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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, and 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.

NO. 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-sledders 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 dumbmies who race down the street.

W.A. SYROUD
Redford

Livonia Police Get Lumps, Too

EDITOR: I read with interest R.T. Thompson's editorial comments on "Radar Makes Sitting Ducks" of Motorists" on the Sept. 29 edition of Observers News.

This may be true, but in my case, 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 Middlebelt to come to our home on Woodring which ends at Five Mile. He was as far as Hubbard and then turned right to go to Myrna to get 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, he was told to get out of his car and get a ticket. I am sure that he was given a ticket for going through "local traffic only" section.

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the policeman proceeded to tell him that if he was in the first grade and the bridge was down, wouldn't his mother tell him of another way to get to school?

There were other cars doing the same thing as my son except not turning at Hubbard but going all the way to Farmington Rd. When my son mentioned this, the police told him to get the license numbers and the names of the other drivers and he should be glad to issue tickets to them, too, because "after all he (the policeman) was there to serve" my son.

So may I suggest to Mr. Thompson that before he ridicules other communities, he investigate his own first, and see if everything is in order with them and then he will be in a better position to ridicule.

MRS. A.B. COTTINGTON
Livonia

EDITOR'S NOTE: A Redford Township resident, Mr. Thompson did indeed "investigate his own first."

Insurance Man In Lansing

EDITOR: State Rep. Marvin Stempel still taking care of big business, according to the Oct. 1 issue of the article pointing out Stempel's introduction of a new law doubling the minimum liability insurance all insured motorists must carry.

This means that most of us must pay larger premiums for our insurance. This increase in our cost of living is an as an additional tax - we won't have anything to show for it.

If the insurance industry is to award the top salesmen of 1971, it should go to Stempel for all the new insurance business created by his bill.

If "Majority Floor Leader" Stempel spent a little time representing Livonia in Lansing, perhaps some of our local problems could receive favorable treatment - such as the still unresolved race track situation.

We hope that our elected representative will recall his responsibilities to Livonia when he resumes work in Lansing Oct. 27 after the currently lengthy vacation that started early in September.

CHARLES CHANDLER
Livonia

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 to urge you 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.

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



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: 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 that.

Do you realize how many times a mother is called to the school to come and pick up her child? He's taken in, he fell and has a big bump, he hit the corner of a desk and has a cut on his forehead, he fell outside and the 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's 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 in their communities and public education are the way out.

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

The NAACP wants to rule all the school systems by bussing, keep the schools as they ever has 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.

Mr. 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.

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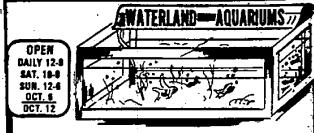
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