

HE THOUGHT HE WAS RIGHT



if you're like me.
Says the Borrister

You are familiar with the new maximum speed limit in the State of Michigan—65 in the daytime, 55 after sundown. But do you know how fast you can pull a trailer? The other day a friend of mine was driving on a main highway a patrol car pulled him from a line of traffic and charged him with speeding. He was surprised to learn that he was violating the law but the officer politely told him that the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code states that no passenger vehicle drawing another vehicle or trailer shall exceed a speed of 50 miles per hour.

The NEW speed law passed by your senators and representatives during the extra session of the legislature in 1955 amended a part of the Motor Vehicle Code which covers the fixing of reasonable and safe speeds. Another section of the code dealing with general speed restrictions which has been on books for several years was not changed. In addition to the trailer limits, the law restricts speeds to 25 miles per hour in a business or residential district and in public parks unless a different speed is posted and provides for regulation of trucks speeds by the Michigan Public Service Commission. So even though that new deluxe boat trailer of yours rides like a feather behind your 1954 sedan, take it easy on the way up north—the law says 50 miles per hour.

LEGAL NOTICE
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STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1957.

Present, Honorable Arthur R. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH FOSTER, Deceased.

George W. Forester having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 15th day of March, A. D. 1957, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail, with return receipt, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in The Birmingham, Pontiac, newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR R. MOORE,
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"I've got the right of way," Howard thought when, approaching the intersection, he saw another car coming from his left. A quick mental review of the traffic rules he could remember left one outstanding in his mind. "At an intersection, the car on the right has the right of way." Even though the other car had already entered the intersection, Howard trumped on the gas pedal and sped forward . . .

WHEN THE investigating officer began asking questions, several witnesses supported Howard's contention that he had been in the right.

They all fell silent, however, when the officer quietly explained that the right of way rule applies only if neither car has entered the intersection.

One one-car has actually started through the intersection, the other car must yield the right of way no matter from which direction it approaches.

Howard was still expressing his surprise as the tow truck hauled his car away.

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Lack of Money Hurts State's Park System

(Monetary needs of Michigan state parks promise to be a major topic of the current Legislative session. Here is the second in a series of articles designed to acquaint The Eccentric's readers with park problems and suggested possibilities for gaining additional park funds.)

For several years now Michigan's state park system has been sending up unseen distress signals. Inadequate in space and poorly maintained, the state parks are suffering from a familiar ail: lack of money.

Alarmed at complaints received from members, Automobile Club of Michigan last summer investigated the state's 59 parks and recreation areas and found that complaints of overcrowding, rundown facilities and general inadequacies were justified.

Of prime concern has been the deteriorating park system in none the better for it. Our State without doubt has on the state's 5000 million annual tourist industry. Of the top 10 tourist states, Michigan runs in last place in expenditures per state park visitor. The parks have been hailed for years as prime tourist attractions, with hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to lure outstayers to Michigan.

THE \$600 million spent by tourists each year (a conservative estimate; some put it as high as \$955 million) affects the paycheck of every Michigander. It vies with agriculture for the title of second largest industry in the state.

Michigan's financial outlay for its state parks is inconsistent with its reputation as an outstanding tourist state. Even when expenditures for all the nation's state parks are averaged out on a cost-per-visitor basis, Michigan spends less than half the national average. Michigan last year spent 14 cents per visitor—six cents for operation and maintenance, eight cents for capital improvements. Most leading tourist states spend much more than the national average of 30 cents per visitor. California leads with 74 cents per visitor, New York, 44 cents, and Florida, 42 cents.

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comparison of park statistics but is none the better for it. Our State without doubt has on the state's 5000 million annual tourist industry. Of the top 10 tourist states, Michigan runs in last place in expenditures per state park visitor. The parks have been hailed for years as prime tourist attractions, with hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to lure outstayers to Michigan.

Many Michigan organizations interested in the state's tourist economy, have become convinced of bad park conditions and demanded quick financial aid. Among them are the Michigan Tourist Council, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan State Game and the four Tourist and Resort Associations.

ALL FACTS concerning the parks point to one need—money. But where to find it? With a deficit budget already facing them, Legislators are casting about for new sources of revenue.

The parks, though traditionally free, remain one of the few state agencies able to be partly self-sustaining.

Next week: How to get more money for state parks?

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