

Hare Lists 'High Priority Items' For Road Safety

LANSING—Secretary of State James M. Hare has scored the need for traffic safety in Michigan a "high priority" for new legislation.

"I have concern over the many problems that beset this state. I refer to court reorganization, crime control, pollution problems, education, public employment, housing for lower income persons, and others. But I continue to have great concern about traffic safety, even though Michigan did have a better record in fatalities in 1967 than the year before."

Hare said that traffic accidents continue to be a "scourge".

"This is the horrible toll for 1967. Deaths...2,115; injuries...101,000 estimated with hundreds of these persons maimed and injured severely; property damage...upwards of \$1-million daily, at least \$400-million a year. What a terrible drain on our most precious resources, lives, and property."

HARE NOTED that "important work has been done of late in the traffic safety field in Michigan."

"Public concern appears at an all-time high. Several important legislative programs have been passed or are in advance stages of legislative enactment. The ones in the Legislature need guidance and bipartisan support."

HARE LISTED his own program of "high priority items" in traffic safety.

1. Seizure and impounding of vehicles driven by motorists who are on suspension or revocation. In my estimation, this is the only effective means of keeping some of the "recidivists" off the roads.

2. Revamp of the state's traffic ticket system with adoption of a system similar to that working in Illinois. This would close an important loophole in our present system...that of the failure-to-answer-summons. It would get many bad drivers off our roads. And as a by-product, it would save money by clearing court dockets and eliminating the filing of thousands of records.

3. Changing the concept of the present License Appeal Board from a three-man review to an administrative hearing conducted by driver improvement personnel of the Michigan Department of State. Problems attendant to license appeal boards

can be best pointed up by the experience in administering appeals in conjunction with the new implied consent law.

4. Establishment of a medical evaluation board. This is one of

the points set forth by the Governor in his message. And it's a vital program which would not be too costly to implement.

5. Authority to deal with accident prone drivers without re-

gard to points.

6. Periodic motor vehicle inspection for all vehicles.

7. State driver license examining, Michigan's system of partial state examiners and part local

examiners is one of the most divided systems in the United States. There is a need for high standard, uniform examining.

8. Revision and updating of the Motor Vehicle Code might

possibly be implemented without cost to the state through a grant from groups like insurance companies, auto dealers association, or perhaps others.

9. New driver license exam-

ining procedures to provide for testing applications according to the type and class of vehicle they will be permitted to drive.

There are others which I would like to see implemented.

But at this point, these seem to be some of the more important ones. I fully realize that some can be moved through the Legislature while others face difficult hurdles.



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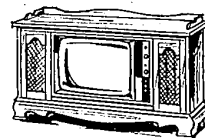


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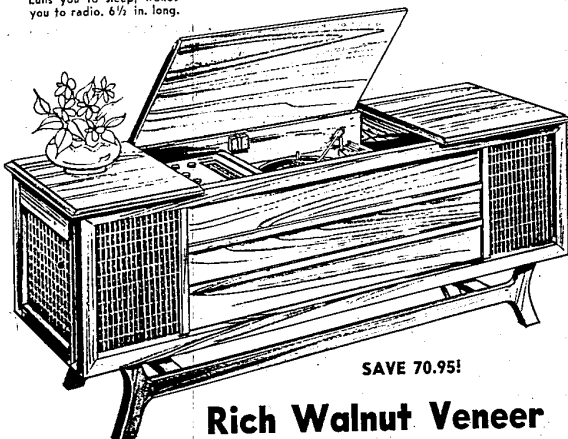


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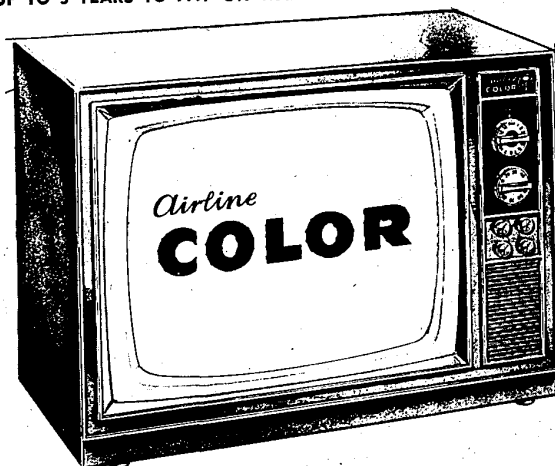
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Clarenceville Bandsmen Win Festival Awards

The All High School District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Wayne State University recently awarded First Division Blue medal awards to the following Clarenceville band members:

Kerry Rifkin, cornet solo; Harvey Benstein, clarinet solo; Kerry Rifkin and Mark Kuehn, cornet duet; Rebecca Hamden and Linda Pridemore, flute duet; Tom Taffee, drum solo; Linda Pridemore and Phyllis Fedder, flute and clarinet duet; and Larry Kopelman and Larry Diamond, clarinet duet.

This entitles the students to compete in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Ann Arbor, March 23.

Rocket Blast

The fiery blast that launches giant rockets into space comes from a mixture of kerosene and liquid oxygen.

The Saturn 5 moon rocket consumed 2,300 tons of the propellant mixture within two and one-half minutes after lift-off. In that time, the 6.2-million-pound vehicle climbed 38 miles above the earth.