



Letters From Famous Americans

Edgar Allen Poe, American poet, short-story writer and critic, wrote this letter to Atty. E. L. Fancher in 1847 but misdated it 1846, scholars believe. He refers to the \$225 awarded him in a libel suit against the New York Evening Mirror for an article by Dr. Thomas Dunn English, attacking Poe's morals and sanity. While working for the Mirror in 1845, Poe first published "The Raven," the work that established his fame as a poet. He was born Jan. 19, 1809 and died Oct. 7, 1849.

E. L. Fancher Esq

Dear Sir

Mrs Maria Clemm is hereby authorized to receive the amount of damages lately awarded in my suit, conducted by yourself, against the proprietors of the New-York Evening Mirror, and to give a receipt for the same.

Resp. yours

Edgar A. Poe

Fordham, N. Y.

March 28th 1846.

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Hahn Seeks Changes in Bus Design

Radical changes in the design of school buses have been urged by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who said the changes would increase the protection offered children riding the buses.

Extensive research by the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering at the University of California at Los Angeles concludes the present design of buses actually contributes to injuries in a crash, Hahn said.

"The most dangerous element of present school bus design is that seat backs are too low and do not have adequate padding," he noted.

THE STUDY also concludes that at least four full-size emergency exits should be provided in all school buses and that bumpers of present buses are not low enough to

Traffic Signals Approved

Installation of traffic signals and highway safety lighting at the intersection of Avalon Boulevard with 213th Street has been authorized, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

Bids for the project will be opened Feb. 21 and the installations are slated for completion in May, 1967.

Hahn said Avalon Boulevard carries a daily average of 14,000 vehicles in the vicinity of the proposed installations and the signals will greatly increase traffic safety in this area.

prevent "overriding" of other vehicles in a collision.

The UCLA studies were conducted at the request of Hahn, who asked that particular emphasis be placed on the need for seat belts in the vehicles.

A key element of the research was the actual test crash of two school buses head-on on April 5, 1966, at Terminal Island. Both buses carried life-like dummies and several cameras to record the effect of impact.

RESEARCHERS advised that seat belts not be installed on school buses until the seat backs are made at least 28 inches high, rather than the present 18 to 20 inches on most buses.

Hahn said more than 15 million American children regularly ride school buses. The National Safety Council estimates that without special efforts to prevent school bus accidents and injuries, up to 8,000 students a year will be injured by 1975.

Accidents involving school buses have taken the lives of several children in Los An-

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geles County. These tragedies included the Sept. 30, 1957, crash of a school bus into Dorchester Creek, which killed four children and injured 24, and the crash of a school bus into a power pole near La Puente on Jan. 24, 1966, killing one child and injuring 16.

Carson Area Man Jailed For Theft

A Carson area man was arrested early Friday on suspicion of burglary and possession of dangerous drugs.

Bob Mack Alderson, 23, of 465 E. 219th St., also was booked on suspicion of narcotics addiction.

Police said Alderson was arrested about 9:30 a.m. Friday as the result of an investigation into a burglary last Jan. 17. A color television set and three guitars were taken from a central Torrance home in the burglary.

Police said the narcotics charges were added when marks resembling needle punctures were found on Alderson's arms.

Mobil Dividend

Mobil Oil Corp. has declared a dividend of 45 cents a share on the company's capital stock, payable March 10 to stockholders of record at the close of business Feb. 7.



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