

COMMUNICATIONS

The Editor Tryon Daily Bulletin.
Dear Sir:

The enforcement of law in these United States is a thankless job since most of us Americans seem to feel that laws should apply to others and not to ourselves. The enforcement of traffic laws is especially distasteful because it is not possible to apprehend all violators; the attitude of the average motorist apparently being: I'll take a chance that "the law" doesn't catch me. When a violator of a traffic law is caught in the act the natural tendency seems to be that an exception should be made since the violator assumes the persecuted role and is not inclined to lose like a good sport.

The tax payers of all the states have money invested in signs erected along the highways in an attempt to provide aid and warning to motorists who use the roads. Those drivers who ignore the warning signs represent the large majority of travelers, both local and tourist. Any person who reads or listens to radio or TV must be exposed to words of wisdom regarding the dangers of unlawful operation of automobiles. Why there should be deliberate violations of speed limits on streets or highways must be traceable to an attitude of arrogance on the part of the average driver.

The flagrant and deliberate disregard for traffic laws, especially speed limits in congested areas inside a city limit, by operators of vehicles is a discouraging situation to me. It is more discouraging when the average motorist sees evidence of partiality shown to the drivers of oil tank wagons and interstate buses by law enforcement officers.

There is no simple solution to the traffic situation in the U.S.A. But one step worthy of consideration might be this: Those among us who are considered as the thoughtful, progressive, God-fearing citizens set an example for

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others while driving an automobile by observing, to the letter, all traffic regulations such as hand signals, observation of traffic signs and lights, parking restrictions and all other codes which apply to all, eliminating any "privileged class of drivers."

Operation of an automobile entails a great responsibility as well as a privilege which all of us should appreciate rather than abuse.

Dan Rion.

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