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PERFECT SAFETY RECORD WESTBROOK - CLARENCEVILLE 1062-1062
A PERFECT SAFETY RECORD for the second year in a row has earned the students at the Westbrook Elementary School on Osmit Street in Farmington Township the right to once again display the Green Pennant Flag. Michigan State Trooper Donald Kaiser of the Redford Post made the presentation above to the Westbrook Safety Patrol Captain, John Sydor (L), and Miss Linda Reed, Westbrook Student Council President, at an assembly program held in the school last week. Trooper Kaiser also delivered a short safety message to the students. The principal at Westbrook School is Mr. Grover Jones.

Gets Officer's Bars In US Army Infantry
David C. Youngblood, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Youngblood, 21420 G Hill Rd., Farmington, was commissioned an Army second lieutenant in infantry upon graduation from the Infantry Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Ga., Nov. 6.
During the 24-week course, Lieutenant Youngblood received instruction in the tactics and employment of infantry units and weapons, as well as leadership training and a strenuous physical conditioning program. He entered the Army in 1952.
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In Our Opinion . . .

Lack of Citizen Interest Disheartening

Like a stuck phonograph record, after every school election we feel compelled to comment on the poor turnout of voters and the apathy that seems to prevail locally regarding matters of school district-wide importance.
We know that we are scolding like a mother or dad would his young child for having done something wrong, and are reasonably certain that many people resent it. Since this is directed to an all-adult audience over 21 years of age, perhaps it is not our place to do so and most likely it is a wrong approach.
Very frankly, however, we know of no other approach. We are quite dissatisfied with the success we have had during the past few years in getting a greater percentage of local voters out to decide on important school tax proposals and select candidates to direct the operations of our mandated but continually growing public school system.
When you have such important proposals as a \$5 million bond issue and operating millage proposals involving \$5 per \$1,000 equalized valuation in taxes to decide on and can still get only 23 1/2 percent of the community's voters out to register their views, it is rather disheartening while it is a little better turnout than we have ever had before it is still far from good enough.
It is particularly disheartening when you consider all the time and effort which was put forth preparatory to the election. School officials and many others spent numerous hours preparing information for voters. Many traveled to all parts of the district to explain the proposals to be voted on and answer any questions which citizens might have had.
There was an awful lot at stake since defeat of the bond issue proposal most certainly would have meant that some grades in the district would have had to

Opinions on Dangerous Intersection

Mr. Robert Osgood, Oakland County Road Commission, 2440 Pontiac Lake Road, Pontiac, Michigan.
Subject: Highway Intersection.
Dear Mr. Osgood:
Many serious accidents at the subject intersection, since the improvement of Middle Belt Road and the installation of a red-light signal have prompted this letter.
Although traffic is somewhat less at this point than the adjacent intersection on Middle Belt Highway, with these same roads which both have traffic lights, I believe this one is much more dangerous. Visibility is a little or completely blocked in all directions. Traffic count alone is not a satisfactory basis for judging the safety requirements of an intersection like 13 Mile and Middle Belt. Visibility on the North-western Highway Intersections is a factor. The intersection of the definite safety advantage of the one-way sections of the dual highway. Initiation of plans for installation of a red light at the subject intersection is an urgent necessity.
In the meantime, I believe several simple improvements should be made at our "Hidden Intersection" signs should be placed in both directions on 13 Mile Road. A "Stop Ahead" sign is needed on southbound Middlebelt to complement the one now provided in the northbound direction.
I believe the red flasher signals are not properly interpreted by many drivers. It may distract their attention from the "stop" sign. Also, a fairly large percentage of drivers are unable to distinguish red from amber without seeing both at once. A lighted sign just below the flasher labeled "Stop when Go" or "Stop, Go when Safe" for Middlebelt and "Caution" or "Cross Road" for 13 Mile would help to reduce accidents.
Special consideration over and above the present signs will not stop all accidents, but the County Road Commission should recognize the need for maximum protection for the more dangerous locations. Township governments should see that the commission is advised of the areas deserving special consideration over and above a decision based on traffic count.
I hope that action will be taken soon on the above. Until it is, the traffic count will be taken a little because my family (and possibly others) will avoid using the intersection if we can.
Yours very truly, Robert S. Phair

Wood Creek Farms Village ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA. 6-335

Kendallwood Komments

By KATHY (PH) Write if You Call ZISKA GR. 4-7261
The Madrigal Club (a professional singing group of Detroit) which includes Belton of Grand Haven is a member is sponsoring a performance at the Community Arts Auditorium at Wayne State University on December 3 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets in this area are available through her.
Janet Hutchinson of Kirkside Lane is touring to Greenville, Pennsylvania, to pick up her mother, Mrs. Laura Hurst.
"Stippity Birthday" was sung to Mark Ruhman on Tuesday, Nov. 19, by Kevin Camp, Tom Bloomfield, Vicky and Jackie Murray, Wendy Langdon and Christopher Giles for his fourth birthday. His birthday wasn't really until Saturday, Nov. 21, but it was celebrated early because of his scheduled consilience on Nov. 21.
Mrs. Chuck Lorion, the only Kendallwood resident on 12 Mile Road, entertained the "herry Hill" Chapter of the Quilters for lunch, a lecture and a house tour on Thursday, Nov. 21. Mrs. Lorion is the National Exchange Speaker for the Quilters.
The results of Kendallwood Ladies Bowling League, that bowl at the Northwest Lanes on Tuesdays were bowling for turkey and high scores: Irene Schmidt of Bayberry won a turkey and a hair-do for high-over-average; Scotty Dolin won a turkey and Kathy Kraft had high series of the day of 496. The first place team is Pet Fretley, Barb Harbel, Barb Karbel, Barb Harbel and Elaine Gates.
IN OUR "please hurry and get well department" are: Marjorie Wells of 29015 Kendallwood Drive who will be returning home any day after a two-week diagnostic spell at the Ann Arbor Hospital and Mary Trebble, 32770 Heathstone, who has

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Problem Can't Be Ignored Any Longer

How many deaths and serious injuries it is going to take to convince county road officials that there is a real need for a traffic light at 13 Mile and Middlebelt Road? We're not talking about flasher or blinker lights but a full fledged red and green traffic control light.
This is a question that not only we a lot of citizens living in the vicinity of this "killer" intersection or having to drive on 13 Mile or Middlebelt in this area have been asking for some time now.
Last week in two separate accidents another driver was killed and 15 more injured. It is the second fatality at this intersection so far this year. There have been many more accidents at this spot in recent months where serious injuries have been suffered.
Very frankly, we're getting a little sick of hearing the report come back that a traffic count has been made and that the number of vehicles using these main artery roads at this location does not warrant a red light. There has to be some other basis than volume of traffic alone on which to base a decision on whether or not a stop light is needed. Some stronger pressure has got to be

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...in the Spirit of Thanksgiving

Go to church on Thanksgiving Day with your family and give sincere thanks to God for all the bountiful blessings He has bestowed on you and your family during the past year.
Enjoy a true family Thanksgiving dinner at home with your family, remembering the real significance of this truly American holiday.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago NOVEMBER 27, 1958
Throws Hat in Ring
Wendell Brown, prominent Farmington resident, has announced his candidacy for Oakland County Judge. Brown was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1926 after graduating from the University of Michigan Law School and possible industrial development.
Honorable Hunt
Many Farmington deer hunters apparently met with success on treks to the north woods last week. One was given a trip through Comyn's food locker with advising Conroy's office that this has been a successful season.
Christmas Mail
Christmas got its official welcome this week as Farmington Postmaster H. E. Tombley predicted the volume of Christmas Holiday mail at the Farmington Post Office will last the all-time high set last year.
Day For Scouts
November 25 will be observed in Farmington as a day for the community to pay tribute to the Little League which will be annexed to the City of Farmington.

10 Years Ago NOVEMBER 24, 1953

Propose Land Sale
The Farmington City Council has approved a motion authorizing the City Manager to call an Attorney to proceed with the advertising for bids on the sale of the City-owned property near the intersection of 13 Mile and Middlebelt roads for residential and possible industrial development.
Grand River Repairs
Trucks are out this week patching up the chock holes in the pavement of Grand River Avenue in Downtown Farmington. Residents and motorists will be thankful when it will no longer be necessary to dodge the biggest of the holes when traveling the route to avoid bone-jarring bumps.
Annexation Vote
Little interest has been expressed to date on the up-coming election to determine whether the Farmington Park will be annexed to the City of Farmington.

15 Years Ago NOVEMBER 25, 1948

Cage Prospects
Farmington High School basketball coach Robert Hutten this week reported 20 men had signed up for open tryouts for the up-coming cage season. Five lettermen are back in the fold and Coach Hutten feels optimistic about the prospects of the team.
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