

AGES 3 TO 9 LEAD IN AUTOMOBILE TOLL

Sixty-eight per cent of a total of 225 school children killed in Cook county last year were between the ages of 3 and 9, according to the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club.

At the age of 5 when the children are starting to kindergarten the figures show a marked increase. Another increase is noticed during the first year in school. At the age of 6 fatalities among children reached their peak. At 7 the figures drop and at 10 they reach their minimum.

It is pointed out by the accident prevention department of the club that the decrease in fatalities after the first year in school is due to the safety first talks given the school children. "It is evident" the report says, "that instruction of the children in matters of safety is essential in those pre school days."

Seventy-six per cent of all the children killed were boys. It may be inferred that the higher death rate among boys is due to their habits of playing in the streets, ride mooching and hitching.

SPRING SWAMP SONG

'Neath dripping hommocks and rotting logs,
I've made my home in the Skokie bogs;
The winds may blow and the hard frosts crack,
While I'm content in my sodded sack.
The wee old man of the Skokie bogs.

Atop my roof is an empty oak
Which serves as flue for my flaming coke
Of phosphorescence and fireflies,
Of glowworms, spiders with scarlet eyes.
The wee old man of the Skokie bogs.

Dank frogs, and lizards so slick, the snail,
And newt are only too glad to hail
Me friend, when icy and cold, the lands
O'erhead are spread with the snow's chill hands.
The wee old man of the Skokie bogs.

But with the bluebird's first tender tone,
We all fare forth from our winters home,
To meet the violet, so fresh and sweet,
And other Spring flowers who come to greet.
The wee old man of the Skokie bogs.

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games, from all reports, promise to be interesting.

LOW MORTALITY RATE

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