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### Weekend Traffic Blamed for Hike In Auto Deaths

Michigan's increased traffic death toll this year, which may become the worst in the state's history, is due in large part to a higher weekend fatality average compared with recent years. State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs reported.

He said tolls for the 54-hour weekend periods are averaging four more than they did in 1961 and 1962 and two more than last year.

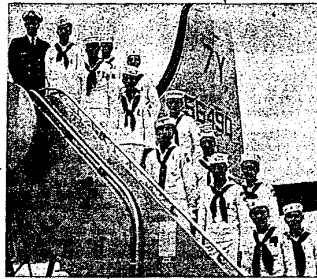
A special study made by the State Police safety and traffic bureau showed weekend tolls averaging 18.6 this year compared with 14.1 in 1961 and 1962 and 16.7 last year. The weekend period studied is 8 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

Forty-five of the 191 weeks

ends in the study had 20 or more deaths while 26 had less than 10. Of the low tolls, 18 occurred in the months of January, February and March in the three years of 1961-63. No toll this year has been less than 11.

The weekend tolls varied from lows of four and five in February and March of 1961, 1962 and 1963 to a high of 38 during the July 4 period last summer.

Because of the variable factors involved, the tolls can change sharply from one weekend to the next, the commissioner pointed out. For example, in July and August of 1963 the death counts for consecutive weekends were 28, 11, 25, 12 and 32.



SEA SCOUTS from Livonia joined a recent weekend visit to Grosse Ile Naval Air Station and took a brief hop in a C-54 Globemaster. With the group are Bill Johnson, 30816 Gladys, a ninth-grade pupil at Whittier Junior High (back row, third from left); Bob Horton, 8561 Liberty, a Franklin High junior (back row, fourth from left); and Jim Purcell, 30209 Grandon, a ninth-grader at Emerson Junior High (front row, fifth from left).

### Redford Group Takes Charge of Nursery For the Retarded

The Redford Association for Retarded Children will present Mr. Michael C. Kreider, executive director of the RARC, as the featured speaker for Dec. 9 meeting at the Beech Road School, 18499 Beech Daley Road at 8 p.m.

All interested are welcome to attend.

The RARC received a letter of thanks and commendation for its donation of \$25 for research to the RARC in addition to the research conducted by the members.

Mrs. Barbara Moore gave a progress report on the Nursery for Retarded Children at the Nov. 10 meeting. The responses have been coming in steadily and the number of children now

ready to take part in the program has increased to ten.

The purpose of the nursery will be to better prepare the children to enter the trainable or educable classes in the public schools.

The nursery will meet in the Redford Baptist Church, 25295 Grand River, on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Barbara Moore followed her report with a motion to have the nursery brought under the auspices of the RARC and the name to be changed to the Redford Association Nursery for Retarded Children. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Also voted and passed was a motion to place \$100 in a separate accounting in the RARC treasury to help the nursery to get started and to pay \$25 rent for the church rooms per month. Anyone interested in entering a child in the nursery or in volunteer work, please call Barbara Moore, RE 4-0786, for further information.

Mrs. Jean Sanzone of the Redford Suburban League was present at the November meeting to explain the group contract whereby organizational dues may aid in selling the league book, "Binkie, the Forgetful Clown."

The RARC voted to take 100 books for the members to sell. Ways and Means Chairman Mrs. Phyllis Edwards is in charge of the sales and distribution of the books to the members. For further information call RE 4-2165.

Mr. Bob Austin, director of Camp Rankin, gave a very interesting and informative talk on the camp program. He showed slides of the camp buildings and activities. The camp takes all types of handicapped children for three weeks each summer. Retarded children at camp have ranged in age from 6 to 45 years. Mr. Austin explained that the camp must justify its existence more than just for fun and the attempt is made to achieve its educational and recreational activities.

Mrs. Dorothy Shields reported on a visit which she and President Robert Tower made to a parents group in Southgate. They were invited to give advice and information to help promote the group.

Myles and Phyllis Armour attended the RARC workshop at the McGregor Center on Oct. 24 and gave a short report on the plans for a coming Informative Day sponsored by all the associations for the retarded in Wayne County. This program will replace Learning Day for this year and will place emphasis on community level programs.

A very welcome donation was received from the ladies auxiliary of the Metropolitan Club of America Spirit No. 34.

The general public is invited and welcome to attend all meetings of the association.

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### DPW News and Notes

By Supt. JOSEPH BIDA  
Plymouth Dept. Public Works

The Department of Public Works was busy during their past week picking up leaves and moving the curb on Liberty Street west of Mill Street.

While removing the curb, it was found the sub base was wet and mushy with a result that bad material was dug out and replaced by weeping tile. Two new catch basins also were installed. The street was to be blacktopped this week.

Work was started in placing the Christmas decorations in Kellogg Park in preparation for the annual three-week celebration starting after Thanksgiving Day.

The big grate on S. Harvey was cleaned and a manhole along the county drain between Sheridan and Penman Avenues cleaned and a new cover installed.

Workers found that youngsters had removed the cover and had built a shelter in the manhole. This could have developed into a serious situation since the sanitary sewer is about 20-foot deep and the youngsters could have run into the always dangerous sewer gas.

In addition, workers found the youngsters had built fires on more than one occasion. Fortunately, for them, there never was an explosion which could have come from the sewer gas. The DPW urges all adults who see youngsters playing around manholes to report the incidents at once so that corrective steps can be taken.

The department handled three funerals at Riverside Cemetery. Hydrants were flushed in the Masserman Springdale subdivision and fire hydrants pumped out and prepared for the winter months. Additional work was done on repairing street signs.

The successes of today are built on the foundation of yesterday's hard earned lessons.