

# DECEMBER WORST TRAFFIC MONTH, 1952 WORST YEAR

The highest monthly traffic toll in the history of the state was recorded in December when 1,716 persons were killed and 5,132 injured, a total of 5,297 casualties.

The record also made 1952 the worst year with 50,331 casualties divided into 1,716 deaths and 48,615 injuries, and some delayed reports are yet to be tabulated. The previous all-time high was in 1951 with 50,055 injuries and deaths.

The figures are contained in the State Police monthly statistical report. Among other things, the report disclosed surprisingly enough that although there was an increase in casualties there was a decrease in accidents in December of 1952. The total for the month was 17,345, a drop of 2,547, or 13 per cent, under the previous year's December total of 19,829, the highest ever reported in a single month.

This was attributed largely to weather conditions. December weather in 1952 was unseasonably clear and motorists were able to drive at high speeds, which in turn accounted for greater severity in accidents. The heavy snow that accompanied December of 1951 tended to hold down driving speeds considerably, but resulted in more accidents of less severity.

Compared with 1951, the record for 1952 shows an increase of 76 deaths, or five per cent, over the 1,440 of the previous year. Injuries increased 759, or two per cent, over 47,856. Accidents totaled 159,429, a decline of 15,388, or nine per cent, under 174,808, the all-time record.

The death toll for 1952 was the fifth highest ever, reported and 70 per cent of the deaths occurred in rural areas — another new record.

Estimated travel in the state during the first 11 months of 1952, the latest information available, was 23 billion miles. This was less than one per cent more than the total mileage during the same period in 1951, but the death rate of 7.1 per 100 million miles of travel was three per cent higher than the 5.9 rate for the same period of the previous year.

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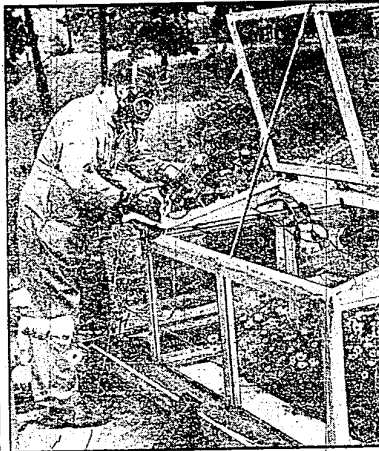
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## WEST POINT PARK

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lindsay of Loveland Avenue had their two children, Ann Augusta and David Wallace, baptized in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Detroit last Sunday.

Mrs. Erwin Bohlinger of Mayfield Avenue is still a patient undergoing treatment at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. Thursday she was visited by her husband and her daughter Beverly. Mrs. J. C. Dunham of Farmington Road and her niece, Mrs. Krone, also visited her.

Mrs. V. C. Reddy, Mrs. George Houtt and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunham were all Detroit visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Block from Halsted Road were calling at the Emerson Ault home on Mayfield Avenue last Monday.

Mrs. Christina Rehahn of Mayfield Avenue visited relatives in Wayne Thursday evening. J. C. Dunham of Farmington Road is spending a few days of this week in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, where he is being treated for injuries sustained in a fall last September.

Mrs. Edward Bruggman from Norway was visiting with her mother, Mrs. Grace Simpson, on Mayfield Avenue Thursday morning.

Thursday morning, Mrs. M. E. Ault called on her sister, Mrs. John Ackerman, in Dearborn. Mr. Ackerman is just now quite ill in Veterans Hospital. Later, Mrs. Ault visited with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Hunter, on Burt Avenue in Detroit.

Mrs. Martin Brettmeyer of Seven Mile Road is enjoying a vacation in California.

Mrs. E. W. Stange of Mayfield Avenue entertained a group of her neighbors at a Stanley party last Thursday afternoon. Dessert luncheon was served at the beginning.

Mrs. John Allen was awarded a prize at the pleasant affair. Fourteen ladies were present.

Mrs. Grattop, from near Traverse City, has been spending the

winter with her son, A. Grattop and his family, on Mayfield Avenue.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brockman of Seven Mile Road are reported on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tallman of Mayfield Avenue visited relatives in Cass City last Sunday.

Mrs. Tallman's sister, Mrs. Ethel Starr, returned with them and has been a guest at the Tallman home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Seven Mile Road are grandparents again. At St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac, on February 9, a seven-pound eleven ounce daughter, Susan Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith of Farmington Road.

At her home on Farmington Road, Miss Carol Lee Shauler entertained a very pretty and well-arranged stork shower to Mrs. Arthur Tounsgant on a recent evening. Mrs. Tounsgant is the former Orene Rutanah. Sixteen guests were present. Bunco provided entertainment. In the absence of the honored lady, to whom a four pound eleven ounce daughter, Karen Lorraine, was born on February 15, the lovely gifts were received by the new grandmother, Mrs. Walter Rutanah.

Residents of this community have learned with regret on the death, February 15, of Mrs. McLean, widow of Dr. John McLean, who for many years lived on Seven Mile Road. Mrs. McLean had lately resided in Detroit.

Mrs. Lawrence Smith on Lumbertville is a house guest of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Jennings on Norfolk.

Mrs. John Varhol of Shadydale Avenue was visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Ring, in Detroit Friday evening. A birthday celebration was in order for Mrs. Ring.

Mrs. E. W. Stange of Mayfield Avenue reports that her daughter, Mrs. William Griffith, who has been seriously ill in Wyandotte Hospital, is now greatly improved and has returned to her home.

At his home on Shadydale Avenue, a family celebration honored the birthday of Russell Ault on February 27.

Mrs. Andrew Wedge of Farmington Avenue entertained her W.S. C.S. group from the Clearville Methodist Church last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Austin Ault of Brentwood Avenue attended a Red Cross workers' meeting in Detroit last Friday.

Erwin Bohlinger of Mayfield Avenue was visiting relatives in West Branch last week-end. Our draft board has lately been very busy. Edward Stange, Jr., of Mayfield Avenue, is one of those who received questionnaires this week. David Grattop of Mayfield Avenue was among the young men called to report for a medical examination Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Throne of Ypsanti and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reed from South Lyon were in the neighborhood Thursday evening to visit with the parents of the ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault on Brentwood Avenue and to attend the big party honoring Mrs. Wheeler at Bentley High that evening.

At her home on Hugo Avenue last Tuesday evening, Mrs. Dave Seibert honored several school-girl friends, some of whom she had not seen for thirteen years. Place cards, featuring old snapshots of guests, were at each place setting at the delectable supper.

Present were Mrs. Carol Donahill, Miss Mary Davis and Mrs. Phyllis Brown, from Detroit, and Mrs. Evelyn Donaldson from Riverdale.

## Check Septic Tank Cleaner License

Before hiring someone to clean your septic tank, make sure he is authorized to operate in Michigan, the state health department advises home owners.

Septic tank cleaners are required by law to obtain a license each year from the state health commissioner, and to be bonded for the period covered by the license.

The license is issued only after investigation shows the applicant can conduct the business of cleaning and servicing septic tanks in a manner not detrimental to the public health. Purpose of the bond is to protect the property owner against damage or faulty workmanship.

Septic tank cleaners must also obtain a special license for each vehicle used for carrying wastes, and to display on both sides of each such vehicle, "MDH License" and the number of the license.

The best safeguard for the home owner against property damage and unsanitary practices is to make sure he obtains the services of a licensed cleaner. If the cleaner is unable to produce a state health department license, get the name or the number of his regular license plate issued by the Secretary of State and report this information immediately to the local health department in the area or to the state health department in Lansing.

Licensed plumbers do not need a special license to service or clean septic tanks, but they are required to have the special license for vehicles used to transport wastes.

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## FOLLOW THEMES OF SAFETY RULES SAY STATE POLICE

"You can't go wrong if you follow the advice given in the theme of the new national traffic safety campaign, 'Know and obey the traffic laws,'" according to Sergeant Henry F. Kozowicz, commander of the Detroit post of the Michigan State Police.

"That's the title selected by the National Safety Council and a good one it is," said Sergeant Kozowicz. "And the campaign slogan fits right in, 'Don't learn traffic rules by accident.'"

In Michigan the campaign is sponsored by the State Safety Commission, which includes the state and county police organizations as well as safety organizations and others.

"Just knowing the traffic rules is not enough," Sergeant Kozowicz noted. "You've got to obey them. Even the simplest and the most thoughtless violator causes just as bad a smashup as does the deliberate, reckless driver. And seven out of every ten fatal accidents are the result of violations on the part of one or more drivers."

Last year 49,000 persons were killed or injured on Michigan streets and highways. That's equal to the population of a good sized city. There were 165,000 accidents.

"The only sure way we have at present to reduce this terrible toll is by drivers themselves being more faithful in obeying the rules of the road. If every driver practiced courtesy, caution and common sense we wouldn't have these accidents. He should not only know his job, but keep his mind on doing it the right way. That's his best guarantee of staying out of trouble."

## Obituaries

**Ruth Stolk**  
Mrs. Ruth Stolk of 28021 Long Avenue passed away March 7 at the age of 47 after many months of illness.

Besides her husband, Clarence, she leaves four children, Thelma Ann, Francis, Frederick of California, and Dr. Harry Stolk; and one grandchild. Also surviving are two brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Van Valkenburg Funeral Home and interment was at the Oak View Cemetery in Royal Oak.

**Baby LaForge**

Charles Arthur LaForge, Jr., passed away suddenly March 9, 1953, at the residence of the parents at 21107 Inkster Road.

He was born January 2, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Charles Arthur and Norma (Heckman) LaForge, Sr.

Besides his parents, he leaves one sister, Kandes Ann; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William LaForge of Farmington, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heckman of Southfield.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer J. Heene Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Victor P. Jaboth of Grace Lutheran Church, Redford Township, officiating.

Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Alex Duhring of 19 West Woodward in Ecorse passed away at his home on Monday, March 9. He was 85 years of age and his widow is 80; the couple had been married for 63 years.

Mr. Duhring is the father of Mrs. Elizabeth Tilley of Shawwassee Avenue in Farmington. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this writing.

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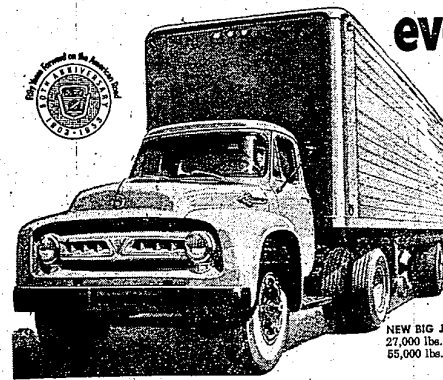
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