

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE GIVEN TESTS FOR HEARING LOSS

More than 160,000 Michigan school children will have their hearing tested this year, but they won't be tuning in on crystal sets—they'll be listening to the carefully measured tones of an audiometer, an instrument designed to evaluate their hearing.

According to the Michigan Department of Health, almost 5,000 of these children will be found to suffer from a hearing loss.

"A child with a hearing loss isn't sick," explains a department spokesman, "and he looks like any other child. That's why his condition so often goes unrecognized. But the fact is that he is handicapped just as much as a child in a wheelchair or on crutches. And in one way his plight is even worse since he is often regarded as slow, dull, or even stupid, when actually he just can't understand directions because he can't hear what's being said."

Familiarity with all of every ten children with a hearing loss, seven can be helped by prompt treatment. But, the department points out, the first job is to find them. That is the purpose of the hearing conservation programs which will be carried on in 26 counties this year by state and local health departments in cooperation with schools and local civic groups.

The state and local medical societies also cooperate by making hearing clinics possible. All children found to have impaired hearing will be referred to local otologists—hearing specialists—for diagnosis and treatment.

Large Number Expected To Hunt Ducks And Geese

An estimated 150,000 persons will hunt ducks and geese in Michigan during the October 1 to December 9 general waterfowl season this year.

Michigan was fourth most popular waterfowl hunting state in the nation last year, topped only by California with 177,000 hunters, Texas with 152,000, and Minnesota with 144,000.

All told, 2,182,000 persons hunted waterfowl in the U. S. and its possession in 1954; some increase is expected this year.

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Quality Of Fresh Vegetables Reduced By High Temperatures, Lack Of Rain

Although many low-cost fresh vegetables are available, the recent short period of high temperatures and no rain has decreased the quality of many of them. The anticipated improvement in the quality and color of the late variety tomatoes has been slow due to the weather conditions. Peak supplies for canning are in the markets and prices are quite reasonable.

Economically, Michigan potatoes led the list of best values and the prices will improve because of the greatly increased acreage in the state this year. Weather conditions have been poor for all green leafy vegetables. Although the supply of head lettuce is fairly plentiful, the quality is irregular and prices higher than last year at this time.

Now is the time to buy supplies of pickling cucumbers, from one inch to five inches in length, and of the slicers, usually running in quantities for processing have slightly decreased.

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The Narsavage family of Hubbard Avenue returned home Tuesday from a most enjoyable vacation trip to Colorado. They were accompanied by Mrs. Narsavage's niece, Miss Carol Traskos, of Dearborn, who remained in Detroit to enter college.

The Nawrots of Hubbard Avenue recently enjoyed a vacation trip during which they journeyed 260 miles into northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Funk of Shadyside Avenue have returned from a visit with relatives in southern Ohio.

Mrs. A. D. Ault of Brentwood Avenue was a visitor on Saturday, September 10, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Johnson Porter, near New London, Ohio.

Mrs. George Throne of Brentwood Avenue visited relatives and friends and attended a Farm Bureau meeting at Ypsilanti Wednesday.

John Reddy of Shadyside Avenue was reported on the sick list again this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and their two daughters of Mayfield Avenue spent a recent week end in Indiana, where they visited Mr. Allen's brother, who is in the service.

Bobby and Sharon Wyman of Shadyside Avenue were Sunday visitors in Herman Keffer Hospital, where their mother, Mrs. James Maynard, is a patient.

Mrs. Cecil V. Walker is visiting here with her daughter and family on Sunnyside Avenue. Mrs. Walker is from Kingston, Michigan.

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CONSERVATION MEN DISCUSS FISHING RULES FOR 1956

Fishing regulations for 1956 occupied discussions of the Conservation Commission at its September meeting at Higgins Lake training school recently.

The Commission opened Otsego Lake to hook and line fishing for the next three winter seasons, but continued a ban on the use or possession of spears for this angling.

If food shoppers are planning to freeze or can peaches, quantities should be purchased immediately. Already the haves varieties, the favorites for processing, are past their peak and the Elbertas are in the markets.

Both the Michigan Honey-rock cantaloupe and the California varieties are in competition at low costs.

Prices of Thompson seedless grapes will go lower as the season progresses. Early displays of the popular Concord juice grape have made their appearance in the Farmers' markets.

Lighter production of apple varieties is expected this year because of the May freeze which took a toll of all fruits. The Wealthy variety is found in many markets in improved quality and at low cost.

All meat prices have taken an upward trend and the increase is reflected at the retail level.

FIRST FREE ROAD AID DRIVER TRAINING CLASSES TO START IN DETROIT OCTOBER 3

The first of a series of free driver training classes, recently announced by Road Aid in the interest of public safety, will be held Monday evening, October 3, in the Monaghan E. of C. Hall, 12830 Leasure at Grand River, in northwest Detroit.

Retired Detroit Police Sgt. Vincent S. Olshove, Road Aid traffic safety director, will conduct the training series planned throughout the metropolitan area, consisting of five two-hour classes each. Due to the limited seating capacity of Monaghan Hall (700), he added, free tickets will be required for admission. They may be obtained without obligation from local American Agency System insurance agents, or by writing or calling Road Aid, 410 Murphy Building, Detroit 26, Woodward 5-4400.

The classes, first of their kind ever offered without cost to the public, are co-sponsored by the Detroit Association of Insurance Agents. They are designed for both beginners and those seeking to "brush up" on their knowledge of driving rules and practices.

The Monaghan Hall series will continue on Mondays through October 24, with the fifth and final session to be held on Thursday, November 3. All will run from 8 to 10 p.m.

Road Aid, a non-profit "clearing house" for 140 leading insurance companies and more than 600 insurance agents, providing no-charge emergency road service to agency-insured motorists, plans to expand its traffic safety program and extend it throughout the state—and eventually the nation—according to R. J. Kelly, Road Aid manager. Only service of its kind in the United States, Road Aid already reaches into most major Michigan cities.

Olshove, recognized as one of nation's outstanding traffic safety authorities, will call on experience gained in 20 years of teaching safe driving prior to his July 1 retirement as head of the Detroit Police Traffic Safety Bureau.

Including liberal use of visual aids, such as slides, charts and movies, the instruction will stress proper behind-the-wheel attitudes, including the unwritten rules of courtesy and sportsmanship, traffic regulations and other driving essentials designed to make highways safer for motorists and pedestrians alike, Olshove said.

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