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You Wouldn't Hurt A Kid, Would You Mister?

During summer months, the nation's juvenile population is not so much in evidence, but on the day that school opens they suddenly appear on the streets and highways in droves.

Motorists are thus confronted with a new hazard to which they must quickly readjust themselves and their driving, or child pedestrian accidents will show a sharp increase. Double alertness and proper mental acceptance of this hazard should be the aim of every driver, for motorists are charged with the larger share of the responsibility for protecting these young pedestrians. Children under 15 cannot be expected to assume full responsibility for their actions in traffic. This is especially true of younger children and the large group of beginners starting out to school for the first time.

Parents, too, should share the responsibility with their fellow motorists by making sure that their children know and will obey all rules for safe walking and cycling. Accident records indicate that an average of from 1,500 to 2,000 child pedestrians under 14 years of age have been killed annually during the past five years.

Proper cooperation between parents and motorists can aid substantially in reducing this annual loss of young American lives. The following suggestions will help to insure this vital cooperation:

For Motorists

1. Use extra driving caution during hours when children are known to be traveling to and from school.
2. Slow down when you see children walking or playing near the roadway ahead.
3. Make it a standing rule to keep alert and travel more slowly in school areas and heavy residential districts during the school season.
4. Give children on bicycles a wide berth. Be prepared to stop quickly when meeting or passing.
5. Be alert to spot small children on tricycles, skates, scooters and similar vehicles.
6. Never take a child's actions for granted. Always expect the unexpected.

For Parents

1. Give your children a refresher course in traffic safety as they start back to school.
2. See that beginners are properly supervised until you are sure they have learned and will obey rules for safely using the streets and sidewalks to and from school.
3. Teach smaller children the following important safety rules:
 - a. Stop on curb, look both ways, and watch for turning traffic before walking across.
 - b. Cross only at proper crosswalks. If no crosswalks, personally show them the safest crossings to and from school.
 - c. On roadways, walk well to the side always facing traffic.
 - d. Always walk across streets when the way is clear; never dart into the street or run across.
 - e. Impress children with the need for obeying all traffic officers, school crossing guards, whether police, school safety patrol, or mechanical signs and signals.
 - f. No playing in streets, alleys, or driveways.
 - g. No roller skating from sidewalks or driveways into streets.
 - h. No hitching rides on motor vehicles when cycling to or from school.
4. Parents should cooperate fully with police, teachers and Parent-Teachers Associations in all community activities aimed at child safety.
5. Always set children an example of safety behavior by your own conduct when walking or driving on the streets.

Many motorists fail to realize how great their chances of hitting a school child really are, until they stop to think or the large number of children which each day use the streets on their way to and from school. In the vicinity of an average urban school this number ranges into the hundreds during certain hours of the day.

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FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

This column is directed toward those parents who have children in bed with rheumatic fever, in hopes that a few words of warning may serve to fortify them in the gigantic task of keeping those children in bed until it is perfectly safe for them to get up.

It is so easy to say, "Just this once won't matter. It can't hurt Johnny to come to the table on his birthday. Or on Christmas morning." It can hurt Johnny very much. It can render Johnny an invalid for the rest of his life, a mere ghost of the strong man nature intended him to be.

A year out of a lifetime isn't so much. It seems long while it is going on. Johnny gets restless. He hasn't anything interesting to do, and he starts whining.

Whining is hard to take. It is too easy to adopt the defeatist attitude, shrug the shoulders, say you can't stand it, and let the boy have his way.

So you'll trade off a little temporary unpleasantness, for a lifetime of being careful, of not being able to play football, of being a spectator at the swimming pool instead of winning the diving contest? That's why you are an adult instead of equipped with the brains of a child. Johnny can't be expected to take the long view. All he sees is the present. It's up to you to do his thinking and make his decisions for him at this point.

It is a great challenge to always be one step ahead of a child, thinking of constructive things that he

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Monthly Charge For Kindergarten For Outsiders

Board Discusses Possible Jointure For Kindergarten

Kindergarten children whose parents reside outside limits of Dallas Borough-Kingston Township School district will be charged \$10 per month, payable in advance, according to action taken at Friday night's Joint School Board meeting. Transportation must be arranged by parents unless the kindergarten bus route is convenient. Parents of all children coming by bus will make financial arrangements to cover cost of transportation.

Last year children from outside jointure were admitted, after all jointure children who were eligible and desired admission had been accommodated. Parents were not billed for tuition, as it was assumed that tuition could legally be collected from the school boards concerned. When it developed that extra-jointure boards could not be held responsible, as kindergarten instruction is not an integral or obligatory part of the school system, some way had to be devised to relieve Dallas Borough and Kingston Township from the burden of educating children from outside their limits.

The matter of a possible kindergarten jointure, with Dallas-Franklin Township was discussed. Charles Manneer and Lewis LeGrand were appointed to meet with Dallas-Franklin Township to discuss the proposal. Kindergarten jointure possibilities with other school systems were not considered at this time.

It was brought out that fourteen kindergarten children from Dallas-Franklin attended kindergarten last year, with children admitted from other areas and that this year there are also fourteen children in the new housing development, 4 girls and 10 boys, who must be accommodated in kindergarten if the parents so desire.

Though financial responsibility for education of the housing development children rests upon Kingston Township, the matter was discussed further in joint session Dan Robinson had appeared before Kingston Township Board earlier in the evening to furnish statistics.

Sixty-eight families are already in residence with four more about to move in. Besides the kindergarten children there are 10 girls and 17 boys of school age. Capacity housing will be 100 units, with proportionate numbers of children to be educated.

A proposal by the Board to the bonding company to furnish tax equivalent for education was turned down by the company. When bonds mature and capacity of the development is 100% an adjustment may be made, but there is no legal obligation to bear any portion of the burden. Per capita taxes will be the only collectible tax.

Measurements establish that the development is within the two-mile limit, making it not obligatory for the district to furnish transportation for school children. Buses pass the area but are filled before they pass. Extra bus service would cost \$1,000 per annum.

It was pointed out that if the housing development rated transportation, Trucksville Gardens and other far points would claim it as their right.

Proportionate reimbursement by the State is seen as the only relief, with legislation needed to better allocate a staggering burden. Homebound instruction was arranged for four children. Two resignations were accepted, those of Sara Friedly and Anne Stapleton. Chester Molley was recommended as one replacement. Sophia Morris, recovering from a serious operation in Richmond, and not expected back on duty in the library at Westmoreland for some weeks, will be replaced by a temporary substitute.

Instead of robbery insurance to cover contents of vaults in Dallas Borough and Westmoreland schools, it was voted to make deposits in First National Bank of Dallas night depository; carry a maximum of \$100 in each of the two school vaults at night; and insure the carrier who transports the money.

It was pointed out by Fred Malckemes, speaking for the insurance company, that more than one carrier could legally transport money, but that not more than one carrier could be in action at one time.

Fred Anderson presided. Present were James Hutchison, Charles Manneer, Dan Shaver, Stanley Henning, James Martin, Lewis LeGrand, Rob-

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Supervisors Condemn Property Where Family Of Three Drowned

Condemnation proceedings have been started by Kingston Township Supervisors to take the frame dwelling where tragedy stalked the Benjamin Johnson family just off Carverton Road in Trucksville.

The property is owned by David Thomas of 114 Powell Street, Plymouth, and has been unoccupied since it was washed from its foundation by the freshet in which Mrs. Johnson and her two children were drowned.

Removal of the structure from its location on a miniature peninsula formed by the creek, will permit the supervisors to straighten the creek bed and eliminate the only

two bridges maintained by Kingston Township.

It will also permit the Supervisors to fill in and build a road over the old creek bed for the convenience of property owners who now use the two bridges. This latter construction will protect the \$9,000 investment which the township has in the Oak Street retaining wall which has been threatened by undermining by the creek.

The State Department of Forests and Waters will share a part of the expense, furnishing a shovel and bulldozer to excavate the new stream bed and fill in the old.

Joint Schools Gain 49 Pupils Over Last Year

Enrollment 1060 Compared With 1011 At Opening, 1951

Enrollment for first day of school, Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Joint School District, was 1060, as against 1011 pupils last year for the opening day.

Registration in the first six grades for Dallas Borough, Shavertown and Trucksville elementary schools totaled 530, as against 499 last year.

Enrollment in the kindergarten is 96 for resident children, 5 for non-resident. Last year on opening day it was 70 for residents, 8 non-residents. Registration during the first two weeks of 1951 went up to 86 and remained at about that level.

High school enrollment at Westmoreland is 429, a loss of five as against last year's 434.

Supervising Principal James Martin states that he expects more students in all departments when vacations are over and final readjustments have been made.

Fifteen Girls Are In Finals

Lady Of Lake To Be Crowned Sunday

Fifteen attractive young women finalists will compete Sunday afternoon at 3 for the Lady of the Lake Title at Sunset, Harveys Lake in the competition sponsored by Harveys Lake Lions Club.

They were chosen from a group of fifty-two entrants who competed in the preliminaries on Sunday.

The winner was to have been crowned on Labor Day by Miss Patricia Roberts, Lady of the Lake for 1951, but stormy weather prevented and forced postponement until this Sunday.

The first prize will be a three-day all-expense trip to Bedford Springs.

Finalists are: Mrs. Barbara Prebola, Harding; Irene Chesonis, Lopez; Yvonne Bond and Rosemary Jean Moritz both Wilkes-Barre;

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Quirk In School Code Gives Sixteen Pupils Free Tuition

Because of a change in the State School Code pertaining to tuition payments for out-of-district pupils, sixteen children who attended Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Kindergarten last year obtained their schooling free.

This was revealed recently when Jackson Township was billed for the tuition for two pupils, and Dallas Township was billed \$1,858.76 for the tuition for fourteen. Both districts withheld payment claiming that under present law, "Districts may pay the tuition of kindergarten pupils" but are not required to do so.

Until last December 27 when the law was changed, the State Department of Public Instruction would have reimbursed Dallas Borough-Kingston Township directly for the tuition of kindergarten pupils from other districts. Under the changed law, however, the State reimburses the sending district which then pays the teaching district. The amount which the State would have paid as its share under this arrangement would have been \$1,020.01. Dallas Borough-Kingston Township would have accepted this amount as full payment.

A spokesman for Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Board explained this week: "The crux of the matter

Dallas - Franklin To Review Joint Kindergarten

Kuhnert, Evans And Perry To Meet With Westmoreland Tonight

Directors of the Dallas-Franklin Township Joint School Board appointed a committee at their Tuesday night meeting to study a proposed joint kindergarten with a committee from Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Joint Board.

Realizing that there are no facilities at the Dallas Township School to maintain a kindergarten, the committees will discuss the problem to ascertain the costs involved and the amount of reimbursement that can be expected from Harrisburg if such a jointure is made.

A combined kindergarten would relieve Dallas Township and Franklin Township parents of the \$10.00 per month tuition fee which is presently being paid. However, it was pointed out at the meeting that it is not compulsory for any school district to maintain a kindergarten for pre-school children. Supervising Principal Raymond Kuhnert brought out that kindergarten is only a convenience for the public.

John Perry, Don Evans and Raymond Kuhnert were appointed to study the kindergarten question. The board further considered the matter of fire insurance.

Since the school's last insurance appraisal was made in 1947 the board realized that, with today's high building costs, there is not enough insurance being carried to cover the present valuation of building and supplies. Consequently Ben H. Edwards, special fire insurance agent for Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Insurance Company, was asked to make an appraisal in order to determine the school's increased insurance needs.

Edwards pointed out that there are several fire hazards that must be removed before further insurance can be considered.

Directors appointed Tom Moore to lead a committee to take immediate steps to eliminate the fire hazards pointed out.

At present \$234,000 insurance is carried but the Board does not consider this adequate.

It was decided that an additional appraisal, be made by Edward Eyermaier & Son, before the board decides on the amount of increased insurance needed.

At a recent meeting it was decided that it would be more advantageous for the trust department of a bank to act as treasurer for school funds in order to eliminate bonding fees. However, since the First National Bank of Dallas has no trust department, it was decided at this meeting that W. B. Jeter would continue as treasurer for both the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township and Dallas Township-Franklin Township Joint Boards.

Supervising Principal Kuhnert informed the members of the board that the newly-prepared athletic field will be completed in two weeks.

Maza Asked To Stop Building

Supervisors Charge Violation Of Code

Charging that construction of a frame structure in the triangle at the intersection of the old State Highway and Route 309 near Mt. Greenwood Cemetery in Kingston Township, violates its 25-foot building line established some years ago, Kingston Township Supervisors have restrained Joseph Maza, Center Hill Road, Dallas, from continuing construction.

The lot, purchased from the Loveland Estate at a price said to be \$1,000, is 35 feet at its widest point and extends 100 feet to the apex of a triangle formed by the juncture of the two roads.

The Supervisors, through their solicitor, Donald O. Coughlin, contend that any structure on the plot would be in violation of the building code which stipulates that nothing can be built within 25 feet of either road.

Mr. Maza plans to contest the ruling on the grounds that the ordinance was not properly advertised at the time it was adopted.

Move To Murraysville

Harold Payne, president of Murraysville Telephone Company, reports that he has had a busy summer. Mrs. Payne and family will move to Murraysville next week.

Injured Driver Starts Action Against Borough

Bakery Salesman Was Injured When Truck Hit Hole In Street

Dallas Borough faces legal action as the result of an accident in which Robert Glomb, driver for F. W. Baking Company was injured on July 5 after his bakery truck hit a hole on lower Main Street and overturned.

Notice that the claim will be filed was received by Borough Council at Johnston & Pope, attorneys for Mr. Glomb and F. W. Baking Company.

The matter was referred to solicitor Burt B. Lewis after it was explained that the police department investigated at the time of the accident and found that the truck proceeded 200 feet, crossing the street twice, before it finally hit a service pole and overturned. Glomb was taken to the hospital for treatment but discharged.

The street has since been repaired.

NEW BUILDING
Informed by Fire Chief James Besecker that Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will shortly order a new fire truck and has no place to keep it since it will retain its present truck as an auxiliary pumper and water carrier, Council discussed the possibility of a new Borough Building with facilities to house the company.

After a discussion of possible sites for such a building, Council moved to meet with a committee from the fire company and Lacy, Atherton, and Davis, architects, to make a preliminary survey of the needs of the community; type of building best suited to meet the needs, and then select the site best suited for the building.

This group will later discuss methods of financing. All councilmen were in favor of the preliminary survey.

Councilman Raymond Hedden reported for a committee composed of Council president, Joseph MacVeigh; Borough Engineer John Jeter; Street Commissioner Ralph Eipper and himself. After the committee checked the condition of the present Borough Building and street department warehouse, it advised construction of a new foundation at a cost not to exceed \$400, the work to be done on a per day basis by street department employees.

Council voted to purchase a new traffic standard to replace the one on Main Street broken off some weeks ago by a truck. It was also brought out that since Luzerne County Gas and Electric Co., installed a new meter a year ago, the bill for traffic lights has been increasing monthly, although no more electricity is being consumed. In August 1951 108 kw hours were consumed in contrast with 238 kw hours during August this year. Since the light company refuses to do anything about it, Council authorized a private firm to test the meter.

Building permits were issued to Joseph Wallo for \$7,500 for the construction of a dwelling on Sunset Avenue and for \$2,500 for repairs to the former Sullivan property on Huntsville Road; a permit for \$500 was issued to Sev. Newberry for dwelling repairs.

Council also approved the inclusion of all paid Borough employees under social security.

A \$25 contribution was made to the Visiting Nurse Association. Bills amounting to \$1,984.44 were paid leaving a balance of \$8,732.18 in the treasury.

In the absence of Borough president Joseph MacVeigh, vice president Warden Kunkle presided. Other councilmen absent were Sev. Newberry and Harris Haycox.

Study Specifications For New Fire Pumper

Closely following specifications outlined by R. F. Goodhue, chief engineer of the Middle Department Association of Fire Underwriters, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will shortly call for bids for a new fire truck.

Members of the purchasing committee are: James F. Besecker, chief; Nort Bert, assistant chief; Henry W. Peterson, Ben Edwards, and Arthur Ross.

The company will seek bids on a 750-gallon per minute pumper and a 500-gallon per minute pumper, but since the Underwriters recommend a 750-gallon pump, the company will probably purchase that size.

A pumper of that capacity will be one of the largest and most powerful in the county and will be especially adaptable for relay work.