

Dan McCosh writes

With Feet Of Clay?

After wading through mud on Whitlock in the south end last Friday, shortly after a sticky sojourn on Whitlock in Wood Creek Farms, a reporter said, "It's kind of funny that the richest and the poorest part of Farmington have such terrible roads."

He had stumbled on a fact which, if publicized, would cure a lot of the social unrest troubling our country.

That is that the working stiff is currently enjoy-

ing a lot of the benefits of the "upwardly mobile" crowd, but he doesn't know it.

The poor devil who is sloshing out to his car at the end of the block probably thinks he has troubles because he can't afford to pave his street.

But in Wood Creek, they look out at the same mud and feel content, because it slows traffic, looks real "country," and they don't have to wade out at sunrise to make the day shift.

Anyone who has driven through Franklin Village, "the place that time forgot," knows that living in rickety frame houses that soak up paint like a sponge, and regularly send their owners heating bills into three figures, is really affluent living.

The average working guy faced with the same kind of housing just thinks he is living in a place everybody forgot.

It is a status symbol to run up a charge at the corner store, where the manager calls you by your first name and you can get exotic specialties like brown rice and canned hors d'oeuvres.

Is this any different from shopping at the neighborhood merchant who gives you a three-week advance on your food stamps and stocks nine brands of wine that sell for less than \$1 a bottle?

Maybe this mud will bring us together. It's a leveler, like a good snowstorm where everybody talks to everybody else in the stores as long as it lasts.

Blue collar or blue stocking, we all have brown feet.



DR. ALLEN ZIEGER, executive director of Zieger Osteopathic Hospital, Inc., Farmington and Detroit, has been elected chairman of the regional advisory group of the Michigan Assn. for Regional Medical Programs.

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