# School Increases Traffic Danger

Pedestrian accidents may be one of the big dangers for youngsters headed back to school.

"The current trend," said the National Safety council, "is to drive everywhere. There is a growing notion that children shouldn't walk even a couple of blocks to school."

"This," it said, "has resulted in lots of students driving to school (and driving around during lunch hours), and parents taking their children to and from school every day." day."

**Increased Danger**

Students driving to school means increased danger to them and their companions. They also add to the already present danger to pedestrians.

Parents who drive their children to school create a bottleneck around the building. The great number of autos around schools, where hundreds of students are walking, increases the danger to pedestrians even more.

Accidents, according to the council, are the number one cause of death to the nation's more than 35 million school-age children.

**One of Seven**

About one out of every seven pedestrian deaths involves a child 5 to 14 years of age. Children get hurt in pedestrian accidents in a variety of ways–crossing between intersections, playing on the road, dashing from behind parked cars and jaywalking.

What about the car as a hazard to students?

Nearly six million motorists are teenagers. One out of ten drivers in a fatal auto accident is a teen. Main fault of young drivers in auto accidents, according to the council, is a tendency to speed.

"Only kids who lack confidence in their popularity," the council believes, "need to show off behind the wheel of a car."

**Adult Responsibility**

Driving a car is an adult responsibility. The driver's seat is no spot for immature showoffs–and that's just what kids are if they "horse around" with horsepower.

Young people who drive to school should slow down to keep themselves and their companions alive.

And motorists – especially parents who drive around schools–should be extra careful during back-to-school days, because excited, unsuspecting youngsters may dash into the street without a moment's notice.

GAINS EMPHASIS–Learning by seeing and hearing is a teaching concept that gains emphasis in our modern school systems. Here a group of grade school youngsters sit entranced as they watch a film on one of their class room subjects. According to Bell and Howell company, producers of photographic equipment, more and more schools are giving audio-visual instruction with filmstrip, sound and silent movies, slides, tape recorders and phonographs.

# James Announces Registration for Phoenix Schools

Phoenix – Procedures for registration at Phoenix school registration at Phoenix schools were announced last week by E. R. James, superintendent-principal.

School buses will start their runs the first day of school, Monday, Sept. 14, on the same schedule as last year.

Children of the first three grades are to report to the primary unit of the elementary school. Those entering grades four to eight are to report to the grade school building.

Parents of first grade pupils should bring evidence of their child's birthday and a health certificate on the first day of school, James said.

**New Students**

Students new to Phoenix High school are to register at the high school office the first week in September. New students who are working during the day may register at the office between 7 and 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Former high school students and incoming ninth graders who registered last spring for their program of studies need not appear until opening day, according to the superintendent. However, they may call at the office during the first week of September if they have any questions on their program, he said.

High school students are to report to the high school gym for opening assembly at 9 a.m. and afterward will obtain their daily program and books and pay fees. They also will attend shortened classes opening day.

School fees totaling $13 are for books, towels and student body card. The book usage fee of $6.50 is required since state law does not permit purchase of high school texts by the district.

Those wishing to purchase a school yearbook may reserve a copy at time of registration by paying $4 additional.

The school cafeteria will begin serving meals Tuesday, Sept. 15.

# Parents Should Go Over School Route

It's not too early for parents of children who will be starting to school in Medford this fall to plan a safe route to and from school.

Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin said parents should not only select a safe route, but should go over it several times with children before the opening day of school.

Parents whose youngsters will be riding bicycles to and from school also should see that they know and obey all bike riding rules, he added.

All grade schools in Medford have school patrols, but parents never should forget that once away from the protected school area a child has to have had enough safety training in advance to be able to help protect himself in traffic.

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An ideal gift for the youngster going away to school is a travel alarm clock. The new compact clocks come in a wide variety of styles and colors.

# Happiness Is Vital Key In Nursery School Pick

There are many reasons for placing a child in a play school, nursery school or day nursery, but whatever these reasons are, they should always take into account what is best for the child.

It is well to remember that few children are ready to profit by several hours of group play with other children away from their homes until they are two-and-a-half or three years of age.

Having decided that you are making the desirable or necessary move, choosing the nursery school or day nursery is a matter of real importance.

**Visit the School**

Since no two approved centers are identical, it is wise to visit the nursery school ahead when the school is in session; take your youngster along so that he may see the children at play and perhaps play with them briefly.

It is difficult for one untrained and inexperienced in nursery school procedure to actually know all of the fine points that make up a good nursery school.

However, there are certain fundamental matters that any mother would recognize as being important.

**Not Crowded**

First, are rooms clean, light, attractive, free from crowding and confusion? Is the play equipment adequate, clean and in a good state of repair?

Does the school require preregistration physical examination and immunization?

Does the center guard against the spread of communicable disease by careful reporting of communicable disease contacts? Does it have morning health screening on arrival of the children . . . careful isolation of the child who becomes ill during the day?

Does the daily program provide for adequate nutrition and rest?

Most important, do the children appear to be active, interested, spontaneous and happy?

This is the vital key to whether or not your child will be happy in this school.

# Paper Keyboard Teaches Music

A little paper piano keyboard is introducing grade-school youngsters to a whole world of music – including strings, woodwinds, brasses and drums–as well as the piano itself.

According to the American Music conference, it provides a visual teaching method that gives children enough musical background to write their own simple melodies.

Third through sixth grade youngsters learn in a group, following a simple system: Students, accompanied by the teacher's piano, pick out a familiar tune on their keyboards, then transpose it to another key.

**New Songs**

They follow learning new songs.

Relays of four children play a tune on the actual piano with additional instrumental accompaniment. They may learn the role each instrument plays by using bells for melody, autoharp for chords or harmony, and piano for both.

Youngsters compose their own melodies.

The keyboard experience method is not intended to train pianists, but to teach youngsters harmony's relation to melody. This knowledge may later be applied to playing any instrument the youngster wishes.

Schools favor the system because it gives each pupil an opportunity to join in according to his interests and ability; coordinate harmony, rhythm and music reading in the mind of the child; speeds the learning process by using sight, touch and hearing simultaneously.

### *Recommend Two Pairs Of Everyday Shoes*

At least two pairs of shoes for everyday wear allows the youngster to rest his shoes and his feet. It also insures longer wear for each pair.

The shoes should be worn on alternate days. A special pair of dress-up shoes keeps children looking sharp when they go to church or parties.

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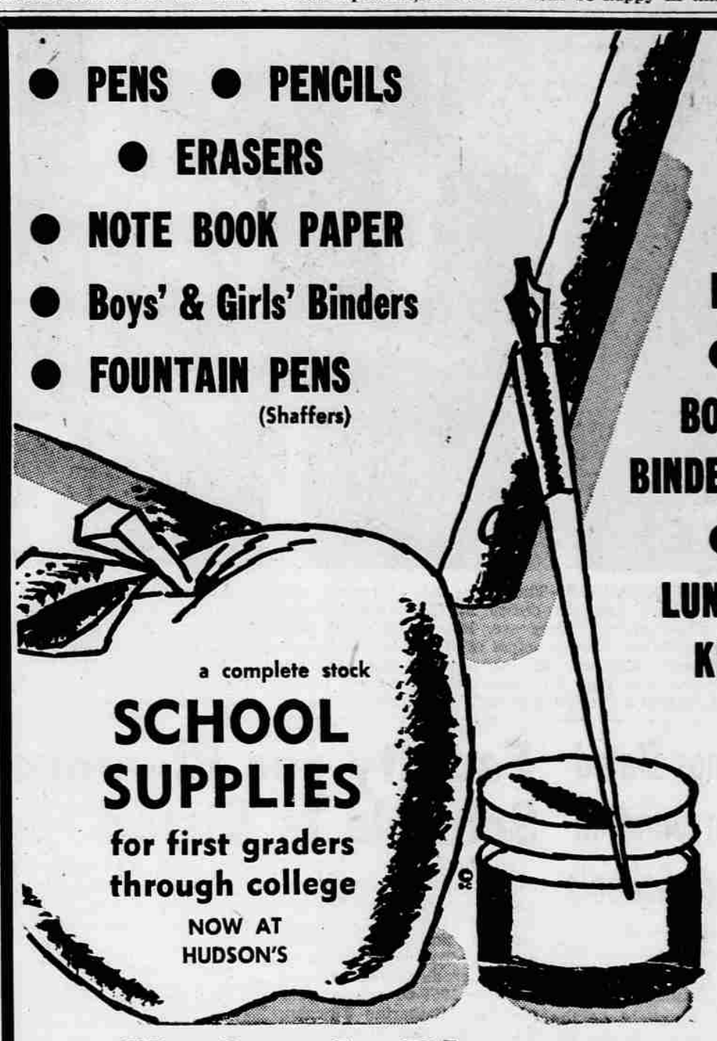

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# The Family Council

**Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.**

**Pauline S.**—I don't want to hear his side.

**Gloria J.**—She should take him back for the children's sake.

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**Pauline S.**—To my utter shame and horror, my husband was recently named correspondent in a successful divorce proceeding. We have been married 12 years and have four children. I thought our married life was ideal.

As soon as I got wind of this thing, I packed everything and came home to my parents. My husband has tried to get in touch with me to give his "side of the story," but I am not interested. I want to think things out for myself. I realize I've been living in a fool's paradise and it makes me furious.

My husband has spoken to my sister and he says he still loves me and doesn't want to break up our home. She thinks I'm acting like a fool, but she doesn't know what it is to be hit by a thing like this.

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**Gloria J.**—My brother-in-law says that this whole thing has been a nightmare to him. He doesn't know how he got into it and he wants to get out of it–in spite of the fact that the "other woman" is putting the pressure on him.

I feel that Jim really cares for my sister and the children and would behave himself from now on if she would take him back. He really isn't the roving kind. But this woman was a menace!

Pauline has loved Jim since the age of 16 and she has been an exceptionally devoted wife, so I know how it must be for her. She says she just doesn't feel that she ever wants to live with him again and I can understanad that, but I do feel she should take him back for the children's sake.

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**The Council:** We think it would be a mistake for Pauline to take Jim back "for the children's sake." In the long run her bitterness would seep through to infect the family life.

Far more important is the need of Pauline to come to terms with her own feelings and with the realities that face her in the future.

She has suffered the most painful kind of blow that can be dealt any feeling human being, yet she must recognize that much of the effectiveness of the blow was due to its unexpectedness. In time Pauline will learn to accept the fact that for one reason or another her husband fell prey to temptation and she will have to deal with other realities—realities like loneliness, the difficulties of rearing children without a father, gnawing fears about the future.

In the future these last realities will loom much larger than the first one. At that time Pauline might well wish she had found it in her heart to make the effort to understand and perhaps forgive.

We're all for Pauline's taking the time to "think things out," but we don't think she can do it fully until she has given her husband at least a hearing. She doesn't have to hurry to make a decision about the future. She should leave plenty of time for both her own feelings and her husband's to reach a levelling off point.

The final decision should not be based on the idea of making or not making a sacrifice for the children, but should involve a deep and thorough understanding of what happened in the past, and what can be done in the present to create a better future for everyone concerned.

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### *Portland Considered For PTA Convention*

Portland–(UPI) – Portland is under consideration for the 1962 convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

A delegation from the PTA visited here Monday to look over the city. Portland, Seattle and Billings, Mont., have extended invitations to hold the convention. It will draw 1,500 and 1,800 delegates.


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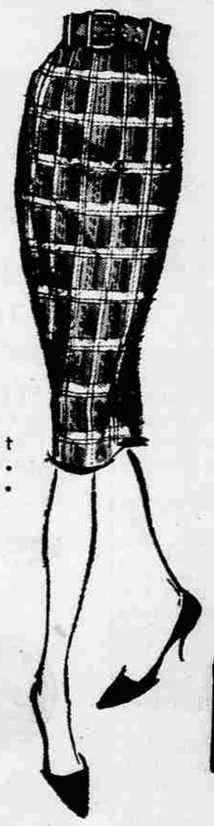

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