

Bloomfield Hills Mayor Is Commended By Louis Miriani

Henry Woolfenden, mayor of Bloomfield Hills, was commended by the mayor of Detroit, Louis C. Miriani, in a letter dated Sept. 13. Miriani told Woolfenden that his presence, along with other mayors of Michigan cities, "resulted in the prompt settlement of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad strike."

He added that not only Bloomfield Hills but the State of Michigan is indebted for Woolfenden's efforts in the public interest.

Woolfenden and many of cities affected by the strike met at the railroad offices with negotiators, Sept. 7.

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Traffic Engineering, Courts are Commended

By IRMA DAVIS
Staff Writer

Birmingham placed first in Michigan in traffic engineering in cities in the 25,000 to 50,000 population bracket, it was revealed last week. The city also placed first in traffic courts and second in police traffic supervision, compared to cities of similar size.

The ratings were included in the 1959 Birmingham analysis of the annual inventory of traffic activities, presented to Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley Tuesday, Sept. 20, by a member of the Michigan state police.

The program and its criteria are based on the recommendations of a number of national organizations concerned with various phases of traffic safety, supervision and engineering. It is prepared by the National Safety Council and is expected to provide help in safer traffic movement, according to Mosley.

THE REPORT showed improvement in all but two sections: 1) School traffic safety education, which dropped from 74 to 67 per cent of current recommended performance and 2) death and injury record which dropped from 100 to 97 per cent.

Other sections in order of increased improvement are organization of currently recommended public traffic safety education and accident records. The total program record in Birmingham showed an over-all improvement over 1957 and 1958, despite lags in specific sections.

Recommendations, based on 1959 percentages achieved, suggest a need for strengthening organization for traffic safety improvement. Strengthening is also suggested in the areas of public and school traffic safety education.

Although the first two of these categories showed a good increase over previous years, the over-all percentage is below the currently recommended performance.

Some of the specific recommendations for school traffic safety education were expansion of driving instruction courses to all eligible students and, in the case of non-public schools, the teaching of traffic safety in the curriculum, with time allotted for it.

Also suggested, for the latter schools, was an improvement of the instruction program through use of accident data, with student accident data being made available to all school personnel.

In the area of public safety education, the analysis suggested more project activity aimed at major local problems. It recommended the creation and maintenance of at least one permanent traffic safety scorecard, and that more local organizations participate in traffic safety projects. Also suggested was the use of traffic safety as meeting topics.

THE REPORT recommended, in the area of traffic safety improvement organization (meaning a well organized safety activities in the community), that there be a committee of officials with a chief executive. It said it should meet regularly to coordinate activities of official agencies and collectively develop the official traffic program.

It also suggested a citizens' organization with top citizen leadership and adequate funds to develop interest in, and support

for many items increases as traffic safety and management programs improve from year to year. Some of the criteria are based upon population and population rates, using 1950 or earlier estimates. Had the 1960 census been available, some of the criteria would have been higher in cities showing a considerable increase in population.

The program is designed to provide a yardstick by which cities and states can measure their performance against that of other localities. It also provides a pool of knowledge and thinking of collectively experienced traffic personnel and specialized national organizations.

It points out specific deficiencies in traffic accident prevention programs, recommends improvements and recognizes accomplishments through award programs of various organizations.

IT IS NOT intended to appraise official departments and organizations but measures and evaluates functions only. It does not provide a complete survey of traffic management and accident prevention but is meant for use as a tool in improving and guiding such programs.

It is based on approved standards and the performance of leading cities and states throughout the country. Unusual local conditions sometimes partially detract from full application of recommendations.

Each section of the analysis is under an advisory group which is qualified to determine an adequate program in each area and establish evaluation criteria.

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Can't Always Classify 'Finds' in Newspapers

By IRMA DAVIS
Staff Writer

"Another Violin Made by Mathias Hornfeiter, Orisemaker in Mittenwald 1872. Will take first offer of \$10,000. O.A. 8-3825."

When The Birmingham Eccentric decided to find the "who and what" behind this ad, clipped from a recent issue, it learned that postman Gerald Doherty had had few takers.

"Naturally not," he said, "at \$10,000."

Doherty, a former Troy resident now living in Oxford, has been delivering mail in Birmingham for six years. When a German woman on route told him the instrument was worth thousands, he placed his ad in the Eccentric, he said, "to see what would happen."

HE SPOTTED THE violin in Birmingham's Trading post about a year ago and liked the tone. It cost him \$15. When he got home, he discovered the maker's tag glued to the inside and since then has played it by ear, "because he liked it better than his practice violin."

Tuesday of last week, he contacted Lee Hackney, a violin expert who considers it likely the violin is an authentic Hornfeiter. He will seek the opinion of other experts, including Mischa Mischakoff who will quite possibly use the violin in concert if it is of suitable quality and genuine.

Mischakoff is concertmaster with the Detroit symphony orchestra. Hackney, incidentally is one of his students.

POSTMAN DOHERTY, who has

pose a question that is bound to tickle curiosity:
"For sale or trade for shotgun, choice rare, seat in good condition and very old."
"Will trade baby gun for shotgun."
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