

New-Type Filing Procedure Is Cared Key to Traffic Control

Suggestions Made For Improving Hunter Boulevard

A survey of traffic control was made recently in Birmingham by the Automobile Club of Michigan, and presented to the City Commission, Monday night, by the club's engineers.

Richard Harfat, general manager of the club, submitted the report and, in the course of the talk, he made a summary of recommendations. His talk is as follows:

After reading the report of our engineers, covering their activities in your city, out of a survey of 158 recommendations and suggested changes contained in the report, I am impressed, to the extent that I am recommending that the survey relating to the recommendations, "Location Method of Filing Accident Reports."

In my opinion the one thing most necessary in coping with the accident problem in your city is to inaugurate a system of accident filing which will be more efficient in directing the attention of the Police Department, City engineers, educators and mediums of public education to the proper channels of attack.

This system of handling accident reports has much to recommend it to a Police Department other than its value in accident prevention. It is a system which does not require additional clerical service and when in operation will secure the most complete files indexed by date, age, as at present.

The analysis you present method of accident report filing by date, and also demonstrate that it can be accomplished with the "Location Method" in operation.

tion relative to this or any other particular right would be a matter of many hours, for all accidents occurring in the city for a long period would have to be checked. The accidents occurring on Woodward Avenue segregated from them, and then after due consideration, originally, if however, the accidents were filed according to location, all the necessary information would be at the officer's finger tips. It would take only a short time to gather the following facts:

1. During the year ending July 31, 1941, the accidents on Woodward Avenue amounted to 320 collisions or 32.6% of the total city experience.
2. There were 90 people injured in the collisions on Woodward Avenue this past year.
3. 62% occurred at intersections.
4. 76% of these collisions occurred at stop sign controlled intersections.
5. 56% of the drivers were out-of-town residents.
6. 34% of all accidents on Woodward Avenue were re-entrant collisions.
7. The actions of drivers amenable to correction showed that 10% turned from wrong lanes, 2% disregarded signal lights, 8.86% occurred during rain weather, 10.75% occurred on dry pavement.

Wins Prizes in 'Sun Cooking'

Sunday, August 17, 1941, there was an outbreak of 210 accidents per hour southbound on Hunter. The southbound movement from Hunter to Woodward Avenue (for all other roads) was a massive movement) amounted to 209 vehicles per hour.

It was estimated that a southward movement of about 100 vehicles per hour was being held up at the intersection of Hunter and Woodward Avenue. The effect of the traffic signal was to cause a definite pattern movement of vehicles which created and maintained traffic jams to the crossover.

By a process which is described as "refrigeration in reverse" by the author, the author, Calif. prep work, jellies, and preserves with sunlight in a "oven" here are some of its own winners.

The educator also have work to do. They should caution the children to be especially careful while crossing Woodward Avenue and to walk with the green lights look both ways, and crossing the street, for the records show that the most dangerous time is during the afternoon, when the sun is high and the shadows are short.

We also note that relative to their program on this particular street there is a work for the various mediums of public education. They should acquaint the public with the signs on this particular street. They should caution the motorists about backing into the stream of traffic and they should publicize all facts relative to the importance of observing stop street signs and signals, and to drive slowly so as to be on the lookout for cars moving into and out of the angle parking spaces.

During the period of the study it was found that 27.4% of the vehicles desiring to cross from northbound Hunter street to Woodward Avenue were stopped at the intersection. The author estimates that if the traffic signal were removed, the delay would be reduced to 15%.

PUBLIC PROTECTION IN TRAFFIC

The constantly increasing use of the automobile has materially changed the character of the Police Department and the general public. Originally an agency for the protection of life and property from the effects of crime, the modern Police Department is now a condition of crime.

The average citizen is in much closer direct contact with the Police Department than ever before, because of the automobile. Consequently, the police must have been forced to undergo a change. Instead of the primitive approach as to crime, the Police Department must take the practical, educational approach when dealing with traffic errors, because in general, traffic errors are committed by the non-criminal element in society.

Rev. Forsyth Tells Club Path of Happy Marriage

For every 100 marriages being made in Oakland County during the first six months of 1941, there were 27 divorces, said Rev. W. J. Forsyth, pastor of the Exchange Club, Sunday in a talk before the club.

Rev. Forsyth declared that according to his records, only one out of 100 marriages is a happy one. He said that marriage is a partnership and that each partner should reform for equal rights, partnership and the best from both.

64 Accidents Last Year

There were 264 reported accidents in the City of Birmingham during the year ending July 31, 1941. Of this number 370 were used from a standpoint of gathering data concerning the incident. This number is a figure that only 11 accident reports were not properly filed. This is a very high level of reporting, and these accident records are deserving of constant use in indicating accident causes and procedures should be taken to alleviate a condition, but not one of the accident reports could be classified as readily usable in this respect. The reason we say they are not readily usable is because of the method of filing.

Some Deductions

The high frequency of re-entrant collisions on Woodward Avenue indicates that there are many quick stops. These quick stops of course cause less latent driver to be in the stream of traffic. On Woodward Avenue these quick stops could be caused by three factors: a lack of observance of stop street regulations, signal violations, or failure to yield right-of-way.

Work for Educators

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To meet the aforementioned hazardous traffic conditions, the following recommendations are suggested:

Gardeners' Corner

Putting the Vegetable Garden to bed is the last thing that gardeners should do before the winter. The garden is already a step toward preparing for the future. As you are now planning your garden for the next year, you should also be planning for the next year's garden.

Christ Church Club Will Hear Bingay

The Christ Church Club will hold its annual meeting of the year at the club on Monday evening, Oct. 13, at 7 o'clock. The speaker will be the Rev. W. J. Forsyth, pastor of the Exchange Club.

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