

Study Shows Many Motorists Neglect Safety Repairs

LANSING — Apparently a good many motorists will do well to start the new year with a resolution to treat their automobiles to some needed and important safety repairs.

This is the conclusion of officials of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, currently conducting vehicle inspections with the cooperation of police and sheriff's departments throughout the state. The inspections are part of a Safety Enforcement Emphasis Program aimed at helping motorists avoid accidents.

Of more than 30,000 vehicle inspections reported during the first few weeks of the program, more than two out of three vehicles checked needed repairs on one or more of the major safety equipment items, according to an initial survey of records submitted for analysis. Defective lights head the list of improperly maintain-

ed items — closely followed by unsafe tires, exhaust systems and broken or obscured windshields and windows.

Patrol officers of cooperating departments making the checks discovered headlights that were burned out or badly aligned. Drivers also tended to neglect or were not aware of burned out tail lights, brake lights, license plate lights, parking lights and turn indicators.

Tire neglect assumes serious proportions when the driver rides on bald tires or upon tires with little tread; and the way the tires are worn often indicates to the inspecting officer that tires need balancing or that the wheel alignment should be checked.

Smoke from beneath the car or a noisy muffler is a tip off that lethal gases may be seeping into the car. Cracked and discolored windshields or window

glass — or areas obscured by unauthorized stickers or dangling objects — mean the driver can't see the roadway as he should. Spokesmen for the chiefs' association point out that,

while these neglected items are dangerous even under the best weather conditions, they are extremely hazardous in winter when visibility is often limited, windows are closed and road surfaces are slippery.

Other items included in the vehicle inspections, which are equally important to the safety of the driver and his passengers, are: steering, brakes, horn, mirrors

and the vehicle's visibility equipment — defrosters, windshield wipers and washers.

Cooperating enforcement agencies include the Michigan State Police and sheriff's and local police departments. Cars of violators, which are stopped at a checkup on the major safety items, the proper operation and maintenance of which are required by Michigan law.

Initial returns indicate that nine out of ten of the cars inspected were first stopped because the driver committed an unsafe driving violation rather than for an apparent vehicle defect spotted by the officer in advance.

It is expected that several hundred thousands vehicles will be inspected during the program, which is scheduled to run through February 11. Necessary program materials have been provided through a grant from Traffic Safety For Michigan, Inc.

The statewide compilation and summarization of inspection reports is being made by the Highway Traffic Safety Council, a

unit of Michigan State University's Continuing Education Service. Officials of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police view this summary of initial returns — while not complete — as a serious indication that drivers are negligent as well.

lecting the condition of far too many vehicles traveling Michigan's streets and highways. They hope the program will serve as a warning to drivers to check not only the condition of their vehicles but their own driving behavior as well.



BUTTON, BUTTON? These members of the Southfield High basketball team aren't looking for a button—they're seeking a contact lens that popped out of the eye of

one of the players during the Holiday Tournament championship game against Redford. It was down on the knees until the all but invisible lens was found.

Bandsmen Need More Training, Less Concerts

ANN ARBOR—Less stress should be placed now upon immediate public concerts for newly formed school bands and orchestras, and more emphasis directed to the proper training of the individual music student, says William D. Revelli, director

of University of Michigan bands.

"We are rapidly progressing to the point where parents and administrators realize that playing in the school band is only one phase of the student's development. Emphasis is more and more being placed upon the student's initial preparation," Revelli writes.

Exploiting our school bands and orchestras was sometimes demanded in the past and window-dressing was believed vital to the program's existence," he says.

"Our communities and administrators in those days of the program expected us to 'sell' our music groups to the community, and their price for 'cooperation' was an immediate series of performances by the newly formed school band."

"But today we have come to realize that such 'selling' is not true to the objectives, philosophies, and ideals of education."

Revelli notes that trends have changed greatly since those first days, and administrators are more understanding and farseeing in regard to the true purposes of music programs and the contribution to America's future citizenry.

Music education has come a long way, he emphasizes. "It's here to stay and, it can only be challenged when its achievements fall short of its motivating spirit."

"If our instrumental program continues to develop bands for public performance as a sacrifice of an honest musical foundation, we will hardly be filling our obligations to students or to our profession," he says.

"Some communities have been educated to an acceptance of only the highest of standards and do not regard a mediocre school band or orchestra as 'simply marvelous' because it is able to perform without complete disaster. A great deal of mass rehearsal is lost motion, and it is needless to mention that such practices lead to little or no progress."

Revelli stresses the importance of individual instruction. "But where this is by necessity limited, division of sections might be arranged," he suggests.

"This may demand more time and effort from the teacher and perhaps he must depend upon student aid. However, that problem is one which can be worked out, and which will pay for itself immeasurably."

Army Sergeant Gets Assignment

Army Sergeant Gary P. Canfield, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Canfield, 32212 Hees, Livonia, and husband of Annie, was assigned to the 50th Artillery Group, Second Army Air Defense Site, Minn., as a motor sergeant.

Elks President Makes Visit To Home Lodge

Ray Creith, Michigan State Elks President, made his visit to Plymouth Lodge 1780 recently, and it was just like going home again. Ray was a charter member of the Plymouth Lodge in 1949 and served as exalted ruler for two consecutive terms during 1952-1954.

During his long years of service to the BPOE, Ray was a member of the Plymouth Board of Trustees from 1956-59 and a member of the State Ritualistic Committee from 1954 through 1958. He was vice president of the Southeast District, chairman of the Presidents award committee, district deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the district, chairman of the Elks National Foundation and was a member of the Michigan Elks Association Board of Trustees.

Ray was elected State vice president in 1965 and then was elevated into the presidency in 1966.

29 in Area Get Degrees From WSU

Twenty-nine students from Livonia and Plymouth were among the 1,831 receiving degrees at Wayne State University's winter commencement exercises in Cobo Hall in Detroit.

The list included: From Livonia — Peter Ventura, 8106 Middlebelt Rd., BA; Robert Whitney, 15439 Farmington, BA; David Wright, 30301 Bretton Rd., BS; Robert Sader Jr., 1711 Stamewich, BS; Steven Rice, 27823 Sunnyside, BA; William Meyer, 15760 Riverside, BA; George King, 30445 W. Six Mile Rd., BS in BA; Lawrence Bernard, 33702 Grove Ph.D.; David Boden, 2108 Garden, BSEE; David Coleman, 18915 Mayfield, JPA; and Marjorie Muir, 19301 St. Francis, BS.

Art Bettinger, 45940 Orangelawn, M in Ed.; Linda Ann Burgess, 17910 Floral, M in Ed.; Donald Burman, 19506 Reneller, M in Ed.; Judith Bamber, 14237 Denon, BS; Mayor Cheney, Jr., 25421 Grandon, MS in EE; Samuel Wasson, 14227 Melrose, MS in EE; Todd Bredin, 9833 Woodring, MS in BA; Sister M. Bridget Roznowski, 14608 Newburg, MA; Frederick Bayoff, 9818 Ingram, MA; Dean Parker Jr., 39128 Pinetree, M in Ed.; Marlie Ridley, 15701 Doris, M in Ed.; Arthur Whitefield, 28555 Sunnydale, M in Ed.; and James Toplin, 30499 Grandon, BFA.

From Plymouth — William Von Glahn, 9446 Marilyn, MS in ME; Robert Sundroche, 40700 Greenwood, M in Ed.; Gracie Crowl, 590 Ford, MA; Alf Eveson, 14140 Shadywood Lane, MA; and Angela Varvarian, 14110 Shadywood Lane, M in Ed.

KC Council Entertains

Christmas joy was brought recently to the hearts of 50 children at the Plymouth School by members of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council 5492, Knights of Columbus, of Westland.

Gifts were given by Santa to 25 boys and 25 girls. Helping Santa were Anthony Ferrara, grand knight; Wally Watkins, clown; Joseph G. Kollarek, treasurer; the Rev. Pacificus Gibbins, chaplain; Tom Dikin, chairman of youth activities; and Marjyn Wilkie, who also portrayed a clown.

Gerald E. Lesney performed as St. Nick.

Some 350 members belong to Council 5492 with residences in Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Township, Westland and Wayne.

Quick Selection

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — It was a child's dream come true for Mike Scalise, 9, who won a "shopping spree" drawing. The prize was as many toys as he could carry off in his arms within five minutes, and Mike managed to take home about \$110 worth.

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