

oral quarrel

Today's Oral Quarrel question asked readers how they felt about the new, tougher drunk driving law which will go into effect at the end of the month. Readers were also asked: How will the new laws affect your social drinking habits? How fair do you think the new law is to business?

Following are the replies:

I think it is a law we need. I don't know how it will affect businesses, but I think it's a law we need.

I think the law is very good. It's a very good start. I just don't think it has gone far enough yet. I think it's a very important subject and the fact that we have to get the drunk drivers off the road. This is a good first step.

The law won't affect my drinking at all because I don't drink. I think that the law is fair to business. It only applies to drunk drivers which is unfair to the common person because we are penalized by drunk drivers.

Due to the many problems drinking has caused in my life, I gave up the habit a long time ago, and when I read about all the accidents and deaths caused by drunk drivers, I think the law is still unfair to the victim. I could care less whether the businesses go broke or not.

The new laws will not affect my drinking habits, and I do think the laws are fair to businesses, especially a business that is exercising a good social responsibility to the community.

I think it's a very good law, and I don't think it is too hard on businesses because people who drink like that should be punished.

I am 100 percent in favor of the new drunk driving laws. For far too long drunk drivers have gotten away with highway murder, injured innocent people and raised our insurance rates beyond any reason.

My drinking habits changed one year ago when I joined MADD. As far as the law affecting business I say, better the business than a loved one for me. Anyone who looks to make a dollar off intoxicated persons, then watches them take the wheel of a car deserves to take a loss. I don't believe a drinker who can perform socially in a bar is automatically capable of driving safely. Who needs more than two drinks anyway?

I think the laws are very fair. Every 23 minutes somebody dies. You multiply that by court costs, funeral expenses, lost wages and increased insur-

ance — that doesn't count the people that are left half alive and completely disabled the Social Security in the state now has to support — plus the drunks in jail, then let the bar owners say that the laws are going to hurt. They're not going to hurt anything. All it's going to do is try to keep the drunks off the road.

The new law should be a deterrent to all drinkers. I only hope so. Too many are needlessly killed by drunk drivers daily. Business should have proposed some restrictions long ago to keep drunk drivers off the road. The new laws should assist them in deciding.

If a driver is drunk during an accident, he should be fined twice as much, and his prison term should be twice as much. There is no value on life that you can place. They should really stick it to them. Business or no business, there is moral obligation.

I say as a voter, let's go after the gutless politicians who don't support MADD.

If the bar owners think that the new law will affect their business in any way, why don't they start a fund donated by customers to defend the person who enjoys having a couple of beers without going to jail. Most people can handle a couple of beers without no problem. A very few can't. But they're all drunk according to the new law.

My social drinking? I don't drink. About the businesses? If the businesses had been aware three years ago about serving, my daughter would be alive today.

These laws will not affect my social habits at all, and I think it's not that fair to businesses because their clientele will not be wanting to stay there and drink longer.

These laws will not affect my social habits at all because I don't drink, I do drugs. And as for businesses, I don't think it will hurt businesses that much because people are always going to drink whether there are laws out there or not, and they are going to get into their cars and kill the innocent people. And I think it's disgusting what these drunks do to law-abiding good citizens.

I think the new drunk driving laws will not affect businesses that much and I like them because people who drive like (expletive deleted) when they're drunk will get caught, and people who don't drive like (expletive deleted) when they're drunk won't get caught. But, personally, it won't affect my social drinking habits because I hardly ever drive when I'm drunk, and it's a better law.

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Road improvements save lives

NEWS STORIES on road designs aren't as "sexy" as battles over a state Supreme Court appointment of partisan political shenanigans.

Yet the unglamorous truth is that many people today in Oakland County are uninjured, alive, their cars unsmashed, their lives uninterrupted because of road design improvements.

In 1977, Managing Director John Grubba and the OCRC methodically set out to reduce accidents by improving intersections where many accidents were occurring.

In the proverbial "age of limits" — where taxpayers were unwilling to pay big tax increases, where state and federal officials hesitated at building new freeways, where construction costs were rising faster than the general

rate of inflation — the OCRC tried a different approach.

THE RESULTS, as reported last week, were mildly astonishing:

• At improved intersections, crashes have declined more than 40 percent from 1977 to 1981.

• But at still unimproved intersections, crashes declined only 13 percent. Take Southfield and 10 Mile, where 108 accidents were recorded in 1977.

The OCRC installed a computer-assisted, traffic-actuated signaling system in 1978. By 1981, the number of accidents had fallen by 46.3 percent.

The OCRC used new plastic pavement markings that were more reflective and more durable.

It constructed flarings — left turn lanes that added traffic capacity and reduced driver confusion.

It installed delayed left-turn signals, which reduced the number of front-end collisions.

NOT AS thrilling as the Zilwaukee Bridge saga, you say? Nevertheless, the dramatic reduction in accidents at

such intersections as Telegraph-12 Mile, Telegraph-Maple, Lahser-12 Mile, Maple-Cranbrook, Orchard Lake-Northwestern, Rochester-Long Lake and Telegraph-Long Lake meant nearly 330 fewer crashes a year for us motorists.

The OCRC is finding that design makes a difference. It underscores a lesson I learned a few years ago in the "new town" of Cumbernauld, Scotland. This suburb of Glasgow had reduced traffic fatalities, involving pedestrians, practically to the vanishing point.

The trick: They put streets on one side of the houses and sidewalks, more accurately (footpaths) on the other. Kids could walk to school and literally never cross a street. Women walked to the town center to do their shopping and literally never cross a street.

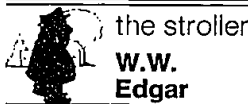
In contrast, American subdivisions are still designed so that sidewalks run next to streets that must be crossed, or else there are no sidewalks at all.

Road design is pretty important if you like living.



Tim Richard

One scene is remembered best



the stroller
W.W. Edgar

WHEN A FELLOW has the good fortune to travel for years along life's highway there are many scenes, even though there is just an instant look, that will live with him forever.

This was brought to The Stroller's attention the other evening when he was asked which scene he saw on his many journeys he remembered best of all.

Well, what a question that was, but it didn't take long to furnish what to his listeners was a most surprising answer.

To hold their attention The Stroller started listing the places he had been and what he remembered about each stop. There was the sight of the fishing boats coming in on Long Island Sound years ago when the members of the finny tribe were dumped on the dock and sold for a penny a pound.

THERE WAS his first sight of the breaking waves up the New England Coast, the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota, where the entire exterior of the building was done in corn cobs.

There was the arrival of the banana boats on the docks at New Orleans, the first sight of the muddy Mississippi and the pictured rocks in the Upper Peninsula.

With them The Stroller listed the great sight of the River Thames in London, England, where he stood out-

side of the Westminster Abbey and looked across at Big Ben and the parliament building. With that came the memory of the ride down through the black forest in Germany.

WHAT ABOUT your trip to Hawaii? he was asked. And the question brought back memories of the emotional departure from Honolulu when the travelers tossed their leis into the water while the Hawaiians strummed "Farwell to Thee."

And on the way to the Pacific Islands there was the stop at Mt. Rushmore. Here The Stroller sat in awe of those faces carved in the rock of the mountains.

But as these scenes came rolling back there was one that stood out among the others. And it lasted only a few moments.

It was the sight of the Statue of Liberty in the New York harbor late at night.

It so happened The Stroller was in New Jersey and his plane reservation was at the Kennedy airport in New

York. On inquiry he was told his only hope to make his return flight was to take the helicopter.

HE DID. And when we were high in the air — in utter darkness on a Saturday night, over the speaker came the word: "You folks can get a good look at the Statue of Liberty on the left as we pass in a few moments."

It seems almost like a flash when he sped on and the pilot turned his spotlight on the statue. There she was — the grand lady holding her light as a sign of welcome to the folks from the old country who were coming to live in America.

In that inky darkness this Grand Old Lady looked better than ever before. The Stroller had seen her from a boat in the harbor and on distance from shore.

As he looked out the window of the helicopter, The Stroller developed a huge lump in his throat. And even now, after all these years, that sight of the Statue of Liberty on a dark night, high in the air stands out as the most memorable of all he had seen along the way.

Sure, the others will never be forgotten. But the sight of that Lady holding the light, in the New York harbor tops the list and The Stroller only wishes that other folks could get a look at her under the conditions he did in the few short minutes he sat in the helicopter. No coming event ever will erase that memory.

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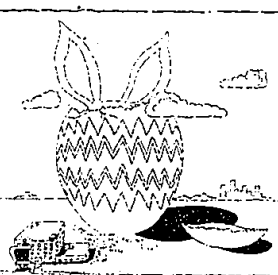
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