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Plan to Tighten Driver License Exams Drafted

A tentative draft calling for the revision of the rules and regulations governing the issuance of drivers' licenses and a tightening up of examinations has been agreed upon by the Secretary of State and the Michigan State Police.

The revision has been under study for a considerable period of time and was discussed at a conference of Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr., Secretary of State-elect Owen J. Cleary and State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs.

The next step will be the presentation of the proposal to a representative meeting of all interested governmental and police agencies, public safety groups and others who have a primary concern in the problem.

IT IS HOPED to hold this meeting the latter part of January. The proposal, with such modifications as may be made at that time, will then be ready to place in effect.

The program is aimed primarily at those applying for driving permits the first time. The written examination will be expanded and the vision test made more complete. The road test also will be more thorough.

"The office of the secretary of state and state police have had this under study for a long time," said Commissioner Childs, "and have prepared an examination which we think will better fit today's needs and requirements. We have not believed present provisions entirely satisfactory and therefore have endeavored to come up with something that will put, much safer drivers on the road."

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Home Lighting Winners Announced By Jaycees

Christmas has come and gone and the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce judges have selected the five area winners of the 1952 contest.

They are the homes of Leo Obly, 281 Glenhurst; the H. J. Millers, 2134 Manchester; the Fred Steines, 1860 Humphrey; the Fred Gibbons, 1285 Birmingham, and the B. J. Bartush family, 663 Shirley.

Although judging was close in all sections, the Bartush family came in for special mention, since the figures on plywood which was then cut out by the boys of the family and the gowns prepared by them, too.

The setting up of the display was handled entirely by the children, Daniel, 11, and Leonard, 4.

"THE BIGGER children handled the placing of the figures and lights," Mrs. Bartush said, "but Leonard helped with everything. He carried things for the others and was really a pretty important person in the arrangement of it all."

"The scene this year had only three figures, but we plan to add one more to it each year."

Eight-foot candy canes of stove pipe decorated the backyard at this home.

It was by accident that the Bartush display became an entry. Judges driving through that area were impressed and asked them if they had considered entering the contest.

"We had talked of it," Mrs. Bartush said, "but in the rush of Medical Center and the Briggs Estate, other things, neglected it. The

Seven Persons Injured In December Accidents

Seven persons were injured in December traffic mishaps, according to the December report of the Birmingham police department.

A total of 24 accidents were recorded during the month, 11 less than in the same period in 1951. Violations include seven for speeding, six right-of-way violations, two for disregarding stop sign or signal, two for improper parking position, two driving under the influence of liquor, and one each for following too closely, cutting in, improper turns and "miscellaneous."

City to Sell Shovel

Having rejected all bids as unsatisfactory, Birmingham city commissioners have authorized the negotiated sale of a Wayne shovel, used by the city DPW at a minimum price of \$4,200. This price is about \$1,000 higher than any bid received on the machine which was purchased four years ago for \$14,700.

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