

"Be Careful, Not Sorry" Urges State Police

# School Openings Bring Warning to Drivers

With the reopening of Michigan elementary and secondary schools bringing 2.2 million children into weekday traffic, motorists are again reminded by the State Police to exercise increased care in protecting the students and rural school

buses from involvement in accidents.

Particular alertness should be shown the "first-timers" about 200,000 youngsters are entering school initially this fall who still have to learn school safety routines and will not yet be safe for older students.

Police records show three persons were killed and 419 injured in 569 rural school bus and related type accidents in Michigan in 1963, respectively increases of one, 73 and 15 compared with the 1962 figures. The 1963 killed were in motor vehicles which collided with school buses.

Records for last year also show that 115 of the 351 pedestrians and 24 of the 32 bicyclists killed in traffic accidents were under 15 years of age.

Continuing increases in accident exposure factors add to the problem for safety of school children. During the 1963-64 school year 590,000 pupils were carried daily in 7,350 buses for a total of 71 million miles.

These represented gains of 54,000 children, 150 buses and

three million in mileage over 1962-63 period.

New annual records were set in 1963 as motor vehicle registrations increased to 3,646,000 and total estimated mileage for all motor vehicles climbed to 35.6 billion.

Police records show Michigan law requiring motorists to stop when overtaking or meeting a rural school bus which is stopped to load or unload passengers. On divided highways where there is a physical barrier or median separating the two roadways a motorist need not stop when the stopped bus is in the opposite roadway.

In cities and villages such motorist stops for buses also need not be made unless required by ordinance with signs posted to this effect. At intersections controlled by a

police officer or a traffic

stop and go signal motorists may pass a loading or unloading bus but with caution and at a speed no faster than 10

miles an hour.

Despite continuing safety ef-

orts of parents, school authori-

ties and bus drivers, experience

indicates that actions of chil-

dren walking to or from school or going to or disembarking from school buses are unpredictable.

This places increased bur-

den on motorists to be con-

stantly alert to take any action

necessary to avoid accidents

which might involve the chil-

dren.

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## Plymouth Has 23 Entries In Michigan State Fair

The Plymouth community has more individual entries in the 115th annual Michigan State Fair than at any previous Fair in several years—a total of 23 have entered the competition.

The State Fair opened its 10-day run on Friday, Aug. 28 and

will continue through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

The Plymouth entrants include:

Florine Cichy, Canton Center, Rock, Junior Show, Asher Farms; 49723 N. Territorial Road, beef cattle; Dilon Farms, 3262 N. Territorial Road, quarter horse; Harold Niemi, 47566 Joy Road, Morgan horse; Larry Carlson, 322 S. Main, beef cattle.

Double R Stock Farm, 322 S. Main, beef cattle; Billy Sheridan, 49475 N. Territorial, beef cattle; Larry Sheridan, 49475 N. Territorial, beef cattle; John Farren, 6801 81/2 S. Road, Morgan horse; Sue Robert, 47950 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Morgan horse.

William Campbell, 39740 Warren Road, quarter horse; Merlin Slade, 48565 Powell Ridge, pigeons; Evangeline Reed, 43780 Shearer Drive, Appaloosa horse; David Magraw, 48687 Warren, beef cattle; James Magraw, 48687 Warren, sheep; Cecil and Cecilia Finlin, 5148 Saddle Ridge, cattle.

Rock and Jan Thompson, 41395 Wilcox Road, horse; Judy Wall, 30549 Ford Road, quarter horse; Mrs. John O'Connor, 9101 Ball, vegetable and horiculture; Robert Magraw, 48687 Warren, sheep; and Dick and Janet Stuart, 322 S. Main, beef cattle.

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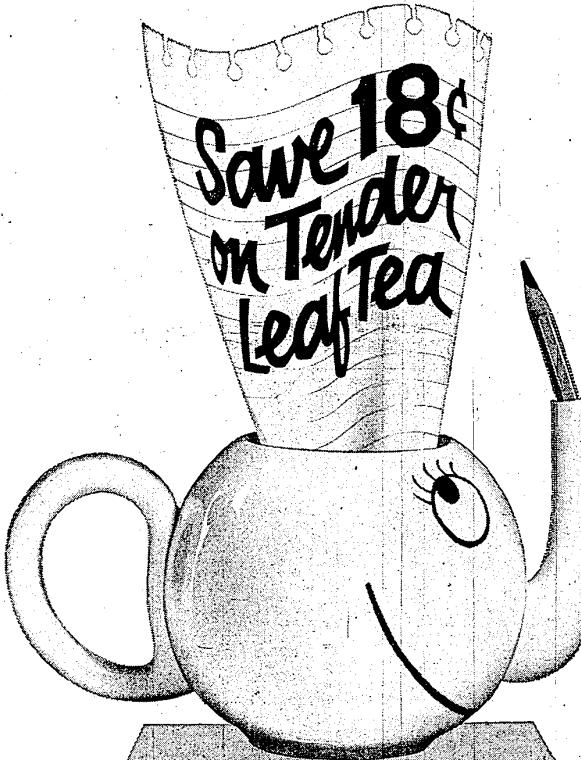
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