

Michigan Teen-Age Drivers Urge Stronger Operator's License Laws

Stronger laws for getting and keeping drivers' licenses and more emphasis on driver education were among top recommendations passed by the first Michigan teenage driver safety conference, held at Michigan State College's Kellogg Center.

Approximately 200 Michigan teenagers passed seven pages of resolutions, including those two, at their first two-day session on the MSC campus. The young drivers recommended that present laws governing the use of restricted driver licenses between the ages of 15 and 16 be more strictly interpreted, and that such permits be issued only after sufficient showing of real necessity.

At the same time, the teenagers recommended that "license" of new drivers and examination for renewal of licenses be made more rigid and complete than is presently the case.

The young drivers said that every high school in the state should be required to provide a driver training course and each applicant for an original Michigan driver's license should successfully complete an accredited driver training course.

At this time, the conference turned down suggestions that minimum age for unrestricted licenses be raised from 16 to 17 years and the minimum age for restricted licenses be raised from 15 to 16 years.

More responsibility when a violation occurs also was sought for

P.T.A. CONGRESS PLANS MEETING AT BERKLEY

On Thursday, April 8, the Berkeley area P. T. A. will be the hosts to the District Workshop of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, District No. 7, All P. T. A. members of Oakland County are invited to attend this important affair, which will be held at the Berkeley Community Church, 11151st and Kipling Avenues in Berkeley.

The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Mrs. George W. McCord, director of District No. 7, presiding. The morning will be devoted to the state chairman, who will conduct most of the class. There will be no workshop classes at the state convention this year - only at the district workshops.

Luncheon will be served at noon with Mrs. Gaylord Knudsen, president of Berkeley Area Council, presiding. The afternoon will be devoted to legislation. An interesting panel "Building the Future Through Good Legislation" will be presented with Mr. Otto Yntema as the moderator. Mr. Yntema is the director of adult education and extension at the Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo.

The members on the panel will be Mrs. Harry E. King, president of the M. C. P. T. A.; Mr. Clifford Smart, superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools; and Mrs. Nevin Bean, Parent Education, M. C. P. T. A.

Reservations can be made by contacting Mrs. Perry Merchant, 2524 Cummins, Berkeley, and Mrs. George Chute, 13112 Kingston, Huntington Woods. Reservations must be in by April 5.

April Proclaimed Diamond Month

April's birthstone is the diamond, symbolizing innocence. It is ranked in the gem as the light of light, the diamond inspired even primitive people to a new belief in the existence of an unchangeable one and of immortality. As far back as the history of the diamond ring can be traced, says the Jewelry Industrial Council, this symbol of innocence has been designated as a sign of purity.

Celebrities with April's diamond as their birthstone represent brilliance in many fields: in music, Leopold Stokowski and Lily Pons; in education, Harvard University's new president, Nathan M. Pusey; in the history of our country, author of the Declaration of Independence and third president, Thomas Jefferson; in naval history, Commodore Perry; and in films, Mary Pickford and Shirley Temple.

Diamonds are the simplest of all gems - yet the hardest substance known to man. The transformation of a diamond from a twinkling stone to a brilliant gem is a difficult task.

Students or teachers with knowledge of diamonds in physics, or equivalent training, may complete requirement for the degree by attending four successive nine-week summer sessions, according to Thomas H. Orwood, dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

MSC will become one of only a few universities in the nation offering such a program. Dean Orwood said it is being said, he said, "to encourage the good teaching of science in the high schools and to recognize the importance of physical science in the lives of our young people."

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Consumers Power Plans Lessons for Homemakers

The Consumers Power Company of Pontiac has planned a special lesson for home demonstration leaders. This lesson will be given in the auditorium of the Consumers Power Building, 28 West Lawrence Street, Pontiac, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and lasting until noon.

According to Mrs. Josephine H. Lawyer, home demonstration agent, tickets for this meeting have been mailed to home demonstration leaders. Two leaders and one other person from each home demonstration group have been invited to attend.

The topic for the lesson will be "Low-Cost Meals" and "Guides for Buying Equipment." Mrs. Marjorie Gibbs, senior home economist of the Consumers Power Company, will present a demonstration showing low-cost meal ideas.

Following the demonstration

Lessons for Homemakers

lecture the class will tour the appliances department. Mrs. Gibbs intends to show some of the points homemakers should consider before selecting ranges, washers and driers.

Pfc. Raymond Welch With Army In Japan

Army Pfc. Raymond T. Welch, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Welch, 31076 Rhinowood, is serving in Japan with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. Veterans of two combat jumps into Korea, the 187th "Rakkasans" fought as infantry with nearly every U.S. division and is now stationed in Japan as a security force.

Private First Class Welch, a machine gunner in Company D, entered the Army in February, 1952.

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MADONNA COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE HONORS VISITORS

High school students from approximately 15 schools in Detroit and neighboring cities were represented at Madonna College on Tuesday, March 30.

Discussion centers around business, languages, teaching, art, home economics, music, journalism, science and sociology. Demonstrations, visual aids and exhibits helped emphasize the advantages of each field.

The visitors toured the college dormitory and social hall. They were also entertained by the Madonna College choral group, which sang "Bless This House," "The Halls of Ivy" and "Romantic Life." Several quartets also rendered musical numbers.

An open house will be held Sunday, April 4, for high school senior girls who could not attend Tuesday.

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