

Serving on Mercy's President's Council

Merrill A. Hayden, 6926 Valley Spring Drive, Bloomfield Township, will serve on the Mercy College of Detroit President's Council, according to Sister Mary Lucille, R.S.M., president.

Hayden is president of the Mercy Father's Club and president of Vickers Inc. His daughter, Kathleen, is a sophomore majoring in nursing.



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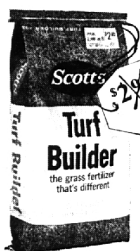
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Urge Drivers To Watch for Youngsters

With the reopening of Michigan elementary and secondary schools bringing 2.2 million children into weekday traffic, motorists are again reminded by the State Police to exercise increased care in protecting the students and rural school buses from involvement in accidents.

Particular alertness should be shown the "first-timers", about 200,000 youngsters entering school initially this fall who still have to learn school safety routines and will not yet be as fully aware of traffic hazards as are older students.

State Police records show three persons were killed and 419 injured in 569 rural school bus and related type accidents in Michigan in 1963, respective increases of one, 73 and 15 compared with the 1962 figures. The three killed were drivers of vehicles which collided with school buses.

RECORDS for last year also show that 115 of the 251 pedestrians and 24 of the 32 bicyclists killed in traffic accidents were under 15 years of age.

Continuing increases in accident exposure factors add to the concern for the safety of school children. During the 1963-64 school year 530,000 pupils were carried daily in 7,350 buses for a total of 71 million miles. These represented gains of 54,000 children, 150 buses and three million in mileage over the 1962-63 period. Now annual records were set in 1963 as motor vehicle registrations increased to 3,646,000 and total estimated mileage for all motor vehicles climbed to 35.6 billion.

Michigan law requires motorists to stop when overtaking or meeting a rural school bus which is stopped to load or unload passengers. On divided highways where there is a physical barrier or median separating the two roadways a motorist need not stop when the stopped bus is in the opposite roadway.

In cities and villages such motorist stops for buses also need not be made unless required by ordinance with signs posted to this effect.

At intersections controlled by a police officer or a traffic stop and no signal motorists may pass a loading or unloading bus but with caution and at a speed no faster than 10 miles an hour.

DESPITE continuing safety efforts of parents, school authorities and bus drivers, experience indicates that actions of children walking to or from school or going to or disembarking from school buses are unpredictable.

This places an increased burden on motorists to be constantly alert to take any action necessary to avoid accidents which might involve the children.

Health Tests Slated for Area Centers

The Oakland County Department of Health announced this week that health tests to detect early warning signs of tuberculosis, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic illnesses will be offered to county residents starting on Sept. 9.

Bernard D. Berman, M.D., county health director, said, "I urge everyone over 30 years of age to take advantage of these tests, including those who feel perfectly healthy."

Tests show that certain diseases can be detected long before symptoms appear, he explained, and people who feel in good health should be particularly interested in taking these tests.

DR. BERMAN emphasized how much better it is to recognize and treat a disease in the early stages. He specifically added, however, that any health tests of this kind were never meant to be a substitute for the complete physical examination conducted in the doctor's office.

One of the objectives of the screening tests is to demonstrate the importance of regular health checkups by a physician.

"The combination chest x-ray and blood test only take a few minutes, but these few minutes can be the most important few minutes in your life," Dr. Berman said. "These screening tests have been very successful in Oakland County and will prove to be an investment in good health. For some it will be an investment in life itself. The program is being conducted by the Oakland County Department of Health, in cooperation with the Oakland County Medical Society and the Michigan Department of Health."

Sponsors of the program also include the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association and the Michigan Diabetes Association.

AREAS AT WHICH the health tests will be administered include:

Birmingham: City Hall, Monday, Sept. 28, 3 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 4 p.m.

Southfield: New Orleans Mall, Efrass Drug, 10 Mile & Greenfield, Sept. 9-10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4 to 8 p.m. Sept. 11; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 4 p.m.

Makes Dean's List

Stephen A. McGratty, a June graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., with an A.B. degree, is one of the 220 students out of the 11,826 enrolled at Holy Cross to be named to the dean's list for the spring semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McGratty Jr., of 755 Waddington, Birmingham.

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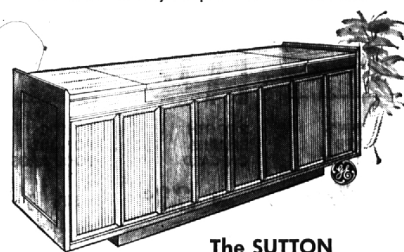
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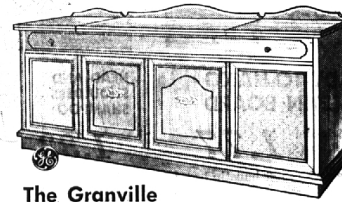
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