners to the University's 405 educational broadcasts. In all 1,441,526 were reached. In these calculations, Dr. Robbins pointed out, it was not possible to make allowance for countless other services, the work of the Pasteur Institute and the Hygienic Laboratory, the State Highway Laboratory at the University, the effect of the investigations of various research de-

partments, and the many helpful answers to inquiries given every day by faculty members to citizens of Michigan. "Doubtless the truth is," Dr. Robbins concluded, "that there is no corner of the State, and hardly a person living therein, that the University of Michigan fails to reach in one way or another in the course of the year." Nearly 20,000, including extension course students, took courses for credit toward a degree. Institutes of various kinds drew 3,993 individuals to the University campus during the year. Nearly 30,000 were registered at the University Hospital, while 4,200 were treated at the dental clinics. Over 368,000 people were reached by the extension programs in addition to the University's 405 educational broadcasts. About 10,000, besides students, attended various concerts.

**DRIVERS WARNED
OF EARLY MORNING
FROST ON ROAD**

Motorists taking to Michigan's hard-surfaced roads early in the morning have been warned by

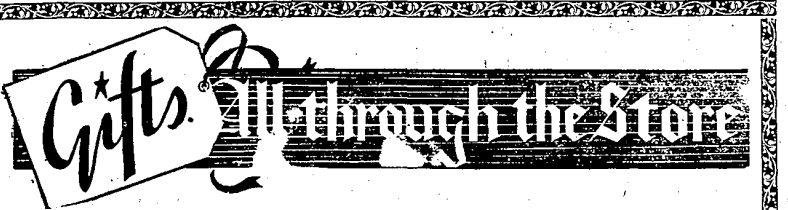
State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener against "frost skidding." The commissioner explained maintenance crews would not stand roads to eliminate the hazard since it disappears. In the absence of snow and ice, in the first few minutes of sunlight. "A road may look safe because it shows only hoar-frost," Van Wagener said, "but that thin film of exceptionally slippery frost is a distinct threat to the motorist who depends on it for a braking surface or to hold his car from skidding on abrupt turns. Sanding of roads by maintenance crews already have begun in some parts of the state where early ice and snow warranted."

**RADIO PROGRAM
TO FURTHER
SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

Radio programs in furtherance of its safety education campaign have been inaugurated by the Michigan Department of State. Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, announces that safety talks are presented every Monday at 7:55 p. m. over WMLC and at 6:30 p. m. over WEXL. A fifteen minute safety program is presented every Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock over WSKXI, the ultra high frequency station on the Penobscot Building. Short announcements are made during the Rolling Home Hour, a program for drivers, at 6 p. m. over CKLW, each day. Mr. Kelly reports that members of his staff are devoting their own time to the safety drive and that the department's efforts to make Michigan highways the safest highways will not entail a cent of expense to the state. Capable speakers are available for safety talks to school and adult groups. Arrangements for a speaker can be made by calling Madison 6625 or addressing a letter to the Secretary of State's office, 5800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

**Large Number of New
Trees Planted in State**

More than 14,000,000 young trees were planted, on 17,695 acres of state forest land in the past year, 60 per cent of them in the spring and the remainder in the fall planting season just ended by cold weather in the forest regions. While not a record, the year's plantings compare favorably with those of recent years. Production at the department of conservations nurseries reached 16,503,000 trees. Of this number 16,203,000 were white, Norway and Jack pines raised at the Higgins Lake nursery, and 1,754,000 were other coniferous species and trees and shrubs raised at the Hardwood nursery at Boyne Falls. Trees from the Hardwood nursery were used in plantings in state parks, about fish hatcheries, in state game areas and in experimental forest plantings. Letters to the editor are always welcome by this newspaper.



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**FIREMEN WARN OF
FIRE HAZARD AT
CHRISTMAS TIME**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen was extensively damaged by fire last night. Mr. and Mrs. A. Citizen, in preparation for the Christmas holidays, had gaily decorated their home with the conventional red and green tissue paper and tinsel. The living room light fixture was covered with colored tissue paper and celluloid reflectors and paper streamers ran to all corners of the room. The heat generated by the bulbs in the electric fixture caused the flimsy paper to ignite, which spread rapidly to all parts of the room. The Christmas tree, drapes, curtains and furniture were soon a roaring inferno. The local Fire Department responded and confined the damage to the first floor. The loss was partially covered by insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen and family were fortunate to have escaped without injury. You are probably saying to yourself, "It's too bad," and "A little more thoughtfulness might have prevented the fire!" BUT did you stop to realize that it might have been your name that you read instead of Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen? Don't take chances when you decorate your home for the Holidays. See that all decorating material is as near fire-proof as possible. Be sure all your Christmas tree lights are in perfect condition. Defective sockets and bare wires can cause fires. Keep all metallic tinsel from coming in contact with the metal base of the Christmas tree bulbs. Reflectors that fit around the bulbs should be properly insulated. A small spark or short-circuit can turn your Christmas tree into a mass of flames. Don't place pine branches near an open fireplace. Never use candles on the tree, they look pretty, but are exceedingly dangerous. Avoid placing inflammable material, such as cellophane, tissue paper and celluloid ornaments against an electric light bulb. Leave plenty of air space between the bulb and material. All outdoor lighting should be weather-proof. Use only approved cords and appli-

ances. It is dangerous to place extension and lamp cords under rugs. Never insert more than a 15 ampere fuse in a branch circuit. If in doubt, call your local light and power company.

When unwrapping Christmas gifts, dispose of the used paper in the stove or furnace as soon as possible as it is a distinct hazard, especially if there are careless smokers around. And above all, don't let a little carelessness deprive you and your family of a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The above article is one of a series sponsored by the Oakland County Firemen's Association. Your co-operation will be appreciated by the Farmington fire department.

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