

2 B'ham Safety Boys Off to Capital Trip

Two safety patrolers from Westchester and Wing Lake Schools, Birmingham, will go on a four-day trip to Washington, D. C. as Automobile Club of Michigan's guests at the AAA National Safety Patrol Rally on May 7.

They are Peter Mitchell, 12, of 220 South Cranbrook Cross Road and David Kock, 12, of 6811 Wing Lake Road.

This is the 28th consecutive year that a group of Michigan youngsters has been taken to Washington on the expense-paid trip as a reward for spending an average of 180 hours yearly on street corners in all kinds of weather protecting their classmates.

MOST OF THE 130 boys and girls from 101 Michigan communities chosen to make the trip will converge on Detroit by bus, originating from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Bay City.

The three buses from these points will join a Detroit bus at the

Veterans Memorial Building the afternoon of May 7 in a caravan to the nation's capital.

Patrollers will spend May 8 and 9 seeing the sights of Washington and will be returned to their homes by May 10. They will participate in Washington's largest annual parade down Constitution Avenue Saturday with 26,000 patrolers from all over the nation.

"MICHIGAN'S safety patrolers have played a significant role in reducing child pedestrian accidents since 1919 when the program began," says Ernest P. Davis, Auto Club's safety and traffic director. "In 1928 there were 125 traffic deaths among school-age children in Detroit and approximately 250 throughout the state," he said.

"Now the average number of traffic fatalities yearly among school-age children is about 26 in Detroit and 60 for the entire state. This has been the average over the past five years."



Franklin Traffic Mishap

Three persons suffered minor injuries in a 3-car accident at Telegraph and Bloomington Court in Franklin last Thursday morning. Mrs. Francis Pagano, 35, 24500 Bloomington Court, was attempting a left turn from Telegraph in the top car and was struck from behind by a car (bottom photo) driven

by Robert Rupp, 39, of Farmington. Mrs. Pagano's car was pushed into the path of a vehicle driven by Ralph Carpenter, 380 Kennedy, Bloomfield Hills. Rupp was ticketed by state police for not having his car under control.



Radar Unit To Speeders Signals Halt

Speeders beware! The Birmingham Police Dept. is going to purchase a new radar unit to aid in the apprehension of speeding motorists.

City commissioners Monday night authorized the purchase of the unit at a cost of \$1,235.

The new unit will be portable and can be used in any police vehicle thus eliminating the need

for a special radar car.

POLICE CHIEF Ralph W. Moxley said in many cases the unit can be used in a one-man operation in residential areas where traffic is not very heavy.

"It will have an automatic sound warning device and an automatic meter-locking mechanism that sounds an audible signal when a

violin is approaching and records and holds the speed record until the mechanism is released by the operator," Moxley said.

This, he said, would provide a more efficient traffic surveillance by the operator.

Similar units are being used in Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac and Ann Arbor, Moxley said.

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