

Parents Reminded Opening Of School Is Near

Motorists Are Urged To Use Caution

Time Is At Hand To Get Children Ready To Return To Their Classroom Work

Extreme Care Driving

phrased posters by the will appear just about soon, as a special seaser to everyone who motor vehicle, that pen."

legend urging all mo- drive carefully" is the phrase on the poster, by Gene Wilkerson, a graduate of a Balti- high school, the poster and first prize in the dual safety poster con- ducted by the Ameri- ble Association.

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The metallic clang of bells that will sound soon to sum- mon all the children back to a new school term—scheduled to start for most of them within a few weeks—is preceded by a clarion call to action for all of their parents.

The "alert" is sounded by educational authorities in all parts of the country, as if with one voice, inspired by another surge in the annually mounting school enrollments.

It is variously estimated that last year's total school en- rollments for the nation will climb by approximately two million, with the impact of the growth to be felt in every community of the land.

More Continuing Their Schooling

Hordes of new pupils will pour into classrooms as begin- ners. Fewer than ever before will be dropped from school rolls this year as teen agers in greater number than ever, stimulated by the universal need for better trained adults and by their encouragement of their parents, seek to continue their education in the colleges and universities.

Administrators of our school system are working mira- cles in advance of the opening of the term, to stretch class- rooms and teaching staffs in order to take care of educational requirements that have been expanding more rapidly than the facilities for taking care of

them. Nationwide moves are under way, spearheaded by the National Citizens Committee for the Public Schools, to promote meetings of laymen and educators at commu- nity and state wide levels to dis- cuss problems involved in furnishing all the children with the education they need. This is in prepa- ration for a White House confer- ence called by President Eisen- hower for November 28th to De- cember 1st.

The Commission has prepared free booklets entitled, "How Can We Discuss School Problems?," available free on requests address- ed to 2 West 45th street, New York 36, N. Y.

Preparation More Important

Meanwhile school administrators, pointing to the immediate problem created by the approaching start of the new fall term, declare that because of such factors as class- room shortages and the lack of a sufficient number of teachers, it is more important than ever this year, that parents undertake earlier than ever the task of preparing their children, mentally and phys- ically for their return to learning.

More can be done to help chil- dren advance along the road of learning during the weeks preced- ing the opening of school than can usually be accomplished on a hit and miss basis later, in the opinion of many authorities.

It is almost entirely a matter of orientation for the child to be ac- complished by doing as well as talking. And this year, significant advances and trends are develop- ing to make the task easier for all the parents.

On the health side is the pro- gress that has been made toward conquering polio, most dreaded of diseases to which school age chil- dren are susceptible, with the ad- vent of the Salk vaccine. This step forward is especially welcom- ed during an era when overcrowd- ing of schools is inevitable.

Trend to Good Grooming

It serves to point up the impor- tance of scheduling physical exami- nations at the professional level for the children, before school starts in order to allow time for remedial measures if required. Exa- minations of teeth, hearing and eyes are pre-high school opening musts for which appointments should be made now.

The mounting wave of interest among school children of all ages in better grooming is welcomed also for its importance to character building. The growing trend gives every evidence of banishing the sloppy fads of the past which re-

ceived their share of blame for creating difficult behavior and learning problems.

Designers of children's wearing apparel—now on display in the stores—have met the growing de- mand for career clothes for school children with functional fashions made out of the new easy-to-care- for materials that also are easier on the back to school budget.

A great eagerness on the part of children, to return to school for a new term has been growing apace to help parents stimulate the proper mental approach. In grade schools the trend is attributed in part to the newer teaching methods which make school more interest- ing to the children and to the promise of new adventures held by every new school year.

Among high school and college age children, the trend is credited to their growing awareness of the mounting need and preference for better educated and better trained personnel in all walks of life, after schooling is completed.

In both instances the wholesome newer attitudes toward school re- flected by children is vastly stimu- lated by parents themselves, who have learned to encourage the youngsters to take more interest in their own schooling.

What Parents Can Do

This attitude is best stimulated by concrete evidence on the part of parents of their own enthusiastic interest in the careers of the chil- dren, which is learning.

Wise parents begin talking with their children about the return to school well in advance of the open- ing in terms designed to stimulate the interest of the children.

Wise parents invite the young- sters to participate in selecting the clothes and supplies they are going to need for going back to school.

Wise parents encourage young- sters to make friends of their doc- tors and dentists.

Wise parents further encourage their children by participating in adult school conferences, Parent Teachers association activities and by taking a definite and active in- terest in school sports.

PLAN AFTER SCHOOL SNACK

Providing a balanced diet for the school child can be easier if mother includes the after-school snack and "milk breaks" in her planning.

Out of 222 naturally occurring mineral commodities produced or utilized in the United States, only seven are not known to occur in California.

New Wool Clothing For School Wear May Now Be Washed, Easily And Safely

It will be good news to mothers that many wool school clothes can be easily and safely washed.

First it is important to make sure that their construction will permit them to be washed. Obvi- ously, if the garment has linings, seam binding, shoulder pads, etc., that were not made to be washed the result will not be satisfactory. However, boys' wool gabardine or flannel pants, wool shirts and zip- front jackets usually are readily washable.

Before washing, check clothes for simple grease stains, and re- move with a spot remover.

In the automatic washing ma- chine with centrifugal spin-dry mechanism, set water control to "warm" and time control to two minutes. Use the usual amount of mild soap or detergent. When ma-

chine cuts off, lift the damp gar- ment without wringing and hang to dry.

In a non-automatic machine, place the clothing in warm soapy water in the washing chamber, start agitator and cut off machine in two minutes. Lift the soapy garment into clear rinse water (preferably warm) and gently move it about until free of soap. Press out rinse water against side of tub and hang to drip dry.

In hand washing wool clothes, use warm water, mild detergent or soap and gently squeeze water through the garment five or six times. Rinse in warm, clear water, press out excess water and hang to dry.

In washing wool clothes, never wash over two minutes (three if

Knee Highs Will Be Very Popular

Protecting a schoolgirl's legs from winter cold becomes a fam- ily problem every year. However, this grammar girl can be both warm and fashionable in knee high socks to go with all her pretty clothes.

Some are stretch styles, others have wide elastic bands at the knees. All are constructed to stay up and fashioned to look pretty. Knee highs come in nylon, wool, rabbit hair, angora, cotton and all manner of blends. There are argyles, checks, textures, embroi- ery, appliques and stripes . . . some with fashions to match.

Testing engineers have learned that the total number of typing operations performed by the av- erage typist each year is 14,745,000. heavily soiled) and never wring garments.

Specially For Parents

This Back to School Section is brought to you by this news- paper through the cooperation of Metro Associated Services, Inc. and Parents' Magazine, a nationally famous monthly which deals with the problems of rearing children from crib to college. On its Editorial Advisory Board are many of the country's leading authorities on child rearing, education, health, mental hygiene and parent education. The magazine is published by The Parents' Institute, Inc.

Thus the staff of Parents' Magazine, which devotes its full time to writing for and counselling 1,625,000 American families every month on raising children, makes its advice available to you in this section.

In addition this newspaper has enlisted the cooperation of local school, health, traffic safety and civic organizations in preparation of this special section, which is dedicated to the welfare of our school children.

The articles are supplemented by announcements from local business people outlining their own preparations and readiness to serve parents and children alike, as the new school term ap- proaches.

All of the articles in this Section were specially written for it. These articles discuss the needs of school children, from be- ginners to college students. They deal with the mental as well as the physical aspects of getting the children ready for school.

Teachers, Doctors Show Concern Over After-Class Activities Of Students

Teachers, doctors and others are worried about the effect of too many activities upon the school child, report the editors of Parents' Magazine. Typical of these extra- curricular activities are Sunday school, scouting, music lessons, dancing school, sports, school clubs, and work for organizations like the Red Cross and Community Chest. Parents encourage this participation, and rightly so, as desirable for the development of the child's personality.

But what happens to the over- busy youngster? Physically tired, nervous, restless, he is unable to concentrate. His school work suffers.

Parents can remedy this situa- tion in several ways. They can consult the family doctor for his

estimate of their child's stamina. An easy-going, placid child can probably take a greater amount of activity than a nervous, under- weight one. The child's school record is also a picture of his capacity for engaging in other activities.

In the light of the child's apti- tudes and special interests, per- haps some outside activities could be dispensed with or deferred.

Finally the parents-teachers as- sociation could review the situa- tion. The school could undoubt- edly keep after-school activities to a reasonable limit. Troop meetings, dance recitals and similar activi- ties could also be correspondingly reduced.