

TRAFFIC DEATHS CLIMB TO 170 IN SEPTEMBER

The traffic death toll in Michigan climbed to 170 during September, an average of nearly six persons each day.

The total was an increase of 20 over the number killed in the same month last year and was the highest September fatality record since 1941. It was also the second consecutive month in which the death trend was upward. From April through July there had been a decrease.

In addition to those killed, the State Police monthly statistical report shows that 3,321 persons were injured during September, an average of 123 each day, and 12,002 accidents were reported. An average of 400 a day. Compared with the same month last year, injuries increased eight per cent and accidents were up 12 per cent.

All of the fatality increase occurred in rural areas, mostly on trunkline highways. Urban deaths decreased. The four-day Labor Day week end accounted for 37 of the deaths.

A special study revealed that most of the deaths could have been avoided had drivers and pedestrians used more care and observed the rules of the road. Most common driver violations included driving too fast for conditions, disregarding warning signs and stop signals, improper passing, driving on the wrong side of the road and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Figures for the first nine months of the year show 1,000 persons killed, 29,555 injured and 192,251 reported accidents. Compared with the same period last year, deaths decreased 16 or two per cent, injuries increased 446 or two per cent, and reported accidents were up 1,322 or one per cent.

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Know Your Farmington Merchant . . . Says Clean The Streets And Light The Stores For Better Business

Cleaner streets and better illuminated shops is Harley B. Walters' suggestion for improving business in Farmington. He also stated that better lighting in Farmington's business places would improve the area.



HARLEY B. WALTERS

proves his own business — that of supplying electricity to some 7,000 customers in Farmington, Novi and part of Southfield Townships.

And Mr. Walters should know his business — he's been at it for 23 years. Originally starting as a part of the Detroit Edison station in Farmington, Walters was a serviceman way back in '26, when paved roads were visions and a blipping post was the closest thing to a parking meter. Except for a short stay in Birmingham, Mr. Walters has been at Farmington ever since he started work for the Edison Company.

He was born in Farmington about where Earl Vivier's Oldsmobile garage is now. He attended Farmington High School and graduated in 1924. Two years later, on November 3, he married Miss Lucille Burt, a Redford girl he met one night at a dance at the Town Hall. The Walters now have two children, Valery, 20, (now Mrs. Daniel Stadler), and Gary, 13, who is in the eighth grade at Farmington school.

Mr. Walters' job in Farmington is primarily one of being Detroit Edison's contact with local customers.

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era. He is the man who hears the complaints and dots out aceries, who answers questions, inspects repairs, worries out right-of-way, and generally rides herd for the Farmington area.

When he isn't busy Edsoning, Mr. Walters likes to fish. He's especially proud of a week he put in at Houghton Lake last summer. "That was the right week," he said. "Usually the fish were biting last week, or they'll bite the week after you leave. But we just hit it right that time."

The Edison manager is a member of the local Kiwanis Club, the Methodist Church, and the Masons. And if he's ever a dinner guest of yours — remember he likes steak and chicken, but is prejudiced against cooked onions.

Rural Education Meet Scheduled At U. Of M.

A six-state conference on rural education will be held at the University of Michigan November 28 to 30.

The Great Lakes Conference on Rural Life and Education, which is an annual event, this year will take as its theme "Winning Rural Communities Through Better Rural Schools". Approximately 400 persons are expected to attend, and anyone interested in rural education may enroll for the conference.

Feuding Senators — Washington's bumptious Senator Cain, a Republican, tried to make political capital on the senate floor over a \$235 check paid by a group of universities to Senator Magnuson, a Democrat, also from Washington. The money covered Magnuson's travel expenses to New Orleans for a speaking engagement sponsored by the universities.

What Senator Cain didn't mention is that he, too, has kept a few speaking engagements — has

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Isolationist Nevada — Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, called a group of senators the other day to vote against an amendment by Sen. George Malone, Nevada Republican . . . "Let's get out there and vote," stated Connally. "I don't know what it's about, but it was offered by Malone. So I'm against it." . . . Many senators feel the same way.

Unhappy Hindu — Prime Minister Nehru of India is irked at the state department for the man-killing tour of the U.S.A. they've arranged. During his 20-day stay he will see virtually nothing but banquet tables, formal receptions and luncheons. What he really wanted was a chance to get acquainted with the plain people of the United States so he could decide how India should line up in the future. But the state department disregarded this and arranged for 30 formal parties during the 26 days.

Number one test in your soil management program is keeping a regular check on lime reaction. This test should be made once every rotation. Michigan State College soil scientists say it's best to make it a year ahead of the legume seeding so that lime, when needed, can be applied well in advance of the seeding.

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Fish Population Grows At Augusta

Fifteen years ago Augusta Creek running through the Kellogg Forest produced no fishing and no trout. This year, according to Walter Lemmen, Michigan State College forester who is in charge of that forest, 359 trout were caught by 580 fishermen who spent close to 3,000 hours fishing on the stream during the season.

He cites that the installation of various barriers and cover has caused trout to stay in the stream and breed there. A total of 2,150 trout were planted in the stream during the season and the catch this year represented 40 per cent of the plant considerably above the Michigan stream average. The study was part of a research project of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station to determine how streams can be improved.

While a large number of trout are still evident in the stream, Lemmen believes many of the trout that were planted were caught by predators or have moved up or down stream beyond the forest.

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