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**1,374 Cars
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Michigan new car dealers provided 1,374 practice driving cars to high schools throughout the state for use in driver education courses during the 1962-63 school term. Al Edwards, president of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association has announced.

Of the cars made available, 421 were loaned to schools without charge by the dealers. These cars had a total value of \$1,059,000.

"For the 10th consecutive year Michigan new car dealers have demonstrated their continuing interest in efforts to make our high ways safer, by providing young people with an opportunity to learn to drive skillfully, under the supervision of a certified instructor," observed Edwards.

"Surveys show that young people who have received a complete course in driver education—including both classroom and practice driving instruction—have a driving record significantly better than those who have not had such an opportunity. By making practice driving cars available, Michigan dealers work hand in hand with our schools to perform a vital community service."

"CONTINUED EXPANSION of facilities for training young drivers is essential if we hope to keep pace with Michigan's growing volume of traffic and help reduce the annual loss of life and property resulting from traffic accidents on our streets and highways," he added.

Edwards stated, "Michigan's driver education program has again been honored by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at their 16th annual high school driver education achievement awards program for the third consecutive year, receiving the award of excellence."

"Michigan is the only state in the nation so honored for its high school driver education efforts. The award of excellence shows that a state offers qualifying courses in driver education—30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of practice driving for three consecutive years to 90 per cent or more of its eligible students," Edwards concluded.

**Awards Honor
Local Airman**

Airman First Class David M. Pelletier of Southfield, was honored as winner of the Commandant's Award and the Speech Award upon graduation from the noncommissioned Officer preparatory school here.

The Commandant's Award is presented to the student demonstrating the most exceptional leadership abilities and the Speech Award for the highest degree of skill in public speaking.

Airman Pelletier was trained in management, leadership, security, human relations and other duties and responsibilities of Air Force noncommissioned officers. He is returning to his permanent unit at Travis AFB, Calif.

The airman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Pelletier of 20469 Northgate Drive, Southfield.

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Henry L. Newnan, Jr., of 1551 Lockridge Road, Bloomfield Hills, has been elected vice president of finance for the Wayne State University Press Board of Advisors.

Newnan is president of the Lake Shore Steel Company.

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