



Telegraph Traffic Major Concern in Bloomfield

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Telegraph Road—where the speed limit is 55 and motorists insist on doing 65 and 70—is a much more vexing problem for Bloomfield Township traffic enforcement officers than is the more-publicized sport of "woodwarding."

Two grinding rear-end collisions—three hours apart and one in front of the township police station—last week pointed up the major causes of accidents along U.S. 24—speeding and left turns.

In the two accidents, involving four cars each, a total of five persons required medical treatment for their injuries.

ALONG THE six miles of Telegraph within the jurisdiction of Bloomfield Township there are only five left turn

lanes provided. These are located at major intersections. At other points, drivers must not only brave the danger of oncoming traffic but also must be wary of the vehicles behind them in the fast lane, from which left turns must be negotiated.

Four persons have been fatally injured in traffic mishaps in Bloomfield Township this year—two on Telegraph.

This equals the total number killed last year in a 12-month period.

THERE IS no clear-cut solution to the problem, says Police Chief Norman Dehrens. "We've issued more tickets this year. Twice as many as last year. Accidents and fatalities seem to be on the increase throughout the state."

Township police are meeting the problem head-on. Several months ago the department purchased a pursuit car

which is being used on Woodward and Telegraph. Additional patrolmen have been hired. The newest weapon in the police arsenal is a radar unit which will be thrown into the battle within two weeks as soon as it is determined where the equipment is most needed.

IN ADDITION to hunting down and clocking speeders on major roads, the radar unit will be used to check speeds in front of public and private schools in the township, which could lead to reduced speed limits at these locations.

According to Cpl. Richard Reuther of the traffic safety division, the highest accident corner in the township is at Telegraph and Maple. "Most of the accidents here are caused by improper left turns—turning in front of oncoming traffic," he said.

IN TWO of the fatal accidents this year, Reuther said,

drivers ran red lights. Excessive speed and failure to yield the right-of-way were involved in the other two deaths.

"Stricter enforcement of traffic laws is definitely the answer," he said. "When an area becomes known for its enforcement, that's when violations go down."

Cpl. Reuther, who often drives the pursuit vehicle, known to area teens as the "Green Hornet," had this to say about "Woodwarding":

"These kids come from as far as Canada and congregate at a drive-in at Woodward and Square Lake roads. Some come to pick up girls, others to see their buddies and compare notes on their cars."

SEVERAL youngsters have been issued tickets for speeding while dragging on Woodward in the township.

Some have tried to outrun Cpl. Reuther and the "Green Hornet," but all have failed—thanks to the cooperation that exists between the area's police departments.

Cranbrook School Plans \$3,000,000 Building Program

A three-year \$3,000,000 development program was announced today by the Cranbrook School, which simultaneously revealed that the program had been endorsed with a \$1,500,000 challenge grant from the Cranbrook Foundation.

One of the largest single gifts ever offered to any secondary school, the Foundation's grant was made on a one-to-one matching-dollar basis. The school can claim the entire amount by raising \$1,500,000 from other sources prior to Dec. 31, 1966.

Joint announcement of the development program and the challenge grant was made by Martin S. Hayden, chairman of the school's board of directors, and Headmaster Harry D. Hoey.

Henry S. Booth, chairman of the board of trustees of the Cranbrook Foundation, said: "All Cranbrook institutions are the Foundation's concern. It realizes their financial needs are increasing and intends giving all of them as much support from its limited resources as it reasonably can. Consequently,

it whole-heartedly participates in this campaign."

DURING THE past 18 months, the directors of Cranbrook School have studied the institution's endowment and plant needs for the next decade. Its plans for meeting those needs were submitted to the Cranbrook Foundation earlier this year.

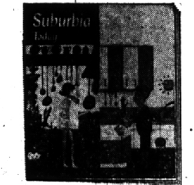
This first major fund raising in Cranbrook's history will seek to increase the school's present \$1,500,000 endowment and complete a series of building projects on its Bloomfield Hills campus.

With additional endowment income, the school proposes to increase faculty salaries and related benefits, broaden the educational program, establish four endowed chairs of instruction, provide for extra educational opportunity for faculty members and enrich the curriculum through special lectures giving all of them a cultural and educational event.

IN THE AREA of plant development, immediate needs include ex-

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Building in B'field Township At \$12 Million So Far in '63

Bloomfield Township continued to outstrip most other Oakland County communities in new home construction during the first seven months of 1963.

Only Southfield, with 613 dwellings, outranked the township with 482. The figures, obtained from the Regional Planning Commission, are based on building permits issued for one-, two-family and multiple-dwelling units.

Construction permits totaling \$11,991,019 were issued by the Bloomfield Township Building Dept. for the first seven months of 1963. For the same period last year the total was \$8,611,033.

PERMITS for a motel, a shopping center and 76 units of multiple dwellings pushed the July

1963, total to a whopping \$3,498,471 — three times that of July, 1962, with \$1,119,380.

The motel—a Holiday Inn enterprise—will be located at Telegraph and W. Long Lake Road.

Estimated at \$1 million, the motel complex will contain 120 rooms, a swimming pool, putting green, a breakfast room, bar and dining room.

A permit was issued for \$450,000 for the shopping center, to be known as the Bloomfield Commons, to be erected at Maple and Lusher.



Take Me Home, Please

This unhappy little girl is looking for a home. At the present time she's staying with the City of Birmingham at the dog pound on Eton near Cole. Nine weeks old, she's a mixture of Beagle and Basset, according to Al Sundell, dog warden. She only owns the city \$2 and if someone will pay the bill she'll tag along home with them. More information can be obtained by calling the police department at MI 4-3400.

TAE Board Halts Activities Of Its High School Members

TAE seeks to clarify its name and purpose; see story on 3-A.

By EVELINE OEN
Staff Writer

"A sweatshirt . . . a sweatshirt? What's she got the sweatshirt for?" may still be the cry around Birmingham high schools this fall, as the board of education continues to tangle with the problem of fraternities and sororities in the high schools.

However, the board made it clear to four local youths who appeared at a special board meeting Tuesday night that advertising the fact that they were (or had been) affiliated with such organizations would not necessarily be the wisest thing they ever did.

MEMBERS OF the board explained to the boys that the board has a responsibility to enforce the state law and that it could not and would not overlook blatant evidence of association (such as sweatshirts and jewelry).

Members further emphasized that the illegality of such organizations was declared by state law and was not a "didactical ruling" by the local board of education.

FOLLOWING the appearance of the boys, board member Pell Hol-

inghead read a letter he had received from attorney Bethel Kelly, representing TAE.

Kelly said it had been his recommendation and that the board of directors of the TAE Association, Inc., had adopted it at its last meeting.

Questionnaires have been sent out to all of the merchants asking what nights they prefer to remain open. At the present time, most Birmingham stores are open on Thursday and Friday nights.

The Eclectic has learned that Jacobson's is considering remaining open on Monday nights. This store set the pattern for the two nights per week last year when it decided to open on Thursday evenings.

JACOBSON'S apparently will make its decision before next week's meeting, which will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Ranch Room at The Community House, 380 S. Bates.

"It's just being considered," said a spokesman for the store; "there's nothing definite yet. We will know something this week. We may and we may not stay open on Monday nights."

The spokesman said he was checking with the store's home office in Jackson for a final decision.

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Commissioner William E. Roberts said that if the City were successful in condemning the property for a parking lot, the house would then become available.

If some group were interested in its preservation, he was sure the City would be willing to work out some kind of arrangement.

BUT MOVING the building would not be feasible, said Bowden, because of its size and location. The house reportedly is more than 100 years old.

In reply to a question from Renfrew, Bowden said Atlantis Society (SEE PROPOSAL, 4-A)

Total Tax Rate Reduced 63 Cents

As Gabriel Heater would say, "There's good news for Birmingham taxpayers today."

City Assessor Clark H. Hagstrom informed city commissioners Tuesday night that there will be a 63-cent reduction in the total Birmingham tax rate for 1963.

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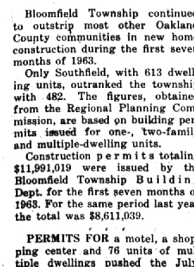
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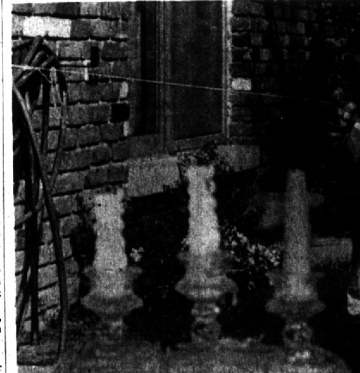
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Plans for the 1963 Men's Night also will be discussed at the meeting.

Kids Stage Backyard Carnivals

The spirit of giving arrived early in the Birmingham area this year.

With Christmas still almost four months away, it was left for four youngsters in Beverly Hills and two in Birmingham to provide the

necessary impetus, for a project to help others.

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pennies, nickels and dimes to spend for a cause.

WHO WILL benefit from the carnivals?

The first carnival was held Friday afternoon at the home of the William Lindemans, 17901 Beechwood, Beverly Hills. It was organized by eight-year-old Andy Lindeman and fronted by Linda Jepson, 13; her sister, Amy, 10; and Stephen Smith, 11.

The "take" from popcorn, Kool-Aid and old comic book sales, cake walks, penny pitching and dart throwing contests and the squirt gun shoot was \$307.

ON SATURDAY, in the backyard of Susan Olin, 10, of 576 Wallace, Birmingham, a similar tableau unfolded from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 60 youngsters trooped on and off the premises and spent \$16 on popcorn, comic books, pot, ball, a bowling game, target shoot, ring-tossing, and an African game hunt.

Suzan was abetted in her philanthropic effort by a pal, 10-year-old Lynn Vigelius.

BOTH ANDY Lindeman and Susan Olin are avid fans of the "Pop-eye and Fats" TV program and this is when they first heard the appeal for the muscular dystrophy fund.

They sent for special kits that detailed how to set up carnivals in order to raise money.

The rest was easy.

Publicity amounted to one youngster telling another until all were aware of the upcoming carnivals.

The events in Beverly Hills and Birmingham contrived a total of \$25 and were organized and run by youngsters from 8 to 13 years old.