

Road Toll Is July 4 Holiday Record

Traffic in State Takes 25 Lives

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least 25 persons died in traffic accidents over the July 4th weekend in Michigan, but the total compared favorably with the 40 traffic deaths in the state over Memorial Day Weekend.

Twenty-four persons drowned or were killed in boating accidents over the holiday, including veteran Gold Cup driver Chuck Thompson, who died Sunday after his hydroplane disintegrated in the third heat of the Gold Cup race on the Detroit River.

'New Pontiac Model Slated'

Report Says Entry Due in Mustang Field

By DAVID W. CHUTE

United Press International
DETROIT (UPI) — The Mustang corral is getting crowded.

Another new entry into the sports-type auto field is due to make a late debut either in late fall or early winter, and two cars already on the market are being restyled to compete in the market Mustang created.

Pontiac Division of General Motors is planning to produce the new entry, and may dub it a "1967 1/2" because its introduction date tentatively has been set for after the regular introduction period.

(John Z. DeLorean, a General Motors Corp. vice president and general manager of Pontiac Motor Division, told The Pontiac Press this morning he has no comment at this time on the new-model report.)

Pontiac's car will be built on the same 108-inch chassis as Chevrolet's new Camaro, which was announced officially last week. Panel and grille work will be different and there will be a stretch of over-all length to make it larger than Camaro or Mustang.

DISTINCTIVE PANEL

It also will have a distinctive instrument panel and different treatment of interior to set it apart from Camaro, but will offer the same engine options from a six-cylinder to a 350-cubic inch high-performance V-8.

This car is being planned to compete with Lincoln-Mercury's new Cougar, which will be an over-sized version of the Mustang.

In addition, two cars already on the market, Barracuda by Chrysler and Marlin by American Motors, are being restyled to give them the same long hood, short rear deck styling of the sports car types.

This means that all four American auto makers are now in the new field of sports-type cars which E. M. (Pete) Estes of GM estimated would account for 1.2 million or more new car sales.

Killed in traffic were: Roy Merrifield, 62, of Detroit, when he lost control of his car, which jumped a sidewalk and hit a building at the corner of John R and Watson in Detroit.

Chubby J. Cotton, 20, of Detroit, when his car hit a guard rail and rolled over on I-75 just south of the Fenton exit in Oakland County yesterday.

James R. Wern, 53, Lake Orion, when his car hit a culvert on Silver Bell Rd. one mile east of M24 in Oakland County. He died two hours later in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac.

Jannie Hayes Cummings, 50, and A. D. Jameson, 38, both of Battle Creek, when a car driven by Cummings failed to negotiate a turn yesterday on M.L. Avenue about four miles south of Galesburg.

Archie Howard, 25, of Homer, when his car ran off U.S. 27 and struck a tree yesterday in Calhoun County one half mile north of the Branch County line.

DIES LATER

Richard T. Kann, 72, of Detroit, in a two-car accident on Mack Avenue in Detroit Friday. Kann died yesterday.

Jeffery Bush, 17, of St. Louis, Mich., when his motorboat (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Weatherman Sees Chance of Showers

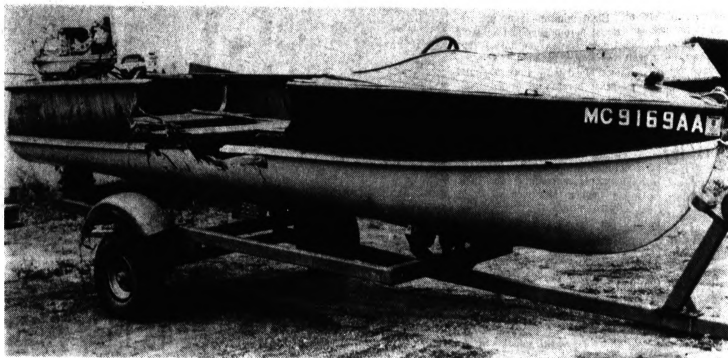
The weatherman may continue the Independence Day fireworks with a thunderbolt or two late tonight or early tomorrow morning as he drops a few scattered showers on the Pontiac area.

Skies are expected to partially clear tomorrow afternoon. Fair and cool is the outlook for Thursday.

Temperatures will dip to lows of 60 to 66 tonight, then shoot up to near 83 tomorrow.

Morning east to northeast winds at 5 to 10 miles per hour will become south to southeast at 10 to 20 miles this afternoon and tonight.

A low of 64 was the recording at 2 a.m. today. The mercury had climbed to 85 by 1 p.m.



An Occupant Of This Fishing Boat Is Dead

Autopsy Held in Boating Death

The powerboat death of a 30-year-old Pontiac man on Oakland Lake late Sunday was due to drowning, an autopsy showed yesterday.

Killed in the collision of an allegedly speeding inboard craft and an anchored fishing boat was Walter Balasky of 74 Florence, the father of four.

Lt. Donald K. Kratt, head of

the safety division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, said Balasky was thrown into the waters of the lake by the impact of the collision about 11 p.m.

Oakland Drowning Toll in '66
16
Last Year to Date 15

Three other persons in the Balasky boat, the victim's wife and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin West, also of 74 Florence, suffered minor injuries.

Facing a charge of manslaughter in the accident is Harold Ions, 52, of 4483 Par-nell, Waterford Township, who allegedly fled to his home

across the lake after the collision.

Boating control laws require the operator of a motorboat involved in an accident to stop and identify himself as well as give "reasonable assistance" to any persons injured.

Ions is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on the manslaughter charge Friday and is free after posting \$1,000 bond.

WENT OVER

Kratt said Ions' boat went "right over" the other craft. Witnesses told deputies Ions was cruising at a "reasonable speed" when he "opened the throttle" when he got close the Balasky boat.

The collision shattered the starboard hull of the victim's boat and gouged a trail of propeller marks across the seats of the craft.

"This is the worst boating accident we've had in Oakland County since Alan Akerley was killed," Kratt commented.

Akerley, a 20-year-old Keego Harbor youth, died 23 months ago in a hit-run accident which law officers are still trying to solve.

SWIMMING AREA

A speeding powerboat ran over the youth and a girl companion the night of Aug. 3, 1964, as they swam in a marked swimming area on Cass Lake.

Over \$3,900 in reward money for information leading to arrest of the boat's driver still stands.

The death of Balasky tragically ended what Kratt described as a "pretty quiet weekend up until then."

Reports from water patrol deputies from throughout the county indicated boating traffic was (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)



The Driver Of This Inboard Is Charged With Manslaughter

Boats Hit Off Haiphong

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. Navy fighter-bombers attacked two North Vietnamese torpedo boats off Haiphong early today as the air war against the Communist north continued without letup.

One of the two A4 Skyhawks that caught the torpedo boats 38 miles southeast of the main North Vietnamese port was shot down, but the pilot was plucked from the Gulf of Tonkin by a rescue helicopter.

A U.S. spokesman said he did not know if the torpedo boats were hit.

Navy and Air Force planes flew a record 91 multiple missions against North Viet Nam yesterday. The fourth of July targets included an oil storage area 19 miles southeast of Haiphong.

An estimated 250 to 300 planes made the raids, a number which a qualified officer said was above the average for the 16-month-old air war against the north. It was not a record number for a single (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Area Crashes Kill Detroit, Orion Man

A Detroit youth was killed in a one-car accident on I-75 and a Pontiac area man died last night of injuries suffered when his sports car went out of control and overturned south of his home.

Dead are Chubby J. Cotton, 20, and James R. Wern, 53, of 666 Birmingham, Orion Township. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies said Cotton was the driver of a car in which three other persons were injured about 10:15 p.m. when their automobile skidded into a guard rail on the Fenton exit ramp in Groveland Township.

Listed in fair condition at Pontiac General Hospital is Louise Johnson, 17, of Detroit. Two other passengers suffered minor injuries.

Wern died shortly after 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, about an hour after his car ran into a ditch on Silver Bell near the intersection of Squirrel in Orion Township, according to deputies.



"Father Time has been very kind to you, Barry. You don't look a day older than you did last Friday."

Decision to Refuse Rezoning Is Defended

The lack of an outlet onto a major thoroughfare was cited by Pontiac city commission today as the prime reason for their refusing last week to rezone a 20-acre parcel on the city's far east side for a \$3-million apartment development.

"I'm not opposed to the project itself, and neither are the people in the area," said District 5 Commissioner John A. Dugan, "but this is the first time that I can remember anyone wanting to build a development that moved traffic out onto an unimproved street."

Dugan, who represents the area where the apartments had been proposed, lead the opposition Tuesday when the City Commission voted 5-3 in rejecting the rezoning from single family residential to multiple dwelling.

The reclassification of the property was necessary for developer Joseph Dresner to carry

559 Fatalities Tallied in U.S. Over Weekend

208 Drownings Are Above Last Year; 47 Die While Boating

By The Associated Press

The worst Fourth of July traffic fatality toll on record was reached over this holiday weekend.

With last-minute figures coming in slowly today, the toll stood at 559 traffic deaths on the nation's highways to surpass in a three-day period the four-day record set in 1963.

Drownings with 208 were sharply higher than last year's figure of 114.

Boating accidents accounted for 47 deaths.

The National Safety Council had estimated that between 510 and 610 persons would die in traffic accidents this holiday period.

OPTIMISTIC WORD

But there was an optimistic word from Howard Pyle, council president, even as the death toll mounted.

Said Pyle: "After years of inadequate official attention to the traffic problem, Congress is in the process of enacting major legislation that will provide funds for a number of vital safety activities."

"In all our 50-odd years of accident prevention work, we at the council have never been more confident than we are today that the years ahead will see increasingly greater safety on our roads."

The worst single accident of the period took 10 lives Sunday 30 miles west of Tucson, Ariz. Two cars collided head on and all of the occupants, Arizona Indians, were killed.

MULTIPLE DEATHS

Several other multiple death crashes swelled the count.

In Arkansas two separate accidents within five hours Sunday killed 11 persons. The first accident, a three-car crash near Blytheville, killed six. A head-on crash five hours later near Benton killed five more.

Earlier, the Safety Council had warned that "if traffic deaths continue at their present rate, it (the death toll) will exceed not only last year's Fourth of July, but possibly the Labor Day weekend of 1966."

The 1965 Labor Day weekend was the worst summer holiday for traffic fatalities with 575 killed.

ONLY DRIVEWAY

Opposition center around Bay Street where the only driveway to the proposed development had been planned.

Bay is a dirt road north of the Herrington Hills subdivision, but is paved to the south through the residential section.

Homeowners claimed that motorists would turn south onto Bay to reach Featherstone, thereby creating a traffic hazard.

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PARIS PEACE DEMONSTRATION — Demonstrators applaud as a burning American flag is held aloft on the Place de la Concorde near the U.S. embassy in Paris yesterday during a pacifist or-

ganization protest against U.S. participation in the Vietnamese war. The flag is held by a former New York city girl who identified herself as Sherry Van Dyck. (See story on page B-7.)

Objects Hurl'd at Queen's Car

Man, Woman Held in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI)—A man and a woman today faced charges in connection with the hurling of a cement block and a beer bottle at Queen Elizabeth as she rode in a bottle-top limousine through cheering crowds.

The beer bottle missed but the heavy cement block, weighing between 10 and 20 pounds, yesterday dented the hood of the royal Rolls Royce only a few feet from where the Queen and her husband sat.

Neither the Queen nor Prince Philip appeared upset over the incidents which occurred within two minutes of each other in this city of bitter conflict between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Police said the two attacks were not connected and did not stem from political organizations which have triggered religious tensions in Northern Ireland.

Heavy security precautions had been taken for the two-day royal visit.

Rocket in Orbit; Record Weight

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—America's heaviest satellite — a 29-ton rocket stage like which one day will propel astronauts to the moon — vaulted into orbit today.

It was filled with 10 tons of liquid hydrogen in an engine test to determine if this high-energy fuel has at last been harnessed for space use.

A 17-story-tall Saturn 1

Re zoning Refusal Defended

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and for children living in the subdivision.

Dugan said that he would not favor the apartment complex even if Bay was completely improved until a second entrance to the development was provided.

REAL EFFORT

"I don't think the developer made a real effort to obtain an opening into Mount Clement," said Dugan.

He said that he knew that Dresser had obtained an option on a parcel, "and that it was overpriced, but I feel that some agreement could have been reached through negotiations."

"This city commission has bent over backward for developers," said Dugan.

"Criticism of the commission has been unfair," said Dugan, "because we have zoned, or made land available for somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,500 units which are in various stages of planning."

"I've been as cooperative as possible," Dugan said, "but no one is going to push this thing of housing down my throat when there is only one opening."

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The bulk of the grant — \$337,000 — has been allocated to pay the salaries of participating teachers.

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Andrew Wilson Brown, 53, of Monroe, when his tractor-trailer left the road and hit several trees Saturday on M99 in Livingston County.

REAR COLLISION

Pietro Furio, about 77, of Saginaw, in a rear-end collision 1 1/2 miles from Paw Paw on I-94 Saturday.

Clyde Burris, 38, of Bloomington, when he struck a culvert on M43 east of Bangor Saturday.

Jack Louis Randall, 20, of Remus, in a car-truck collision on U.S. 10 in Clare County.

Adolph Flores Aguilera, 24, of Adrian, in a car being chased



ARRIVES FOR CONFERENCE — Michigan Gov. George Romney (right) is welcomed to Los Angeles yesterday by Donald Douglas Jr., aircraft manufacturer and a national Governors' Conference which opens today. Romney told newsmen he thinks Vietnam should not be an issue at the meeting, since the governors have no opportunity to

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Birmingham Area News

Course Offered to Aid Reading, Study Skills

BIRMINGHAM — Junior high school students in the Birmingham school district will be able to improve their reading abilities and study skills in a course in reading improvement, starting July 17.

Two sections of this course will be offered for a four-week period ending Aug. 12. Classes will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Another class available at the junior high school level is an art workshop meeting daily from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Senior high students may also enroll in a reading improvement and study skills class which meets daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. This course is offered on a non-credit basis.

American government and international relations classes will meet for four weeks beginning July 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Students will receive a half-unit of credit for each course.

CONTACT DEPARTMENT

For details contact the added education department.

Firecrackers Injure Three

Careless and illegal use of firecrackers by holiday celebrants yesterday resulted in injuries to at least three Pontiac area persons, a minor fire and a score of destroyed mailboxes.

Five-year-old Charles DeLong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. DeLong of 4000 Mill Lake, Iron Township, suffered facial injuries when he lit a firecracker and attempted to "smoke" it.

A spokesman at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital said the youth received lacerations of the upper lip, second degree burns of the mouth and lost a tooth.

Another youth, Daniel Krupp, 12, of 2739 Leach, Pontiac Township, lit a "dud" firecracker and suffered second degree burns of the hand when the dud exploded.

Second degree burns were also suffered by a Pontiac woman, Mrs. Jerry Green of 314 Branch, who got Pontiac police she was injured last night by a firecracker thrown from a passing car.

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day's raid, however.

The Navy planes also hit an oil storage area 25 miles west of Thanh Hoa, down the coast, as the intensified assault on North Vietnam's fuel supplies continued.

LITTLE ACTION

U.S. military headquarters reported relatively little ground action in South Vietnam, but it appeared that the Communists may have targeted isolated Special Forces camps for the victory that has so far been denied in the 1966 monsoon season.

Viet Cong raiders made four attacks on the lonely outposts in the past three days.

The heaviest action reported yesterday involved U.S. Marines near the northern city of Da Nang. With the help of air strikes and artillery barrages they reported killing 154 Viet Cong in various fights.

The attack on the torpedo boats came in the same general area where Navy planes sank three similar North Vietnamese vessels Friday as they were headed for the 7th Fleet frigate County. Nineteen North Vietnamese sailors were captured.

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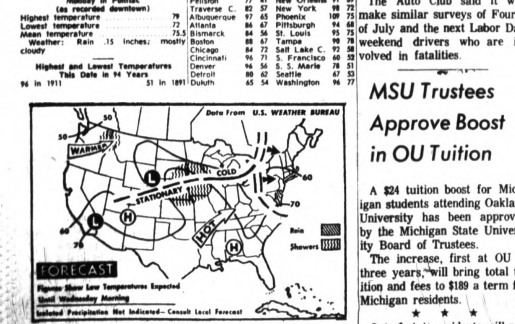
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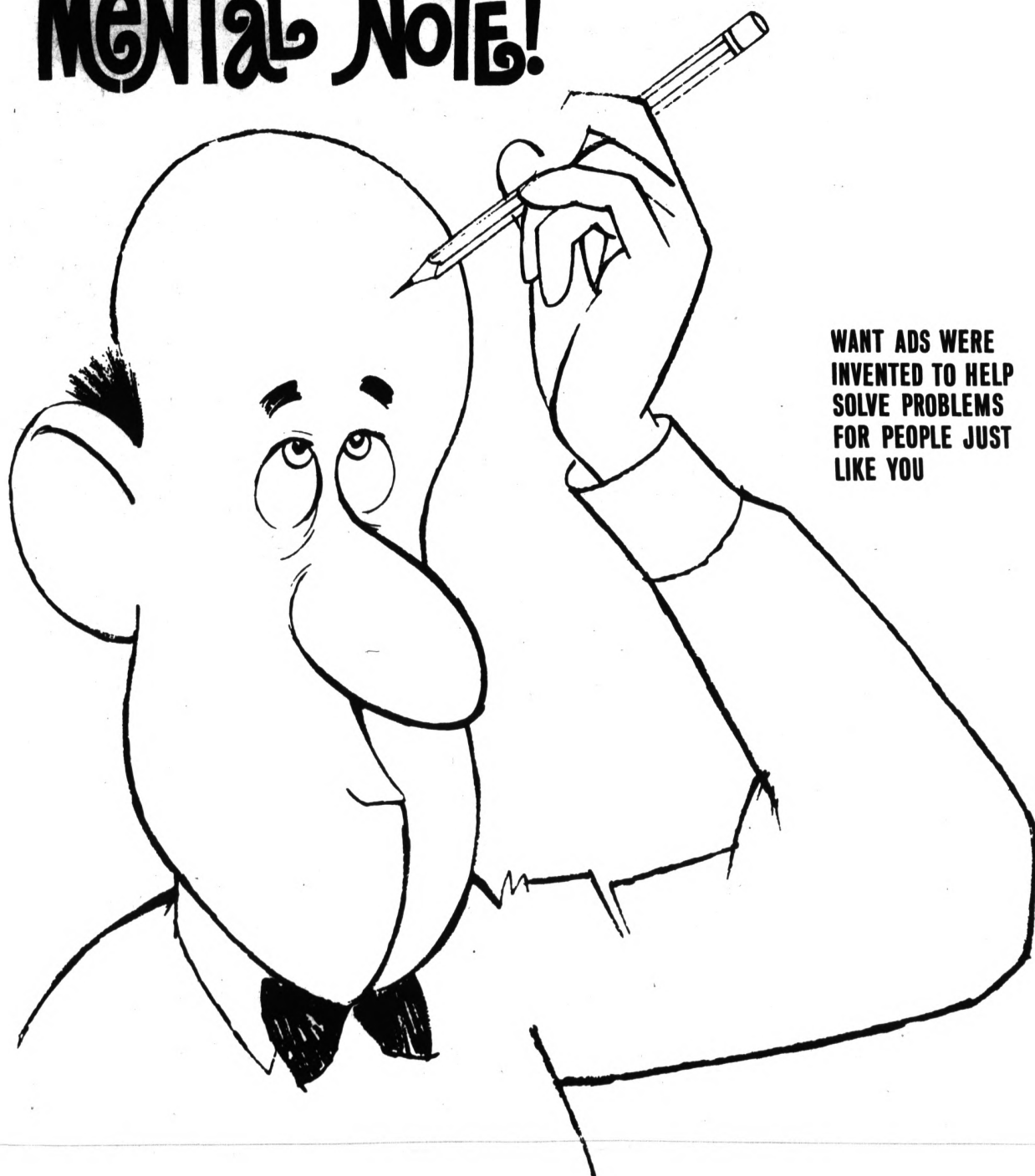
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