

## Jaycees Plan To Sponsor Dale Carnegie Course Here

The world-famous Dale Carnegie course is coming to Chelsea under the sponsorship of the Chelsea Junior Chamber of Commerce. The class will be held under the auspices of Chelsea Area Recreation Commission.

We believe that the Chelsea Jaycees' sponsorship of this adult education program is a genuine community service," Lyle Chriswell, president of the club, says. "Businessmen, professional men, young people, housewives, club women, office personnel—every adult will benefit from this training. It will build a new enthusiasm, develop confidence, create a new understanding among the citizens of our town."

Chriswell added that Jaycees in other areas report that the classes have had an important influence on human relations in their communities.

Chriswell has named the follow-

## State Police Plan Intensive Road Patrols

Making extra effort to help curb Michigan's mounting traffic toll, the State Police will operate special 30-hour road patrols during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, Commissioner Joseph A. Childs reports.

Twenty-two persons died in accidents during the Christmas-holiday period last year while another 20 were victims over New Year's. For the five years of 1963 to 1967 deaths averaged one every three hours and 12 minutes for the Christmas period and one every four hours and 30 minutes for New Year's.

Assisting the State Police will be 106 National Guard members who will serve either as second men on traffic patrol or on point control.

The patrols will provide maximum coverage from 3 to 7 p.m. each day of the holiday periods when traffic is expected to be heaviest. Emphasis will be on state trunklines and primary county roads having high accident experience and heavy traffic volume.

Where available, State Police detectives will take desk assignments to relieve uniform men for patrol services. The patrols will be in service from noon Tuesday, Dec. 21, until midnight Dec. 25, and from noon Tuesday, Dec. 31, to midnight Jan. 1. The Guardsmen will serve from 1 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the day before Christmas and for the New Year period during the hours which State Police District and post-commanders decide are best for coping with traffic problems locally.

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## CLUB NEWS

LEARNING BY DOING  
The Learning By Doing 4-H Club met Dec. 7 at the home of Joan Hardin. Roll call was answered with suggestions for the Christmas party. It will be a bowl-party at Chelsea on Jan. 3, with refreshments at Laurie Reddeman's home.

Four members reported about the Junior Leader school.

The next meeting will be Jan. 4 at Judy and Arlys Wiseman's. Demonstrations will be given by Sara Peck on "Fencing." Norine Lampo will give one on "Setting in Sleeves." The club will go to the Magic Mirror to learn about cutting, shampooing and setting hair after the meeting.

Kathy Lampo, reporter.

PLANNED PATTERN  
Interstate and U. S. highway route numbers are arranged in a planned pattern. Odd numbered routes run north and south while even number are east and west.

Highway Department records

## Only 40 Years Ago Groesbeck Elected on Promise To 'Get Michigan Out of Mud'

Lansing—Motorists who use the 9,200 miles of highways in Michigan may find it hard to believe today that only 40 years ago, Alex J. Groesbeck won the governorship with a campaign to "get Michigan out of the mud."

But that was the slogan that helped elect Groesbeck to office for three terms in the state whose automobile production put the rest of the world on wheels. A little-known aspect is that prison convicts helped in the road building.

Immediately after being elected, Groesbeck pushed through a \$50-million bond issue to pay for new highways. And that caused problems.

Highway Department records show that the state had plenty of money to build roads, but so few had been built until then that there weren't enough contractors to fill the expanded needs.

That led the state to use convicts as roadbuilders. Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner in 1924, reports that prisoner laborers built M-10 in Genesee county, M-10 in Oakland county, M-1 in Clinton county and a federal aid project between Galesburg and Camp Custer.

Reported Rogers:

"Of the 600 prison road workers, 21 escaped. Four of these voluntarily returned; 11 others have been recaptured and six remain at large."

"Of the 600 men used during the summer but 36 had to be returned to prison. Twelve of them were physically unable to stand the work and the other 24 went back for some infraction of the camp rules."

Today, use of prison labor is out of the question, according to C. B. Laird, the Highway Department's Chief Construction Engi-

neer and a 38-year veteran of state service. For one reason, there are not enough prisoners in the state to meet the need for road-builders.

During the peak of the building season this year, Laird estimated, 10,000 men were at work on construction while another 8,300 were used for maintenance. Yet, Michigan's prison system has only about 8,400 inmates now.

Use of convict labor was discontinued in August, 1960, early in the depression. Unemployed workers had protested that the convicts were filling jobs that otherwise would have been theirs.

Each convict was paid \$1.25 a day for his efforts, and the state paid the same amount to feed and clothe him. With incidental expenses, the state was paying \$3 a day for a man's labor. That was about what it would have cost to nearly 100 miles of paved roads, that could become self-supporting.

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hire a regular laborer. However, as Rogers pointed out: "The saving to the state resulted more from the hard and efficient work done by the men than the saving in dollars and cents through their use."

Before prisoners were used, Rogers said, "there were more than 800 idle men in the prisons and now there are only the incapacitated."

Prisoners also operated a state-owned cement plant near Chelsea because Groesbeck was convinced that cement plant owners were gouging the state with too high prices.

Today, federal standards prohibit the use of convicts for building any highway paid for with federal funds. Furthermore, labor unions would protest such use, Laird said.

As Michigan prepares to open another 75 miles of freeway with

in a month, it is interesting to see what Rogers proposed in the year 1924.

"It may be possible to use 800

"It is expected they will be used to close a 10-mile gap on M-10 in Grand River road, M-10, Lansing and Ingham counties, about 42 miles; also to build the remainder of the Monroe-Toledo road, 195 miles which will be the new M-10 across Monroe county."

**Cuban Refugee Family Moves to Milan Job**

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Portillo and daughter, who have been living in Chelsea the past several months, moved last week to 122 E. Main St. in Milan. Portillo has been working at the foundry there.

The Portillos, who were refugees from Cuba, were brought to Chelsea through the efforts of the Christian Family Movement group

which sponsored them for the required period before they could

become self-supporting.

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