

State Police Increase Activities, Add 259 Officers To Force In 1955

The Michigan State Police look back upon 1955 as the year in which the organization was given its greatest increase in strength of any year since it was founded and a notable advance was made toward attaining the goal of 1,250 enlisted personnel required by national standards as the minimum required.

The spring session of the Legislature authorized 60 additional officers, whose training is now being completed. Added to this were 200 more troopers authorized early in November at the special session called by Governor G. Mennen Williams. All of these 259 will have been trained and on the road by the Memorial Day week end in May, bringing the total enlistment of the department to 957.

Because the year was unmarked by any major activities requiring large mobilization for extended periods, other general activities of the State Police reached a new high.

Arrests, not including delinquent and wayward minors or juvenile offenders, totaled 155,602, an increase of 35 per cent. Of these 143,364 were for traffic offenses, a gain of 38 per cent.

Delinquent and wayward minors and juvenile offenders numbered 5,560, a 19 per cent increase.

Miles traveled by department vehicles totaled 23,200, or 10 per cent more than in 1954.

Traffic control continued to be the major problem and as the year closed estimated figures point to 3,540,000 motor vehicle injuries and 193,000 accidents, increases of 12, 6 and 4 per cent respectively.

During the same period, however, drivers increased six per cent to 3,540,000, motor vehicle registrations 8.5 per cent to 3,135,000 and miles traveled 0.5 per cent to 23,200,000.

Miles of travel increased from 6.8 to 6.8, but it was the third time in Michigan's history that the death toll hit 2,000, the high being 2,175 in 1937 and the second high, 2,133 in 1941.

In accordance with an act passed in 1954, the Michigan State Police will be reorganized.

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Among the most highly regarded checks is the flow of traffic over the Straits of Mackinac, where during 1955 showed an increase of approximately 65 per cent.

State park attendance, too, showed an increase of 16 per cent over 1954, according to Conservation Department figures. Tent and trailer camping figures jumped 29 per cent during 1955.

General highway traffic in the state's major tourist areas showed a ten per cent increase over 1954. Railways, bus companies and airlines also reported heavier passenger travel to Michigan during the past year, Hallenbeck said.

Bushel baskets full of cameras, purses containing money but no identification keys, eye glasses, towels and clothing have gone unclaimed, he reported.

Persons in the Farmington area who may have lost items at Kennison Park or any of the other parks in the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority areas are asked to claim them immediately. Articles not claimed by February 1 will be given to their finders or charitable agencies, park director K. L. Hallenbeck stated.

Claims should be made to the Authority's Detroit office at 1750 Guardian Building.

Teagee Dancing, Swimming Classes Offered By YWCA

Registration for the Northwest YWCA Saturday Program for teenagers and junior girls are now being accepted at the Branch office, 1726B Redford Avenue. A complete program of swimming and dancing is being offered by the program, according to Miss Janet Clarke, teenage program director.

The classes will be conducted at Cody High School, 18445 Cathedral, and will start January 21. Instruction in swimming for beginners, advanced, synchronized and water ballet will be given at different times on Saturday mornings for a ten week period. Medical examinations are required for the swimming, and they will be given for a nominal fee at the Branch office on January 14 and January 16. Appointments can be made by calling KE 3-6910 or KE 3-6326.

In the dancing field, there will be tap, ballroom, social and folk dancing. Girls may sign up for a combination of a swim and a dance class or they may take either swimming or dancing. Registration must be made in advance as many classes are limited.

A six weeks class called Tips for Teens is scheduled for the teenager on Mondays at 3:45 p.m. starting January 16. Tips fashions, charm and dating will be given by experts in the field. These classes will be held at the Branch Building on Redford Avenue.

This month's feature film "The Ancient World: Egypt" will be shown to members and their guests in the auditorium of Cranbrook School on January 13 at 8 p.m.

At their December meeting, trustees of the Institute accepted three offers from the Junior League of Birmingham, Inc. — \$1,000 for educational services to school groups; from the Michigan Mineralogical Society, \$100 for the purchase of a mineral; and \$100 from an anonymous donor for the exhibition program.

At the spring session of the Legislature, a sex motivated statute, a new provision of sex crimes and apprehension of sex criminals were set up in the investigation bureau.

Other activities included the establishment of a new post in a least of building at Ionia, the first expansion of this kind since 1941.

At the end of the year, arrangements had been made to open a second new post at Bridgeport early in January.

During the year two new post buildings were constructed and one, at Flint and Center Line, and three more will be built in 1956, at Bridgeport, Grand Haven and Clinton.

There were 51 officers promoted to higher ranks in 1955 and 15 others retired after completing 25 or more years of service.

Two retired officers and one active died during the year.

West Farmington

Mrs. Sarah Knapp MA. 6-3833

Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp entertained several young people for their daughter, Nancy, at the home of Mr. Knapp, 1515 E. 12th St., on Friday evening, Jan. 6.

The evening was spent in playing games and enjoying a last look at Christmas decorations. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. William Tamm was a caller on Mrs. Edith Sarantos at the Pontic Hotel on Monday, Jan. 9. Sarantos is reported very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Green and their two sons, George and Jim, returned home this week from a two week vacation trip to Florida.

Mrs. Richard Helbert spent Monday with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Helbert while Mrs. Helbert and her two children attended the funeral of Miss Grace Hill in Northville.

Nancy Knapp had the misfortune of fracturing bones in her finger last Friday at School. She caught her finger in a closing door. On Saturday (verbal) Hyde was her house guest.

More Tourists Visit Michigan In 1955

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Adult Education Registration To Start Monday

Registration for the Livonia Public Schools' second semester adult education classes will begin Monday, Jan. 16.

Classes will be held at Bentley High School, Wednesday and Friday evenings, January 16, 18 and 20, from 7:30 to 9:30. Adults may also register during any day of that same week at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Last semester the enrollment was unusually large in cake decorating, driver training, sewing and typing. Adults interested in those courses should register as early in the week as possible so that classes can be determined.

All of the courses offered during the first semester of this year will be reoffered during the second semester. They include bookbinding, cake decorating, ceramics, driver training, furniture refinishing and woodworking, interior decorating, painting and watercolor, public speaking, radio broadcasting, sewing (beginning and advanced), shorthand (beginning and advanced), tailoring, typing (beginning and advanced), upholstery and vocal music.

Classes will start the week of January 22. Fees will be the same as during the first semester. Applications will be accepted for driver training, but the next classes will not begin until March. The first semester enrollment in driver training was so large that registrations had to be carried over to the second semester.

Several new courses will be offered for the first time in the second semester program. In the course on sex education for parents of teenage children will be taught jointly by the Wayne County Health Department and the Livonia school staff. It will cover such topics as "Sex Education Within the Family," "Answering Questions About Sex," "Understanding Our Two-Ages," and "Understanding Ourselves as Parents."

A new course will also be offered in P.T.A. leadership training. The instruction will be given jointly by Wayne University and the Livonia school administrative staff. The content of the course will include such topics as purposes and organization of P.T.A.'s.

Two other tentative new offerings include a home improvement course for those interested in general carpentry work, and a course in investments for the home owner.

Other courses not offered during the first semester because of low enrollments will be reoffered, if sufficient interest is shown. These include mathematics, business machines and blue print reading.

Sixth Graders Attend Symphony Concert Jan. 11

Representatives from each of the sixth grade classes in the Farmington Public School system attended a symphony concert at the Masonic Temple in Detroit on Wednesday morning, January 11.

A total of 30 students attended the concert along with Wawa Vior, elementary school music consultant in the Farmington School system. The students were present as representatives of their classes along with representatives of other schools in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Since only 30 reservations were allotted for Farmington Schools, two or three students from each of the sixth grade classes were chosen to attend. The students will give reports on the concert to others in their classes.

Reports were expressed by elementary administrators that more students could not be accommodated. It is their hope that something can be done locally soon to have symphony concerts in the Farmington community, thus providing this worthwhile educational experience for more students.

Groups and organizations in the area are being asked to help stimulate efforts for such programs. Any help which can be given would be greatly appreciated. Miss Minnie Zickler, elementary school coordinator, concluded.

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There will be one and only one Christmas party in Franklin Knolls. The pickup will be made by the rubbish collector in a special pickup of Saturday, January 14. All residents are requested to have their trees out the night before.

Ice skating can now be enjoyed on the Clark's Pond at Gilchrist and Middlebelt Roads, if case you are not already aware of the fact.

Don McLeod is now back home from a trip to Peoria, Illinois, to visit the mother of his wife, Val.

The Mark Burkes of Tarrytown are now home from a ten day trip to New York where they visited Mark's mother.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Sill recently returned from a five week trip to Florida. While there they met the Hillelson of Cornwall Court who were also vacationing there.

The next general meeting of the Franklin Knolls Subdivision No. 3 Association will be held on January 13.

Drainage of water softener solution into sumps in basements in Franklin Knolls is causing considerable damage to pumps and necessitating replacement in many cases. The use of deposit money to exchange pumps is working nicely and, as yet, no one has been inconvenienced for any length of time. It is recommended, however, that other arrangements be made for disposing of the salty water to prevent damage to pumps.

The "School" blunder signs have been placed in operation on Middlebelt Road near the German and Eagle Schools. Another in operation on Orchard Lake Road at Bond School. They are designed to notify motorists of the fact that they are approaching a school area and to reduce their speed. Persons are urged to observe the warning. The blunders were purchased from funds authorized by

Bill Muirhead of Fourteen Mile Road, a fishing enthusiast who has been making daily fishing trips, reports that catches are now good. He recommends wigglers as the best bait to use.

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NOW TAKING PART IN CARIBBEAN TRAINING EXERCISE

Marine Pfc. Ronald L. Brossit, 2nd of Mr. Myrtle Brossit, 30860 Salisbury Road, Farmington, and husband of the former Miss Mary P. Brown of Dearborn, is participating in a Caribbean training exercise with the Atlantic Fleet Marine Force. The maneuvers will continue until late March.

The preliminary phase of the 1956 exercises are conducted at camps in Puerto Rico and will stress training in the latest techniques of the Marines' air-ground combat team.

Later, Marine air and ground units will join elements of the Atlantic Fleet to climax the maneuvers with a full scale amphibious assault against an "aggressor" force entrenched on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques.

In off-duty hours, Marines of the training camp will visit cities in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other ports in the Caribbean area.

Residents are reminded that dog licenses are required in all of Oakland County. They may be purchased at the Township offices.

A Boy Scout Troop was formed at Eagle School recently. Dale Winnie was chosen Scoutmaster. The troop committee consists of Jack Stykal, Pete Morrella, and Earl Teeple.

Sonny Elliott of TV fame recently underwent an appendectomy at Brent Hospital in Detroit. Mrs. Teeple, supervisor of nurses there, reports he is an excellent patient.

The rubbish-dumping on Fourteen Mile Road recently was traced to a workman who had been employed on a job on Shrewsbury Road. He had placed the rubbish in a box bearing the name of the resident on whose home he had worked and then dumped it. His employer was immediately contacted by Earl Teeple. The employer demanded that the workman return and clean up the mess.

The Breslows, formerly of Shrewsbury, have completed and moved into their new home on Outlette Street in Windsor, Canada.

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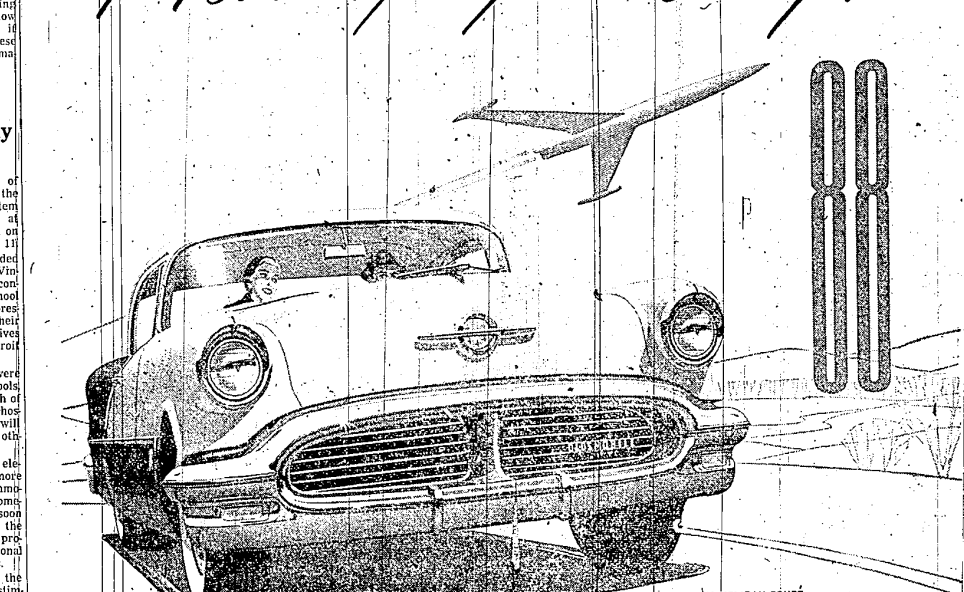
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