

Seek Reasons for Setback in State Traffic Record

The Michigan State Police are attempting to determine what happened to cause the tragic Labor Day week-end traffic toll of 34 lives.

Termining the record as indefensible, Commissioner Donald S. Leonard said a survey had shown that violations or careless acts by drivers and pedestrians were factors in 21 of the 26 accidents in which the 34 died. The cause is

not yet known in the five remaining accidents, while a 35th death occurring in a private driveway was not included in the highway statistics.

Paradoxically, Michigan led all the states in Labor Day week-end fatalities, but over the Fourth of July week-end, when traffic was nearly eight per cent heavier, the state had only six deaths, the lowest in the nation.

Not Definitely Known

"What happened between the Fourth of July and Labor Day to make drivers more careless is something not definitely known," Leonard said, "but certainly our Labor Day record was a disgrace. Michigan, however, was not an exception to the general trend throughout the country, particu-

larly in resort states, the total death toll exceeding by 100 the estimates of the National Safety Council.

The State Police survey disclosed that 20 of the 26 fatal accidents and 27 of the 34 deaths occurred during the first two days of the four-day holiday. The sharp reduction thereafter is attributed largely to drivers being shocked into cautiousness as newspapers and radios brought in the fatality reports, and also to the fact that many persons deferred their homeward trips until Tuesday to avoid the heavy traffic flow.

Leonard pointed out that the Labor Day record had reversed a steady decline in the traffic death rate during the last several months.

Be wise—use classified!

Angle or Parallel Parking for S. Woodward? Police Chief to Make Decision

Within the next four to six weeks, South Woodward avenue merchants, and the general public, will learn what type of parking is to be permitted south of Brown street.

In spite of some pressure brought by a group of S. Woodward merchants Monday night to have the city commission itself direct the police chief what type of parking to permit, commissioners told Chief Ralph W. Moxley to determine the type of plan himself. Then, in 30 days, the matter will have to come before the commission for approval before becoming permanent.

Last week Moxley proposed that the city install parallel parking along the west side of the street, with angle parking on the east side. This would have reversed the present arrangement.

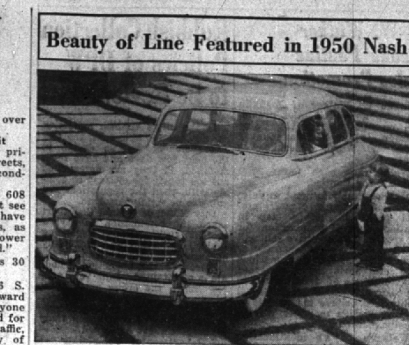
Get More Parking Places

Moxley explained at the time he made his proposal that the street would permit this area to have a few more parking places than it does now.

"I am primarily interested in having a free flow of traffic in this area, and as few accidents as possible," he said Monday night. "Angle parking produces 10 times as many accidents as does parallel parking."

"I do not believe we should have angle parking on both sides, for it leads to congestion as motorists tend to crowd to the center of the road to avoid possible accidents from cars backing out of angle parking places. This is vividly illustrated in the heart of town, where the accident rate has been increasing and congestion getting worse."

He said he would like to see



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Sidewalk Postponed

Two North Woodward property owners this week asked the city commission to postpone construction of a sidewalk in front of their properties until the future use of the land was more definitely determined.

Dr. John K. Ormond and Robert L. Parry were told Monday night by the commission that the proposed construction of the sidewalk, on the west side of Woodward from the Colonial terraces north to Redding road, would be done this construction season.

BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

Status of enlisted and inducted personnel who entered the Army under the Selective Act of 1948 and agreed to serve in the Enlisted Reserve Corps upon completion of one year's service, was clarified in an announcement today from Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago.

The statement was issued in response to a number of inquiries which indicated a widespread misunderstanding of the obligations incurred by the young men who elected to spend only a year in the Army, with subsequent participation in active reserve training. The announcement follows:

"The Selective Service Act of 1948 provides that upon completion of one year's service, voluntary enlistees and inductees will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve where they are required to maintain satisfactory participation for five or six years, or until sooner discharged.

Age is Criterion

"The criterion which determines the time a man shall serve in the Enlisted Reserve Corps is his age. He was between 18 and 19 years old at the time of his enlistment, his term of reserve duty is six years.

"Men who were between 20 and 26 years old and were inducted, or who voluntarily enlisted on or after June 24, 1948, and prior to their twenty-sixth birthday, are required to serve five years.

"However, five or six-year reservists are considered to have fulfilled their obligation to the United States Army if they accept and satisfactorily complete an assigned unit of three and four years respectively with an organized unit. Where no specific assignments are available to an individual, he will complete the full term of five or six years.

"A satisfactory tour of duty with the Enlisted Reserve Corps, including service with an ROTC program, in an organized unit of a reserve component, such as the National Guard, requires that the individual attend 90 per cent of the scheduled training periods of his assigned unit.

Must Report Within 10 Days

"An individual will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps in the grade held at the completion of a year's service. He must report to the Senior Army Instructor of the Organized Reserve Corps in his home state within 10 days after release from active duty for assignment to a reserve unit.

"Where individuals knowingly fail to fulfill their obligations, they may be recalled to active duty for another year of service." Authorities at Fifth Army Headquarters are available to the continued refusal to participate in

reserve activities may result in a trial by a civil court for violation of the Selective Service Act.

Young single men between 17 and 21 years of age who are interested in a full four-year college education paid for by the government should investigate the Navy's college training program for the fall semester of 1950. It was announced today by Lt. Comdr. A. J. Schultz, Jr., USN officer in charge of Naval Officer Procurement in Detroit.

Competitive examinations are to be given in several cities throughout Michigan on Dec. 3, 1949. Applications for these examinations have to be submitted prior to November 12, 1949. Over 75 college scholarships are to be given in the State of Michigan.

Successful candidates will be enlisted as Midshipmen in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. Part of their training takes place aboard ship in the nature of six weeks summer cruises to Europe and Mediterranean Ports. After graduation from college, students are commissioned as ensigns and serve two years with the fleet.

Midshipmen are deferred from the draft while in college. Full particulars can be received from the senior advisors in all high schools or from Naval Officer Procurement, 949 Book Building, Detroit.

Sea Scouts Meet At Grosse Pointe Park

Birmingham Sea Scouts plaid fourth in the contests staged at the Detroit area's annual gathering at Grosse Pointe municipal park Saturday and Sunday. Six ships had a total of 54 Scouts in attendance.

Prior to the three contests, apprentice knots, heaving a life ring and a swimming relay, the land ships were set up and crews mustered aboard.

The following crew members attended at Birmingham: Jack Dear, Bill Lanham, First Mate Charles Allison, Bob Dutton, Jim St. Jean, Al Sheffield, Claude Johnson, Louis Cuniff, Don Green and Ted Smitz. Jack Dear and Ted Smitz won the relay and Dear took second in the 200-yard swim.

Arnold Diebing was chairman for the event. Any boy, 14 or over, who is interested in the Sea Scouts is invited to join the group which meets at the Community House Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

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