

What About Quarton Road, Asks Township Resident

To the Editor:
Since reading your interesting article in the Nov. 7 issue of The Birmingham Eccentric concerning the man from Grosse Isle caught speeding 61 mph in a 50-mile zone: This has prompted me to call your attention that this same thing is going on every day on Quarton Road east of Telegraph without any police interference.

The posted speed limit is 40 mph along here. Just get out there around 7 a.m. until about 9 and again in the afternoon around 4.

NOW WHY is Quarton Road a haven for these speed maniacs? Why is Woodward Ave. singled out as an example?

Are the township police out looking for excitement? If they are they would find plenty along this stretch of Quarton.

This is a county road, I will grant; but it is also a residential area. Very little respect is shown by these drivers to those who are attempting to cross the road or to reach the home of a neighbor safely.

THE TOWNSHIP police have been called and also the State Police. Up to now we have received no cooperation. We also wrote to the governor. He, too, has ignored our plea so where does that leave us?

Cars have been overturned. A boy was killed; also numerous accidents occur along here.

We have asked the Oakland County Road Commission to have the speed limit reduced. The following is a reply from Mr. Paul Van Rocco, county highway engineer: "Ever since we established the speed limit on Quarton Road our observation that the various police authorities have been unable to enforce the existing 40 mph limit and that some vehicles are traveling at speeds well over or in excess of this speed limit. It is our policy that we do not consider lowering speed limits if the existing speed limit cannot be properly enforced."

NOW IS this not an admission that speeding is going on here and yet the police have denied this. This speeding is not done only by those living outside of the township. Are our township police afraid to step on the toes of those who reside in the township?

I have had one officer admit that this was so.

So the poor guy from Grosse Isle had to be the goat. I have had a car pass me along here where two yellow lines were.

I TURNED the license number over to the state police. I was informed nothing could be done unless the police caught them doing this. Incidentally this car happened to be registered under the name of a company and I was told that it would be difficult to trace. This I would say is for the birds.

I could elaborate on this further. I had a talk some time ago with Homer Case. I received no action from him either.

I hope to sell and try to forget all of this as there's no use trying to be a good citizen. If you complain, you're a crank; if you don't, you're safe.

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going to the party in town or else trick or treat in the neighborhood? It's even more confusing to the parents who never find out until the very last minute that all the children should go out on the 30th for trick or treat. We in the Westchester area didn't find out until school was dismissed on Oct. 30—the children were told school to go out for trick or treat on the 30th.

NOW WHAT business does the school have making such an announcement? So some of the children go out on the 30th and others go out on the 31st, causing the children to get over-excited and upset to say nothing of how upsetting it is for the parents. Should we hurry and swallow our dinner and send them out or wait until Halloween?

The parents of children who attend St. Regis were not aware of the holiday until the dinner bells started to ring during the dinner hour on the 30th.

Arrangements have to be made in most households for Halloween trick or treat. Early dinners, babysitters to either care for very young children or to pass out treats when a mother has to take her other children out in case dad is out of town for business reasons, etc.

MANY CHILDREN weren't the only ones who missed trick or treat because of this disorganized last-minute mass confusion.

Now who makes all these decisions without the opinions or approval of anyone else? Seems no one can answer that question.

I belong to the PTA and the Westchester Association and many times have tried to voice my opinions but very nicely have been shuffed off—maybe because our social position or income isn't enough for some to bother listening to me.

In my opinion this area is one phony setup. Everyone so conscious of social position and prestige—nothing so disgusting as a "Middle Class Snob." By writing this letter to the editor and hoping it will get in print, maybe these people will realize I intend to be heard.

HAVE YOU any idea of all the mischief that went on Oct. 30? The police were swamped with calls, more so than any other year, smashed pumpkins (even one through a car window), waxed windows with choicest words written, broken windows, fires, etc.

The children were just too keyed up about Halloween being a two-day celebration. Even Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving are just one-day holidays.

I blame the parents most of all. Why do you let someone tell you that your child has to go out for trick or treat on a night that isn't even Halloween? How much pushing around can we take without finding out why or who has the right and authority to make these decisions.

THE BIRMINGHAM merchants would do better to donate their candy and prizes to an orphanage rather than stage the party in town to keep the children off the streets for a safe Halloween which only causes some children to be cal for two nights, school nights at that and defeating the whole purpose of safety.

Let's do something about this double holiday before it gets out of hand completely—maybe next year the brains who make up all their own rules of this community will decide to celebrate Halloween for three nights!

ANGRY MOTHER

No Generation Worse Than Previous One

To the Editor:
Adults, get it out of your heads that only greasy-haired, leather-jacketed hoods in their old, souped-up rods, drag.

Family cars driven by clean-cut teens make up a large part of the dragging population. The nice boy who does odd jobs for you or the cute girl who will babysit for you on a minute's notice are often picked up by the police.

Are you shocked to find out that the nice boy or cute girl was stopped for reckless driving and speeding? You shouldn't be. To answer the question why did he or she do it, only ask yourself why today's adults did crazy things in their teenage years.

ADULTS HAVE virtually boasted to me about how they would take an old car to the top of a hill when the roads were slippery, roll it down the hill into an intersection, brake sharply and turn the wheel hard, causing the car to spin.

THEY DID IT for excitement, competition and a chance to show off their driving skills.

It's only human nature to desire excitement and exhibit your ability. Both sports are wrong and illegal but I challenge anyone to say our generation is worse than our parents'.

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Dislikes Haste In Halloween Night Events

To the Editor:
Being a resident of Birmingham for 25 years I had to write in protest of the Halloween parade this year!

Never have I seen such a disinterested group of organizers. Arriving at 7:10 with two of my children (one of whom had spent considerable time and effort on her costume). We were told that the price tickets were all gone! This was only the first disappointment!

Then the parade started before half of the paraders had arrived (since it was to start at 7:30). This was really ridiculous!

THOSE YOUNGSTERS were headed through the streets at such a pace some found it necessary to drop out. It looked more like a race. Then, too, you could not see the many costumes which to me is very interesting to note the thought and originality.

Then on to the food where we were pushed and shoved by the people in charge in an even speedier line. Well, thanks to all this speed we were all through and on our way home by 8:30.

SO I would say to you that if we find it necessary to step this up to such a pace, we should discontinue the whole thing. Why spoil one of the nicest traditions it has been my and my children's pleasure to enjoy?

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Rector Clarifies Views On Civil Rights March

To the Editor:
Since I was quoted in your article about a possible Civil Rights March as not knowing enough about it to determine whether I'd want to take an old car to the top of a hill when the roads were slippery, roll it down the hill into an intersection, brake sharply and turn the wheel hard, causing the car to spin.

Your article focuses on only one of several possible plans, any of which is still an open possibility. Some clergy in the area lean toward an observance of much larger proportions than that described in last week's article, in which religious groups might cooperate with others interested in human rights, perhaps during Brotherhood Week which is a well-established "season" at the time of Lincoln's Birthday.

Since both the date and the nature of event are still to be determined, it seems somewhat premature and incomplete to focus on only one set of possibilities for one possible date.

THE DEC. 14 proposal is presented in a misleading way when called a Civil Rights March. What is envisioned by Fr. Sayers and others is more in the nature of a religious procession which would be an act of witness by religious people of their concern for human rights.

As an act of witness it would be aimed primarily at Washington, with the thought that the administration and the Congress must be strongly encouraged to embody the highest possible ideals of human rights in complete and effective Civil Rights legislation, immediately, regardless of possible political repercussions or embarrassment, too, in an election year, particularly in the South.

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