

Doctor delivers; teachers, police thankful

By Susan Buck
Staff writer

Redford police officials will honor a retired Dearborn doctor for his quick action in helping to save the life of a 24-year-old teacher injured in a car accident Nov. 13.

Dr. Paul Trudgen, a former anesthesiologist at Oakwood Hospital, will receive a civilian citation.

Police said Trudgen's actions probably saved the life of Margaret M. McDonald of Farmington Hills, a second-grade teacher at Our Lady of Loretto School in Redford.

McDonald and two other women were injured in two separate collisions involving three cars. Gladys Wood-

ward, 73, of Detroit, received a traffic ticket last week for failing to use due care and caution.

Trudgen was driving about noon on Telegraph when he saw Woodward's car leave the roadway, bounce into the median between the north and south-bound lanes and then slam into an east-bound car which was stopped on Midland.

"I saw a flash of color and a car bouncing in the median," Trudgen recalled.

POLICE SAID Woodward's car, a 1980 Lincoln, bounced off the stopped car and into the northbound lanes of Telegraph where it smashed into a northbound car.

McDonald was riding in that car, a Pontiac Sunbird driven by Janet M. Barton, 26, of Livonia, also a second-grade teacher at Our Lady of Loretto School. The teachers were returning to school from a lunch break.

Trudgen stopped and ran over to the accident scene where he found McDonald in the car bleeding severely from a neck cut and obviously seriously injured. "You just take one look and you know you are in trouble," he recalled.

McDonald's injuries were later diagnosed as a severe cut to the jugular vein, bruising of the brain, swelling as a result of the bruising, a dislocated left thumb and multiple cuts all over her body.

Trudgen applied pressure to McDonald's neck wound with a scarf she was wearing and stopped the bleeding of the jugular vein.

TRUDGEN SAID he continued to apply pressure until McDonald was out of the car and onto an EMS stretcher. "The thing that surprised me was how rapid the EMS came — in three or four minutes," the doctor said.

Margaret McDonald was in a 4½-hour operation and was in intensive care in Botsford General Hospital for 10 days following the operation, according to her father, Charles McDonald, a Livonia attorney.

"We're lucky to have her," he said.

"She lost half (eight pints) of her blood."

Now recuperating in her Farmington Hills home, she said she is "feeling pretty good. I'm still a little tired because I lost so much blood." She goes to physical and speech therapy sessions about four times a week and hopes to return to her classroom in about a month.

Before the accident McDonald had worked as a ski instructor for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation's Winter Walden program.

THIS WASN'T the first time that Trudgen jumped in as a good Samaritan. Several years ago, while traveling in Quebec, Trudgen resuscitated a 17-year-old girl who was the victim of a drowning accident, he said.

Of his rescue roles, Trudgen said, "It's just a matter of doing what comes naturally."

Barton was treated at Botsford and released the next day. She suffered a broken nose, mild concussion and cuts and bruises.

"I never saw the car or anything," she recalls. "The towing company told me that she (the other driver) was airborne. I don't remember anything until I was in the ambulance."

Our Lady of Loretto teachers and students showed their affection for Barton and McDonald with cards and letters, she said.

"I CAME back after Thanksgiving and they (her 23 students) were real quiet and looking at me. A lot of them were expecting me to come back with all my cuts and bruises and my cast on my nose," she said. "One little girl said, 'You don't look like you were in an accident.'"

"What I have heard is a lot of what

people have told me," Barton said.

"We're lucky that doctor stopped."

Barton remembers buckling her seat belt but does not recall if McDonald had her seat belt on at the time of impact.

Redford traffic patrolman John Maz-

zoni said Woodward suffered minor cuts and bruises and was kept in Botsford for about three days, mostly for observation, and released.

Location of new traffic signal may change

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Plans for an pedestrian-activated traffic light at School Street and Grand River may be changed to the Grove intersection, because of results of a seven-day pedestrian/traffic study.

The city's request to move the location, approved by city council Monday, Jan. 20, will be taken to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) which approved the project last fall.

The city council unanimously approved the new location, specifying it be located on the west side of the intersection because of traffic patterns. The city also will request a standard, timed light set to cycle between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. be placed at the location,

instead of the proposed pedestrian-activated signal.

The proposed signal would maintain a green light for Grand River traffic until a person waiting to cross activates it, allowing a crossing. Grove Grand River traffic was stopped, changing it to green.

THE STUDY, conducted by the Farmington Department of Public Safety between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on select days from Nov. 5 through Dec. 6, counted 100 pedestrians crossing Grand River in the School and Grove streets vicinity. A total of 1,552 vehicles exited from Grove onto Grand River, with 1,225 of them turning right, or eastbound.

Of those crossing Grand River during the survey period, 90 percent were walking to or from the downtown shopping area, according to the report from city manager Robert Deadman.

Forty-nine percent of these used the present crosswalk at School Street — the remainder crossed Grand River at another location. It is also believed the pedestrian majority is from the Farmington Place senior citizen apartments.

"More than 40 percent of the pedestrians did not use the crosswalk, as the crosswalk was not the closest route to their destination," Deadman said. "If a traffic signal which is intended to aid pedestrians was located closer to the shopping area instead of at School Street, it would provide a more direct route and improve pedestrian safety."

The city council approved cost-sharing for the state-approved project in early November, and awaited the study

to determine the traffic light's specific location.

THE GROVE Street location would put pedestrian nearer to their destinations, "reduce jaywalking," plus provide breaks in the Grand River traffic aiding vehicles entering and leaving Warner, Grove and School streets, Deadman said in his report to the council Monday.

Project funding sources have not been determined by the state. The project will likely be federally funded through a traffic safety program, costing the city about \$500, in Deadman's original estimate. Although he would like to the project completed in nine months to a year, he said "it usually takes 18-36 months."

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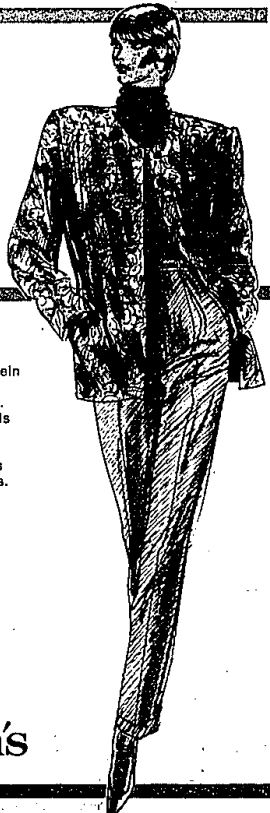
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