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**EDITORIAL****WHAT A TRAFFIC CENSUS SHOWS**

The statement of Governor Fred W. Green and other state officials that they believe Grand River avenue is one of Michigan's most important highways, and is in fact, second only to Woodward avenue in importance, has been widely published and seems to have met with little disagreement. There seems to be no need of argument.

But if any proof were required, it would only be necessary to refer to the fifteenth annual report of the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners, recently issued. In this report is included, as customary in recent years, a census of traffic on various roads in the county.

The traffic census reported, taken on Sunday, August 14, 1927, shows that Grand River at Farmington Junction is the third busiest corner in Oakland County and that only Woodward avenue in Ferndale and at Bloomfield Hills surpasses Farmington Junction in volume of traffic handled. In 24 hours on August 14 last, more than 17,000 automobiles, busses and trucks passed this congested corner. This is an average of nearly one car every five seconds for every minute of the stretch of 24 hours.

Such a large total of cars might be guessed at by those who watch Grand River traffic from mid-afternoon until midnight on pleasant Sundays in summer. But that there should be sufficient volume in the early hours of the morning to maintain such an average for 24 hours would probably have been doubted by most people before the report was published.

In 1926 the reports were made on a 14-hour basis. The 1927 report is of a 24-hour census, thus discounting the possible objection that the tabulations were made during the busiest hours. It is to be noted that Grand River held securely to its place next to the Woodward avenue crossings in the 24-hour as well as the 14-hour record.

For the remainder of the report, the statistics show a surprising uniformity of various kinds of traffic. Each of the leading crossings carried about an equal percentage of Michigan autos, machings from other states, busses, heavy trucks, and light trucks.

In the light of annual reports like these, it seems but logical that Grand River avenue, which has suffered most and, waited longest for relief from congestion should at last receive its recognition from the state for widening and improvement through the entire area that might be called suburban to Detroit. And it is pleasant to reflect that state officials have recently shown that people of this section need not quote these statistics to prove Grand River is one of Michigan's, if not of the country's, greatest highways.

GODD WORK BY THE POLICE

There is much that should be of interest to the large majority

of citizens in the police reports of deputy sheriffs of this section to Sheriff Frank Schram, which have just been made public. The reports, complete to December 31 last, reveal the activities of the sheriff's men in this section of the county. They show a wide variety of offenses committed, the large percentage of which has been followed by arrests.

The very details of the reports tend to show clearly that this section has fared very well during the past year in the matter of freedom from crime. The records show that nearly all of the offenses have been minor, that there have been relatively few serious crimes, and that this community has not suffered the violence which has cast its shadow over neighboring communities, particularly Detroit.

And it is in just what they do not record—that the police reports are most interesting and most illuminating. For the police business is one that shows itself least when it is most efficient. An occasional spectacular arrest on a "big" case attracts a good deal of attention, but it does not necessarily show thoroughly efficient police work. The fact that there are few opportunities to make such arrests, is a far higher mark of efficiency than a stirring crime followed by a sensational capture.

Both the deputies and their chief, Sheriff Schram, are to be congratulated on the showing they have made in this section of the county in 1927.

They are doing their part in making this part of Oakland County a pleasant place in which to live.

WHAT A BOY SAYS

For the "Essay on Doctors and Editors" printed below, we are indebted to H. V. Babcock, editor of the Redford Record, who picked it up somewhere among his exchanges. He thought it worth reprinting, and so do we.

I don't know how newspapers got into the world, and I don't think that God does, for He ain't got nothing to say about them in the Bible. I think the editor is the missing link we read of, and stayed in the bushes after the flood and then came out and wrote the thing up, and has been kept here ever since. If the editor makes mistakes, folks say he ought to be hung; but if the doctor makes mistakes he burles them and people don't say nothing, because they can't read and write Latin. When the editor makes mistakes there is a big lawsuit, and swearing, and a big fuss, but if the doctor makes one there's a funeral, cut flowers, and a perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without him or anyone else knowing what it means, but if the editor uses one he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges; he man for the visit, but if the editor goes he gets a charge of buckshot. Any college can make doctors to order but editors has to learn to be born.—Exchange.

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9:30—English services. Rev. J. Bollens Jr. will officiate.
Choir rehearsal Friday 8 p. m.
February 1, 6:30 p. m.—Chop Suey supper. Please get your tickets early.
February 5—Installation services of Rev. Schoen.

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10:30—Morning worship.
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