

# 'Old Cars—Scapegoats' For Causing Fatalities

Contrary to some popular belief, old cars are not the chief factor involved in fatal traffic accidents in Michigan, according to the results of a state police study reported by Capt. Don Oates, commanding officer of the State Safety and Traffic Bureau.

"Old cars by repute have been something of a scapegoat in the fatal accident picture, but the study shows their bad reputation has been falsely earned," he said. "One reason, of course, is that the older cars tend to disappear from the roads, and the newer models predominate in the traffic flow."

The study was made for the year 1963 with the models for each being checked, a total of 2,123 cars involved in the 1,637 fatal accidents. The results were somewhat surprising.

**THE TREND** of involvement of older models generally showed a gradual decline after the 1922 models with the exception of the 1930 and 1935 models when there was a high volume of production.

Passenger car sales were 21 per cent and 19 per cent higher in 1960 as compared to 1961 and 1959 respectively, and 37 per cent and 43 per cent higher in 1955 than in 1956 and 1954 respectively.

Because of the comparatively small volume of sales of 1964 models in the latter months of 1963, the study showed that only 17 of these models or 3 per cent were involved in fatal accidents.

But the 1963 models involved jumped to 311 or 14.7 per cent of the total of all cars, and the figure was again the same for 1962 models.

**THEREAFTER** the downward trend set in with the exception of the 1950 and 1955 models mentioned.

The involvement of 1961 models was 219 or 10.4 per cent, and 1960 cars 242 or 11.5 per cent (high production year). For the five 1964-60 models the involvement was a total of 1,101 cars, more than half of the total or 52.1 per cent.

The 1959 model involvement was 196 or 9.3 per cent; 1958 models 140 or 6.6 per cent; 1957 models 158 or 7.5 per cent; 1956 models 144 or 6.8 per cent; 1955 models 173 or 8.2 per cent (high production

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a greater ratio of older trucks involved. The number of motorcycles, farm tractors, scooters and "other" vehicles was not sufficient to establish any trend by age of the vehicles.

Oates emphasized that only fatal accidents were studied and possibly, but not probably, a different story might have been revealed if it had been possible to check the 261,794 accidents of all types that occurred during 1963.

## Denby H. S. Holds 1954 Class Reunion

The officers of the combined 1954 graduating classes from Denby High School in Detroit have planned a class reunion to be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 19 at Roma Hall in East Detroit.

For those people interested who are located in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, contact post office box 237, St. Clair Shores.

## Museum, Village Open American Drama Festival

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village have been "bringing American history to life" for 35 years, and now the historic institution has gone one step further in that direction by authentically recreating early American drama.

The museum and village have established the American Drama Festival, a summer resident theater that opened with the 19th century drawing room comedy,

"Our American Cousin," Friday at the Henry Ford Museum Theater.

It is playing Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week through Sept. 7. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the festival presents "Metamora," famous as the greatest American Indian tragedy of all time.

"OUR AMERICAN COUSIN," one of Abraham Lincoln's favorite

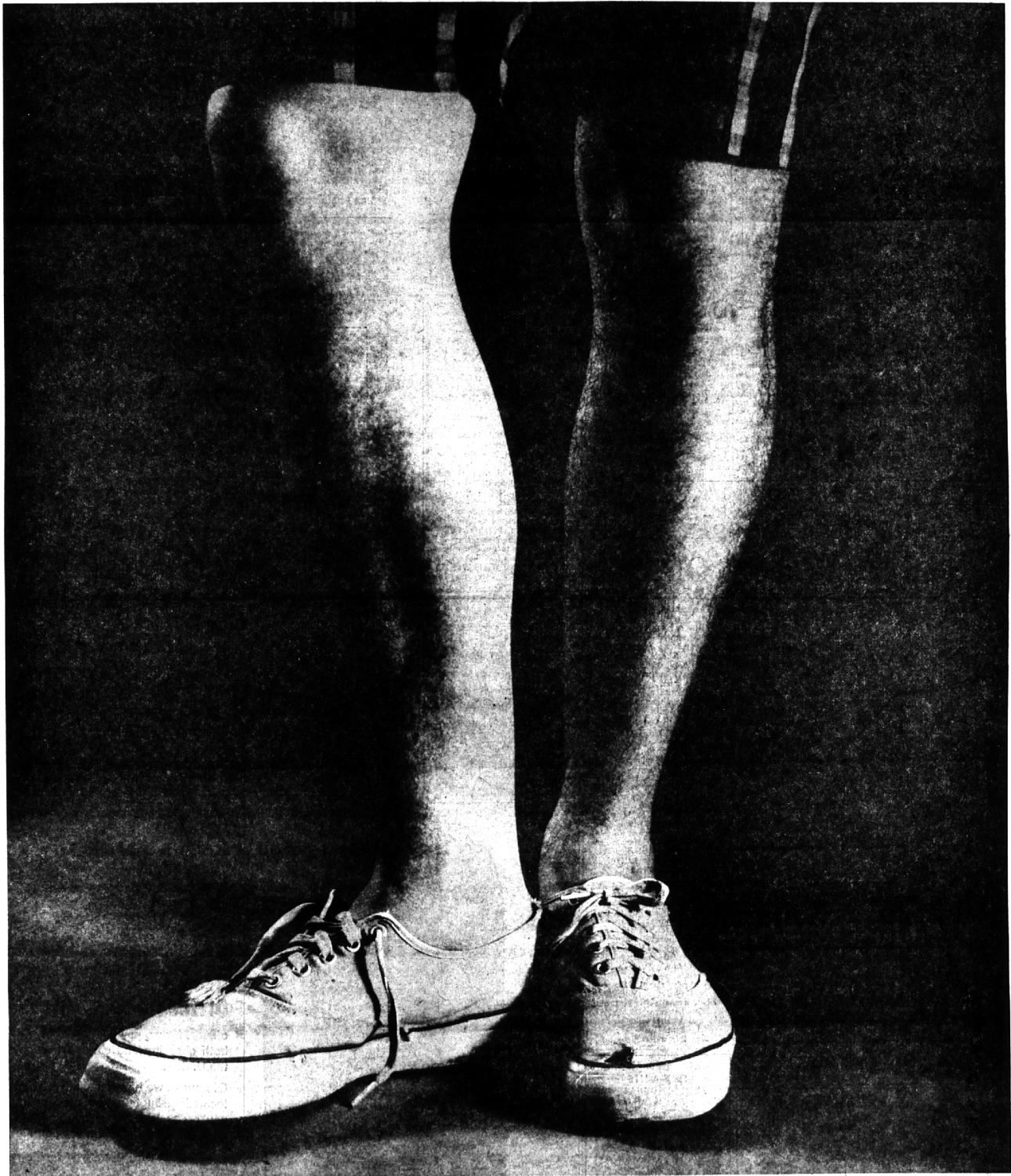
comedies, is based upon the adventures of a robust "Yankee" abroad in England during the early 19th century. It was while watching this play on April 14, 1865, that Lincoln was assassinated.

"Metamora" is a colorful, rustic frontier drama depicting the tragedy of the Wampanoag tribe of Indians in and around Massachusetts.

This play is based upon actual

historical events. It deals with the 1675 "King Philip" uprising of the Wampanoag Indians and their eventual annihilation by the white settlers.

The American Drama Festival is actually an educational endeavor, developed as an appendage to the vast collections of American artifacts contained in the museum and Greenfield Village. All cast members are affiliated with educational institutions, either as students, or faculty and professional staff members.



### Legal Notices

Miller, Castfield, Faddock and Stone, Attys., 218 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of ERNEST G. ARUFFO, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1964.

Present: Honorable DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing Time for hearing claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 19th day of October, 1964, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therefor, with the Court and with the fiduciary of the estate under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate.

**CERTIFICATION**  
I, Mary Pipe, Register of the said Probate Court, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original record thereof, now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript thereof, and the whole of each original record.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Probate Court at Pontiac, this 21st day of July, A. D. 1964.

MARY PIPE, Register of Probate Court, Oakland County, Michigan. (Seal) (21-22-23)

### Legal Notices

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of ROSE REBY H. KANE, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1964.

Present: Honorable Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

Bank of Detroit, Trustee of said estate having filed in said Court, Sixth Account and petition praying for the administration and allowance thereof; and for the allowance of fees.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1964, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the said Probate Court, in said County, Michigan, appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition:

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

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DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate.

Attorneys: HOWLETT, HARTMAN & CO., 101 Pontiac Building, Pontiac.

**CERTIFICATION**  
I, Shaker Goddshlan, Senior Deputy Register of the said Probate Court, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original record thereof, now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript thereof, and the whole of each original record.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Probate Court at Pontiac, this 21st day of July, A. D. 1964.

SHAKER GODDSHLAN, Senior Deputy Register of Probate Court, Michigan. (Seal) (21-22-24)

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