

People's Column

Would Limit Auto's Speed To 40 MPH

To the Editor: I suggest to the citizens of this community to take immediate steps to stop the slaughter on the highways for humanitarian and economic reasons.

I believe that the majority of operators are qualified to drive high powered cars but I am also convinced that a great number of drivers are irresponsible, incompetent and a death threat to law abiding citizens who possess judgment, horse sense and who are courteous.

To as extent, we are all responsible for the existing hazards, but I think the slaughter can be stopped, which requires prompt and drastic action. The manufacturers are making cars bigger, faster and more fragile.

I believe the manufacturers should place their cars in the customers' hands so they can not be driven over 40 miles an hour and that all existing laws should be enforced to the letter.

THE JUDGES either lack intentional fortitude or the law is weak. The sentences as I read them in the papers are ridiculous and if the law needs changing, let's change it. Police should enforce the existing laws to the hilt. Every law abiding citizen should thrill at a policeman doing his duty, let the chips fall where they may.

Signing petitions, calling out the guard, may be commendable and police officials lecturing ladies' clubbing to my mind they are running around in circles and I think there is a way to get to the heart of the matter.

Any one operating a motor vehicle assumes a great responsibility. It is a potential death weapon. They should realize they assume all the responsibility in hitting anyone or anything, regardless of the circumstances.

IT IS THE operator's duty to have and maintain control of his car at all times, under all conditions and obey all traffic laws. We have blood on our hands. Let us take steps to wipe them clean. Believe it can be done.

Any competent operator can handle a motor car with safety. The incompetent must be gotten off the highways. When are we going to get action? Organization can move mountains. It is results that count. Also the economy is strained. No nation can continue forever to absorb the shock. The losses in life and money have become appalling and needless.

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Men To Be Sentenced For September Theft

Sentence will be determined Feb. 14 by Robert J. Modzelewski and Antonio G. Nicotia, charged with taking a safe and merchandise from Electronic Service Co. last September.

Modzelewski was found guilty Monday by a jury in Oakland county court. Nicotia pled guilty at the time of arrest.

The two were stopped by Birmingham police after a traffic violation, according to Chief Ralph W. Moxley, and held on investigation of theft when the safe and merchandise were found in their car.



NEWLY ELECTED members to the Birmingham Community House board were chosen at the annual meeting Monday night. Left to right are Russell Robins, Mrs. A. J. Daley, James M. Joyce, Mrs. Charles Kase, Frank Foley, Mrs. Preston Veir and Harold Hagah, president; Mrs. Robert H. Pease and William Lerchen, vice presidents; Norman Weston, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Gruber, recording secretary, and Mrs. Henry Jackson, corresponding secretary. (Eccentric Photo)

Obituary Notices

MRS. HAZEL BECK died at her home, 1322 Manor street, Detroit, Feb. 3, following a cerebral hemorrhage and illness of a few hours.

Survivors include her husband, Hans Beck; two sons, John, age 13, and Timothy, age 11; her mother, Mrs. William H. Bristol; three sisters, Mrs. Julia Arnoldy, Mrs. Winifred Boonin and Mrs. Lawrence Bassett; and four brothers, Wilbur, Everett, Morrell and Richard Bristol.

Funeral services were conducted at the Blair Brothers funeral home in Detroit Sunday, followed by burial in Mount Cemetery.

Josephine Bristol Beck was born Nov. 17, 1892, the daughter of Mrs. William Howard Bristol and the late Mr. Bristol. She attended Almont public schools and was graduated in 1920.

She taught a few years in the Rutherford, Honohan and Wexford school districts in the vicinity of Almont. She continued her education at Ypsilanti Normal college and schools in Brussels, Belgium and Mexico City, receiving her Bachelor's Normal education from Wayne University.

MRS. ANNA HARRISON JAMES, 92, widow of Vickers P. James, died at her residence, 750 Forest, Feb. 4, after a short illness. She was born Dec. 13, 1862, in Royal Oak township and lived her entire life in the Birmingham area.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham.

Her survivors are a brother, Nathaniel C. Harrison of Birmingham; three nieces, Mrs. Melvin J. Deor and Mrs. Almie Harrison of Birmingham; and Mrs. George C. Humphrey of Ladington and two nephews, Freeman C. Harrison of Birmingham and Tom Harrison of Birmingham.

Services were held Monday at the Manley-Haley funeral home with Dr. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery.

WILLIAM L. BARTH, 63, died Feb. 2 in a Palm Beach, Fla. hospital.

A retired automotive engineer for the Continental Oil Co. of Detroit, he lived in Florida for 18 months, moving from Birmingham.

Mr. Barth was born Nov. 8, 1888, in Ohio.

His only survivor is a son, William Barth, Jr., of Riviera Beach, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

MRS. DORIS LOUIS BOWER, 936 Glenhurst, died Monday in William Beaumont hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Scott; three children, Gregory, Gary and Gail; her mother, Mrs. A. L. Doenges of Detroit; two brothers, A. L. Doenges Jr., of Birmingham, and Thomas H. Doenges of Detroit; and a sister, Mrs. Robert H. Hoffman of Birmingham.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. today at the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. Burial will be in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mrs. Bower was a resident of Birmingham for ten years. She was graduated from Bedford high school and attended Michigan State college.

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Pastor Comments Our Coverage Of 'Youth Week'

To the Editor: This letter is written to commend you and your staff for your excellent and extensive coverage of Youth Week.

Two of your most recent issues carried numerous pictures and stories of Birmingham church youth. They reflected the various interests and activities of our Christian young people.

They pictured our local youth participating in reverent worship while some reputation did constructive service projects.

Your report reveals that when young people are inwardly fortified by a meaningful faith, outwardly sustained by friendly fellowship and gladly prepared to take of human welfare, they will grow into normal, cheerful, well-adjusted persons.

TOO MANY OF our publicity notes overlook the faults and failures of a minority of our youth. Your Youth Week reports are a welcome antidote to lurid tales of delinquency. Accounts of joyful integrity make reading that is interesting to adults and inspiring to youth.

Another fact deserves mention. Without fanfare or sensation seeking the Christian church notes its educational program for youth 52 weeks a year. Your week 12 pictures and reports on the workings of Birmingham church youth are a continuous commentary on that fact.

The churches, their leaders and their youth are grateful to you and your able staff for your generous assistance in making 'Youth Week' truly 'Good News'.

EMIL KONZ, Pastor of First Baptist Church.

NEED SOMETHING FOR YOUR HOUSE? Then locate it by reading or using the Classified Ads in The Eccentric each week.

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Hear Announcer Set Valentine Party. Dick Kline, announcer at Station WPON, Pontiac, discussed opportunities in radio before the advanced radio class at Birmingham high school Monday, Feb. 7. Use Classified Ads—They Sell!

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