

Moral perspectives

Selfish wants promote sins



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First it was the Oakland County Road Commission which sought a return of the 70 miles per-hour speed limit on interstate highways and then it was the director of the Michigan State Police. The commissioners want more money and the state police say they can't enforce the reduced speed limit. This raises an important concern.

Wanting something and not being able to do something come dangerously close to the sins of

greed and sloth and the ease which which they appear in our lives ought to give us warning of their seductive powers.

By themselves, the arguments used by the road commission and the state police have a degree of logic. Faster cars do burn more gas and increased gasoline tax revenues would help meet rising highway construction and maintenance costs. Lower speed laws on our superhighways are an obvious contradiction of the roads purpose and there has been considerable sentiment during the law's enforcement.

BUT THE KIND of logic which isolates one fact from another sets up the potential for so much wrong.

We have just finished a summer

vacation season with a marked decrease in traffic fatalities, the first summer vacation season with the restricted speed limits. The decrease is not mere coincidence.

Sin comes to full flower whenever disproportionate emphasis is given to our own needs and wants. Justice and love only come to being when we love and care for others as much as we care for ourselves.

I hold no illusion of a perfect world formed by law and order, but I do envision more responsible regard for life and limb than for money and convenience. That happens when we take others as seriously as we take ourselves. We need to include the opinions of those whose lives have been spared by the restricted speed limits during the past months.

County searches for needy persons

More than 12,000 individuals in Oakland County are entitled to financial supplements but aren't getting them.

Anyone wishing to volunteer his services can call Ms. Daneman at 546-3313.

According to Elaine Daneman, Oakland County Coordinator of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, a search is on to find blind or disabled persons and senior citizens whose income is less than \$180 a month.

However, the search is hindered by lack of manpower.

"We need individuals to help us find the people who are entitled to more money," said Ms. Daneman. "We would like to see people 65 or over volunteering and we need some people who can drive."

MS. DANEMAN explained that the present search is phase two of the SSI program.

During the first phase individuals entitled to but not on social security were located and put on the rolls.

"We had volunteers knocking on doors looking for people who should have been on social security," she said. "Now we need them to send out and screen questionnaires, determine whether individuals are eligible and go to the homes, if necessary."

"Many people have money due them and they really need it; but they aren't aware that the money is there and we are having trouble finding them."

Ms. Daneman is hopeful eligible individuals will be located within three months.

"The people who need the money can get on the program at any time, but we have set a goal of three months," she said.

Cecelia L. Parker weds Grant Jansen

Cecelia Lee Parker and Grant Joseph Jansen were married Sept. 6 in a double-ring ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church. The bride, a resident of Rochester, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rexford L. Parker of Waterford Township. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jansen of Bloomfield Township.

The bride made her floor-length ivory organza gown featuring a tiered eyelet skirt with pale blue accents. She carried an old-fashioned bouquet of roses and baby's breath.

The couple took their wedding trip to northern Michigan and plan to live in Rochester upon their return.



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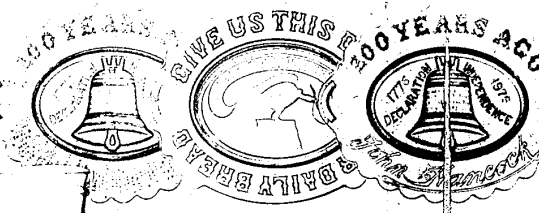
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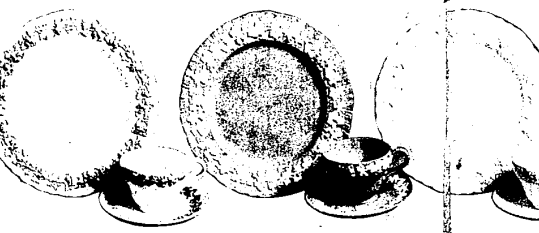
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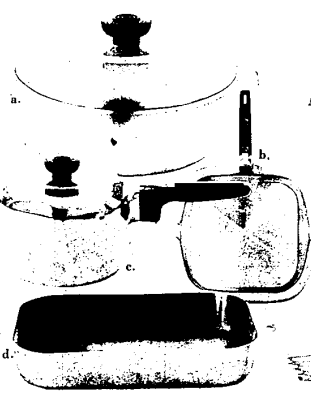
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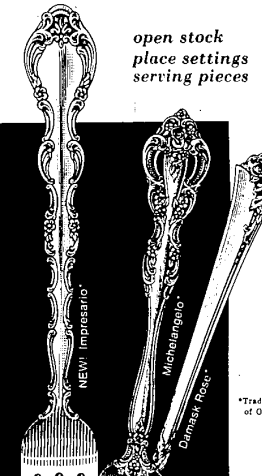
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