

Arrangements Set For Safety Meetings

Arrangements have been completed for the 38th Annual Michigan Safety Conference to be held at the Civic Center in Lansing on April 23, 24, and 25.

Conference officers and leaders of the 11 divisions which constitute this event of all state safety events, have perfected programs for meetings, demonstrations and exhibits which will utilize all facilities of the center's auditorium, exhibition hall, small auditorium and meeting rooms for three days.

Outstanding speakers are scheduled for the three all-conference luncheons which will highlight each day's program at noon.

TUESDAY'S LUNCHEON speaker will be Virgil J. Meyers, corporate safety director of the Westinghouse Electric Company, New York City. The Wednesday noon speaker is Hugh C. Daly, executive vice president of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, Detroit. On Thursday the conference will hear Jasper E. Hurt, vice president of the Motor Fuel

Corporation, St. Joseph, at the noon luncheon.

There will be an entire floor of exhibits featuring the latest in safety equipment and methods with more than 100 business firms participating along with public agencies.

According to Forrest E. Kimball, Michigan Department of Labor, Lansing, and the Conference President, this year's affair promises to be the largest and most educational in the organization's history.

During the past 11 months directors of the conference as well as the officers of its 11 divisions have been meeting regularly and planning programs that will emphasize the theme: "Make Safety Your Way of Life."

PRACTICALLY every phase of safety in both public and private life will be covered. The divisions, some of which have two or more sections, are: traffic safety, hospital, industrial, transportation, public utilities, office, construction, school and college, women's, governmental agencies and fire safety.

Total attendance is expected to surpass 4,000 while the actual number of registered delegates will be in excess of 2,000.

There will be many highlights including the appearance of Miss Michigan, the crowning of Mrs. Safety, 1968, and a special message from Mayor Max Murnighan of Lansing, who has made traffic safety a major part of his administrative program.

Conference officers in addition to the president are: Herbert A. Larner, personnel planning coordinator, Lincoln-Mercury Division, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, executive vice president; Robert T. Daniels, director of safety, Fisher Body Div., GM, Warren, administrative vice president; William H. Foster, general personnel supervisor, Consumers Power Company, Jackson, divisional vice president; A.J. Ferguson, president, J.A. Ferguson Construction Company, Farmington, treasurer; and Arthur E. Johnson, manager of the Safety Engineering Department, Detroit Insurance Agency, executive secretary.

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THEODORE J. MCGARBLE, director of the Bureau's North Central Region said the apparent index jumped 1.2 per cent in the month without marked advances in the price of a women's shoes, dresses, and almost all other items.

Food prices also were notable. The index advanced 3.5 per cent in the month.

The food at home index was up 4.1 per cent in the month. It declines in cereals and in products, meats, poultry, fish, although some of the most costly items, such as eggs, lamb, chicken, and beef, showed lower prices. Food in restaurants and motels also rose, by two-tenths of one per cent in the month.

Medical care also continued its upward trend due to increased physicians' fees.

Price Index Takes Climb In Detroit

The most mortgage interest rates, higher property insurance premiums, increased prices for clothing, gasoline and food, and higher doctors' fees account for more than two-thirds of the rise in the Detroit Consumer Price Index for February.

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Math Goofs Delaying Tax Refunds

Michigan taxpayers are making more mistakes in arithmetic on federal income tax returns than any other kind of returns, according to A.M. Stimpfer, U.S. District Director for Michigan.

Although, Stimpfer reports, 12,000 returns have been accepted at the U.S. Service Center in Ann Arbor, they with errors in addition or subtraction.

The address taxpayers that these mistakes can result in delay of refunds. When the tax preparers check a return for accuracy, and uncover an arithmetic error, Stimpfer explained, the correction is made and a notice of the change is sent to the taxpayer.

One of the major reasons for delay in issuing refunds, he said, is the failure of taxpayers to include their correct Social Security number on their returns.

Stimpfer said that many returns are being held up because of a variety of other errors of facturers to comply with instructions mailed to each taxpayer with his tax forms.

Up to last week 6,847 tax returns had been filed without the necessary signatures, and 11,000 more will have to be sent back to the taxpayer.

Math pointed out that Michigan's vehicle code does not allow the state to take any action against reckless drivers, "not only the state but in the entire country with this weakness."

Under the current transportation bill, he said, traffic courts may possibly be able to conform with the new federal standards.

"But medical services at the scene of accidents require a good deal of remedial work. Some states are already using helicopters to get to the scene of accidents and to transport injured persons to nearby hospitals."

The report from the technical division of the Department of Transportation also pointed out that while Michigan has had a "stopper" motor vehicle inspection, it involves only a small percentage of the total cars in the state.

IT WAS ALSO pointed out that Michigan did not have sufficient conformity in its driver licensing laws since many of the examining stations were still under local jurisdiction.

Since the Committee's meeting a year ago, Michigan has taken a good step forward in the field of driver licensing by conforming with the federal standard related to enforcement of the law against persons driving without a license.

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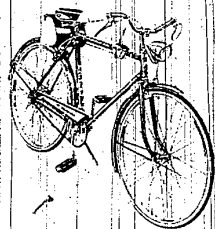
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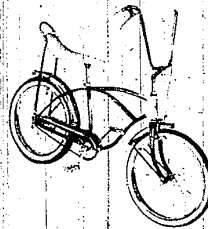
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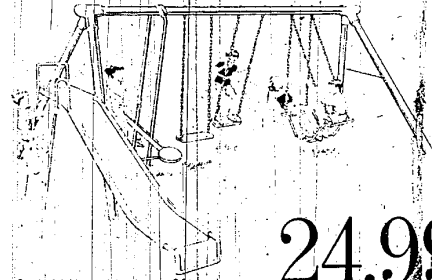
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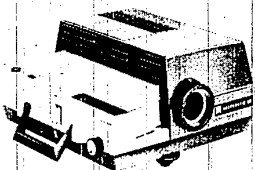


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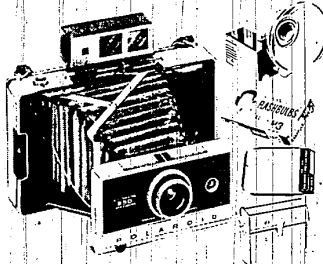
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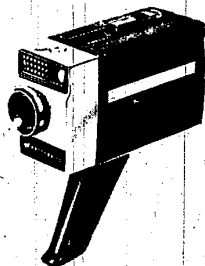


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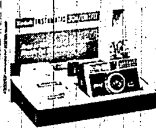
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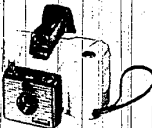
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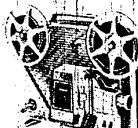
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