

Downward Trend Continues on Highway Deaths

Downward trend in Michigan traffic deaths which began in January continued in September, according to the state police monthly report.

There were 164 persons killed during the month, a reduction of 22, or 12 per cent, under the same month last year.

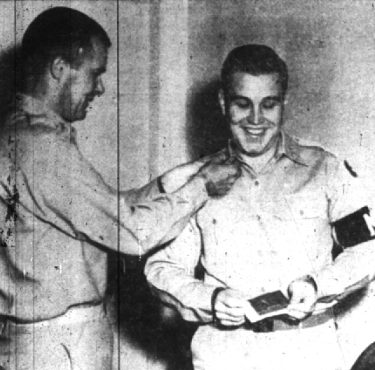
Injuries and accidents also went down. Injuries amounted to 2,742, a reduction of 330, or seven per cent, while accidents totaled 14,040, a decrease of 804, or five per cent.

DURING THE first nine months of the year, 1,328 persons have been killed and 28,772 injured in 131,118 accidents. Compared with the same period last year, deaths were down 115, or eight per cent, injuries decreased 2,107, or five per cent, and accidents dropped 112, or 4 per cent.

Estimated mileage traveled in the first eight months of the year, the latest figures available, was 18.1 billion, an increase of three per cent over 17.6 billion for the same period of 1953. The death rate per 100 million miles was down 10

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per cent to 61 per 100 million miles of travel, the lowest on record for this period.



HAROLD F. GASSER (right), 768 Suffield, is presented **First Lieutenant's bars** at Ft. Benning, Ga., after notification by the department of the army of his promotion from second lieutenant. **Lt. Col. George A. Bieri**, infantry center provost marshal, pins the bars on Lt. Gasser, who is executive officer of the Fort Benning Military Police company. He is a 1950 graduate of Michigan State college.

Would Assess Cost On Frontage Basis

An access drive at the north-west corner of Pierce and 14 Mile would immediately relieve a serious safety hazard caused when vehicles back into fast flowing traffic lanes, according to Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

City commissioners agreed, then ordered plans drawn up for the drive. It would be paid for by assessments against business frontage.

Accompanying proposals to pave the alley behind the businesses and construct a parking lot north of the alley are being held up until further study by commissioners on how the lot should be financed and maintained.

Birmingham Business Briefs

Name Appointments At Tractor Firm
Appointment of Charles L. Tretaway as distribution manager and Russell J. Hill as advertising and sales promotion manager of Great Lakes Tractor and Equipment company, 2100 E. Maple, was announced this week by William G. Davidson, sales manager.

Tretaway, formerly with Harry Ferguson, Inc., as export sales manager, has served for several years in retail sales. Hill, once creative supervisor for Harry Ferguson, Inc., was previously with Kenyon and Eckhardt, Detroit.

With Korean Unit

Pfc. Weston S. Ostrander, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Ostrander, 1238 Maryland, recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave from his unit in Korea at Kobe, one of Japan's largest metropolitan areas. Ostrander, a member of the 31st Infantry Regiment's company M, arrived overseas in December 1953.



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Perform Duties Of Radio Operator

Pfc. Philip F. Savage is stationed with headquarters and service company of the 27th engineer battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky. He is assigned to the communication section and is performing the duties of radio operator.

Prior to entering service, he attended Baldwin high school and Michigan State college. He was employed as a tennis instructor. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Savage, 452 Bonnie Briar, he received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Training in Texas

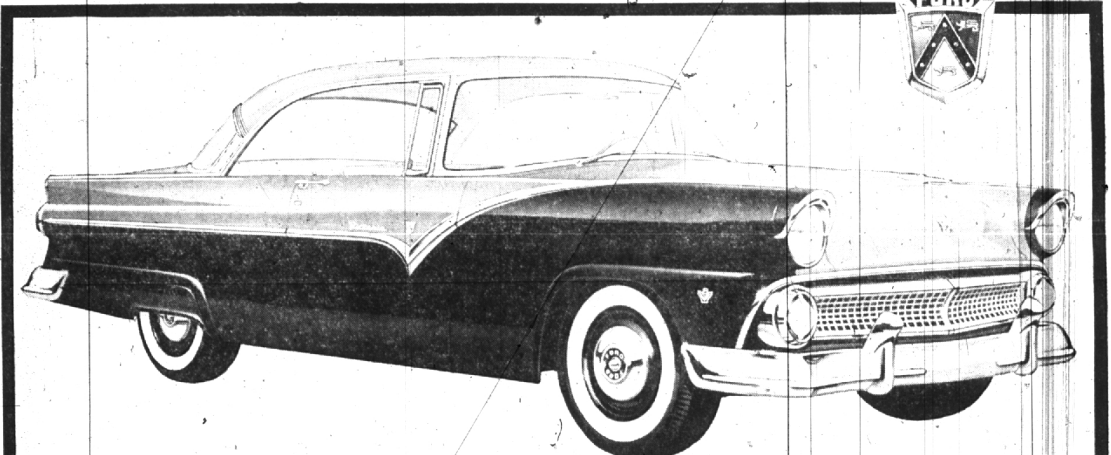
Two soldiers of the Birmingham area recently began eight weeks of Army basic training in the anti-aircraft artillery replacement training center at Fort Bliss, Texas. They are Pvt. Jack A. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace, 5535 Poplar lane, and Pvt. Donald R. McClelland, son of Winifred McClelland of Westchester Way.

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Granny Drives But Won't "Shift"
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Then I stopped and looked again—for there, hanging on the spare tire was a sign: "This car NOT for sale."
Asked Granny what was going on, "Joe," she says, "it's this craze for old cars. Everybody wants to buy my Franklin. But it has served for years and it's not for sale at any price."
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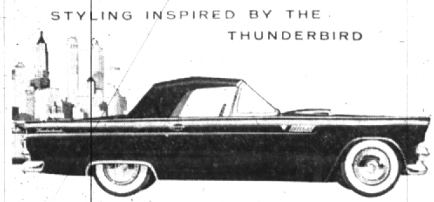
4 new high-style lines
Much of the excitement stirred up by the 1955 Ford centers around its extended line of cars. Within the distinguished new Fairlane Series, the Customline Series, the Mainline Series and the Station Wagon Series there are 16 Ford body styles.

3 new Trigger-Torque engines!
You'll command lightning getaway... split-second passing-ability. For these new engines give Trigger-Torque response. The 162-h.p. Y-block V-8 has a compression ratio of 7.6 to 1 and 272 cu. in. displacement. The 182-h.p. Y-block Special V-8 teamed with new Speed-Trigger Fordomatic Drive is available in Fairlane and Station Wagon models. This mighty engine has an 8.5 to 1 compression ratio, a 4-barrel carburetor, and dual exhausts. And there's the new 120-h.p. I-block Six—the industry's most modern!

New Angle-Poised Ride
Ball-Joint Front Suspension, which Ford

introduced to the low-price field, is one of the greatest contributions ever made to riding and handling ease. Add Ford's new Angle-Poised Ball-Joint Front Suspension for '55 gives a still better ride... because it is mounted at an angle so that springs absorb road shock from the front as well as straight up from beneath the wheels. It reduces annoying road-joint jar.

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New Speed-Trigger Fordomatic Drive has a new automatic get-away gear for quicker starts and passing. 10% larger brakes mean smoother stopping and up to 50% longer brake lining life. Tubeless tires offer extra puncture and blowout protection. A softer and quieter ride. Longer life. Turbo-Action Spark Plugs resist "fouling" up to three times longer.
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