

Letters to the editor

Seat belts a "compulsory injustice"

Dear Sir:
Seat Belts. Do you or don't you want them? After the first of January, seat belts are to be compulsory by the sneakiest and most underhanded way of bringing in legislation. The government's attitude before the election was that they didn't think the people were ready for them at that time.

But as soon as the election is past, and they are back in power (by a very small margin), they push this thing through the legislature in about 2-4 weeks, with very little public comment and also at Christmas time, when people are busy, and also a postal strike which has made communications almost impossible. Talk about a SNOW JOB. What do you think we are getting from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications?

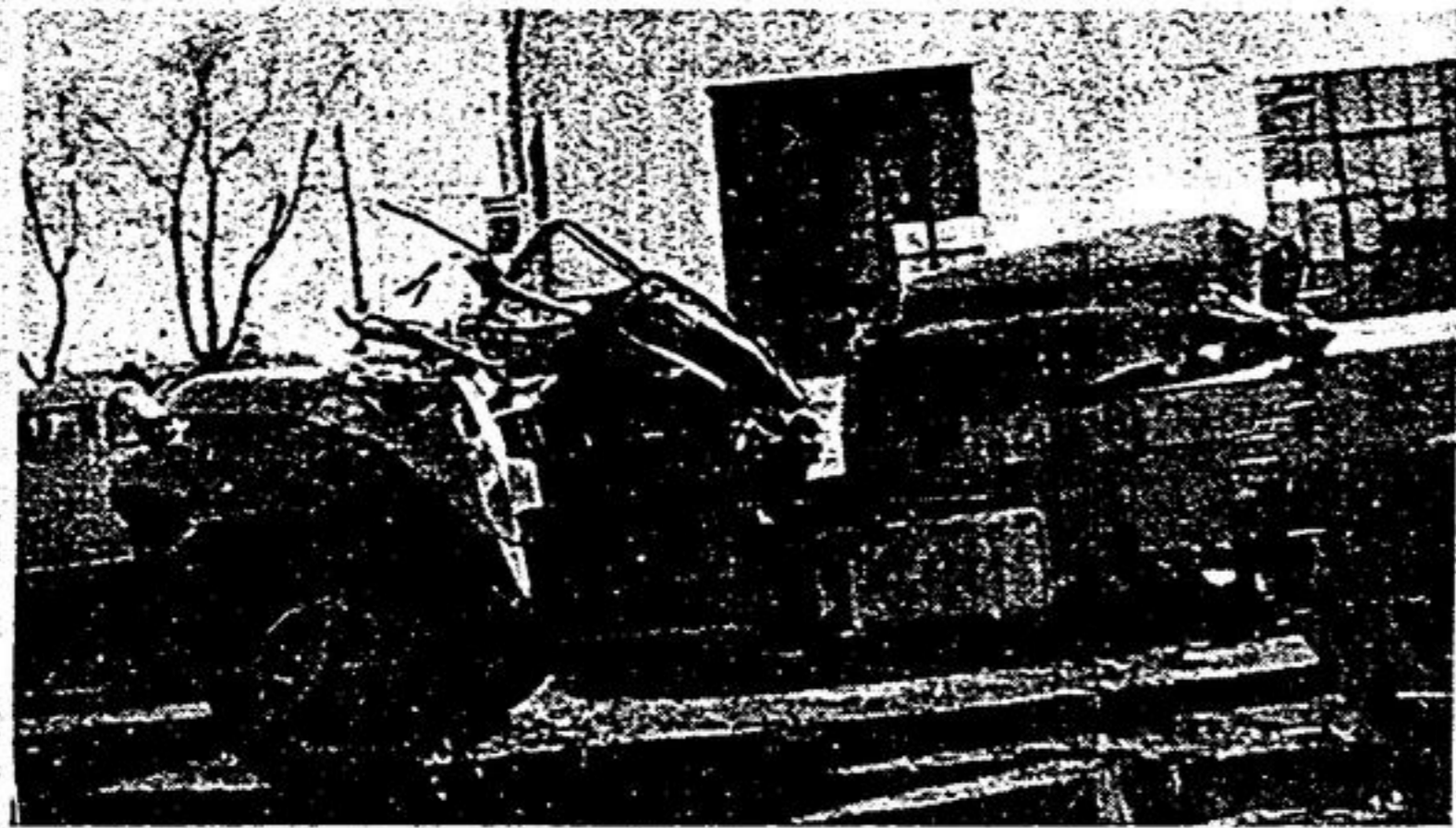
As far as I am concerned it is just another

way of filling the public treasury at your and my expense, because every one of our slap-happy ticket cops will be out to get every person they can find without a seatbelt on. If the attitude of the general public follows the same pattern as 95 percent of the people I have talked to in the past two weeks, there won't be enough jails in Ontario to hold all the people that are against it.

My opinion and about 95 percent of the people is that if you want to wear your seat belt that is your business, but if I do not want to wear mine, that is my business. I think the government just thought this is a good way to milk a tidy revenue out of the general public with very little effort, which would help boost their tidy salaries.

Please look carefully at the accompanying picture. This is my truck at Les Wilson's garage on

Oct. 5 or 6, 1968 and instead of taking the picture, I would have been either to or going to my own funeral if I had been wearing a seat belt. Now can you see why I will not wear one for anybody (law or no law). I will go to jail before paying those sneaking culprits and my attitude is shared by a large number of people.



In Australia where they are compulsory, there were 36,000 convictions last year. At from \$20 to \$50 each you see what that does for the treasury. We are expecting, in the near future, to circulate a very large petition to places where there is a lot of public traffic. If you are against this compulsory

injustice, please sign your name, address and phone number. I am not working alone on this project, but have help from several other areas of the province.

Anyone who has time and is interested in helping promote this effort should call me at 649-2332.

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Woman feels boats should stay on lake

Dear Sir:
This letter is in response to your notice in The Tribune (Oct. 16).

I think it is about time this boat question was put in its proper perspective. The lake is free of ice for seven months of the year or about 210 days. Of all these days there are only about six, or less depending on the weather, when there is any real activity on the lake. All of these days are Sundays and are people just up for the day.

They arrive about noon and are away again by 5:30 so really we are talking about hours of

activity very generously about 50.

I would take exception to the charge that it is not unusual to see a boat towing three skiers — it is. I know this charge stems from the same person who came up about three Sundays in a row and did at times pull about three skiers. I'm sure it was the indiscretion of this boater, whoever he may be, that has caused the present storm in a teacup.

The accidents mentioned happened over six summers ago, surely this in itself is significant. There was, in fact an article in The Tribune

this summer about two young girls swimming across the lake. They had no trouble with boats. The Tribune would certainly have mentioned it if they had.

The complaint about noise is not really valid. The boats are quiet compared to the squealing tires and motorcycles. Of course as soon as the snow falls the greatest noisemaker of all, the snowmobile, will be out in full force.

I have known Vern Davies for over 20 years and have nothing but great respect for his concern, but its my lake too. I know Mr. Davies

would be one of the first to agree if there could be some sort of a compromise solution.

No members of council live at the lake and it would be very tempting to take the easy way out, since no matter what decision they made, it would not affect them personally. I have a great deal of faith in their integrity, and they have already shown that this problem is a concern to them.

My point is that it doesn't seem fair that those of us who have lake frontage, and pay taxes for this privilege, should be deprived of the use of

the lake because one day out of seven is busy, and this is largely due to public launching.

I would suggest to council that the lake be left alone until they make their own personal study next summer, and not have to depend on hearsay and letters. I know their time is valuable, but it wouldn't take nearly as long as standing in a field counting the birds that fly across the moon.

Joking aside, just a spot check now and then would do it.

MARY WYLIE
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