

Highway Death Toll Hits High Point In June

An average of nearly six persons were killed on Michigan streets and highways each day during June, according to the State Police monthly statistical report.

There were 170 fatalities, or one more than occurred in June of last year. The total was only eight less than the all-time high June death toll of 17 in 1941 and 46 higher than the average death toll of 124 for the month during the last seven years.

The report also showed 4,932 injuries and 14,518 accidents. Injuries increased 87, or 22 percent, over 4,057 in June last year and

accidents increased 2,202, or 18 percent, over 12,313.

MICHIGAN'S traffic record for the first six months of 1953 included 811 deaths, 29,200 injuries and 87,043 accidents. Deaths were 77, or nearly 11 percent, higher than 734 for the same period last year. Injuries increased 4,543, or 21 percent, over 21,557 and accidents were up 9,786, or 18 percent, over 77,355.

Estimated travel for the first five months of this year, the latest figures available, was 10.1 billion miles, or seven percent over 9.4 billion for the same period in 1952. The death rate was 6.4 per 100 million miles of travel as compared to 6, also an increase of seven percent.

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FIRST SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS WERE BOYS
No phone numbers used, either

Mich. Bell 75 Yrs. Old; Local Exchange Is 70

Seventy-five years ago this month Michigan's first telephone exchange was opened for business with 53 subscribers in Detroit.

Now, three-quarters of a century later, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company is marking its Diamond Jubilee, serving more than 2,000,000 telephones in its territory throughout the state.

According to Walter B. Fausser, manager here for the company, the first Birmingham exchange was installed in 1883 in the grocery store and post office operated by J. Allen Bigelow. Later, Almeron Whitehead, a clerk in the store, and George Mitchell, a clerk in the store across the street, bought the Bigelow store and assumed the management of the telephone exchange.

For a short time a competitor, the New State Telephone company tried to interest new subscribers in their service, enlisted 12 new subscribers, but finally retired from the field because of lack of business.

By 1904 the company was offering 24-hour-a-day service at and between its Royal Oak and Birmingham offices. By then there was no charge for calls between the two communities and orders for service poured in faster than new telephone instruments could be obtained and installed.

In 1910, there were 310 tele- phones in operation in Birmingham. In 1940 there was well over 5,000 and since the end of World War II, has jumped to nearly 17,500. A new dial central office was completed in 1950 and an addition, required to provide space for more much-needed dial equipment, was completed last year.

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Farmington Man Injured In Crash

Harry Woods, age 47, 28830 Greening, Farmington, suffered face and chest injuries Tuesday afternoon when the car he was driving was in collision with a truck driven by David C. Galbraith, age 18, Detroit, at Telegraph and Thirteen Mile road, Southfield township.

Woods was taken to Pontiac General hospital for treatment. According to Galbraith, Woods stopped on Thirteen mile at the intersection and then pulled into the truck's path.

The village blacksmith finally found an apprentice willing to work hard at low pay for long hours. The smith immediately began his instructions to the lad: "When I take the shoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil; and when I no my head, you hit it with this hammer." The apprentice did just as he was told. Now he's the village blacksmith.—Link.

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