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# Add More Troopers, Safety Group Advises



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The traffic safety committee of the Michigan Association of Chiefs is urging that the next session of the legislature add 150 state police troopers to the department's present authorized strength, in a report approved by the executive board at a meeting in Detroit, according to E. B. Wilson, association executive secretary.

The additional manpower is especially necessary because of the state's expanding expressway system as well as to assist other police agencies as needed, it was stated by Police Chief Frederick J. Serra, of Mount Morris, committee chairman.

THE AUTHORIZED strength of the state police is now 1,150 and more troopers would bring it to 1,305. The department has included the request in its proposed budget for the next fiscal year, but this must be approved.

The authorized strength has not increased since 1956, when 165 troopers were added because of a climbing toll of traffic deaths, injuries and accidents. Deaths thereafter decreased for three years, but then moved upward the following three years with the heavy increase in traffic and drivers.

The same trend is continuing in 1962 and new all-time high records in accidents and injuries are

expected at the close of the year.

"THE REQUEST for 150 more troopers is modest when considered that, under well recognized national standards, the National Safety Council says the department should have 238 more full time traffic officers," Serra said.

"It now has only 725 troopers available for patrol which is far too few for a state as big as Michigan with its increasing population and its increasing traffic toll," he continued.

"To this problem has been added the necessity of establishing the new special expressway patrol which now covers 735 miles of expressways on a 24-hour basis and requires 100 troopers—only seven of the patrol force. Under construction are 256 miles, but not least, all other highways still have to be patrolled just as in the past."

"THE DEPARTMENT carries out many other activities in the enforcement field and one of the most important is assistance to other police agencies when aid is desired and needed. These demands are increasing."

"It is our hope, therefore, that in behalf of the public safety the governor and the legislature will approve the addition of these troopers," Serra said.

## PEOPLE'S COLUMN

# Cites Potential Nuisance In Proposed Motel-Tavern

To the Editor:

In view of your published opinion with regard to the proposed zoning change of the parcel of land intended for a motel, restaurant and bar adjacent to the Burton Abstract Company's building on Woodward Avenue, I think that the reporting of the public hearing of the proposed change was at least an attempt to sound impartial.

However, I am amazed that you and interested parties of the Birmingham community are not aware of the potential nuisance this area

may become.

THE PLANS of the present interested owner would seem to guarantee a place of reasonable control and quality. But what if the property changes hands?

A very popular nation-wide chain was not able to succeed with its restaurant located just a few miles north of the site in question.

If the reasoning and liquor permit for this property are once established, they are very unlikely to be rescindable.

ARE WE going to allow this area to become a spot for a quick drink or drinks and a traffic headache?

Our own experience with regard to available motel space and restaurant facilities in the Birmingham area indicates no need for further establishments so near to the large motel area a few miles south on Woodward.

MRS. ROBERT DAVIES  
235 Harrow Circle  
Birmingham

## Area Resident Is Commissioned

Jon T. Overgard, W. Bloomfield Township, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from officer training school here.

Li. Overgard is being reassigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, as an air police officer.

A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a graduate of Birmingham High School, he received his B.A. degree from Michigan State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham T. Overgard, 2340 Walnut Lake Road.

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**Airman Reassigned**

Airman Basic Roger F. Buelow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester B. Buelow of 5240 N. Pebble Creek Road, West Bloomfield Township, is being reassigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for technical training as a United States Air Force air armament mechanic.

Airman Buelow, who completed the first phase of his military training here, was selected for the specialized course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

No March of Dimes funds are being used, she pointed out.

THE ENTERTAINMENT, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Littleton, 1936 Butterfield, Troy, will be provided by the Metropolitan Activities Club, a group of handicapped persons who will perform a wheelchair square dance and other acts.

Also assisting Mrs. Sachs is Mrs. Russell Hill, 314 Veater, Ferndale, executive committee secretary.

**Group Plans Yule Party For Patients**

A whole batch of Santa Clauses are putting on a Christmas party for March of Dimes patients and former patients from every area of Oakland County.

Al Kalline, who is serving as Oakland County campaign director for the 1963 March of Dimes drive, will greet the guests. Each will receive a gift.

Four persons from Birmingham and Bloomfield are March of Dimes patients and have been invited to the Christmas party. Thirty-two persons who have been March of Dimes patients also received invitations.

THE PARTY will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Ferndale Community Building, 400 E. Nine Mile Road. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Kenneth Sachs, Huntington Woods, a member of the group's executive committee, everything is being donated for the event—entertainment, food, gifts, wrappings, even the postage on the invitations.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you and Jesus too. Please bring me a Chatty Baby doll, Susie Smart doll, candyland game, make a face game, surprises. Gigi wants nuts, box of candy. Put a surprise in my sock, Mickey Mouse record and others, some clothes. Bring Kathy some records, mother and father, surprises and me house slippers.

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