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AVOID TROUBLE FOR CHILD

The local and state health departments are constantly urging that the birth of every child be recorded with the local authorities. This is for the purpose of safeguarding the rights of the child and the state. There are a dozen ways in which birth registration or the lack of it may affect a child's rights that probably never occur to the average parent until impressed upon him, possibly by some disagreeable legal snarl that might have been avoided.

These are some of the rights of citizenship which may be jeopardized for the child by the failure to have his birth recorded as required by law:

Citizenship. It is the right of every child born in America to have the fact of his citizenship made a matter of public record.

Nationality. Failure to have a certified copy of a birth certificate may cause a citizen of the United States to be interned in a foreign country.

Inheritance of Property. Estates of great value have been lost to American citizens because neglect of birth registration prevented them from presenting this kind of proof.

The Right to Foreign Travel. Birth certificates are necessary for the securing of passports.

The Right to Attend School. School attendance is dependent upon age, and a child should be armed with a proper certificate of birth to prove that he is legally entitled to attend school.

The Right to Work. The national child labor law applying to children under 16 years requires that a copy of the birth certificate be presented as proof before working papers are issued to him.

The Right to Vote. If a voter is challenged at the polls for legal proof of his age, a copy of the birth certificate is unquestionable proof of his rights.

The Right to Be Married. Marriage licenses may be granted only to those of a certain age, and marriages are invalid if contracted earlier. A proper birth certificate may be most important evidence.

The Right to Hold Public Office. Legal age for certain offices and civil service commissions is best established by the possession of a copy of the birth certificate.

American communities are lax in the matter of birth records. Hardly an old world country but makes proper registration of all its citizens one of its prime concerns. In this country birth registration is required by law, but that law is very ineffectively enforced in many communities. So low a per cent of births in Illinois are reported that the vital statistics of this state have never been accepted for the official records of the United States government.

The responsibility for reporting births extends far enough, if the law were carried out. The legal responsibility begins with the physician and the parents. It extends to all connected with the event, even down to the owner of the house in which the birth occurred.

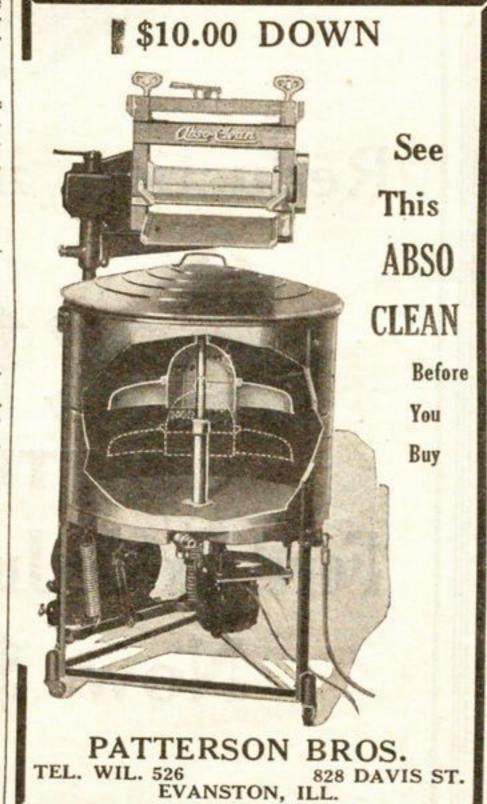
Nowadays hospitals where children are born usually make reports

to their local health departments. wish to keep their supremacy, they conscientious in the matter.

ent, either morally or legally, from ter political conditions. making it his business to know beyond a doubt that his child's birth has been recorded.

If parents fully realize the importance to their own children of proper birth registration, no law would be necessary.

This is a two-party government, but if the major parties of to-day



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Memorial day has been fittingly observed again. Our Flags waved gloriously everywhere we looked. Boys and girls marched proudly with big soldiers and beloved veterans. Every grateful heart seemed bent on decorating the graves of departed heroes, who left us a heritage for which we can never fully pay. At least, we can not forget, and our children will not forget.

Vacation days are fast approaching. The Store for Children has not overlooked this important fact, and has therefore made every preparation possible to help get things ready. Don't put off your needs until the last minute. Come in while selections are plentiful and get what you want.

Dear Kiddie Nook: If all mothers knew as much about your store as I do, you would be kept mightily busy. The first time I ever traded with you was after a friend made a very complimentary remark, which I will repeat as follows:

"There is a store where you can get most anything you need for children, and the prices are very reasonable."

I am glad to say that you fully deserve the reputation above quoted. You might be interested to know how you help to solve my problem. I have a daughter who has been shy and backward to the point of unhappiness. She appeared shapeless and awkward. I felt so sorry that I tried various ways to help her, within our limited means. I endeavored to buy clothes which would become her, or else make things to look as well as possible. All seemed quite hopeless until we dropped in your store one day. It may sound like a fairy tale, but we found a pretty dress which fitted her so well that she insisted on wearing it away. She looked like a different girl, and acted more confident of herself than ever before. In fact, it was a transformation we shall never forget. We called it an investment in happiness, and a very reasonable one at that. I am not exaggerating when I say that since we have been getting clothes from you, our daughter is considered a well-dressed girl, and this makes her so happy we cannot nelp expressing our thanks to you.