

Group Forms New Agency for Blind

A new voluntary agency—the Metropolitan Society for the Blind—has been formed by a group of citizens as a result of two-year studies of the needs of the blind in the metropolitan area.

The studies reveal an estimated blind population of nearly 8,000 in the metropolitan area, with some 650 to 750 persons becoming blind each year. The surveys also indicate that over 100 agencies and institutions are willing to serve blind people if proper guidance could be given to the organizations.

Approach of the new agency will be unique. Rather than attempt to include complete services to the blind within one organization, the Metropolitan Society for the Blind will operate primarily as a referral agency, a special consultant in specific problems and a coordinator of the multiplicity of agencies which individually provide limited service to the blind.

AT THIS PRESENT time, no voluntary agency offers services exclusively for the blind in the metropolitan area. It is expected that the new Metropolitan Society for the Blind will be functioning within the next 90 days.

2 Test Drivers Offer Tips for Long Trips

Two teenage test drivers recently completed a cross-country driving marathon and offered proof that the average driver can get excellent gas mileage economy from his car while driving at customary turnpike speed.

They also made progress toward disproving the popular belief that older drivers are responsible. They drove without mishap or law violation a total of 2414 miles from Plymouth, Mich., to Plymouth, Mass. and return. Their long trip also established what earlier engineering tests had indicated: that 1962 cars have made vast strides in operating economy over their 1961 predecessors.

ONE OF THESE cars, a duplicate of the 1961 Plymouth Saver 6 which last spring won its class in the Michigan Economy Run, averaged 19.7 miles per gallon. The other, a 1962 Plymouth Saver 6, significantly equipped as to engine, transmission and accessories, averaged 21.85 miles per gallon on the Michigan Economy Run, a 10.86 per cent over last year's model.

The 1962 car actually consumed a total of 12.06 gallons less than did the 1961 over the long trip. Roger Struck, Chrysler Corporation engineer who accompanied the boys, said the average speed over the entire route was 50.11 miles per hour.

"THIS WAS IN no way a slow-moving test to coax the last ounce of fuel economy from the cars," Struck said. "To maintain a good high average speed these boys had to keep the cars moving right along in the stream of the traffic."

The boys, Gerald E. Moser, 18, of Spring Lake, and Karl Kirsch, 17, of Huntington Woods, were members of winning teams in last spring's annual Plymouth Trouble-Shooting contest.

The route they followed was over turnpikes, state highways and through city streets. They also crossed the Allegheny mountains, at times drove through rain, fog and sleet, and got caught in the rush hour traffic in the city of Boston. To compensate for the

"driver factor" in the test, they switched cars each half day.

THEY OFFERS these tips to drivers contemplating long trips.

1. Use seat belts. They are comfortable and actually restful while driving.

2. Proper use of turn signals is vital on turnpikes. It is important to let the other driver know your intentions.

3. Be extremely careful when you emerge from a turnpike and start driving regular highways or city streets. Traffic patterns are completely different, and you have the tendency to drive too fast.

4. Continually watch the developing traffic patterns ahead. This enables you to keep a steady pace and thereby save gasoline.

5. Watch for traffic lights and try to judge your pace so that you do not have to either stop or accelerate.

6. START EARLY and avoid nighttime driving. You cannot sleep well when you are tired.

7. Those who drive at excessive speeds on turnpikes seem to get tired more quickly and have to make more frequent rest stops. If you drive steadily between 50 and 60 miles per hour you'll notice the same speeding cars pass you several times a day. Then you'll meet the drivers. They'll be checking in at a motel as the same time you are.

Old Favorite In Furniture Goes Casual

An old favorite has a new look. Early American furniture has gone casual.

The bold, new designs and colors of casual furniture have been combined with traditional styling in chairs and chairs that are equally at ease in today's typical American homes or in outdoor patios.

The "new look" furniture is The Troy Sunshade Co.'s distinctive Early American grouping, which includes your basic furniture industry's major 1961 Apollo Award for excellence of design in the medium price range.

Gone is the familiar wood, cleaned-in its place is graceful, slanted steel, finished in decorator colors and designed especially for modern indoor-outdoor living.

COLORFUL Early American prints remain, however, in chair cushion and back pad fabrics. These offer a bright red and white checkered print or a typical Early American print, called "County Fair" in yellows, greens, reds, and white. Cushions and pads are of polyfoam.

The chair and table frames are finished in barn red, charcoal or antique yellow, accenting the fabric prints. All table tops are of solid Philippine mahogany, stained for an Early American plank effect.

The traditional, spindle-back styling, the clean lines and the warm colors of this casual Early American furniture are adding special air and distinction to today's indoor-or-out mode of living.

Combined with the utility of all-weather steel construction, it's a combination that also gives outdoor patio and garden settings a new decorative look.

Collector's Items* A golf driving range owner told police that a thief stole 4,000 golf balls worth \$800 using the range's automatic ball collector.

Life's Crossroads A detective stopped his auto at a railroad crossing, looked both ways for a train and spotted a prison escapee whom he promptly arrested.

Behind Her Back A woman said that she objects to dresses cut low in back because she likes to impress the man she is talking to—not the one behind.

Booze and Saddle A ranch hand found that alcohol and oats don't mix. He was arrested for drunk driving while riding his horse.

Most Honorable A Tokyo burglar confessed to stealing 8 million yen (\$22,000) in 85 burglaries. He told police he only burglarized homes of "distinguished men."



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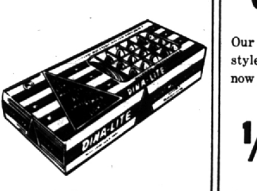


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