

## Crime Shows 5% Rise On State-Wide Basis

Crime in Michigan in 1962 showed a rate of 1208 offenses per 100,000 population, an increase of 5.3 per cent over the rate of 1140.2 for 1960, the basic year used for comparison, according to the fourth annual "Michigan Law Enforcement Officials Report on Crime" compiled by the State Police and just released.

The increase also represented a gain of 4.2 per cent over the rate of 1160.6 in 1961.

Because 1960 is a decennial year it is used as a comparison base in most of the 61 charts throughout the report with the exception of the juvenile section, where comparisons also are made with the years 1965 and 1961. The report is compiled from information received from sheriff and police departments.

**MAJOR OFFENSES** included murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, grand larceny and auto theft and totaled 96,939 compared with 89,228 in 1960. Including simple larceny, the totals were 189,186 and 176,493, respectively.

Crimes against the person included murder 245, rape 939, robbery 5,766, and aggravated assault 7,824 and totaled 14,774, up slightly from 14,059 in 1960.

Crimes against property included burglary 43,408 grand larceny 28,732, and auto theft 14,725

and totaled 81,865, an increase from 78,169 in the base year. Urban criminal offenses including simple larceny numbered 152,386 compared with 139,947 in 1960. Rural crimes, also including simple larceny, totaled 36,890, a small gain from 36,546 two years earlier.

**THE JUVENILE** section of the report points out that 77.1 per cent of the persons arrested in 1962 for major offenses (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft) were under 22 years of age compared with percentages of 65.3 in 1961 and 54.1 per cent in 1960. More than half, or 55.8 per cent, of such arrests last year were persons in the 15-19 age group.

In addition to the charted analyses of crime statewide in urban and rural areas and by juveniles, the report gives graphic breakdowns for eight geographical sections. Data submitted for the report covered an estimated 90 per cent of the state's population.

Michigan's state tree is the white pine.

## Huge Parade to Open Annual State Fair

Exciting band music, colorful drill teams, high-stepping horses and fabulous floats will highlight the grand opening parade of the 114th annual Michigan State Fair.

The parade will start at 8 p.m. Friday up Woodward from Jefferson to Vernor in downtown Detroit. Meanwhile, at the Fairgrounds, a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. will mark the official opening of the gates for the fair, which will run through Monday, Sept. 2.

Walter A. Goodman, State Fair general manager, hails this year's parade lineup as the best ever. More than 100 units will take part, making a parade nearly three miles long, said Cleighton F. Melin, director of music and parades for the State Fair.

**SOME OF THE parade highlights:**  
 • Bands, more than 20 of them, will take part. They come from high schools all over Michigan, from veterans organizations, from city parks departments, Drum-and-bugle corps from veterans groups will add to the stirring music. There'll even be a Scottish pipe band from West Lorne, Ontario.

At least 25 floats will glide along the parade route. They'll carry beauty queens, special acts, and many of Detroit's top radio and TV personalities.

More than 100 horses are scheduled to take part, with riders from sheriff's poses and private organizations putting them through their high-stepping paces.

Drill teams will thrill the crowd with their precision. There'll be baton twirlers, flag twirlers, and military teams, including the famous Tars and Rifles from the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station.

Other units such as a 38-foot long model of the USS Long Beach, the Navy's first nuclear-powered guided-missile cruiser . . . antique automobiles . . . an antique fire truck . . . an American Legion 40 & 8 locomotive unit.

In past years, the State Fair parade has attracted 100,000 or more spectators. This year's spectacular event is expected to be viewed by at least that many.

The state flower of Michigan is the apple blossom.

## Mackie Sets Freeway Plan

John C. Mackie, State Highway Commissioner, announced that near four-lane highway from the Indiana state line to Grayling.

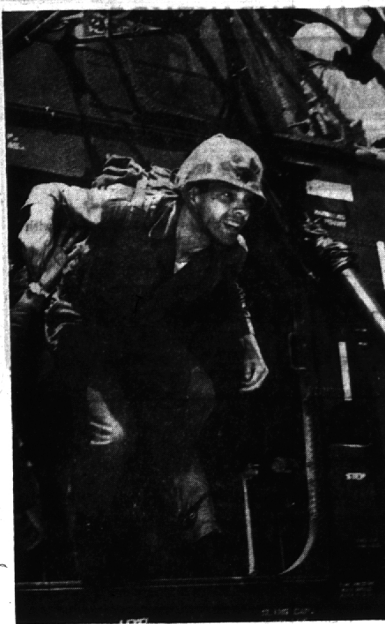
North of Charlotte, US-27 is a divided four-lane highway to the edge of Lansing, and from Lansing, north to Grayling where it ties into I-75.

When the Charlotte-Marshall section is built, the entire route of existing US-27 will be a divided highway. The project will be put under contract sometime after 1967.

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## Ready—Jump

Marine Reserve Pfc. Clark C. Hudson, 1619 South Bates, Birmingham, leaps from a helicopter to set up a machine gun position during vertical envelopment exercises at the Landing Force Training Unit, Little Creek, Va., Naval Amphibious Base. Pfc. Hudson is a member of Detroit's 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, and is on two weeks' active duty which will be climaxed with an amphibious assault of one of Virginia's beaches Aug. 16.

Tourism is a \$680 million annual business in Michigan. It brings organize school safety patrols, the nearly \$50 million each year into plan being introduced in rural and small town schools in the state treasury in taxes and the Michigan state police.

## Students Spend Day on Campus

Diane Lynn Janisse, 32035 Eastlady, and John C. Augusten, 6236 Thorncrest Drive, both of Birmingham, were among the new students who recently participated in the annual "Day on Campus" program at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Under this program, the new students stayed on the campus for one day and completed preliminary enrollment steps. These include working out a class schedule, conferring with advisors and taking placement tests.

The new students will return to campus for orientation at 4 p.m. on Sept. 8.



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