

How Do You Feel About These Traffic Suggestions?

Traffic accidents are always a problem. They have become an acute problem in Torrance in recent months. Traffic deaths have reached a record high of 13. Adolph De Ha of Palos Verdes, a Torrance Press subscriber, has been concerned enough to write several letters to the editor regarding this deplorable situation and also submitted the following suggestions in the form of a questionnaire. How do you feel about this matter? Fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Torrance Press. Or write us a letter. We'll publish the results.

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| 1) Installing governors on all cars that are driven by persons that were convicted once for a crime or felony, or for drunken or reckless driving and also by paroled persons. These governors would be regulated only by the Police Dept. | () | () |
| 2) Governors in other cars, too, so that even the safe driver could regulate his own speed in the different speed areas. | () | () |
| 3) Instead of hand signals and the directional signals which are often invisible by day or unseen by the following car, installing red lighted indicators, right and left, about 12 inches long and the lamp about 4 inches in diameter. Rear signals on the top instead of the bottom. | () | () |
| 4) Equipping all cars with lit speed indicators like those atop the taxis, to check the speeders and the license plate next to the speed indicator so that the speed and license number could be photographed by a police officer from the curb, instead having to give the violator a wild chase thus endangering some other drivers. | () | () |
| 5) Restrict as much as possible the movement of the dangerous police cars. Equip all traffic officers with cameras and flash bulbs. This would have the wanted effect and the traffic violators would be punished nevertheless. | () | () |
| 6) Stiffer penalties for drunken and reckless driving. | () | () |
| 7) Higher age limit for issuing new drivers licenses. | () | () |
| 8) Certain restrictions for smokers. The National Automobile Club warns that lighting a cigaret with a match or cigaret lighter causes a momentary blinding. | () | () |
| 9) Instead of the often hidden stop signs, obligatory blinking overhead red lights would also reduce certain traffic hazards. | () | () |
| 10) Uniform street markings should be adopted for the whole Country or at least for a whole State and not street markings atop a post, others on corner pillars, others again on the curb, etc. | () | () |
| 11) Stricter enforcement about stepping out of cars on the curb side, not on the traffic side. | () | () |
| 12) Would you rather have the wheel on the curb side? | () | () |
| 13) A passenger sitting in the front row has to sit in the opposite corner. | () | () |
| 14) When checking overparking, drivers leaving their keys in the car should be penalized, too. | () | () |
| 15) Every driver should undergo a physical checkup every two years for the Department of Motor Vehicles. | () | () |
| 16) Compulsory inspection of all cars, yearly, by the Department of Motor Vehicles. | () | () |
| 17) Governors on the cars of a certain age group should be also regulated by the Police Department. | () | () |
| 18) Would you be willing to participate on a "Citizens Committee for Traffic Improvement?" | () | () |

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 Telephone Number _____

Let's Give Our Soldiers Cars Instead Of Guns, Traffic Sergeant Says

A strong indictment of public indifference and the public's bland acceptance of highway traffic slaughter and property loss was issued this week by Sgt. Joe Miles, of the Torrance Police Department traffic accident bureau.

"People look at murder, robbery, rape and all the major crimes as if they were horrible," Miles said grimly. "But when it comes to traffic accidents they look upon them as if they were a necessary evil and as if they can't do anything about them."

Miles, who must stare the appalling traffic accident statistics in the face daily, finds it hard to contain himself.

Mass-Murders

"People shrug their shoulders

at accidents but they want to go out and lynch the person who rapes a little girl. Obviously they find this more horrible than a driver who wipes out a whole family," Miles exclaimed, driving home the irony of the situation.

Miles is angry because of the public's indifference to the traffic menace. And because he is angry he tries to jar people into thinking and doing something about it.

"When people buy a new car

they will ask how fast it will go and how powerful the motor is, but they'll never ask if there are any brakes on the car. People buy horse-power but they don't buy brakes. Car manufacturers haven't really done anything about brakes," he continued.

At first glance, the sergeant's thoughts seem unorthodox, but gradually the weight of their irony and truth sinks in.

Cars Instead Of Guns

"I have long maintained that we would be better off if we gave every soldier an automobile instead of a rifle," he said. "We do better at home accidentally than they do abroad on purpose. Yet, the presidential candidate who would propose to do away with autos wouldn't get a vote at all, while the one who wants to do away with war gets all the votes."

While Miles was stern about

the driving public, he was equally stern about parents and pedestrians.

"Parents don't like to be told this, but many fatalities are strictly the result of the lack of parental supervision," Miles said.

About 50 per cent of Torrance's 13 fatalities this year, he said, involved children. Only three out of 13 involved actual traffic collisions (auto-auto).

What, then, is the answer? Courtesy, consideration and a strong sense of individual responsibility, Miles indicated.

Not even strict law enforcement can beat that. "We can only chase a small percentage of the violators and cite them," he concluded. "But about all we can actually do is come out and clean up the mess."

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Joe Maldonado, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, will be honored at a farewell reception November 28 from 8 - 10 p.m. at the San Pedro Assistance League clubhouse.

Serving as executive director of the local welfare planning council for the past three years, Maldonado has resigned his present position and will leave December 1 for Oakland, California, where he will be affiliated with the Neighborhood Planning Area Welfare Council.

Maldonado has also served as chairman of the Community Chest Participation Agency the past two years, consultant on the Harbor Area Welfare Federation board of directors, and past president of the American Association of Social Workers.

Mmes. Clark Walsworth and Stanton Swafford are co-chairmen for the event, assisted by Rev. Arthur T. Kent and Rodney Smith, invitations; Mmes. Arthur Akerson and Walter Kennedy, refreshments; with music by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Vanderberg.

Mrs. Virginia McQuarrie, president of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, will head the receiving line.

The many friends of Maldonado are invited to join the festivities which will be attended by civic leaders and members of the clergy, as well as members of the welfare agencies in the area.

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