

School bus need not be a 'hell on wheels'

Dear Sir,
Children on a school bus seemingly belong to no one. The Principal has seen them safely aboard. A good driver has his eyes and ears on the road and traffic. The parents are at home grabbing their last cup of coffee before they thunder in. Then who do these children belong to from thirty to forty, thirty?

they doing during this time?
Recent safety rules for cars and occupants require seat belts, high back seats and no more than two in the front seat. Only a fool would allow his child to stand up, move about, scream, throw junk or in any way endanger himself or distract the driver while the car is in motion. The rules of a school

are also quite clear. We can expect that our child has adult supervision at all times of the day whether indoors or out. Our child is given a seat to himself in a spacious room with only thirty or so other children. He must not run in the classroom or throw junk or scream. This would endanger himself, and his peers or distract the teacher.

However, these rules are ignored on a school bus. We jam nearly a hundred kids on a vehicle, one tenth the size of a classroom three to a seat, no seat belts and no adult supervision. Then we put wheels under this vehicle and move it along at forty to fifty miles an hour. The kids on this moving sound box are tired and need to be physically active. They express

themselves in ways that no parent or teacher has ever witnessed. They scream, they push, they shove and kick. They open windows to lean out. They move about for the purpose of hitting each other. They tease unmercifully. Some cry. They chant obscenities. It is a happy hunting ground for the bully. Only a few sit quietly looking out the window to avoid being

the target of this holocaust.
We would like to lay the responsibility squarely on the bus driver. This would give him only the odd fleeting moment to glance out the windshield at the road and traffic. The number of accidents to date remains small thanks to the bus drivers' extreme care. But let us not expect the impossible. He is

a driver not a supervisor. Then maybe we would like to place the responsibility on the school. Except for frequent reminders and discussions about safety on a bus, the school is not responsible for our children once they have left the school premises. These unclaimed children who have entered this no mans' land, belong to us. They are

our responsibility. Safety reminders at home get mere lip service. But we can demand the same safety devices on a school bus as we are required for our family car, by writing our MPP. Supervision is a must. But who in their right mind would volunteer? And with cuts in educational costs, we cannot expect to obtain hired supervision. There is an effective

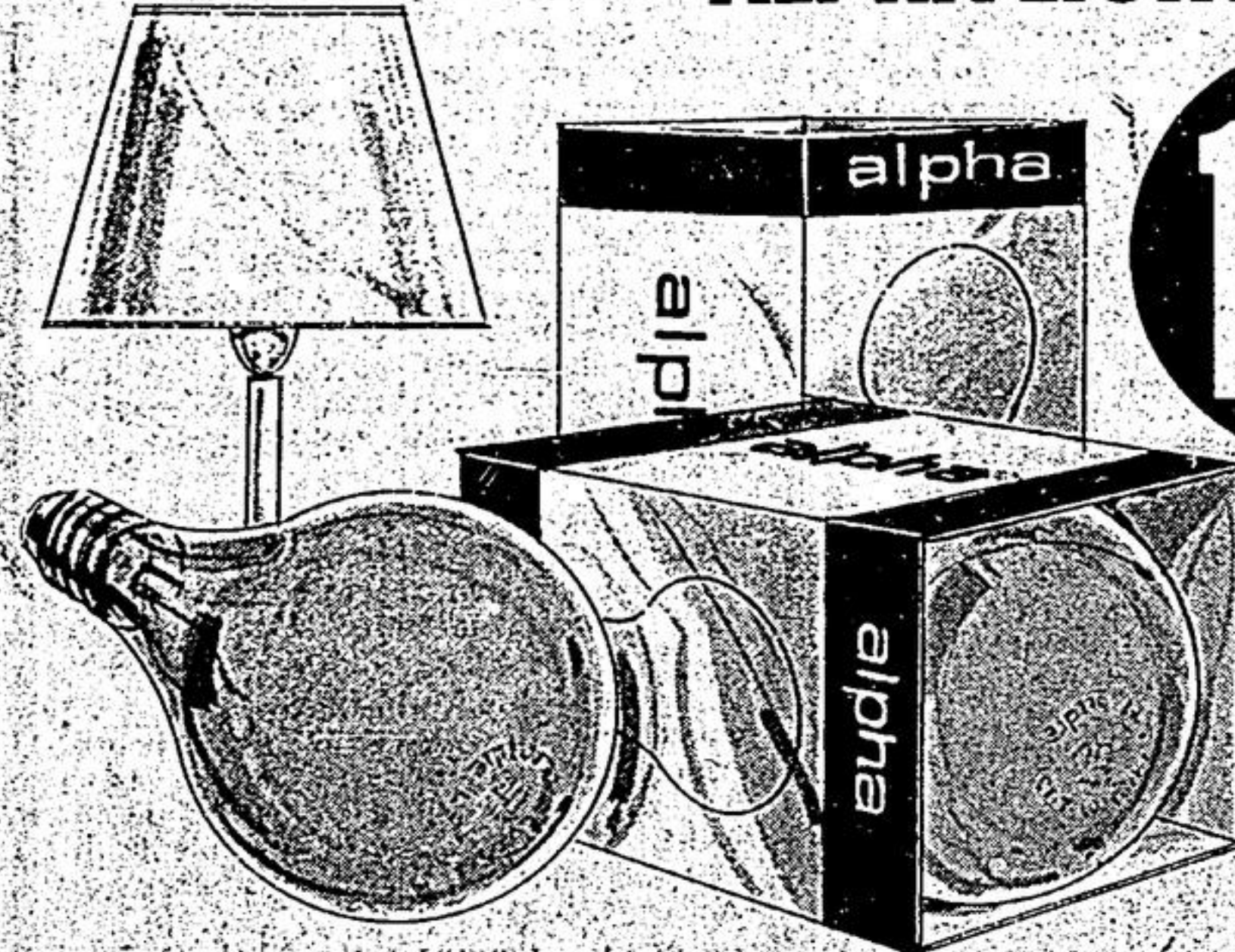
solution. A school built beside a main train line and on a four lane highway solved the safety problems pertinent to their own school situation in this way. The children themselves wrote the safety rules. They agreed on a punishment for the violators. A few responsible older students were given the backing by parents and staff to enforce these rules, and report the offenders. Any violation of the rules meant appearing before the school court also set up by the students. The student

jury decided his guilt or innocence and a student judge his penalty. The parents co-operated. It was the life of their children at stake. It was extreme, but the death of a child is also extreme.
We too have safety problems. We also have older responsible students who could be instructed and trusted to be fair in enforcing the rules on a moving school bus. It need not be a 'hell on wheels'.
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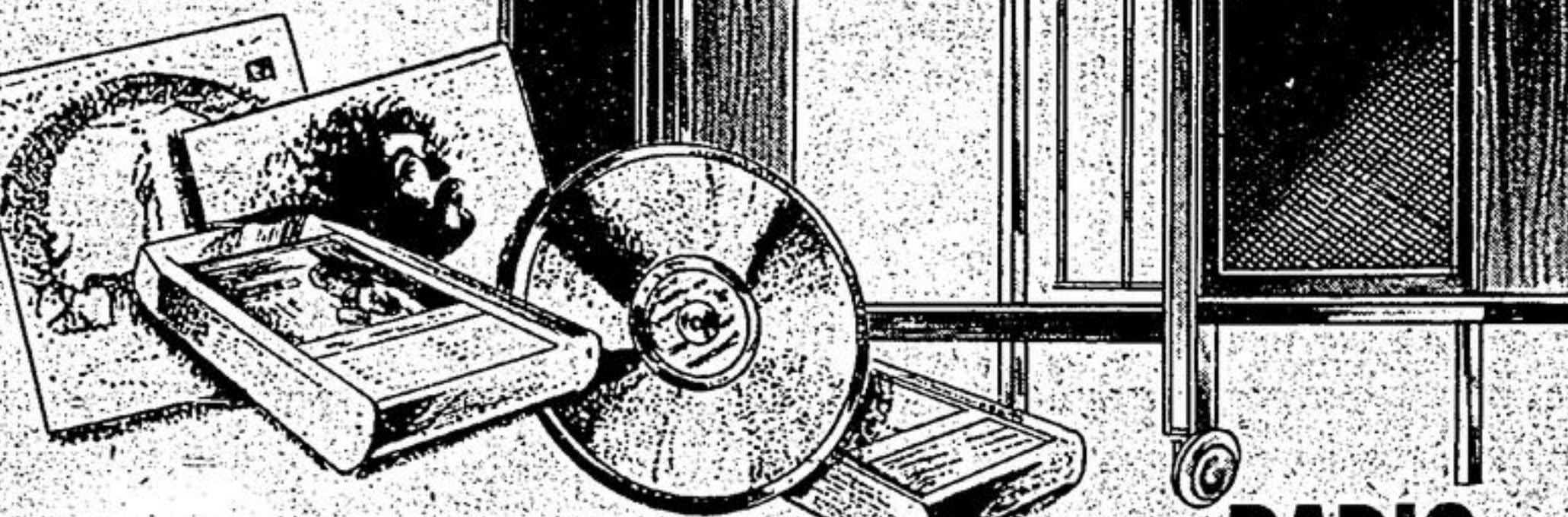
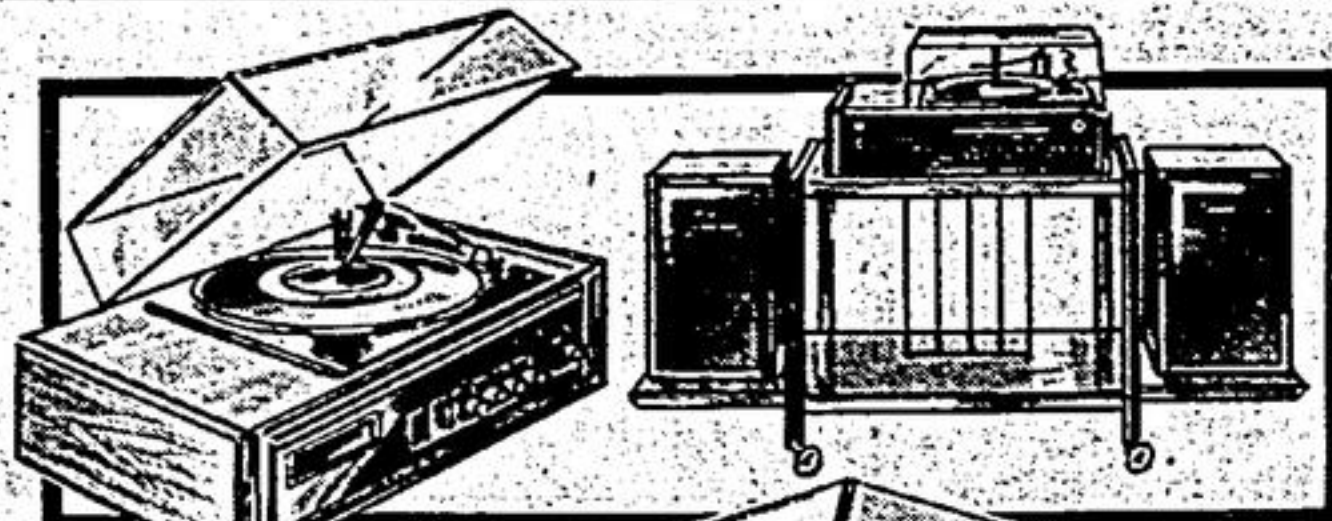
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From an article by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilke appearing in the April issue of Columbia magazine, condensed by Cecilia Broderick.

Little Kelly Thorman was born in March 1971 in Toledo Ohio. When Kelly was exactly three days old she weighed one pound. Kelly was born very prematurely. She arrived at 21 weeks, just a little over four-and-a-half months into her mother's pregnancy. The Supreme Court now permits the killing of little ones like this within their mother's, up to 24 weeks gestation, and beyond. Is Kelly human?

Marcus Richardson was born at our University Hospital in Cincinnati on Jan. 1, 1972. He arrived exactly 19 weeks and six days from the onset of his mother's last menstrual period; 16 weeks from the time she missed her first period. Marcus is a completely normal, happy child today. He is the youngest surviving baby we know of. Babies like Marcus can now be killed in any of our states and in all of the provinces of Canada simply because he is judged nonhuman under the law.

At 16 weeks one can see the perfection of the developing baby's fingers, fingernails, toes and so on. This would be the earliest that a salt poisoning abortion could be done. It would be killing a baby at this degree of perfection.

Eleven weeks truly is a watershed in terms of a baby's development in the womb. All organ systems function; a baby of this age swallows the fluid he lies in, his stomach and intestinal tract extract nutrients from it to help build his body; he urinates; he has bowel movements and his kidneys control the volume of amniotic fluid. His mother has nothing to do with that.

When his mother sleeps, he will sleep; but when she bounces down the stairs or their is a loud

noise in the room he will awaken with a start.

If you sweeten the fluid he lies in he will swallow more often but if you make it sour he will quit swallowing just as any other baby would. At this age the baby is very sensitive to light, to heat to noise and to touch. We know this because of some very sophisticated experiments with closed circuit X-ray T.V. cameras by fetologist A. William Liley of New Zealand. We know that at this age if you prick him with a needle the baby will recoil with pain. If you introduce a beeping noise and then prick him and do that a few times, he will quickly learn to recoil from the "beep", knowing that the pain will follow. Above 16 weeks the most common method of abortion is the saline or salt poisoning abortion. The woman is laid on her back and a long needle is inserted through her abdominal wall into the fluid sac around the baby. Some of the fluid is withdrawn and replaced with an injection of concentrated salt solution. Remember at 11 weeks the baby was breathing, swallowing and extremely sensitive to touch and pain.

He breathes in this poisonous salt solution, swallows it and struggles. The mother sometimes can feel this movement. It takes at least an hour to kill the baby who sometimes suffers terminal convulsions before lying still.

If the woman is one of the two-thirds to three-fourths who are fortunate and have no complications she will go into labour about one day later and deliver vaginally what our proabortion friends call "product of pregnancy". Occasionally these babies are born alive.

Babies aborted by the salt poisoning method often have a typical "candy apple" appearance.

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