

October 'Bad', City's Traffic Report Shows

The accident record for October was one of the worst this year, Police Chief Ralph W. Mozley stated Tuesday. "It was considerably worse than September when we had a total of 31 accidents including one fatal and three personal injury crashes in which six persons were hurt. "Another fatality is recorded in the October report, that of a pedestrian struck as he walked diagonally across the street against a red light. "Mozley again cited as being too closely as the leading accident cause for the month. This factor alone accounted for 16 of the 31 accidents reported.

OTHER ACCIDENT causes included disregard of stop sign or signal which accounted for six crashes; improper turning, four; excessive speed, three; violation of right-of-way and improper passing, two each. "Defective brakes, improper starting from a packed position, improper parking location and driving with the car not under control was responsible for one accident each. "Property damage for the month was set at \$6,060, with 18 persons hurt in seven personal injury accidents.

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Progress of Troy Township Cited by Supervisor Ryan

A report of the activities and accomplishments in Troy township during the past 15 months and some of the problems, is being sent to township residents this week according to Supervisor Charles Ryan. Ryan said many residents are unaware of what is happening in the township and this two-page report is being mailed out to all persons living in Troy. "Subjects covered include water, street lighting, street signs, traffic regulation, fire department, road improvements, county drains, industrial growth, planning board, building code, finances and taxes.

HE STATED that a program for street lighting is under way. Lights have been ordered installed at most of the mile intersections in the township and additional lights through Big Beaver on Rochester and Big Beaver roads. Street identification signs have been installed along main highways at the intersecting streets. Ryan pointed out. He added that several other identifications on intersections of the main highway have been ordered. A speed control zone has been established on Rochester road from the South township limits to Lamb road. Further studies are being made to eliminate hazards at several other dangerous intersections.

ADDITIONAL FIRE fighting equipment has been purchased for the month end station to be units are not available. More equipment has also been acquired for the Big Beaver station. Ryan added. A fire marshal has been appointed to coordinate the work of the fire department. A new alarm system which will be necessary when the Big Beaver telephone exchange is changed to dial operation in 1951. "The supervisor said that financial problems are hindering road improvement work in the township. At this year's annual meet-

ing, electors appropriated \$2,500 which was used to finance graveling of some of the worst roads. Ryan warned that a long range program will have to be worked out to do any permanent good. "Industrial growth has been encouraged, Ryan, pointed out. Among the larger industries in Troy township are Dearborn Motors, Temprite products, Central Tool and Die, Barret division, Murray Corporation and Wall Associates Corp. "He emphasized that these firms will absorb a substantial share of the school and township taxes and will be a great benefit in the future. Another advantage is the possible employment of a number of township residents.

A township planning board was appointed this year. Composed of five citizens from various parts of the township, it acts in an advisory capacity. Among its functions are to advise the township board on such matters as health, recreation, building and other phases of community life. "It also cooperates closely with the township zoning commission. Ryan said he believes the appointing of this board will turn out to be one of the most important steps the township has taken.

BUILDING STANDARDS are improving in Troy, the supervisor stated. He pointed out that if future building is properly controlled, the area will eventually be a "community of modern homes." A full time building inspector was recently appointed to see that substandard housing will not creep in, resulting in lowering standards of all homes. "It also cooperates closely with the township zoning commission. Ryan said he believes the appointing of this board will turn out to be one of the most important steps the township has taken.

Approximately ten miles of water mains and laterals have been laid. The water bond ordinance provides that all available surplus funds will be laid aside each year to help pay for regular extensions to the water system. "The township's water supply has been tripled, Ryan said, by the addition of a well. He said that he hopes to extend water supply to some areas in the north and east of the township where it is badly needed. "Other developments during the past 15 months include establishment of a Big Beaver post office; improvements to township buildings and grounds; making public buildings available for meeting purposes; and improving the ap-

Jacobson Store To Open Nov. 17

The new Jacobson store at the corner of Maple and Bates will open for business Friday, Nov. 17, according to Wilbur Mason, local manager. The store will also be open for public inspection, Thursday evening, Nov. 16, from 7 to 9 o'clock. "The largest women's and children's apparel store in Birmingham, the Jacobson building will utilize two levels with a main entrance facing Maple. The parking level entrance is at the rear of the store, which adjoins a customer's private parking area.

SUITS, COATS, dresses, footwear, accessories, cosmetics and sportswear will be located on the street floor. Infants, childrens and teenage apparel and footwear will share the parking level with the lingerie, robes and coral department. "The new fashion store will feature the latest in functional modern architecture. Mason said that everything from the comfortable fitting rooms to the off-street parking lot for patron's cars has been planned for the convenience and leisure shopping of the customers. The employees at the store's entrance are Birmingham residents.

The majority of the store's employees are Birmingham residents. The appearance of township cemeteries. "Among the plans cited for the future are a township park, further water supply in the north and central sections and a solution to improved roads. "Ryan concluded, "There may be a few who wish to ignore progress—or even to block it—but they are far in the minority, and maybe they serve to keep the rest of us on our toes. The growth of the township is not a matter we can stop or start. It is bound to grow. The least we can do is prepare for it so it may be an orderly growth."

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JEROME F. BENJAMIN

Newly appointed directors of the Birmingham Real Estate Board held their annual election 1 a 1/2 week, naming Jerome F. Benjamin as president. "Other officers to be installed Jan. 1 are David Levinson, vice-president; William A. Blazo, secretary, and Robert Watt, treasurer.

Directors of the board are Benjamin, Frederick Pfw, Robert Watt, David Levinson and George Markley. "William A. Blazo and Burton VanMackin are salaried representatives to the board.

Cranbrook Harriers

After six straight defeats, the Cranbrook cross country team won its first victory of the year Tuesday as it defeated Dulin High School of Waterford township, 33-24.

New Transformer To Be Purchased For South Well

Purchase of a new transformer for the south well at Southfield near 19 Mile road was approved by the city commission Monday evening.

The new 150 K.V.A. transformer will cost \$1,491.24 and will replace the present 125 K.V.A. unit, by recommending the purchase, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the present transformer is working at an overload. The old unit will be used as a spare transformer and ultimately will be installed in a well.

The transformer will be purchased from the Spaulding Electric Co. of Detroit and the money will be taken from the capital improvement fund of the water department. Egbert added that the present schedule calls for delivery in 25 weeks.

To Attend Training Sessions Saturday

Representatives from the Wolverine chapter of the Birmingham Hi-Y will attend the pre-Hi-Y training sessions Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Student center at Wayne university. "Reservations for the noon luncheon may be made with the Birmingham YMCA.

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