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## Official Linking Nov. 1 of State's Two Peninsulas Will Lack Fanfare

ST. IGNACE—The Mackinac bridge will be open to traffic at about 2 p.m. tomorrow, according to Prentiss M. Brown, chairman of the Mackinac Bridge authority.

The official linking of Michigan's two peninsulas will be without fanfare and marked with little ceremony and no speechmaking, said the chairman. The governor, state elective officers and the legislature have been invited to a pre-opening inspection trip.

Immediately following this, the governor and the authority will drive from Mackinac City to St. Ignace with the governor paying the first toll, \$3.25, to mark the opening to traffic and dramatize the fact the law prohibits free passage.

"The big dedication celebration will take place during the last week of June, 1958, when we can be more certain of the weather than we are now. Our present objective is to get the bridge open, and break in our operating crews so that we can handle the huge flow of hunting season traffic efficiently," said Brown.

IT WAS never intended to have the final touches on the bridge until 1958. According to this original schedule, cable wrapping, painting, landscaping and miscellaneous items were to be finished after the bridge opened. The cable wrapping is practically complete.

Brown, cautioned motorists to respect flagmen who may be stationed at intervals along the roadway at some periods of the day for 10 days or two weeks after the opening.

\$3.25 with no charge for occupants. Truck tolls will be graduated upward depending on the number of axles to \$14.00. All toll collections will be made on the St. Ignace side of the straits.

The bridge authority will operate a bus service over the bridge, providing transportation between St. Ignace and Mackinac City. The fare per trip will be 50 cents.

BUSES will run on an hour and half schedule from each side. Plans for more frequent trips can be quickly carried out should the traffic warrant.

Both chapters are sponsoring a chartered bus to the Troy-Lake Orion football game tomorrow, leaving Troy high at 6:45 p.m., returning immediately after the game.

Registrations for the accordion band, including weekly instruction, will be held at the Itham 'Y' Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Qualified instructors will be furnished.

The 'Y' is asking for volunteer help to man the Barium junior high school locker rooms on the night of their family swim, Friday, Nov. 11. Mothers or dads who could assist are asked to contact the 'Y'. The 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. swim will be followed by travelogue movies and refreshments at the 'Y'.

## BIRMINGHAM YMCA

Further details on these items may be obtained by contacting the 'Y'.

Alpha chapters of Troy Tri-Hi-Y elected Adam Alkin as president last week. Other officers are Shirley Kitchner, vice president; Judy Ferguson, secretary; treasurer.

Joyce Kujala is council representative and was elected president of the South Oakland Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y council.

Beta chapter elected Carol Schroeder as president and Joyce Kitchner, vice president.

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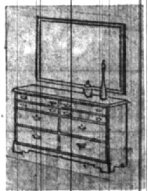
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