

Charges Inaccuracies in AAA Report

Hare Upholds Validity of Point System

LANSING—The Michigan traffic point system "works well with nearly 99 per cent of all drivers and is serving its intended function well," was the appraisal of Secretary of State James M. Hare, whose department administers the program.

Hare made the statement as his Department prepared to launch an "in-depth" study of fatal accidents which occurred over the Labor Day weekend.

"I feel it is necessary to do our own study of fatal accidents because of the

many inaccuracies contained in a report of Fourth of July fatalities conducted and published by the Auto Club of Michigan," Hare asserted.

"The AAA report cited comparisons of point totals of the so-called 10 worst drivers involved in fatalities. What it actually did was to go back over the person's complete driving record, one record going back to 1943, long before the point-system was even in effect.

"Of the drivers in the AAA report, only one of the 10 could have had his license suspended based on the two-year point accumulations, and he had been suspended and was driving on a revoked license when the accident occurred. The others ranged from no points to 11, under the 12-point minimum for suspending action.

Hare scored as "grossly unfair" an indictment of any driver for a record he might have accumulated in past

years. "It's like condemning a man for an offense he committed years past and which he had already atoned for," Hare said. "Our Department does not call a person in for a re-examination until he reaches the 12-point level within a 24-month period.

"If the Department of State were to suspend drivers for cumulative points we would be sus-

pending 700,000 a year, rather than the 50,000

against whom we take ac-

tion under the present

operation of the point system.

Hare described driver improvement... one aspect of the point system... as "doing an effective job."

"We have found that all but a handful of 'incorrigible'... a hard-core of chronically bad drivers... are helped through driver improvement.

About five per cent of all drivers are ever in

trouble with their driving and the first re-examination is effective with the vast majority of these persons.

"The chronic offenders... drivers who have to be called back for two or more re-examinations... are but a fraction of this five per cent. On the basis of these facts, I must conclude that the present Michigan point system is effective with the vast majority of drivers," Hare said.



THERE'S A REASON for the big smile on the face of Mrs. Ida O'Donohue, 29220 Coventry Ave., Detroit—she had just received her first Mink Stole as the winner of a contest conducted by Sears Livonia Mall. Mrs. O'Donohue has attended every one of the Ladies' Day programs at the Mall. That's Sid Cricow, manager of Sears' women's department, placing the Stole on her shoulders while Store Supt. Kurt Snyder looks on. The 89-year-old widow is a lifelong resident of Detroit.

Artists' Show Draws Livonia Mall Crowds

Large crowds turned out this past weekend for the Livonia Mall's fourth semi-annual Artists' Market which got underway Thursday and will continue through Saturday, Sept. 17.

Hundreds of objects d'art including original oil paintings, water colors, sculpture and many other facets of the art world are on display.

Visitors to the show are also entertained by artists actually at work on paintings, caricature artists doing portraits of people attending the exhibition, jewelry makers performing their artifice and a lapidary cutting and polishing stones which are made into rings, pendants and brooches.

The ever popular pearl concession has again returned to the show this season and continuously provides live entertainment for the large crowds that gather around the booth.

The customer is allowed to select his own oyster from the Mall fountain. It

is then opened by an attendant and the pearl or pearls (many times there are more than one) become the property of the purchaser of the oyster. A jeweler is on hand to make the pearls into a piece of jewelry for the owner if they wish.

"The entire show has been coordinated by Sam Fields, Art Studio. Fields contacts the artists of the Detroit area as well as out-state artists and invites them to participate in the show. We feel he has done an outstanding job," said Jerry Silberman, president of the Livonia Mall Merchants Association.

The Artists' Market is actually just what the name implies, all art displayed in same implies, all art displayed is for sale and the prospective buyers need only search until they find what suits their fancy.

The show hours are from 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day except Tuesday and Wednesday when the center closes at 5:30 p.m.

Two From Area Are Promoted By Detroit Bank

A resident of Livonia and a resident of Farmington are among 21 staff members of Detroit Bank & Trust whose officer appointments have



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been announced by Chairman Raymond T. Perring and President C. Boyd Stockmeyer.

James E. Doran, 30331 Westfield, Livonia, has been named an assistant cashier. He is a member of the bank's time credit department. Doran is president of the Livonia Junior Football League and a commissioner of parks and recreation for the City of Livonia.

Charles M. Shields, 28058 Grand Duke Drive, Farmington, was appointed an assistant trust officer. A member of the personal trust staff of Detroit Bank & Trust, he is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the bank, he was associated with the law firm of Beaumont, Smith & Harris.

Sent To Fight Zone

Private First Class Robert E. Demareet, 20 son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Demareet, 19387 Renellott Livonia, has been sent to Vietnam for combat service with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. A cook in Troop H of the regiment's 2nd Reconnaissance Squadron, he entered the Army in November, 1965. He graduated from Clarenceville High School in 1964.

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