

Deaths Show Dip In June

The continuing upward trend in traffic deaths slowed slightly in July, with a toll of 181 lives as compared with 200 in the same month a year ago, a decrease of 19, or 10 per cent.

For the first six months of the year the toll stood at 1,032 which was 168 or 19 per cent more than 864 in the same period of 1967.

The six-month toll was only 12 less than the 1,044 who were killed in the first half of 1966 when Michigan set a new all-time annual high of 2,238 in traffic deaths.

Delayed death reports will increase somewhat the July count.

Mrs. Strang Buys Beauty School

Mrs. Hana Strang, experienced teacher of cosmetology, and owner of a Livonia beauty salon, has bought Beauty Careers of Waukegan, east of Middlebelt Road, on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Mrs. Strang, formerly a teacher in Virginia Farrell schools, will head the instruction in cosmetology and manicuring classes with Mrs. Orice Lewis as her assistant. The school has a capacity for approximately 80 students.

After an earlier investigation of beauty schools and after many letters were sent to Gov. Romney expressing concern over the deplorable conditions in the schools, the Governor appointed a committee to make a state wide study.

MRS. STRANG wrote one of those letters. She recalls:

"Many major publications released some shocking statistics about that same time, three or four years ago. They revealed that in many cases, only one per cent of beauty school graduates were able to enter the profession and keep jobs.

"We are setting up a new curriculum. We're getting new desks and books. We have had lots of experience and we are not going to settle for one per cent.

"We want our graduates to be able to go into any salon and hold their own, working next to any professional."

AS A RESULT of the investigating committee, bills are on the fall agenda in Lansing to boost the entrance requirements to a high school education and to extend the required course hours from 1,200 to 1,500.

Tuition, including books and beauty kits, is \$475. A full time student completes the course in nine months and part-time students in approximately two years. Full-time students are required to attend 35 hours a week of instruction.

Beauty Careers will maintain five or six operator's chairs.

"By law, students must have 300 hours of instruction before they work on a customer, and we cannot take appointments. The charge will be half the regular price," Mrs. Strang added.

State Eyes Federal Aid Application

The State Board of Education Wednesday approved an effort to apply federal funds toward encouraging new guidance and testing programs for students in low income areas.

Under the National Defense and Education Act, launched 10 years ago, money has been available to reimburse schools and community colleges for guidance and testing programs to identify and encourage able students. Michigan last year received about \$7.1 million under the act but it is expected the total this year will be slightly less.

Under the plan adopted Wednesday, the largest share of the funds would be aimed at encouraging creation of pilot programs in high schools in low income areas.

In another action, the State Board recommended that five intermediate school districts in Michigan be designated as service areas for providing high school level vocational education programs.

The five, which have already had millage questions approved by voters, will be able then to place that millage on the tax rolls by September. The five districts are Branch, Calhoun, Ingham, Kent and Lenawee.



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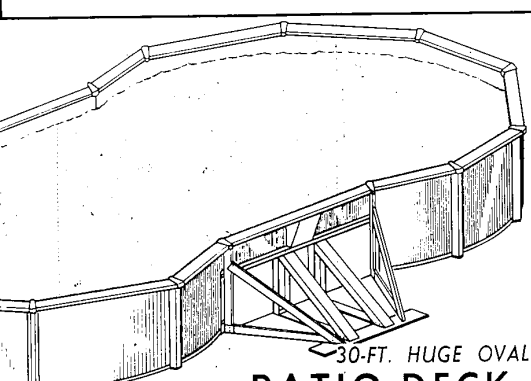
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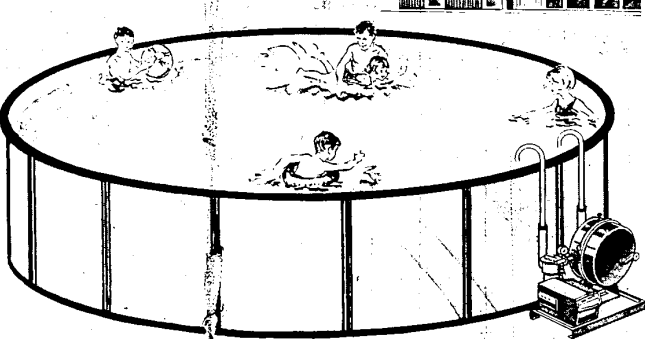


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