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The celebration of America's Independence day results yearly in many being killed or maimed and in the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property. In recent years the "sane" plan has been tried effectively by several communities. This year a country wide campaign for a safer Fourth is in progress

By Mayor JOHN E. REYBURN of Phila- By Mrs. ISAAC L. RICE, Anti-noise Ad-

all it implies.

The Fourth is patriotic, would do. But at the same time pens were 1,119. it got me to reading up history NO LONGER NEED ONE FEAR to learn just what the Fourth TO BE BRANDED WITH THE STIGmeant. The story of George MA OF DISLOYALTY TO COUNTRY Washington and his little hatchet does not appeal to every one.

SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO GO SWIMMING, WHILE OTHERS EN-

> THERE ARE SOME WHO . LIKE ' TO FOURTH.

I know I used to load up an old

der, then lay a train to it, set fire COUNTRY, and the time now to the fuse and run with the rest certainly seems ripe for some conjust as hard as I could until it certed action for the protection of went off. Yes, we used to make our girls and boys. up our own fireworks.

Of course a regular program arranged for the celebration of the HE celebrating of Independday in an orderly and safe manner is a good thing. But at the same time I would like to see plenty of fireworks exploded under safe reg-

By HENRY J. PAIN, Fireworks Manu-

VERY accident and death that occurs on the Fourth of July is set down as the result of dangerous fireworks. Eighty per cent of these accidents are really due to TOY PISTOLS, CANNON CRACKERS, TOR-PEDOES AND REVOLVERS in the hands of men who have CELEBRATED THE DAY NOT WISELY, BUT TOO WELL.

NO FIRECRACKERS MORE THAN FIVE INCHES LONG SHOULD BE USED. THEY AND THE TOY PIS-TOLS ARE THE MOST DANGER-OUS THINGS A CHILD CAN HAN

severe to abolish such things.

'M for the Fourth of July and HE casualties on the last , Fourth of July were about six thousand. The total and it TEACHES PATRIOT- losses to the Continentals at the ISM. When I was a boy we used battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill, to lay awake nights waiting for the Fort Moultrie, White Plains, Fort Fourth and planning what we Washington, Monmouth and Cow-

> IF ONE INVEIGHS AGAINST THE MADNESS OF PARENTS WHO PLACE DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES IN THE HANDS OF THEIR LITTLE ONES OR PROTESTS VEHEMENT-LY AGAINST THE CRIME OF PER-MITTING WEE CHILDREN TO BE MAIMED AND KILLED IN THE

CELEBRATION OF A HOLIDAY.

Partly as a result of the untir-CELEBRATE THE ing efforts of some real patriots in compiling statistics of the cost of our celebration of the Fourth a WAVE OF INDIGNATION IS musket, just cram it full of pow- SWEEPING OVER THE

By Governor JOHN BURKE of North

ence day is BECOMING MORE PERILOUS EV-ERY YEAR. Why should the child be allowed to handle the dangerous firecrackers which many grown persons fear?

THERE IS NO PATRIOTISM IN LETTING A YOUNGSTER PUT IT SELF AND ALL THOSE AROUND IN DANGER, IS THERE?

When I was a boy there was NO SUCH THING AS GIANT

FIRECRACK-

ERS, and the firecrackers used were small and almost harmless compared with those of today. Children can be instilled with patriotism with much better results and with

little or no danger to life, limb or The law could not be made too property by the PAGEANT IDEA which prevails in England.

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