

Your Children — Your Schools

Safety Patrols Are Important Activity in Wilmette Schools

The purpose of organizing Safety Patrols in the Wilmette Public schools is to prevent your boy and girl from being injured on their way to and from school. All corners around Howard and Central schools are protected by these human warning signs.

The most universal school safety activity is concerned with the direction of the student body at street and alley intersections near the schools for the purpose of teaching child pedestrians where and how to cross the streets safely.

Selected for Reliability

The School Boy Patrol members are selected for leadership and reliability and serve voluntarily with the approval of the parents. The patrol members stand on the curb, not in the street and are an extra pair of eyes or a human warning sign to help your boy or girl in crossing the streets. The Patrol is on duty fifteen minutes before school morning and noon and is on duty two minutes before and ten minutes after dismissal. If you send your child to school too early he does not have this additional protection.

Vexing Bicycle Problem

The bicycle problem is rapidly becoming so acute that it is now the major concern of the Safety program of the schools. The Safety Patrols have participated in the construction of a new Village Bicycle Ordinance which will be used as a course of study in the safety clubs of the school.

The Safety clubs are a regular part of the school club program, meeting once a week for a period of forty-five minutes for the discussion of safety problems of the school, playground, street and home. It is during this Safety Club period that the School Safety Court is held, before which fellow students who have violated well-known safety rules are tried.

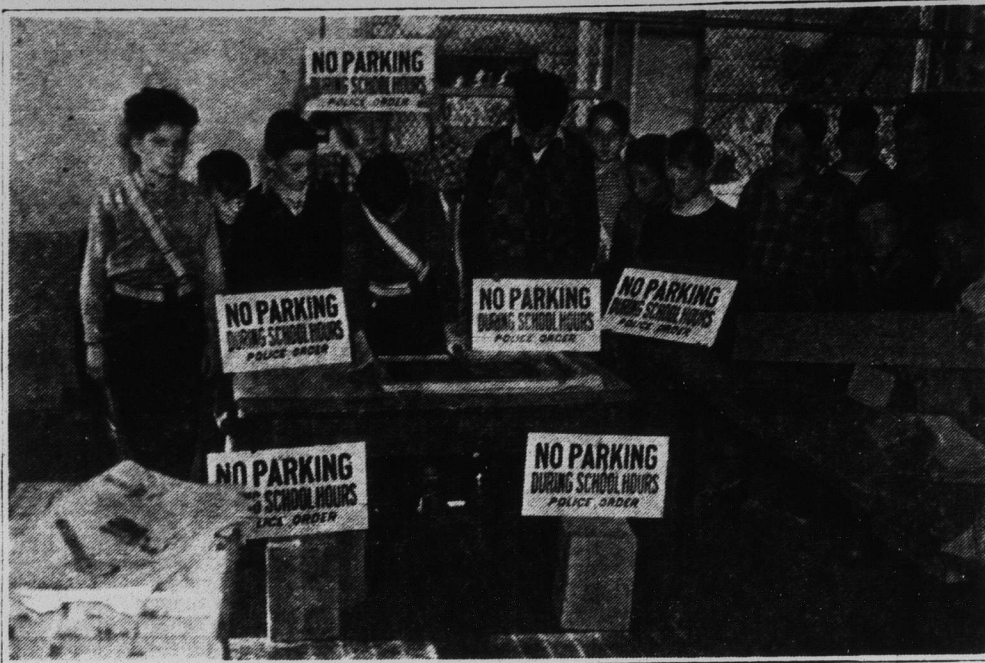
An article on the Safety court will appear in an early issue.

Prepare for Debate Among Eighth Graders

A debate entitled; "Resolved: That Machine Production Has Proved Beneficial to Mankind," will be given by a group of eighth grade students from Stolp school during the latter part of January. The team will be chosen and coached by our English and Composition teacher, Mrs. Lowell. Previously during the year, the grammar students at Stolp school have written briefs concerning the debate and the members of the team will be chosen from those who have the most interest in debating and who have the finest briefs. This will be the first debate during the school year and we hope to have another later in the year.—Charlotte McConnell

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"God" will be the subject at the services in First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Wilmette Sunday morning, January 1, at 11 o'clock, held in the edifice at 1002 Central avenue. Sunday school convenes at 9:45 o'clock.



Safety Club Activity

Safety club activity emphasizes cooperation with the Police department in painting signs in use around school buildings.

A LETTER FROM THE HOLY LAND

The Christmas Season
As Viewed by a Little Traveler

Bethlehem, Palestine
December 26, 1938

Dear Mom, Dad, and Jean,

Merry Christmas! I received your letter when we landed at Tel Aviv a few days ago with your packages. Thank you so very much. I had such a lovely Christmas and birthday. We gave each other little gifts for Christmas. Did you receive your packages? I sent them over two weeks ago because I knew it would take such a long time for them to get to Wilmette. How are all of you? In your last letter you said Jean had a cold. I hope she is better. I surely missed you all. We really had a good time here.

Village of Spring

We arrived at Port Tel Aviv the first week in December. I have heard the name means Village of Spring. When we arrived, we looked around the town and then went to Joffa in Palestine. Mother and Dad, you don't need to worry because I am well taken care of. Things have quieted down quite a bit. Everywhere we go, we have a British escort. I think I am the luckiest girl alive to be here in Bethlehem on Christmas.

I can't thank you enough for giving me permission to go on this journey. We had a lovely Christmas and guess what we had for dinner? Turkey and cranberries!

Shepherds Tend Flocks

The people, I thought, were one of the most interesting things in Palestine. So many people still wear ancient clothes. They have loosely fitted clothes and the men wear a sort of turban. Many times, as we have gone from one city to the other, we passed shepherds with their sheep. They looked so queer with their staffs. The sheep are much different than our sheep. Their wool is much longer and just wavy—not as curly as our sheep. The people's skin is a very dark color but not black like the Negroes, either. In Palestine the people are mostly Arabs although there are many Jews and of course there are

British, also. Many of the people still carry water jugs on their heads. Oh, there are many more interesting things to tell but I must save something to tell you when I get home. I guess I never could tell enough about them.

We are now heading toward home, no, not really, because we are going north after we leave the Mediterranean lands. Even now we are about eight-five hundred miles away from Wilmette. We were up Christmas morning at 7:30 A.M. It seemed so strange to know that you were still asleep in bed. I suppose you have snow in Wilmette but here we have very nice weather more like fall in Wilmette.

Have British Escort

In Jerusalem we had to have a British escort. I asked our guide why we didn't have a French escort and she told me about the British mandate. They sort of look after Palestine so they gave us an escort. When we went through the older sections, the streets were so narrow that when we went past a donkey or something like that we could hardly pass. When we went in the shops they were so old and dusty that when I picked up an article I was just as dusty as could be. Every city seems to have some modern section. Jerusalem has many British people, too. A few streets are wide and paved. When we were in Tel Aviv it interested me much. You see Tel Aviv is a brand new city so it is very modern. The buildings are a light tan but we stayed such a short time I didn't see much. On the way to Bethlehem we passed shepherds as I told you before and they looked so quaint against the hills.

Tomorrow morning we shall be leaving for Beirut, Syria. Oh, I must tell you something funny. You know we left our boat the Exeter in Alexandria and traveled overland. Well, the Exeter has gone to the Mediterranean lands and back to the United States and is now back with us. We are going to meet her

Sixth Graders Take Imaginary Journeys; Put Facts in Diary

The sixth grades at Howard are doing some imaginary traveling in the social study class this year. Before we left we decided we needed to form a travel club. We wrote a constitution and elected officers before we began to tour as far and wide as we could in a school year.

We left Wilmette last October. Our first stop was the Rock of Gibraltar. From there we went to France and Italy but we only stayed two days on our first call in these countries as our first real stop was to be in Egypt. Here we toured many days learning about these strange people. From Alexandria we flew to Baghdad in Iraq. All these countries are very interesting.

All Keep Diaries

Each of us bought a notebook but we call them our diaries. We also decided we needed to build our journey on a very large square table in our room as we carried on this imaginary traveling.

We wanted to journey through Palestine during the Christmas holidays. We have reached Tel Aviv, Palestine just in time. We decided to fly to the new airport in this city. In our diaries we have drawn free hand illustrations, original poems, letters to our families, postcards, flags of each country, and many other things.

Parents to See Results

Our diaries will be sent home to our parents after Christmas. They will write us a letter. It will be placed after a personal letter which was written to each one of us by the teacher, who is our guide, telling how she liked our letters and various other things in our book.—

Jean Coleman—6B

Wonder!

Over the tree tops sails a silvery moon. On the ground is a soft blanket of snow. As we pause to rest on a small rise it is as though a fairy spell has been cast on the surrounding country. As we linger there a mist rises as though by magic from behind a larger hill. A faint tinkle of bells is the only sound we can hear. As the mist comes nearer it takes on the shape of a tiny silver sleigh pulled by six tiny deer. The tinkle of bells is somewhat louder now and it is accompanied by a soft sound as though a soft wind were blowing. As we watch, it grows fainter and fainter until we can see it no longer. We are filled with awe for we have seen the true Christmas Spirit.—Jeanne Niehans—7C.

at Joffa. When we get to Beirut, we shall take buses to Damascus. Just think I am about to visit the oldest city in the world. It will seem strange to visit a country owned by France after visiting so many English possessions.

Here's hoping to get a letter from you in Beirut.

Happy New Year!

—Virginia Mary