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Child Safety

COMFORT, though scant, is to be found in the statement of the Secretary of State that the number of accidents per automobile has decreased even though the number of accidents steadily mounts. There is a suggestion of a growing caution on the part of drivers, of care for the safety of others upon the highway, and of concern for their own welfare. The reckless driver, except with the very young, has few friends.

That there is room still for considerable improvement of the situation is terribly obvious. One need only read the daily press to be assured that there is still too little caution and too much indifference to the public safety.

It is a mistake, however, to regard the driver as always to blame in the case of accident. Very often the pedestrian completely disregards the requirements of safety. In the case of accident to children, more often than not the driver must be held blameless. But that does not restore a child maimed, or killed, nor does it remove from the driver the awful consciousness that he has been the instrument, though unwitting, of bringing sorrow and suffering upon others.

Efforts such as that being made in the Citizens' Child Safety movement should be furthered by every possible co-operation on the part of parents, teachers, and traffic men in the community. Education of children in the practices that make for safety, impressing upon them, as well as upon those who drive, the need for constant caution, is the only way to bring about a material improvement of the situation.

School for Infants

THAT children will be placed in the public school at the age of two years is predicted by Dr. Bird T. Baldwin, head of the Bureau of Child Research, operated under the auspices of the University of Iowa. It is a prophecy which most people would be sorry to have fulfilled.

The American home has been one of the chief stones in the foundation of the structure of American life. It is a support to our institutions which we should protect against the manifold influences seeking to undermine it.

Most important among the factors that are changing the spirit of young America today is the weakening of home influence upon our boys and girls, the growing laxity in that home training which is the essential in sound character building. Our tendency has been to give more and more of the training of children into the hands of the women who direct their early education. Morals and manners, as well as reading and

writing, we have delegated to the teacher. Recreation has gone hand in hand with work out of the home into the school, and with them those interests which should serve as a bond of sympathy and understanding between parent and child.

In the educational system which we have built up it is the path of least resistance for parents to submit the whole training of the child to the person who presides over the school-room for which he grades. It would indeed be a loss, irreparable to both parents and children, to begin at two years that divorcement of home influence and educational training which now begins at six.

There is still a place for mothers in the lives of babies.

Health Instruction

RESIDENTS of New Trier township have every reason to feel satisfaction in the record that the high school has made in health instruction. It is something of which we may well be proud.

Today there is less and less patience with conditions that make for the lowered efficiency and the decreased joy in living that are a part of bad living conditions. More and more young people are being impressed with the value of sound bodies and sound minds as equipment for the business of living. Children are not properly trained unless they are taught the principles upon which good health rests and brought to that attitude of mind that makes it a moral obligation to care for the body in such a way as to bring it to its highest state of efficiency and to observe those community restrictions that are designed to protect the public health.

Students who go out from New Trier enter life equipped with this protection against the handicap of ill health resultant from failure to observe those fundamental rules that are taught them as a part of their school work.

Protectors

OUR firemen and policemen protect us against loss of life and property. Were it not for them, enemies of society, in the shape of burglars, holdup men, and moral perverts would rush in upon us from Chicago and other crowded centers and rapidly depopulate all our north shore towns. And fires starting in one district would sweep away unchecked almost every home.

These men, guardians of peace and property, by their activities and even by their very presence "keep things straight" for us. They patrol our streets and are on the lookout for trouble of every sort. We expect them to face danger and death. And they do. It is no uncommon thing for a policeman or fireman to risk his life in his endeavor to save the life and property of a fellow citizen.

For such service as this they cannot be paid. Money is no recompense for self sacrifice. The loss of a good husband and father is irreparable. But we CAN show a proper appreciation of their contributions to our peace and happiness. We can co-operate with them. When they suggest that we leave a light in our homes when we are absent at night we can use the suggestion. When they call our attention to the need of having lights lighted on our parked cars, we can easily remember to do this simple thing.

Once in a while let us think about our policemen and firemen.

THIS AND THAT

Until We Find a Title

YOUTH ETERNAL

I like growing old
In this new-fashioned way,
When Grandmas are told
By the things that they say.

When a common attire
Garbs the dame and the girl—
Both filled with Youth's fire
That has kindled the world.

I like growing old
While there's Youth aplenty;
And there's time to grow old—
For I'm only twenty!

—CINDERELLA.

We're All For It! We're Right With You, Buc.
Dear T. R. C.—The North Shore people should be spanked—the idea of not supporting you! One of my friends has become so unhappy over your gallant efforts to write the whole column that he has compelled me to rush up my noble steed Corona Four and declare myself your champion. What we need is a Pun Week and a Poem Week. Have the staff artist print several thousand beautiful embossed tags with the picture of a Pun on it. Station a few hundred of your charming readers along the corners and stations in these Northern towns. Everyone will want a tag, AND (here is the in-TRIC-ate part) in order to secure one they merely have to MAKE A PUN! We don't want your money, absolutely free, inexhaustible supply, and all that, you know. Think of the contributions for your august colyum! If you approved, you could even offer prizes for those collecting the most tags,—for instance:

1st prize: A splendid view of Lake Michigan.

2nd prize: Reserved space in this column for one week.

3rd prize: FREE subscription to this paper on receipt of \$10.00 in stamps.

Booby: One agate-type honorable mention, and then—but you see what a WOW of an idea that is. For Poem Week one merely substitutes "poems" for "puns"! You will then be able to make up at least several years' columns in advance. DO YOUR PUNNING EARLY!

—THE THIRTEENTH BUCCANEER.

WHY ALL THIS FUSS

About red-headed men and how or if they osculate? We'd like to ask you, Mister RHL? Why bother about the brick-topped ones when there are so many of us regular blond boys around?

WELL! WHAT IF THEY DO?

We note that our friend, Paul Gorby, the chief "we boy" of the Daily Northwestern editorial gang, is all het up over the idea of "co-eds" smoking. Forgive it, Mister Gorby! Don't fuss over such minor details. Go after some real problems like, "More Men For a Greater Northwestern."

For after the smoke of battle has cleared away, them co-ednas as wants to smoke will smoke and they won't git fired—unless they git caught—which isn't likely. Before you graduate, young fella, you'll learn better'n to try to tell co-eds what they will or will not do.

Of course we could tell a very sad and very moral tale about one youthful freshman maiden who tried to exhibit her smoking ability on common standard journalistic Camels and sure made an exhibition of herself, but—we promised never to tell this tale.

DECREE GRANTED

Call the next case! We noted recently that a woman was suing her husband because he refused to learn the Charleston and forced her to live in St. Louis. Extreme and repeated cruelty, beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt!

SAD WORDS

We simply love to write some of this column ourself this week but honest dear readers we're too gosh awful busy—between taking care of a rip-snortin' cold and "doin' the Arizona Charleston" with a right smart cough—and numerous other duties too numerous to mention. Better luck next week.

—T. R. C.