

## Because of traffic death

## Southfield considers signal needs

By JACKIE KLEIN

A child is killed crossing the street near a school. It may be the number of accidents in the area between Jan. 1, 1974, and Dec. 15, 1975.

The Southfield City Council has approved the installation of a traffic signal near the school for \$10,000. It will operate before school in the morning and after school.

Because of irate demands for traffic signals in the vicinity of schools,

Southfield Traffic Engineer Roger Smith has prepared an overview of the city.

"The intersection of Nine Mile Road and Brandywine has been the prime target for a signal to provide pedestrian crossing protection and direct gaps for the greatest number of residential users," Smith said.

AT THE REQUEST of homeowners north of Nine Mile Road opposite Le-

derie School for a traffic signal at Twining, Smith examined the area.

Six accidents were reported in the vicinity from Jan. 1, 1974, to Dec. 15, 1975, Smith said.

"The only children who cross Nine Mile Road are those who miss the bus, choose to ride their bicycles or walk in nice weather," he said.

"There are no sidewalks along Nine Mile Road near the school. About 80 children are involved and should there be enough walkers, I recommend an adult crossing guard."

The Ten Mile-Berg roads school location is under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Road Commission.

The City of Southfield has requested traffic signals at the school.

"This intersection has a history of peak-hour congestion with continued complaints from school bus drivers," Smith said.

"The road commission, in response to urging from the city, installed a center lane for left turns last summer."

"In November, we forwarded to the county a petition from the Southfield No. 10 PTA signed by 825 persons requesting a traffic light be installed.

Eight accidents have occurred in the area from 1974 to 1975. All children are bused to school."

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL property is also under the jurisdiction of the county road commission. The Laker-Ten Mile roads location also serves the Southfield School Board administrative offices and the bus yard for the school system. Three accidents were reported in the area and an estimated 100 students cross the street to the school.

"Installation of a traffic signal at the intersection wouldn't be warranted for the purpose of school crossing protection alone," Smith said.

"Requests for signals and construction money have been initiated because of a combination of factors including congestion and accidents."

The middle school concept approved by the Southfield School Board will change the age level of junior high school students involved in the school crossing situation, Smith noted.

"Tradition and experience have shown that grade school children are quite susceptible to control and guidance by parents and crossing guards with generally good results," he said.

"Junior high students and high school students exhibit a higher degree of independence and growth and don't generally respond well to such programs."

These concepts, Smith said, must be reconsidered as they affect proposed middle schools as younger children are involved.

## O &amp; E announces holiday art winners

The Observer & Eccentric has announced the winners in its annual holiday art contest.

Students were invited to enter original art showing what the holiday season meant to them. Entries were divided by grade level into two categories.

Grand prize winners in each category will receive a 10-speed bike and second place winners in each group will be awarded a \$25 savings bond.

IN THE first category, grades one through three, a painting by Meri Greka, 8, won first prize. Meri is in the third grade at Schroeder Elementary School in Troy. Mike McClellan of Plymouth won second prize for a three-dimensional paper sculpture.

Mike, 7, is in the second grade at Nel-

lie Bird School in Plymouth.

Among the entries from grades four through six, a three-dimensional sculpture by Scott Mitchell of Rochester placed first. Scott is a fourth grade student at Meadow Brook School in Rochester. A drawing by Lisa Spencer of Livonia placed second in this category. Lisa, 11, is a sixth grade student at Taylor Elementary School.

HONORABLE MENTIONS were awarded to: Janine Johnson, 8, of Birmingham; Debbie Fairchild, 9, of Farmington; Charon Melles, 10, of Garden City; Scarlett Osborn, 11, of Livonia; Kevin Ewing, 10, of Plymouth; Christine Scheil, 10, of Rochester; Sam Trella, 11, of Southfield; Robby Baker, 8, of Troy; and Brian Sabb, 8, of Westland.

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