

Traffic Patrols Increased For Holiday Season

Making extra effort to help curb Michigan's mounting traffic toll, the State Police will operate a special 36-hour road patrol during the Christmas and New Year holiday periods.

Twenty-two persons died in accidents during the Christmas holiday period last year while another 20 were victims over New Year's.

For the five years of 1958 to

1962 deaths averaged one every three hours and 12 minutes for the Christmas period and one every four hours and 30 minutes for New Year's.

ASSISTING THE State Police will be 106 National Guard members who will serve either as second men on traffic patrol or on point control.

The patrols will provide maximum coverage from 3 to 9 p.m. each day of the holiday periods when "traffic" is expected to be heaviest. Emphasis will be on state trunklines and primary county roads having high accident experience and heavy traffic volume.

State Board Raps Mandated Teacher Tenure

The Michigan Association of School Boards has gone on record as opposing state-wide mandated tenure.

They have called upon local boards of education "to use their most diligent efforts to advance the recognition of those employment rights and the exercise of those employee responsibilities which our free society needs if local boards are to maintain their policy-making function."

MERRILL BATES, 1250 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township is a member of the Association which believes in the "preservation of the local school board as a policy-making agency elected by the people. The people of a district have the right, by a majority vote, to direct these boards to operate under the provisions of the state tenure law."

The Association urged the incorporation of procedures that will actively involve board members, administrative staff and teachers in discussing total budget needs with particular emphasis on determination of salaries and the handling of grievances.

They also suggested policies whereby the superintendent, as administrative officer, can function as a channel and interpreter of teacher concerns to the board.



Cite Torch Drive Head

Representing the staff of the United Foundation, Walter C. Laird (left), of 704 Tottenham, Birmingham, executive vice president, presents a silver case to Edward N. Cole, 1731 Kirkway, Bloomfield Hills, general chairman of the recent Torch Drive. The case, inscribed "To a Great Boss," was in appreciation for Cole's leadership during the "Give Once For All" campaign.

Cole, General Motors group vice president in charge of car and truck divisions, led more than 100,000 volunteers in raising \$21,609,000 for 197 health and community service agencies.

Marriages Last Longer In B'ham

(Special to the Eccentric)

How high is the divorce rate in Birmingham compared with the rate in other communities? How many local residents have been divorced? How many have remarried?

For the great majority of men and women locally, marriage is a once-in-a-lifetime undertaking. For others, who start out with equally high hopes, their marriages end up on the rocks.

At the present time, the figures show, there are no less than 10,500,000 people in the United States who have been divorced. Over 70 percent of them have remarried, leaving about 3 million still in the divorced column.

IN ADDITION, some 2.4 million are listed as separated.

Data just released by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, covering 1962, and reports from the Department of Commerce, indicate the current trend in divorce.

They show that there are fewer divorced people in Birmingham, in proportion to population, than in most parts of the United States.

According to the tabulations, 27 out of every 1,000 local residents over the age of 14 are either divorced or separated. This is exclusive of the number who were divorced but who have remarried.

THE RATE compares favorably with that elsewhere in the United States, where it averages 41 per 1,000. In the East North Central States it is 41 per 1,000.

In actual numbers, there are 377 men and women in the city who are divorced and 84 who are separated, legally or otherwise.

The Government figures show that the divorce rate in the United States, contrary to popular belief, has been dropping continuously

Cold Demands Care For Man's Best Friends

The Birmingham Humane Society, through their secretary, Mrs. Carl E. Kocker, has asked residents to think of animals during the cold season.

"As the winter approaches, please remember our four-footed animals who cannot help themselves and who look to us to provide shelter, food and protection from the cold weather. Any favors you may extend to help us carry out our work will be greatly appreciated," said Mr. Kocker.

The Humane Society is located at 275 E. Maple, Birmingham.

Dear Santa Claus

Do you know what I want for Christmas? Cap gun. The wing thing. Dumptruck. Steam shovel. Battletwagion. I was been good for a little bit. I love you. I want the pirate cannon.

Chipper Van Mols, Age 3½

Will you bring me some tops? I have been a girl. Please bring me guards for my ice skates. An enlarge-graph, my mixer. Most of all I would like clothes for my Barbie doll. I like you very much.

Love, Cindy

since 1946, right after World War II.

THAT YEAR saw an avalanche of divorces, marking the break-up of thousands of the quickie marriages that were entered into during the war.

Sample surveys were made to determine how many of the people who had been divorced at one time or another have remarried. In general, it was found, there are 2.5 such persons for every one who is presently divorced.

On the basis of this national average, it is estimated that there are, in Birmingham, some 948 men and women who had previously been divorced.

5 County Officials Denied Extra Term

The controversial bill giving Oakland County's five elected officials an extra two years in office was killed early this week when it was sent back to a House committee without objection from a single lawmaker.

The bill met its death after House Democrats caucused and decided not to back the measure.

The county's elected Circuit Court judges won't have to hit the campaign trail for some time, thanks to the passage of a measure extending the terms of elected judges until 1966. The House deleted, however, a provision to do the same for appointed judges, but an attempt was expected to be made in the Senate to put that provision back in.

OAKLAND COUNTY Democrats had opposed the bill, since most Michigan counties have Republican officials who would have been given a free ride of two years.

Although opposition was expected, the bill's backers had hoped that a sizable bloc of Democratic votes would enable it to pass. When they learned that the Democratic votes were lost, no attempt was made to salvage the bill.

Democrats argued that the bill was unconstitutional and violated the intent of voters who elected the

officials for two years. This was the point most often made by leading Democrats, including House Minority Leader Joseph J. Kowalski and Rep. Arthur L. Law of Pontiac, who indicated that Democratic Atty. General Frank J. Kelley agreed with them.

IN 1966, Oakland County would elect three judges for six years, two for eight years, and two for ten years.

If the Romney-appointed judges are not included in the term extension, they will have to seek election for two years in November, 1964 in order to stay in office until 1966 when the terms would be staggered. Oakland appointed judges affected are Arthur E. Moore, Phillip Pratt and James S. Thorburn.

Dear Santa,

Easy weaver, Tammy's outfits, Tammy's family color book, a wallet, white tights, black tights, brown tights, a art book,

Carol Anne Kotzan 31920 Carleider, Birmingham 48009

P. S. I was a very good girl all year. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

Love and kisses, Carol

Christmas Services Set At Big Beaver

The chance choir of the Big Beaver Methodist Church, Troy, will sing the cantata, "Transcending Love," by John W. Peterson at the 9:30 and the 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, Dec. 28.

Mrs. Malcolm Garrock, choir director, has been reorganizing the group for weeks in preparation for this Christmas presentation.

The accompaniment will be played on the organ by Mr. Thomas Wise and narrating will be done by the Reverend Albert E. Hartog, Pastor. The Epworth Chorists, Mr. Wise director, will assist in the worship service. Mr. Hartog will deliver a brief Homily on the subject, "The Publicity For God's Gift."

ON CHRISTMAS Eve there will be two candlelight worship services. The Epworth Chorists will lead the 7:30 p.m. congregation in a carol festival. At the 11 p.m. hour the chance choir will provide the anthems.

The church school of the Big Beaver Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will go caroling at the close of the program.

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H. C. RUTHERFORD Joins Local YMCA

H. Charles Rutherford will begin his duties as a new program secretary at the Birmingham YMCA the day after New Year's, filling the position previously held by Gene Ekkins.

Rutherford graduated from North Dakota State University in 1962 after serving in the United States Air Force, and recently completed training for certification in the YMCA at the George Williams College in Chicago.

HE HAS SPENT three summer vacations working with YMCA youngsters in his home town of Fargo, N. D., as waterfront director, senior counselor, lifeguard, and swimming instructor and an additional eight weeks as archery instructor.

Rutherford will now work with the swimming, day camp, grade and junior programs, and informal education classes in Birmingham. The Rutherford will make their home in Royal Oak.

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