

# It'll Take Less Booze To Nab Drunk Driver

Drinking and driving will become even more risky when blood alcohol level for determining drunkenness will be lowered to .10 per cent in Michigan effective Friday, March 30.

The current level used for determining if a driver is under the influence of intoxicating liquor is .15 per cent.

The lowered alcohol level is an amendment to the state's implied consent law which provides that drivers have given their consent to a chemical test if they are arrested for drinking and driving.

UNDER THE NEW law, drivers whose blood alcohol level is .07 per cent or less will not be considered under the influence of liquor while those between .07 and .10 per cent will be considered impaired. The blood alcohol levels have been verified as reliable measures of a driver's reaction to alcohol he consumed.

Six ounces of alcohol (or six beers) consumed within an hour by a 160-pound motorist will cause the blood alcohol level to reach .10, according to

Richard R. Dann, executive vice president of the Automobile Club of Michigan. Eight drinks cause it to reach .15.

The rate of alcohol absorption into the blood stream also depends on the rate of consumption and how much the drinker has eaten.

"MICHIGAN NOW has a better chance to cut the number of car fatalities caused by drinking drivers, by insuring that police, prosecutors, judges and juries work together to protect the 95 per cent of drivers who never get behind the wheel after drinking enough to get to .10 and the majority who never get to even .05 and drive," Dann said.

Drinking drivers are involved in more than half of all fatal accidents, Dann said, urging better enforcement of the new law.

According to Auto Club investigations, 25,000 persons were arrested in 1971 for drunk driving, but more than 50,000 drinking drivers were involved in more than 100,000 reported personal injury and fatal accidents.

Of those arrested for drunk driving at the .15 level, only half were found guilty as charged, Dann said. Another 25 per cent are found guilty of reduced charges such as impaired, reckless or careless driving. The remaining 25 per cent were either acquitted or some other action was taken.

IF A DRIVER has his license revoked by the Secretary of State, he can appeal the decision through the State Circuit Court license appeal system. Secretary of State figures indicate that 70 to 80 per cent of the bad drivers who appeal to the courts have their licenses restored, Dann said.

"Most judges say they restore a license because of the hardship its loss means to the driver and his family," Dann said. "Auto Club feels that returning a drinking driver to the road for that reason or giving him a sentence that is not meaningful, is unfair to the 95 per cent of motorists who never reach the .10 blood alcohol level."

The breathalyzer is operated by officers who are

trained and recertified annually. Qualifications are established by the Michigan Dept. of Public Health.



HURRY, HURRY ... That's the message from Automobile Club of Michigan to passenger car owners who haven't purchased their 1972 license plate tabs. Elaine Palomiti tips her hat to remind motorists that March 31 is the final day for displaying license plates without the '72 tabs. Elaine points to the proper location for the tab -- the lower right corner of the rear license plate.

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## Bill Would Aid Viet Veterans

Dependents of Vietnam veterans killed or missing in action or prisoners of war will have the opportunity of obtaining a free education in any state supported university or college through a bill introduced by Sen. William Faust (D-Westland).

The bill also provided a 10 per cent discount on college instructional and general fees for veterans with honorable discharges who have served at least nine months in Vietnam.

"This measure will provide educational benefits for the children of Michigan servicemen who so gallantly served their country," Faust said. "It will also provide constructive financial support to veterans who wish to further their education."

"The cost of a college education today is staggering and the children of Vietnam veterans should not be deprived or hindered from obtaining a higher education because of no parent to provide financial help," Faust added.

## Grandview To Organize

An organizational meeting of Clatsville's Grandview Elementary School Parents Club will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in the school. Officers will be nominated at the meeting. One of the purposes of the Parents Club is to be a "rap session" for parents.



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## LNB Promotes 4 Executives

The Livonia National Bank recently announced the promotion of four employees.

Floyd S. Jarvi, of 7628 Merriman, Westland, was advanced to vice president from assistant vice president. Jarvi has been with the bank since 1963 and is responsible

for all the accounting functions.

William F. Eichhorn of 36118 Canyon, Westland, was made an assistant vice president. An LNB employee since 1969, Eichhorn is a credit analyst in the commercial loan department. He is currently studying

advance credit techniques at the bank's Detroit correspondent, Michigan Bank.

David L. Griffin of 33156 John Hawk, Garden City was also made assistant vice president. A Livonia banker since 1964, he previously

managed other branches. He is a loan officer in the commercial loan department.

Donald P. Schneider of Stockbridge was manager of the Plymouth - Wayne Road office and was made vice president. He is a credit analyst in the commercial loan department.

## Anti-Poverty Funds Voted By County

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The funds will be used to hire an administrative staff for the program which is expected to qualify for at least \$1 million in federal funding.

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