

State Department Announces License Plate Innovations

New, lower numbers... tougher but lighter and more weather-resistant material... a new slogan... new colors... these are but some of the new features in store for Michigan's more than 4 1/2 million vehicle owners when they begin buying their new 1965 license plates which went on Nov. 2.

Because so many persons are anxious to get new plates, Secretary of State James M. Hare, whose department orders and sells plates, predicted "a real rush to buy plates on opening day throughout Michigan."

One new provision is going to make it a good deal easier for motorists to obtain new plates this year, Hare said.

"Previously they had to bring their titles before plates or tabs could be issued. For the first time this year, they may bring either their titles as before or may bring their prior year's registration, which is a more convenient method. Hare pointed out that the provision will start with the sale of new plates. Before that time motorists must still bring their titles to obtain licenses."

ALSO FOR THE first time, Hare said, plate numbers will start with "0001" instead of "1001" with the first-comers getting the more coveted lower numbers. He said the new numbering system will cost Michigan more than \$500,000 additional numbers.

"With the way the state is gaining registered vehicles, about 200,000 each year, we may have to make other arrangements in a couple of years, perhaps to a three-letter system," Hare said.

New colors this year are yellow on dark blue, honoring the University of Michigan. And for the first time since Michigan began using a license slogan back in 1954, there will be an addition to it.

Deduction Given Senior Citizens On Medicines

Medicine and drug expenses for taxpayers 65 years and older will be fully deductible on this year's federal income tax returns. This will save elderly taxpayers about \$10 million a year in taxes.

Under previous law, expenses for medicines and drugs were included in medical expenses to the extent they exceeded one per cent of adjusted gross income.

Elimination of the one per cent floor applies to the medicine and drug expenses of a taxpayer and his spouse if either is age 65 or over. It also applies to such expenses paid on behalf of dependent parents age 65 or over.

There are no other changes in the provisions regarding the deductibility of medical expenses. These expenses are fully deductible, subject to certain maximum limitations, for taxpayers 65 and over but are subject to a three per cent floor for taxpayers under 65.

The one per cent floor on medicine and drug expenses for taxpayers under 65 continues in effect.

South Michigan Citizens Increase Milk Consumption

People in Southern Michigan drank more milk in September than ever before, according to figures compiled by Michigan Milk Producers Association.

The figures show that fluid milk consumption in lower Michigan during September was 191 million pounds, nearly ten per cent more than the same month of a year ago. For the first nine months of this year, sales of Class I (drinking) milk were three per cent above a year ago.

The improved sales picture and a rise in the price paid for milk that goes into dairy by-products helped increase the price to dairy farmers ten cents per hundred pounds over the previous month. The "base price" to producers ranged from \$1.27 in western Michigan markets to \$1.36 per hundred pounds f.o.b. Detroit (there are 46.5 quarts of milk in a hundred pounds).

THE BASE price was paid for about 83 per cent of the milk delivered during September. For the balance, farmers were paid the "excess price" of \$8.24 per hundred. These prices are before deduction of hauling expenses and marketing fees.

They include a premium negotiated by MMFA, which added \$911,000 to September milk income. So far this year, the negotiated premium has added \$12,482,000 to farmers' income over what they would have received under the Federal Milk Marketing Order.

This is an average of just under \$1,000 for each of the 13,180 dairy farmers supplying lower Michigan markets with milk.

Total milk deliveries during the month were 538 million pounds, up 5 1/2 million from August, and 27 million pounds more than September of a year ago. Average production per farm rose a record 111 pounds (157.1) a day from last September, to 855 pounds.

Instead of the traditional "Water Wonderland" on the new plate slogan will read "Water-Winter Wonderland." Hare said the addition was a recommendation of Gov. George Romney.

ACCORDING TO HARE, one important and basic question relative to the 1965 plates is whether they will be one-year or three-year plates as originally planned. If Hare has his way, they will definitely be one-year plates, and this will be the start again of annual plates.

Hare said that he had been assured by the Department of Administration, an arm of Gov. Romney's office which draws recommendations for the plates, and Prison Industries, which manufactures them, that the 1965 plates will last for three years if the need arises." Hare said.

"But I'm hopeful that the lawmakers will adopt my plan to issue plates every year since we now seem to be over our period of severe austerity where it seemed important to save every dollar possible."

The Secretary of State said he had been notified by Prison Industries that the 1965 plates will be a little better in weight, although the ordinary motorist would hardly notice the difference.

"One branch office personnel will certainly be happy about this situation since the boxes of plates now weigh 11 pounds as against 66 pounds in the past," Hare said. The new plates will be galvanized and they can be made of lighter gauge steel, Hare said.

Adult Institute Plans Exploring of Ideas

A wide range of courses has been announced by the Adult Institute of Jewish Learning of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 2745 Bell Rd., Southfield. The first session of the Institute is scheduled for Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

In addition to a program of studies in the Hebrew language, the courses to be offered include: Adventure in Jewish history with Rabbi Morris Adler; Rabbi Irwin Gomer will offer a course, "Explorations in Judaism"; Dr. Jacob Lassner, Jewish history in its Near Eastern setting from antiquity to the Middle Ages, and Cantor Heaver Frankel, Jewish music.

Dr. Harry Balbecor is chairman of the Adult Institute Committee; Dr. Samuel Kevlin is chairman of the Institute's Curriculum Committee; Henry Auslander, registration and Rabbi Irwin Gomer, Director of the Adult Institute of Jewish Learning.



1st Year Celebrated By B'ham Temple

A "Mad-Hatter's Brawl" will be staged by the members of the Birmingham Temple, commemorating the first anniversary of their establishment, on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Birmingham Temple was conceived originally by a group of eight families who felt the need of a Jewish religious institution in the suburban area. The membership has grown to over 110 families under the guidance of Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine.

The party will be held in the social hall of the Birmingham Masonic Temple and prizes will be offered for the most outstanding millinery creations. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Ben Katz combo, followed by a midnight buffet supper.

"We've been able to hold the line on plates to 35c a hundredweight, a rate which has remained unchanged for 30 years since 1935," Hare stated.

"And at that time, the price per hundredweight was dropped, at that." Many states charge more than Michigan does for licensing. In Oklahoma, for instance, a motorist may pay over \$70 for his plates. Vermont charges a flat \$32 for each plate. Other states use varying formulas, some even involving property taxes.

Tax Deductions Minimum Raised

About 1.5 million low-income taxpayers will have no tax to pay next year because of the new minimum standard deduction provision enacted this year.

R. I. Nixon, Detroit District director of Internal Revenue, said this provision will free single individuals of any tax liability until their income reaches \$900. Under the old law, tax was due when income was \$675.

Nixon said that for a married couple with no additional exemptions filing a joint return there will be no tax to pay until their income reaches \$1,000. Previously these couples had to pay tax on income \$1,125.

THE NEW minimum standard deduction amounts to \$200 for a single person and for a married couple filing jointly plus \$100 for each allowable exemption up to a ceiling of \$1,000. For a married person filing a separate return, the deduction amounts to \$100 plus for each allowable exemption up to a ceiling of \$500.

Taxpayers who do not itemize deductions must use this minimum deduction if it exceeds the 10 per cent standard deduction.

Tax savings of this new provision are expected to amount to about \$320 million. Approximately 13 million taxpayers who earn less than \$10,000 a year will benefit.

Marian Student Assembly Hears About Missions

By CYNTHIA DIEHL, Special Writer

At the regular Friday assembly period the student body had the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic missions in India.

Rev. E. Vincent Gallagher, S.J., came from the Patna Mission with slides to help show the many aspects of Indian life. Father Gallagher is the brother of the late Sister Benigna, a former teacher at Marian.

A CANDY apple sale, sponsored by the Model United Nations, was held to raise money which will be presented to Malcolm Dooley when he speaks at Marian at the end of November.

The gift will help support Malcolm's late brother's organization, MCHWD.

S'field Soldier Wins New Award

A Southfield resident will be among 64 enlisted men of the U.S. Army Reserve and Michigan Army National Guard honored by the Detroit Free Press on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

The occasion is the first Free Press Military Achievement Award to the peacetime soldiers of Michigan. James A. Abraham, 20882 Stablin, of Troop B, 1st Squadron, 144th Cavalry, will receive his award from Lt. Gen. W.H.S. Wright of Washington D.C.

Resident Appoints National Officer

Realtor Eldon K. Andrews, vice-president of the H. M. Saldon Co. and secretary of the Detroit Real Estate Board, has been named Detroit representative of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers.

The Institute, composed of 17,000 realtors, is the largest affiliate of the National Association of

S'field Airman Promoted in Service

Michael Soloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Soloway of 19574 Melrose St., Southfield, has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force at Grand Forks AFB, N. D.

Airman Soloway is a cook in a unit that supports the Strategic Air Command mission of keeping the nation's intercontinental missiles and jet bombers on constant alert.

The airman is a graduate of Southfield Senior High School. His

S'field Civil Defense Council to Launch Meetings on Dec. 1

SOUTHFIELD — The Civil Defense Council will begin its regular meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the new Parks and Recreation Building, Room 221, at the Southfield Civic Center.

A schedule of interesting and informative films and speakers is being formulated, according to Arthur C. Beskor, director of the civil defense department.

Any individual who believes he can qualify to become a member of the Civil Defense Council, because of interest, skills and previous training, are urged by Beskor to call or write to the office at 25000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

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wife, Dorothy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose of 27192 Johnny Cake Line, Southfield.



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