

State, Not Redford Twp., Controls Major Roads

EDITOR:

As a traffic and safety commissioner in Redford Township, I feel that I must reply to R.T. Thompson's column on "Radar Makes 'Sitting Ducks' of Motorists."

First, I would like to inform Mr. Thompson that Telegraph and Schoolcraft Roads are Michigan State Highway Dept. highways, and Redford Township has no control or jurisdiction over these two highways.

Any signs posted on these two highways are installed by the Michigan State Highway Dept. without going through the Redford Township Board of Trustees. Redford Township police department or the Redford Township Traffic and Safety Commission.

As for the "sitting duck" situation, Mr. Thompson seems to forget that a motorist must obey the law and have his vehicle under control at all times, regardless of what conditions are on the highway. Our police department is doing their job, enforcing the law, and to think otherwise is utterly stupid, that a law department would use this method to get revenue for a government.

I would like to suggest to Mr. Thompson that in future subjects of this nature, he check out the facts - there is two sides on every issue.

N.A. WAYNE
Redford Township
Traffic and Safety
Commission

'Screeching Halt' Praised

EDITOR:

R.T. Thompson writes "Radar Makes 'Sitting Ducks' of Motorists."

"You always give the animal a chance and make a real chance of hunting and downing the game."

Would Mr. Thompson have a nice cops-and-speeders chase down Schoolcraft while

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elementary school children are walking to Rogers School? The Redford Township Police Department is to be commended for putting a screeching halt to the dum-dumies who race down the street.

W.A. SYROD
Redford

Livonia Police Get Lumps, Too

EDITOR:

I read with interest R.T. Thompson's editorial comments on "Radar Makes 'Sitting Ducks' of Motorists" in the Sept. 29 edition of Observer Newspapers.

This may all be true, but unfortunately Mr. Thompson did not investigate some of the tactics the Livonia police are using to get funds for their coffers. With all of the construction and detours in Livonia at the present time, they are having a field day with issuing tickets.

My son was heading west on Five Mile Road from Middle Belt to come to our house (on Wooding which ends at Five Mile). He came as far as Hubbard and then turned right to go to Myrna to get to our house at which time the police gave him a ticket for going through "local traffic only" section.

When my son explained that he was coming to our house,

(east); Bonnie Graham, Canton Township and Plymouth Twp. (west); Linda Gratch, Lake Pointe; and Charlene Parrott, all areas; June Watts, all areas.

At AAUW's national conference convention in Dallas, Tex., last June, a resolution was passed encouraging members in all states to work for the repeal of restrictive laws on abortion, making abortion legal for those who wish it after medical consultation.

CHARLENE PARROTT
Legislative Chairman
AAUW-Plymouth Branch

Think First, Judge Roth

EDITOR:

This letter was sent to U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Roth.

My first impulse was to ask you how you would feel knowing you may be the person responsible for a new Civil War, in the north. Do you realize the chaos you are causing? The rumbling going on which could grow into a deafening roar.

Negro hater? NO. Child lover? YES. Every black and white mother who cares about her children does not want bussing.

Do you realize how many times a mother is called by the school to come and pick up her child? He's taken ill; he fell and has a bad bump; he hit the corner of a desk and has a cut eye; they were outside and he fell into a rain puddle - and is thoroughly soaked and needs clean, dry clothes - not to mention sometimes forgotten lunches, books, etc. which they can now walk home to get at lunchtime, and you would have us drive seven to 30 some miles each time any emergency came about.

This is what the middle-class husband has worked so hard and long for - the opportunity in America to select and live in the community of his choice.

One of the prime factors in determining where we want to live are the schools we prefer to send our children to.

You would take America and free choice away from us by saying segregation by housing patterns and segregation by deliberate planning are one and the same and we say "you are wrong" in your thinking. Forced integration by bussing is an abnormal situation. It is unnatural and will not work.

Children should go to school in their surroundings or indeed America and public education are on the way out.

Write to our representatives and urge them to uphold the Constitution which states there is a difference between de jure and de facto segregation.

MR. AND MRS. R.S. KARLSE
LIVONIA



GARY EGLUND, 12, and his father, Duane, of Livonia, get two Detroit Lions game tickets and some football equipment from Gilbert Mayberry (left), manager of Crowley's Livonia Mall store, where Gary won a recent contest. (Observer photo)

'I Don't Owe Negroes Nothing'

EDITOR:

My children are grown, none going to the Livonia Schools. I lived in Detroit for 45 years. I can remember in the summertime everybody sat out on the porch, talked and played cards, etc. in the evening. Then the Negroes started to move in the neighborhood - that put an end to that - not safe anymore.

My children went to Detroit School System. When I went to the Detroit schools - how nice. The Negroes talked back to the teachers and threatened them. How could the children learn?

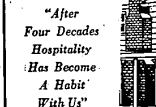
My boy wasn't learning too well. I asked him the matter. He said he could not understand the teacher. She was a Negro. I went to the school to find out if it was true - sure enough, I couldn't understand her - what an African twang language.

They, my children, had their bikes, wagons, anything that was movable stolen from school and the home I had.

Had to give my house away to the Negroes and lost about \$12,000.

The NAACP wants to ruin all the school systems by bussing, keep the whites down. If they ever bus Negroes to the Livonia Schools, I won't pay a red cent of school tax. I don't owe the Negroes nothing. They caused me damages.

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AAUW Backs Abortion Bill

EDITOR:

After reading the article on abortion law reform petitions available, I am prompted to inform you that the American Association of University Women supports abortion law reform. Several AAUW members are circulating petitions in this area to get abortion law reform on the November, 1972 ballot.

If any registered voter in the Plymouth, Northville, or Livonia area is interested in signing a petition, they can contact Dorothy Balogh, Plymouth Twp. (west); Ruth Campbell, Livonia; Peggy Fisher, Plymouth Twp.

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