

## CHILDREN HEAD AUTO DEATH TOLL IN U. S.

### Secretary of State Emmerson Places Primary Responsibility with Parents

Pointing out that a large percentage of the 19,000 deaths due to automobile accidents in the United States are children, Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson urges the need of a better understanding of highway safety on the part of parents and school teachers.

Children can be trained in the schools in safety, he says, but the primary responsibility rests upon parents. He points out that a recent summary shows that the commonest types of automobile accidents to children are due to:

- Running into the street without looking in either direction.
- Running into the street in front of, or behind, standing vehicles.
- Crossing the street in the middle of the block.
- Crossing the street diagonally.
- Crossing the street with an open umbrella obstructing the view.
- Running into the street after a ball.
- Playing in the street.
- Using a coaster wagon or express wagon in the street.
- Chasing another child into the street.
- Hitching on the running board of an automobile.
- Getting into or out of a moving vehicle.
- Jumping on an ice wagon or huckster's wagon.
- Riding a bicycle in a crowded street.

Mr. Emmerson believes that parents could help the children acquire safety habits by themselves obeying all traffic regulations at all times, thus setting a good example to children and teaching fundamental traffic rules to them and insisting upon strict observance.

"Children should be warned," Mr. Emmerson says, "to cross the street only at regular crossings; wait until there is a clear space before crossing the street; to watch and obey the signals of a traffic officer where there is one; to play only in safe places and to look after the safety of younger children."

A. W. Hannah, 256 Woodstock avenue, Kenilworth, and George Taylor, 354 Kenilworth avenue, are spending the week traveling in Florida.

Holden K. Farrar, 329 Sheridan road, has gone to California for a short stay.

### CITIES REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Seventy-nine cities, ranging in population from 25,000 to 100,000 or over reduced accidents last year as compared with the previous year. This was in spite of the increase in the number of automobiles in operation in the streets. Most of this reduction is credited to education in accident prevention.

Mrs. E. G. Bentley has returned to her home at 804 Elmwood avenue after a month spent in the West. Her delightful trip included a stop at the Grand Canyon upon returning from her extended tour of the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Huck, 605 Essex road, Kenilworth, entertained at dinner last Friday evening.

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