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MAPPING SAFEST ROUTE TO SCHOOL is one of the most constructive projects now awaiting grade schoolers on their return to classes. Maps worked over under the guidance of teachers, as shown above, on the basis of a program developed by the American Automobile Association, are for showing to parents who then lend a hand in charting the safest course for their children.

Two Million Kids To Ride Back To School On Bicycles

More than 2,000,000 kids will be pedaling back to school as a daily practice this fall, including thousands of beginners, it is estimated by the Bicycle Institute of America.

Ever increasing popularity of bicycles as the highly personalized mode of transportation for youngsters, has been accompanied by a lowering of the number of serious accidents suffered by the young cyclists, the Institute reports.

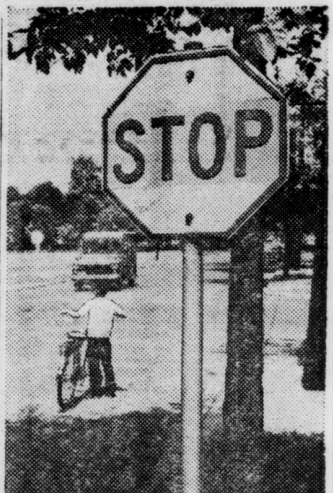
Child counselors are pretty much agreed that the earlier a youngster begins to ride a bike, the earlier he develops a sense of responsibility.

In some areas, through cooperation of parents, police and educational authorities licensing children to use their bikes has been arranged, to heighten this sense of responsibility.

And this works well, it is reported. Licenses are denied youngsters who fail to keep their bikes in good safe condition or who are unable to pass appropriate riding tests.

Given an opportunity to try again for a license, they work to regain the right to ride and in the process learn more about traffic safety.

Bike riders, however, are by no means exclusively grade schoolers. Bicycles are so pop-



BACK TO SCHOOL BIKE riders must heed boulevard stop signs with the same caution as the motorist, in the name of safety.

ular among high school and college students special parking provisions and rules for regulating bike traffic are necessary on school grounds and campuses.

Introduction of new type American made "middle weight" bikes has vastly increased popularity of this type of personalized transportation among collegians.

School Buses Setting Record Of Safe Travel for Children

A graphic example of how successful school buses are in transporting children is found in a recent survey made in Pennsylvania where it was reported that the danger of a fatality on a school bus was more than 26 times as remote as in general automotive traffic.

According to Harry I. Kirk, president of the AAA, much of the present safe operation of school buses can be attributed to the high degree of uniformity among state laws pertaining to marking and operation of the buses, and the laws regulating other vehicle traffic approaching the buses.

In every state except Michi-

gan, motorists must come to a complete stop when they approach a stopped school bus picking up or discharging pupils.

There is still considerable variation among the different state laws on when motorists may resume movement, so Mr. Kirk suggests that when motorists are in doubt they should remain stationary until the bus starts moving again.

In most states, the buses are easily recognized. The majority follow the recommended practice of having all school buses painted bright yellow and plainly marked in large black letters "School Bus."

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