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Traffic Toll In State Still Moves Upward

Michigan traffic casualties exceeded 10,000 for the first three months of 1952, with the death of 132 persons and the injury of 3,379 in 12,035 accidents in March.

According to the State Police monthly statistical report, deaths increased 30, or 29 per cent, over the 193 for the month of March last year. Injuries increased 110, or three per cent, over 3,269.

It was the second consecutive month that both deaths and injuries were higher than in the same month of 1951.

On the other hand, accidents were down for the third consecutive month. The decrease was 851, or seven per cent, under 12,886 in March last year. Accidents dropped in both rural and urban areas.

ALL OF THE fatality increase occurred in rural areas with run-off-roadway accidents accounting for the greater number. Accidents of this type are commonly associated with driving at excessive speeds. Injuries were up six per cent in rural areas and two per cent in urban areas.

The traffic toll for the first three months of 1952 included 324 persons killed and 9,960 injured in 40,497 accidents. Compared with the same period in 1951, deaths decreased 13, or four per cent, under 337 and injuries increased 451, or five per cent, under 42,523.

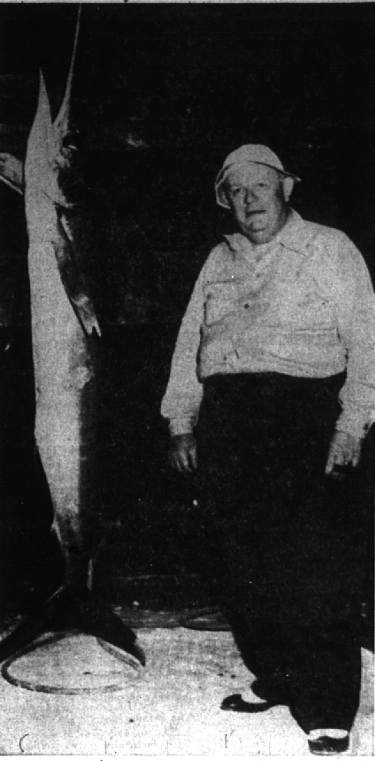
Motor vehicle travel for February, the latest month for which figures are available, was 1.7 billion miles, an increase of 14 per cent over the 1.5 billion miles for the same month last year.

Mileage for the first two months of 1952 was up six per cent, 35 billion as compared with 3.3 billion.

The death rate of 5.76 per 100 million miles of travel was 19 per cent below 7.15 for the same period last year.

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WALNUT LAKE NEWS
 By **GENEVA STEVENS**
 MAY 14-15-16

Mother-Daughter Banquet
 The Mother and Daughter banquet for the members of the Walnut Lake Women's club will be held at the West Bloomfield Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mrs. John Woodman and Mrs. John Phelps have arranged the program. Mrs. Ernest Jacobson and her committee of Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. Ferol Holiday, Mrs. Edward Sintz and Mrs. David Martin are in charge of the dinner, to be served by the men of the community. Mrs. R. C. Banker and Mrs. Mahlon Saiton have planned able decorations.

PTA Installation
 The last meeting of the Walnut Lake PTA will be held at the school Monday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock. Installation of officers will take place, with a member of the Birmingham PTA Council officiating. This will be followed by a social evening under the direction of John Woodman, program chairman.

The officers to be installed are Edson Stevens, president; John Woodman, vice president; Mrs. Donald Brown, secretary; Frank Sweet, treasurer; Mrs. Reginald Smith, mother vice president; Keith Symon, father vice president; Miss Marjorie Votey, teacher vice president and Miss Nola Peasley, teacher representative.

The executive board met with the newly elected officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Stevens on Tuesday evening. Present were John Woodman, Mrs. Reginald Smith, Mrs. Philip Emrich, Mrs. Harold Jones, Mrs. Perry Graber, Mrs. John Parkins, Mrs. Donald Brown, Mrs. Robert Morris, Miss Marjorie Votey, Mrs. Marjorie Ruslander, and John Smith.

Scouting Notes
 Brownies met at the school with their leaders, Mrs. John Parkins and Mrs. Reginald Smith Monday afternoon and followed trail signs to the home of Mrs. Parkins where they built a fire and made a morsel and had pop. Mary Keenan was the hostess for the day.

Troop 360 met at the home of their leader, Mrs. James Roberts who was assisted by Mrs. Donald Irwin. Virginia Irwin brought the "nibbles" and Joan Smith presented the game for the day. My

61,515 in Recreation Program During 1951

The fourth annual report of the Birmingham recreation board, recently released by Director Frank Whitney, shows a total attendance of 61,515 registrations. Activities of the groups were directed by a staff of 40.

Whitney pointed out that this total included duplicate registration of most participants.

"It actually shows a total attendance of 120,000," he said, "but one child may have taken part in several activities of course, attended many one or several times. Our figures deal entirely with totals."

Starting with 12,800 and swimming with 11,140 were most popular on the program while tennis, with 4,556, held third spot. Other activities included craft shop, music, basketball, baseball, rifle range, golf, softball, radio workshop, and general playground activities. There were 155 special events held.

THE BUDGET included \$7,500 in cash and services from the board of education; \$7,825.49 cash and services from the City of Birmingham and \$1,564.57 from general revenue, including purchases and fees from participants.

A new feature last season was the baseball school, created to fulfill a desire among Birmingham boys to become better players. Whitney said he felt the creation of the various leagues within the city, including the Little League, was responsible for this.

Also new was the radio workshop, patronized mainly by Junior high school boys and girls. These teenagers produced eight complete shows which were broadcast over vicinity radio networks.

"IT WAS very much regretted that children below junior high school could not participate. It is hoped that our new program will be able to offer this experience," Whitney said.

A tennis school came into being last year for beginners in this sport or those who wished to improve their game. Also new, an exploratory pre-instrumental class gave an opportunity to children too young to take part in a regular band or instrument class.

Whitney's report showed new lighting systems installed at skating rinks gave a wider scope to after-dark activities. The playgrounds at the new fields, Pembroke Park and Terry school, added additional space for day-supervised activities of the smaller children.

"ALL PLAYGROUNDS were converted to the dominant quiet type of activity for the first time last year," Whitney said, "and proved very successful."

Gymnasiums at Adams, Pierce, Baldwin, Quanton and Barham schools were utilized as were school playgrounds and all city parks. The entire program was planned to give a well-rounded schedule of activities for all tastes.

Mental activities, as well as physical, were supplied and, according to Whitney, proved satisfactory to all.

In the crafts field, thousands of articles were made from paper,

Troop badge was awarded to Sharon Gibson, Kay Graber, Virginia Irwin, Karen Madgren, Margaret Roberts and Joan Smith. The Cook badge was received by Virginia Irwin, Margaret Roberts and Joan Smith. Margaret Roberts received her Leather badge and Virginia Irwin received the Traveler badge. The troop then identified trees and flowers as a requirement for their Second Class badge.

Beverly Noch visited Troop 358 this week and showed them how to make Buddy uniforms which they will use on their cook-out next week.

spread to include more after-school activities; increasing the arts and crafts activities to year-round classes; providing a balanced program between opportunities offered for boys and girls; more adult activities.

"THE RECREATION board sees in an advisory capacity. It cannot provide but can only recommend. A creditable expansion of recreational facilities and program will be necessary if even a few basic needs are to be met in the future."

"Our recent school enrollment survey makes it very clear that the time is here when we must plan for our children as well as our sewers, streets, parking lots and trees," Whitney stated.

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