By JUDY ANN LYNN
Red blinkers flashed on the
ambulance as attendants eased the
iner body of a motorcyclist off the
concrete embankment at the
Lodge Freeway.
On 196, a motorcyclist hit a rut
in the road and was thrown, suffering broken bones.
Autos missed by inches hitting a
motorcyclist as he wove in and out

motorcyclist as he wove in and out of heavy traffic on Southfield

Road.
Isolated instances? Sadly, motorcycle accidents are on the increase.

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"Motorcycle riding in traffic is a very hazardous hobby," said Michigan State Police Trooper Robert gan St Krafft:

Kraft:
According to Michigan State
Police Safety and Traffic Division
statistics, 209 persons died in motorcycle accidents in 1973. Only
138 such deaths occured in 1969.

STATE POLICE estimate that for every 100 million miles traveled 25.6 motorcycle deaths will occur if the rider travels 5.000 million miles per year, and 36.6 motorcycle deaths will occur if the rider travels 4.000 miles per year, and 36.6 motorcycle deaths will occur if the rider travels 3.000 miles per year. Only 3.8 deaths per 100 million miles traveled is the average for all motor vehicles, including pedestrian and non-occupant deaths. "Motorcycles should not be al-

lowed where there are motor vehicles," said Southfield attorney Lawrence Charfoos. Charfos rode a motorcycle for five years and just recently gave his awayawith the stipulation that it will no be ridden on city streets. The atyoney has prepared files of cases involving accidents, injuries, defective parts and fatalities that he will document in court action against two manufacturers. Both Krafft and Charfoos agree yfat many accidents are caused a cause motorists do not see the abotorcyclists.

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"Ruts in the road, loose gravel and railboad tracks are particularly bad, and can easily throw a motorcyclist off the road.

"Head-injuries are the biggest cause of fatalities in motorcycle accidents," said Charfoos.

"The safety helmet is the most importage accessory.

"Don'try to save money," he cautionfa, "Check the federal and voluntary ratings and get the best you can".

Char loos cited the case of a 3-year-igh woman with three chil-

'Young people don't realize what the manufacturers know: that you're getting a death machine'

-Lawrence Charles

dren who fell off a motorcycle at 10 mph and suffered permanent brain damage because she wore a poor helmet. "The helmet is useless at speeds above 30 miles per hour.

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Charfoos cited the case of a lévare doby on a small motor-scooter attempting to turn right. The motorcycle didn't respond and hit a car. The boy suffered fractures in 20 hones.

Charfoos places much of the blame on the sex-oriented ads of manufacturers who present the motorcycle as glamorous maseuline-type vehicle providing hours of happiness.

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"The helmet is useless at speeds above 30 miles per hour.

"AT SPEEDS faster than 35 miles per hour, eye protection is required by law," Krafft said. He adds that medium and smaller-sized motorcycles are involved in more accidents than the larger ones.

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Dealers give free riding lessons to purchasers. Yamaha has a shool conducted at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn, the third week in May and first week in June.
Charfoos listed important safety pointers for potential motorcyclists. They are:

• Learn how to ride the motorcycle away from obstacles and traffic.

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traffic.
 Try to avoid riding motorcycles wherever there are cars,
 Check the helmet's rating fac-

Check the helmet's rating factor,
Try not to do things with themotorcycle you're not qualified to
do by training and experience,
If you must ride yhere there
are cars, assume that every car on
the road is not going to see you.
Motorcycle operators liceness
are mandatory, and a road test
must be taken to obtain one.
Motorcycle accidents are related
to an enormous; increase in the
number of motorcycle riders.
The Michigan Traffic Accident

Digest reports that the number of motorcycles registered in Michi-gan rose 109 percent from 1969 to 1973.

This is contrasted to a 20 per cent increase in total motor vehi-cles registered during that period.

cles registered during that period.
The digest also reported that the number of motorcycle deaths in Michigan did not increase as greatly as did the number of registrations due to helmit law, driver licensing and more awareness of cycles by the motoring public.



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AN ELEPHANT
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Called Slowly," is the movie scheduled for showing in the Farmington "Public Library, 32737 VI 3
Mile Road, at 7 p.m., produced by
the studio that made "Born Free"
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ROCK CONCERT

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Sunday, Aug. 4: Rock Concert
continues the Oakland Community
College's Sunday Summer Series
in the amphitheatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, from 3-11
a.m. No charge.

ROGER WILLIAMS
Sunday, Aug. 4: Bus leaves the
Farmington Compunity Center at
5:15 p.m. for Maddow Brook fea-turing Roger Williams in concert.
Package feg. 6: \$8.50 includes

transportation and a seat in sec-tion two of the pavilion. Reserva-tions are necessary and may be made by calling the center.

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BOOK DISCUSSION

Monor, Aug. 5: "The Effect of
Gamma Rays On Man In The
Moon Merigolds" by Paul Zindel is
the topy for discussion in the teen
book dreussion series in the
Farmington District Library,
23333 Farmington Road at 7:30
p.m. Op. in call tenagers at no
charge. "Iscussion series runs every other Monday evening through
the sumfact.

TENNIS CLASSES

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Mondly, Aug. 5: New tennis
classes for young people and
adults, from beginners to advanced begins this date on the
North armington High School
courts. Both morning and evening
classes are available. Registrations
are being taken now in the offices

of the Farmington-Community
Center.

RIDING CLASSES
Wednesday, Aug. 7: The third
session of the summer riding
classes begins this date at 0ak
Ridge Farm Stables with transportation provided, by bus, from the
Farmington Community Center.
Registrations are being taken now
have the community of the community
ATHALET SHOWCASE
Sunday, Aug. 11: Talent Showcase concludes the Sunday Summer Series in the amphitheatre on
Orchard Ridge Campus of Dakland
Community College, 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person of \$4 per family. OCC students admitted for \$1
y showing their school identification with the community College of the conSCHOOL
Monday, Aug. 12: Vacation
Church School starts this date at

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road and runs through Aug. 23. Hours are from 915-11-15 a.m. each weekday with the theme "Bible Time." Non-denominational. Open to all children from three years through sixth grade.

LOVE'S LABOUR LOST Wednesday, Aug. 21: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 8:30; a.m. for the Stratford Festival production of "Love's Labour Lost." Package cost of \$28 includes transportation, dinner in Vittorian lin and show. Reservations are necessary and must be made by Wednesday, Aug. 7, through the offices of the Farpington Community Center, 477-8404.

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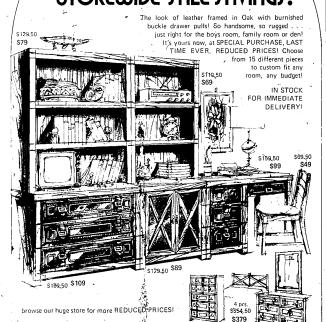
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