

SIGN PETITIONS OF PROTEST



Youngsters watch as their mothers, all members of the Pelham Parent-Teachers Association sign petitions in protest of the 50-mile-an-hour speed zone established near the E. G. Sherburne School building in Pelham Center.

Pelham citizens as well as city officials, and the PTA, have taken issue with the New Hampshire Highway Department concerning the speed zones.

Seated: Mrs Herbert Currier (left) and Mrs Alva Taylor. Standing, left to right: Mrs Lewis Place, PTA president; Miss Frances Hobbs, secretary of the Pelham School Board; Mrs Albert Hirsch, Mrs Ralph Harmon and Mrs Arnold Balcom.

Children in front, left to right: Harold Mooney, Sue and Nancy Currier, Claudia Taylor and Graham and Roy Balcom. (Telegraphphoto).

Pelham, May 28 — Some 50 members of the Parent-Teacher association here last evening instituted and signed a petition requesting the State Highway department to remove 50 mile per hour signs at Marsh rd and Windham rd. The petition was addressed to Highway Commissioner Frank Dow Merrill.

THE PTA ACTION followed an earlier protest lodged by the Pelham School board and the Selectmen.

Today, Miss Frances Hobbs, secretary of the School board, charged the Highway department with discriminatory tactics. She asserted that in her trips through the neighboring towns of Windham and Hudson, she failed to spot any 50 MPH signs near schools.

HEADING THE petition to Commissioner Merrill were the signatures of PTA leaders: Mrs Jane

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Place, president, Walter Remus, treasurer and Mrs H. M. Farris, secretary.

The petition reads as follows: "The Pelham Parent Teacher Association is concerned with the safety of school children. Those walking to school or traveling on school busses which bring pupils from all sections of the town to the Consolidated school, Ernest G. Sherburne school.

"WE PROTEST THE 50 mile per hour speed limits on Marsh rd and Windham rd as endangering our children and not suitable for winding roads with soft shoulders. Also other winding roads marked over 35 miles per hour. Sign in close proximity to the school entrance invites motorists to increase speed. This is a special hazard during the racing season.

"We request the High Commissioner to direct the removal of these signs which are a menace to the safety of our children and to erect suitable signs for such roads which will insure safety to Pelham children."

LATE YESTERDAY, a statement by the Highway department revealed Commissioner Merrill has ordered a review of the two speed zones established in Pelham. His announcement followed protests by the School board and the Selectmen that the Highway department was "speeding up" traffic through this own.