

Upward Trend In School Bus Wrecks

Parents Urged to Warn Children of Open Road Danger

An upward trend in school bus accidents has officials of the State Highway Safety Division worried.

Since the first of the year, they said, three children have been killed in accidents involving school buses.

In a majority of cases the youngsters themselves were morally at fault the safety experts pointed out. Most of the fatalities occurring recently have been traced to children stepping from in front of the bus into the roadway. State law, of course, requires that traffic from both directions stop when approaching a standing school bus. However, the law is violated occasionally and when it is the child becomes a target.

The Safety Division is appealing to parents of school age young people for help. They especially want to emphasize that the school bus does not provide 100 per cent protection as many children and parents think. Safety equipment is adequate, the division feels. Every bus is painted brilliant orange, it carries stop lights at the front and rear and is equipped with a stop sign showing both ways when the vehicle is halted.

"Parents must continually impress on their youngsters the dangers of the open road," the safety men said. "Teach them to look carefully before crossing the highway."

Electric Safety Hints Given By Overman

Late winter is a good time to check your home wiring and appliances for safety before the rush of spring work begins, says C. W. Overman, county farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

He points out that it's easy to discover and repair wiring defects that may lead to a costly fire, shock, or interruption in electrical service.

Records of the National Safety Council show that worn or damaged cords are common ailments of electrical appliances.

Before attempting electric repairs, always disconnect the current. When purchasing replacement cords or plugs, choose good quality and the right type for the use intended. Avoid plastic caps that break easily or those which cannot be grasped firmly to pull from a receptacle.

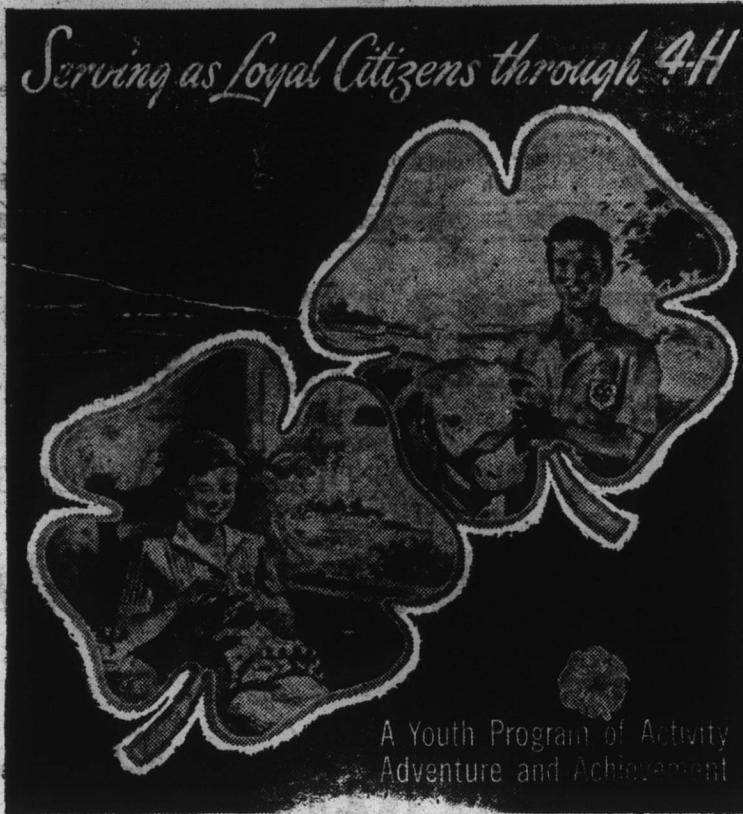
Use cords with asbestos insulation for heating appliances and heavy rubber-jacketed cords for motor-operated equipment. Avoid unnecessary kinking, twisting, knotting or exposure to heat and mechanical injury.

Watch your circuit loads and fusing. An ordinary household circuit with a No. 14 wire should be protected by a 15-ampere fuse. If you use a penny or heavier fuse the conductors will overheat and damage insulation or start a fire if the circuit is accidentally overloaded.

The metal frame of washing machines or other electric appliances used in hazardous locations (where floor, feet and hands may be damp) should be grounded. Worn parts, insulation deterioration or excessive moisture may lead to a short circuit and a dangerous shock. For a simple ground, clamp one end of a conductor to the leg bolt of washer or other bare metal parts and the other end to a water pipe or similar grounds.

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An exciting panorama is set in motion by the inspirational words in "The 4-H Story," words that came after Franklin M. Reek's many months of careful research, interviews with pioneers in the movement, data checking with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and State 4-H Leaders, and the reading of all available records.

"The 4-H Story," which the author says "is too great a movement to be claimed by any one man," unfolds through the early 1900's when the country was ready, youth was ready, the time was right for a great upsurge of rural power. Simultaneously, in various parts of the country, corn clubs and canning clubs appeared, as county superintendents of schools sought to make education a more vital factor in the everyday living of the boys and girls. Then the colleges found a way to let their new discoveries be known through youth-eager, inspired, energetic youth, who planted the experimental corn, who used the new ideas, who came together in groups for discussions of better methods and for comparing results. In 1911 the four-leaf clover with H's signifying head, heart, hands, and health appeared, and by 1918 the

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"The 4-H Story" may be ordered for \$3.00 postpaid from the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. It has 308 pages, 23 chapters, 91 illustrations, an easy-to-use index, dark green hard covers, and is 7 x 9 inches in size.

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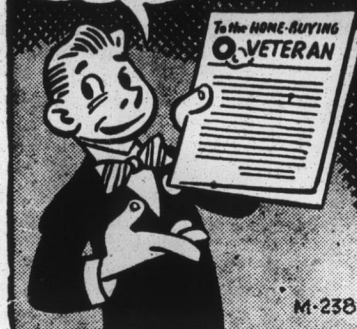
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