

WHO DRIVES SCHOOL BUS?

An Article That Should Be Carefully Read By Every Official And Every Teacher In

THE RURAL SCHOOLS

All Drivers Of The School Buses Should Be Selected With A Special View To Their Fitness For The Job. Very Grave Responsibility Resting Upon Them.

Every member of the Board of Education, the county superintendent and every teacher in the rural schools should read carefully the article below under the caption of "Who Drives The School Bus."

It especially emphasizes the importance of employing only reliable men of mature judgment for the job of driving the children to school.

Attention is called particularly to the grave responsibility resting upon these drivers since the lives of 20 or 30 children are in jeopardy on every trip both ways unless the driver is absolutely trustworthy. Following is the article in full:

With the opening of schools this month thousands of children will start their daily trips to and from the consolidated schools by motor bus. In order that these children may meet with no mishap, and above all, that they shall not be subjected to danger at railroad crossings, it should be the first duty of their parents and of those in authority, to see that the drivers of these school busses are reliable men of mature years, long experience and good judgment.

Investigation of an accident which occurred last winter, brought out the fact that the driver of the bus was an eighteen year old boy who had not taken ordinary precautions to make sure no train was coming before crossing the railroad track. In some cases the driver is one of the older school children; in others, the helper at the garage of the person to whom the contract is let.

A tremendous responsibility rests upon these drivers. They are entrusted with the safety of as many as 20 or 30 children. The trip to and from the school must be made in all kinds of weather. When it is raining there is a temptation to put up storm curtains which prevent the driver from having a clear view on either side. The desire to be on time for school or to hurry home afterwards leads to a tendency to take chances that are little short of criminal.

Unless the driver of the school bus is fully aware of his responsibility and fully capable of meeting any emergency which may arise, accidents are likely to happen which will strike at the heart of every family with children of school age.

To guard against the possibility of such a catastrophe every known safety measure should be enforced. The greatest care should be taken to see that the busses are in good mechanical condition and frequent inspections for this purpose should be made by the proper authorities.

The selection of the driver should not be left to the person to whom the contract for providing transportation is let, if this method is used. While he should be required to demonstrate his ability to handle the bus that is used, this is only one qualification to be taken into account and his reputation for steadiness and good judgment should be the determining factor. No school boy, garage helper or village loafer should be chosen for the job merely because he can operate the bus and will do so at little cost. The person chosen should be placed under bond for compliance with all state laws and with such regulations as the local commissioners shall put into effect regarding the transportation of school children.

Above all things drivers of school busses should be required to stop before crossing railroad tracks.

No matter how much time may be lost, no matter how stormy the weather, no matter whether no train is due, the school bus should be stopped at every crossing and the driver should be required to make sure that no train is coming. The observance of this simple rule will do away with disastrous accidents at railroad crossings.

Every time this precaution is omitted there is a chance that every child in the bus may be killed or maimed. It is too late after such an accident, to say "I didn't think a train was coming" or "I didn't see or hear a train," or "no train was due."

The only way is to stop and make sure. It takes a sober minded, reliable man, with a full realization of his responsibility to do this day in and day out. But such a man is the only kind that thinking parents should entrust with the lives of their children.

GOOD ROADS WEEK FOR JANUARY 10-16

Climaxing the completion of the world's greatest seasonal highway program and the completion of the first trans-Continental improved highway in history, a National Good Roads Week will be held January 10-16. Such is the statement made here by Charles M. Upham, managing director of the American Road Builders Association and former chief highway engineer for North Carolina. Mr. Upham is actively engaged at present in completing plans for the week's observance and he declares that a survey of road building of the nation shows an astonishing amount has been accomplished.

At the time when "Good Roads Week opens," he stated "the United States will have enough roads to completely encircle the globe one hundred and twenty-nine times. Over half a million miles will have been improved to some degree, and the first trans-Continental improved highway will have been completed.

"The trans-Continental highway extends from New York to Washington D. C., St. Louis, Tulsa, El Paso, and San Diego, Cal. At present time approximately ninety-nine per cent of this road has been improved over a length of 3,350 miles.

"Good Roads Week marks the turning point in the history of road-building. It is the point where the construction of highways ceases to be a matter of speculation and goes on under scientific schedule. We are now spending approximately \$1,000,000,000 per year for these highways, and the fact that such expenditure can be measured dollar for dollar in earning power is of great importance. Every school, civic club, government department and fraternal organization in the United States is expected to celebrate this week with fitting programs devoted to Good Roads."

AUGUST FIRE LOSS ON PAR WITH JULY

Another big decrease in the monthly fire loss in North Carolina is shown in the August fire loss report, issued Friday from the offices of the State Insurance Department, which reveals that fire destroyed \$188,672 worth of property last month as against a loss of \$361,892 in August, 1925. The August loss is on a par with the July fire loss, which was the lowest in the history of the State for any one single month.

In only two of the larger towns in the entire State, Greensboro and Wilmington, was there a \$5,000 single fire loss. A building burned in Greensboro with a loss of \$15,300 while fire razed a building in Wilmington, which was valued at \$22,118. The largest loss was a buggy factory at Oxford. The factory was valued at \$27,500.

The value of the property at risk in August was \$1,677,980, with insurance of \$1,044,925. The figures for the corresponding month last year were: property at risk, \$2,403,016, with insurance of \$1,824,995.

There were 104 fires, of which forty were dwellings, as against 202 the preceding August, when 88 dwellings were razed by fire. There were but seven fires with a loss of \$5,000 and over each, these aggregating \$123,043, leaving a loss for the other 97 fires of only \$64,818.

The following towns reported no fires during August and were placed on the Insurance Department's Honor Roll:

Hickory, Concord, Belmont, Shelby, Bryson City, Graham, Wake Forest, Mount Airy, Pinetops, Granite Falls, Elm City, Aberdeen, Thomasville, Southern Pines, Beaufort, Leaksville, Henderson, Elizabeth City, Waynesville, Fairmont, Kernersville, Sanford, and Pinehurst.

QUIT

Saying that fate is against you. Finding fault with the weather. Anticipating evils in the future. Going around with a gloomy face. Fault-finding, nagging and worrying. Dwelling on fancied slights and wrongs.

Exaggerating and making mountains out of mole-hills. Pitying yourself and bemoaning your lack of opportunity.

IT IS A POOR JOKE

When some woman blushes with embarrassment.

When some heart carries away an ache.

When something sacred is made to appear common.

When a man's weakness provides the cause for laughter.

When profanity is required to make it funny.

When a little child is brought to tears.

When everyone can't join in the laughter.—From American Tyler-Keystone.

FRECKLES

GOTTISTICAL human beings like to think about and brag about the things they do not need to do which ordinary mortals must of necessity do.

Back in the past history of mankind when we were still a primitive people, only the favored few could remain at leisure inside the shade and protection of tent or dwelling while the majority toiled outside, exposed to the sun. Freckles indicated exposure to sun and wind and, hence, people classed the freckled with the common people, or at least as not belonging to the favored few.

With advancing knowledge people have learned that nothing is more conducive to robust health than spending much time out in the open. General conditions have so changed that the pale "shut ins" are now looked upon with pity rather than with envy. Although a firmly fixed idea is hard to change and there are still those who dislike freckles, it is now much more popular to be healthy, although freckled than to be unhealthy although lily white. Freckles are no longer a disgrace.

In the spring of the year when the barefoot boy first takes to the swimmin' hole he is likely to return with his shoulders severely blistered. The actinic rays from the sun burn the delicate cells of the skin, and we call it sunburn.

Nothing daunted, our small boy again must go swimming, but this time his back is noticed to be somewhat brown and this time he blisters much less. Presently his back becomes as brown as leather and he finds himself perfectly immune to sunburn.

What has happened is that nature, ever alert to avoid damage, has deposited in the deeper layers of skin a blanket of coloring matter (pigment) which intercepts the burning rays of the sun. The boy has become thoroughly tanned.

Now it happens that sometimes this blanket of protecting coloring matter is not evenly and smoothly spread. Here and there are blotches much thicker than the rest. These blotches are freckles. For some reason blonds and red-haired persons do not spread this blanket of tan so evenly and hence are more likely to be freckled.

Freckles can only be quickly removed by removing the basal layer of cells of the epidermis. This is a dangerous procedure. Lotions purporting to remove freckles are humbugs, pure and simple. Some lotions will, to a certain degree, protect the skin from the sun and to that degree will prevent tanning and freckles, but once the pigment of tan has been deposited they will not remove it.

The person who has freckles should be proud of them. Why try to remove freckles?

THE STARS IN THE FLAG

On the blue field of the United States flag there are 48 white stars. These stars are arranged in a rectangle or six horizontal rows of eight stars in a row. Each star in the field represents a particular state in the American union in the chronological order in which it was admitted.

Delaware has the place of honor—the upper left-hand corner—being the first state admitted to the Union. New Mexico is the baby state, being represented by the last star in the lower right-hand corner.

The eight states in the first row, in order, are: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, New Jersey Aery . ID shrdl shrdlu Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina.

The eight states in the second row of stars, in order, are: New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee.

The eight states in the third row of stars, in order, are: Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri.

The eight states in the fourth row of stars, in order, are: Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, California, Minnesota.

The eight states in the fifth row of stars, in order, are: Oregon, Kansas, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota.

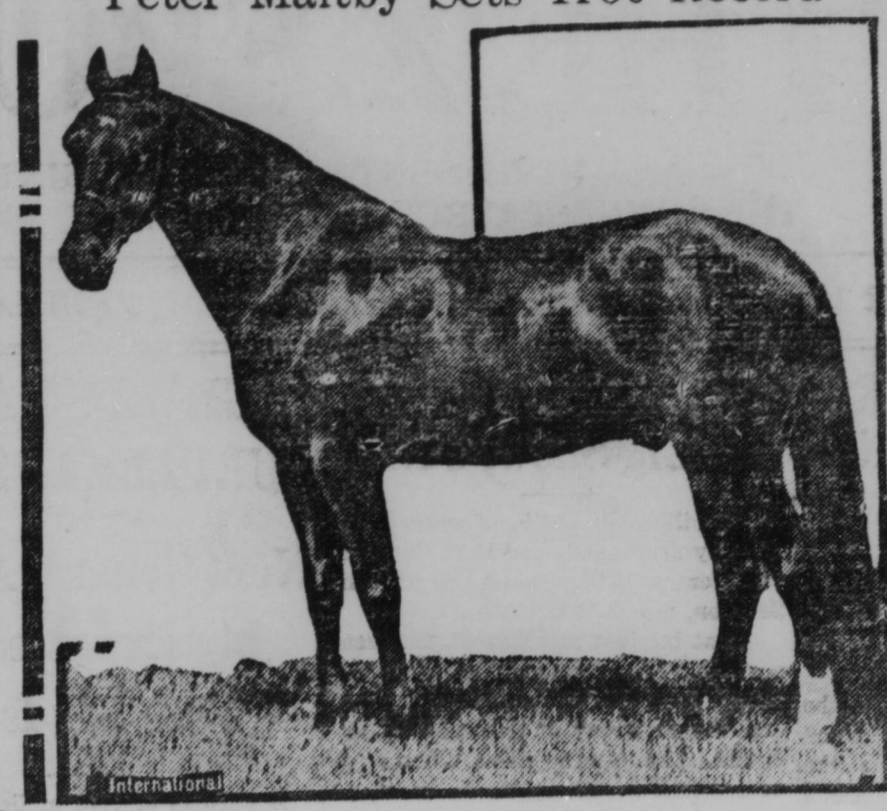
The eight states in the sixth row of stars, in order, are: Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico.

Pupils in school as well as adults should be able to point to the star on the flag that represents their state in the American union.—The National Tribune. *Henry A. Useton.

With fine restraint Hollywood has so far not offered to send any bathing beauties to cheer up Florida.

Three young women of Orlando, Fla., by giving their blood for transfusion, saved the life of a 9-months old baby.

Peter Maltby Sets Trot Record



Above is pictured Peter Maltby, last year's two-year-old champion of the Harriman stable at Goshen, who won the three-year-old trot at Endicott, setting a world's record by covering the final heat in 2:00 1/4.

McManus Is Star Keystone Sacker



Second Baseman McManus of the St. Louis Browns is one of the classiest keystone sackers in the American league. Even Eddie Collins of the White Sox, or Stanley Harris of the Champion Nationals, have nothing on him in fielding, batting, base running or playing the game. Lately he has been holding down third base, while Mellillo has been playing second.

PEACE TO HAVE A NEW BUILDING

New buildings which will of the student capacity, provide a library and additional class and rooms are projected for Peace Institute, the well-known junior college girls at Raleigh. This will come one of the most attractive group college buildings in the State.

More space for boarding pupils the immediate need. Every room the dormitories was taken before last year, and many a candidate had to be refused because there was no room for them. Peace is the most flourishing condition in history, and additional accommodations for students are absolutely necessary to meet urgent demands, President Pressly.

The trustees' committee decided to erect two new dormitories and a library, with the historic old building as the center of the group. The library will adjoin the main building on the east, corresponding in design to the Dinwiddle Chapel which now joins it on the west, while dormitories will be erected on either side, being connected with the group by attractive enclosed corridors. Atwood and Nash, of Durham Chapel Hill, are the architects, their plans were adopted unanimously.

Mr. B. N. Duke, of New York, offered to give \$25,000 to the buildings; Capt. Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro, has pledged \$10,000 and Peace Institute Alumnae have also contributed \$10,000 towards the \$50,000 fund which they are raising for the Burwell Memorial Library. Campaign to raise the remainder of the \$30,000 necessary for construction and equipment of buildings will be conducted in October. Dr. John B. Wright, of Raleigh is chairman of the general campaign committee, and auxiliary committees and local organizations will be formed to aid in raising the building fund.

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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

PIE-EATING PRISONERS. MORE PAY? TERRIBLE! RELIGION'S POWER. DUST AS AUTO FUEL.

Men that own railroad stocks, and never do, never did, never will do any hard work, think it sad that the men working on the railroads should get one hundred million dollars more a year. That would be a great deal less than thirty cents a day average for each man, while the railroads get the hundreds of millions more and have the Government and its interstate Commerce Commission always ready to force the public to pay higher rates if railroads need them.

The Government, compelling the public to pay more for railroad service, without giving the public anything to say about it, should also compel railroads to pay more to working people without giving railroads anything to say about it. But Government and its workings are arranged by those that OWN the railroads, not by those that WORK on the railroads.

Fifty years ago, fewer than two million women worked for pay in the United States. Half of them were in domestic service. Now 9,000,000 women are engaged "in gainful occupations." That pleases the practical mind. Farmers like to see the horse and mare working. German farmers harness the cow.

Our boasted "gainful occupations for women" take women out of their only occupation really gainful to civilization, the production of good children.

A young man arrested for robbing the house of Cardinal Dougherty of cash and bonds told the police, "I didn't dare take the Cardinal's diamond studded gold

cross, worth \$25,000. I was afraid it might shatter. I also left a gold cup. Something told me they used it in church. I wasn't looking for any trouble like that."

The modernist will call that "superstition," others will see in it proof that religion has power even in the case of a young criminal who tells the police, "I have no religion."

To treat prisoners cruel is vile. To make a joke of their crimes is stupid.

The Governor of New York should tell officials of Sing Sing what he thinks of their Labor Day pie-eating contest, twelve convicts with their hands tied behind their backs, eating pies, like swine, for a \$5 prize.

How does that impress men and women, out of prison, working to buy food for their children?

However, stupid as it is, a prison with pie-eating contests is not as bad as the prison of that good bishop, in which prisoners wore iron collars, with sharp spikes turned inward so they could not lie down to sleep, or the Spanish prison in which the noble-hearted English prison reformer found a man fastened to the wall, his feet above ground, starving, "his face clotted with blood and tears," or the prison mine, in which Peter the Great chained each prisoner to his wheelbarrow, to stay chained night and day until death released him; better than the ancient galley, where the man chained to the oar was released when he fainted or died, his hand cut off to save time, body thrown overboard and another slave chained in his place.

We are sentimental fools in our prisons, but we have improved. When men talk of harnessing the electron it should be remembered that Providence does not allow trees to grow into the heavens, or permit conquering man to move up too rapidly. Air, water, the earth, nature gives to us free, and the sun's light and heat. We must work for everything else.

You read that an automobile engine had been made to run with the explosive power of dust from a grain elevator instead of gasoline. Messrs. Noel and Hellbach, Department of Agriculture engineers, showed that ordinary dust might be used to create an explosive force greater than that of gasoline.

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

WORRY.

I knew a woman, wife of a farmer, who was born in pioneer days when the popular habitation was a log cabin with a dirt floor. She married early, and grew a family of eight children. Her own hands wove the clothing of her family; she sewed the garments by hand—no machines then. She cooked, summer and winter, on a log fireplace. She helped do the butchering, "rendered" the lard, made soap from the "trimmings" and did the family wash at the nearby creek. I cannot think of anything that she did not do, or assist in doing—even to bringing fire-wood and helping to chop it into suitable lengths for use as fuel.

She lived to be a little past ninety-two years of age! And, with all this, I never knew her to worry or complain at her task.

This woman was not a "freak." We are the freaks, we who worry at trifles and regard all work as degrading, all toil as unworthy of our hands. We have almost come to regard motherhood with indignation in these days of fashion and "progress."

My point is, that work never harmed any living soul, if carried on intelligently, without worry. Sickness is merely the chastening for offenses committed—ignorantly or wilfully, and every crime against right living is sure to bring punishment.

Worry kills—striving to do the impossible, at unseemly hours, overfeeding, intemperance in addition, and in neglecting the laws of rest and recreation.

What a lesson in longevity! There are none so blind as they who will not see.

Next Week: "LITTLE EMERGENCIES"