

## TRAFFIC BIG MENACE TO YOUNGER CHILDREN

### Survey by School Head Shows Small Children Face Constant Danger on Streets

Ten automobile accidents in which children were injured or killed occurred on the streets of Wilmette in 1929, according to a recent study of Wilmette police records by Supt. J. R. Harper of the Wilmette public schools. Of the ten children involved in automobile accidents in the village last year, two were killed, one had a leg broken, one suffered a fracture of the skull, one had his jaw broken, and the others were badly bruised.

"The automobile today is a greater menace to the lives of our children than any one of the children's diseases such as diphtheria or scarlet fever," says Supt. Harper.

All of the accidents in Wilmette mentioned in a preceding paragraph were caused by children starting across or running out into the street without looking to see whether a car was approaching.

#### All Under 10 Years

The ages of the ten children hurt or killed in automobile accidents here last year ranged from five to eight years. Not one of these children was beyond the second grade in school. No accident of this type was reported in which older children were hurt.

The police records indicate, according to Mr. Harper's survey, that older children are able to take care of themselves. This is probably due to the fact that they have formed the habit of hesitating to see if the street is safe before starting across, he says.

Supt. Harper then puts the question, "What can we do to help our children form this habit?"

#### Offers Some Suggestions

He continues with the following facts and suggestions:

"Let us analyse the situation a little more carefully. Up to the age of five the child is not on the street except with an adult and the adult takes the responsibility of deciding when to cross the street. Then the child starts to school and has to carry his own responsibility. He is warned repeatedly at home and school to be careful. In fact, he is told so often that eventually it falls on dull ears. However, he is frightened by narrow escapes from being hit, and gradually in the school of experience learns to take care of himself.

"The thing that we should do in this instance as in many other instances of child training, is to see that a habit is formed—that is, that the child reaches the place where he automatically stops and looks both ways before crossing the street.

#### Teach Safety Habits!

"How can this be done? In this case, as in every case, habits arise out of the activities of children. We must see that our children are mentally as well as physically active in forming this very important habit. It can be done by letting the child be the leader in your walks around the village. Just say to him, 'Now I am going to let be the leader today and decide if it is safe to cross the street.' He will then assume full responsibility and will see to it that you are guided across.

Keep this up until he automatically assumes the position of leader without mentioning it. He will be bossy at times and will make you wait when you will think you could just make it. Don't interfere, let him be a real leader and you will be surprised to see how quickly he will become capable of guiding himself and others safely across our busy thoroughfares."

## CONDUCT INITIATION

### Wilmette Legion Post to Hold First Formal Induction of New Members Next Tuesday Night

The first formal initiation of new members ever held by Wilmette Post No. 46 of the American Legion will take place at the January Post meeting Tuesday evening, January 21. The Post, anticipating a large attendance, has engaged Odd Fellows hall, 1217 Wilmette avenue, which has a seating capacity of 250.

Commander William Richmond announces that the initiation ceremonies will be conducted by a select team from the Lake Forest Post, whose reputation for this work is well known. A class of some twelve first-time members of Wilmette Post will be initiated.

Ex-service men residing in Wilmette who have been planning to join the Legion, still have the opportunity of being included in this class of initiates by notifying Adjutant Orville G. Daily, 618 Tenth street, phone Wilmette 1973.

The program also includes a variety of entertainment presented by Paul Petro, famous double-barreled accordion and piano artist, and Andmar, internationally known magician, whose art of conjuring has, it is said mystified even the most perceiving.

Other features of particular interest to Legionnaires will have their place in this mammoth program, which has been planned by the officers of Wilmette Post as a special appeal to its many members who do not regularly attend the monthly meetings. Prominent Legionnaires from all the neighboring posts in the seventh district also will be present.

### Masquerade Dance Among February's Gala Events

February, which is essentially a party month, is annually made more interesting in Wilmette by the masquerade dance given under the auspices of the Auxiliary of Post No. 46, American Legion. This year the affair is to be held Friday evening, February 7, in the Masonic temple auditorium.

Mrs. T. L. D. Hall is general chairman and Mrs. D. C. Leach is in charge of the ticket sale. The committee working under the slogan, "Bigger and Better," promises even a more delightful affair than was enjoyed last year by so many north shore residents. The other members of the committee are Mrs. John B. Boddie, Mrs. C. W. Edmondson, Mrs. Ernest Gould, Mrs. Russell Johnson, and Mrs. George A. Stone. Dr. Beatrice Hawkins is president of the unit.

### Burglars Rob One Home And Flee From Another

Three burglars, surprised by Richard F. Winter as they were jimmying a window of his home at 105 Fourth street last Saturday night shortly after 10 o'clock, dropped two suitcases containing the loot of an earlier burglary and fled. Clothing in the suitcases was identified as part of the wardrobe of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Dearborn, 739 Ninth street, whose home the burglars had entered earlier in the evening.

### Librarians Will Attend Meeting at Lake Forest

Miss Anne L. Whitmack, librarian, Miss Winifred Bright, children's librarian, and Mrs. James Weber, assistant at the Wilmette Public library, will attend a meeting of north shore librarians at Lake Forest Thursday night, January 23. Reading lists will be the specific problem discussed. A dinner will precede the discussion. Librarians in all of the north shore towns from Evanston to Lake Forest will attend the meeting.

## Statesman to Speak



J. Hugh Edwards, noted Welsh statesman and member of the British Parliament, will address the Wilmette Sunday Evening club January 19 on "Where Is the World Today and Whither Is It Going?" Mr. Edwards is regarded as one of the most brilliant speakers in the House of Parliament and is sometimes termed "the ambassador of international good will."

### Mrs. Anthony F. Merrill Teachers' Club Speaker

Mrs. Anthony French Merrill will speak at the monthly meeting of the Wilmette Teachers' club Monday afternoon, January 20, in the Stolp school library. Mrs. Merrill is well known here, having addressed the Wilmette Woman's club many times. Teachers at the Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth have been invited to attend the meeting next Monday.

### RENEW GARBAGE CONTRACT

At a meeting of the Kenilworth Village board last week the contract was renewed with Henry Eggert for the collection and removal of garbage, ashes, and waste in Kenilworth for the two year period ending December 31, 1931.



### Going South?

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## KENILWORTH'S HEALTH REPORTED "EXCELLENT"

### Remarkably Low Incidence of Contagion in Village Health Officer Declares

The annual report of Dr. H. A. Orvis covering the health situation in Kenilworth during 1929 was read at a meeting of the Kenilworth Village board Wednesday night, January 8. Dr. Orvis is the health officer for Kenilworth and Winnetka.

He reports that the amount of contagion in Kenilworth during 1929 was greater than in 1928 but less than in 1927, the comparative number of cases for each year being 55, 29, and 67, respectively. "Any one of these figures," he says in the report, "is a remarkably low incidence and equalled by few villages of comparable size."

#### Contagion Distribution

The distribution of cases by diagnosis in Kenilworth during 1929 was as follows:

Measles	14
Whooping cough	13
Scarlet fever	4
Mumps	3
Chicken pox	14
Pneumonia	3
German measles	1
Diphtheria	1
Tuberculosis	2

Total 55

No reports of typhoid fever, smallpox, infantile paralysis, meningitis, or rabies came to the attention of Dr. Orvis. He states that the high incidence of rabies in 1927 and 1928 has subsided.

#### Examine School Children

The annual examination of school children in Kenilworth was completed in October, and the general physical condition averaged very high in comparison with school groups elsewhere.

Control of the milk supply in the village was carried on as usual. The general situation in Kenilworth in 1929 showed an improvement over that of 1928, according to Dr. Orvis' report. This, he said, was due to the absorption of some of the dairies which gave the health department trouble by larger and better managed plants. Two hundred and fourteen samples of milk collected from wagons delivering in Kenilworth and Winnetka were analyzed, and thirteen of the samples, or about six percent, were below standard. During 1928 there were 179 analyses made, and 30 samples, or about 16 percent, were below standard.

#### Inspect Food Places

Thirty inspections of food handling establishments in Kenilworth were made during 1929, Dr. Orvis reports. The proposition of posting sanitary ratings in such establishments has recently been outlined, and the system will be in operation soon. There are still several food handling places in Kenilworth where the sanitary conditions are unsatisfactory, Dr. Orvis indicated in his report.

### Firemen Answer 2 Calls; Damage Reported Slight

Wilmette firemen were called to the residence of James F. Byrnes, 808 Ashland avenue, Monday morning about 8:20 o'clock when the Byrnes' automobile caught fire. There was no damage. The fire fighters received their second call of the week Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock when an overheated furnace caused a fire in the basement of the Norton auto washing establishment at Lake avenue and Ridge road. The blaze was confined to the basement and the damage was slight.

#### SODALITY MEETS TODAY

St. Agnes Sodality of St. Joseph's church will hold its next regular meeting today in St. Joseph's school hall.