



THESE WOMEN ARE among the 17 persons Clarenceville school district employs as drivers to transport 2,100 students to classes each day. They are (from left) Mrs. Gerald Mills, Mrs. Merrill Johnson, Mrs. Richard Spirling and Mrs. Carl Johnson. Drivers usually work about four hours a day.

(Observer photo)

Clarenceville's Buses Spin The Globe Safely

Clarenceville, geographically, is a small school district. Yet its buses each year log a distance equal to more than three times around the world.

And each bus runs 6,500 miles taking the 2,100 pupils to the four elementary schools, a junior high and a senior high. There's far more to running a bus system than driving, however. Each morning before they pick up their "fare," the drivers check 29 different items before leaving the lot on Eight Mile Road in Farmington.

THEY LOOK FOR such things as cleanliness, condition of the brakes, safety equipment and first aid equipment.

Clarenceville operates a dozen buses each day, including two vans. Another three buses are available for emergency and field trip use.

State law requires a driver to check his brakes once a day, but Glen Silvernail, Clarenceville's director of transportation, demands that his drivers check them before each trip—even if that means 10 checks a day.

"This really pays off," says Silvernail, who noted that not long ago a leak was found in one of the bus systems that would have resulted in faulty brakes if not immediately repaired.

BUS DRIVERS, a majority of whom are mothers, work about four hours a day—two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Silvernail says the driving appeals to mothers because the work is part-time and allows them to be home with children not in school.

In all, Clarenceville's transportation department has 19 employees—a transportation supervisor, 17 drivers and a full-time mechanic. The department has 35 pieces of licensed equipment to maintain plus 10 others which include anything from a lawn mower to a bulldozer tractor.

Silvernail says all maintenance work is done entirely in the school garage. This includes all mechanical work—minor and major.

BEFORE BECOMING a bus driver, each aspirant must

men in service

Aboard Carrier

FARMINGTON Photographic Intelligence man 2/C Phillip J. Haremski, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Haremski of 24674 Madison Court, Farmington, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard in San Diego, Calif. The ship recently returned from its fifth deployment to the waters off the coast of South Vietnam.

Pair Aboard

Airman Richard E. Davis, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Davis of 29952 Eldred, Farmington, and Seaman Russell R. Robinson, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Robinson of 23050 Frederick, Farmington, are serving aboard the nuclear-

Finishes 2nd Tour

Second Class Petty Officer Albert B. Lorenger III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Lorenger Jr. of 20190 Pipers Lane Court, Farmington, has arrived back from Vietnam on the USS Kitty Hawk. This was his second Vietnam tour of duty. A graduate of North Farmington High School, he attended Oakland Community College prior to enlisting.

Israeli Auction Is Nov. 16

A public auction to raise funds for relief work of the Israeli Red Cross has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 16.

To be held at the TWA Twelve Mall beginning at 5 p.m., it is sponsored by the Detroit Suburban Lodge, a supporter of the Michigan Region of American Red Mogen David for Israel.

The latter group has served as a relief agency for Israel's civilian population disrupted by strife and other Israeli support actions.

It has carried out immigration programs, was an intermediary in prisoner of war exchanges, took part in transfers of Jews from other countries to Israel and has been "active in the civil defense of Israel."

Visit San Juan

FARMINGTON Mr. and Mrs. James N. Erkfriz of 22899 Inkster, Farmington, recently attended the SAFECO Insurance Co.'s "Conference of Champions" in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Erkfriz represents the Pillors Agency of Farmington.

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