All-Accidental Death Toll Cut Past Year

The Safety Council announces that the United States has cut its all-accidental death toll by 10,200 during 1938. Traffic, work and public accidents all showed substantial reductions, the Council reported. But home accidents increased over last year's total—and increased to the point where more people were killed in home accidents last year than n traffic.

32,500 people lost their lives in home accidents during 1938—just 500 more than died in traffic accidents. So the old expression, Safe at Home, will have to be revised, it seems, to Unsafe at Home.

The odd thing about it is that most of the things that cause accidents in the home are small—little, unnoticed dangers, like a loose rug on a polished floor or a loose tread on the stairs. Next to falls, burns and scalds cause the most trouble in the home. Children spill hot liquids over themselves, or mothers tries to use a dry cleaner at home and it explodes.

The reduction in work accidents may be attributed to reduced employment, but the traffic deaths decline was not accompanied by any reduction in travel. This is the greatest improvement in the accident picture ever recorded in a single year, the Council pointed out.

But the battle is still far from won. As long as 95,000 people were killed in a single year, by accidents, there is much to be done before we can throw our hats in the air.

Caution and foresight can prevent accidents. Let us keep the accident curve pointed downward during 1939.

GETS 12-YEAR TERM IN SHORE SHOOTING

Snow Hill — A twelve-minute triali resulted Monday in a 12-year sentence for William Roy Hyde, Council Bluffs, Iowa, charged with shooting a liquor store clerk during a holdup.

Hyde pleaded guilty to three indictments charging him with assault with intent to kill, assault with intent to rob and simple assault.

Minor Courts, "Single Term" Legislation Fulfill Gov.'s Pledges

As the General Assembly of Maryland, the first half of its ninety-day session completed, settles down in earnest to tackle the host of important bills now confronting it, two issues that played an important part in Governor O'Conor's campaign, issues to which he promised to turn his attention when elected, are up for consideration of the legislators, namely, reform of the Inferior Courts System, and the question of whether a Governor may succeed himself.

Bills submitted during the past week at the instance of the Governor cover these matters thoroughly, thus adding two more to the number of campaign pledges of Candidate O'Conor that have been carried out since his induction into office little more than a month ago.

Several measures now in committee provide for complete reorganization of those two divisions of the minor courts system that have come in for much criticism in the past few years—the County Magistrates, and the People's Court of Baltimore. In the counties, agitation over the magistrates included severe criticism of the selection of personnel, of the fee system of payment for the magistrates; and for their general haphazard administration of justice, lack of adequate records, failure to make proper reports as required by law, etc. Compalints leveled at the People's Court in Baltimore focused on the high costs of litgation, as well as on the number of constables and the political character of the selections.

In each case, the reforms suggested are sweeping, but have been well considered and, with but few changes of minor importance, give promise of securing the approval of the legislators.

In the counties, under the proposed law, the number of magistrates s reduced from 250 to 52, the fee system of payment is abolished, and the appointees are given broader powers and wider territories. Regular salaries of $900 to $3,600, depending upon the court business in the district, are provided to take the placeof fees. The reform measure allows one constable, at $600 per year, for each magistrate. These, too, have been paid fees up to now.

These provisions, of course, still do not reach the heart of the matter, the selection of the magistrates, one of the all-important phases of any minor court system. This is left to Governor O'Conor, who is pledged by his own campaign promises, and by the Democratic Platform, to keep in mind that "no one should be selected for any of these offices who is not fitted by training, education and temperament to administer justice without fear or lavor, and without reference to political considerations."

His choice of H. Hamilton Hackney, head of the Legal Aid Bureau of Baltimore, for the post of Judgeof the Juvenile Courtof Baltimore, is taken as an indication of his peculiar ability to select the right man for a difficult job.

GIVE CHILDREN DEFINITE PLACE FOR THEIR TOYS

Habits of neatness and order can be cultivated more easily in children if they have a definite place to keep their belongings, says Miss Jessie D. Hinton, specialist in home management for the University of Maryland Extension Service.

Most growing children have play and sports equipment for both indoor and outdoor use. Things used out of doors, such as skates, bats, croquet sets, tennis racquets, sleds, skis, and scooters, are convenient if stored near one of the entrances used by the children. If it is possible to arrange a closet fitted with shelves and racks, or a chest nearby, many of these articles can be kept accessible but out of the way. Clothes hooks should be low enough for the child to conveniently reach them. If the basement is dry, sometimes it will be found the best place to keep bulky playthings.

Indoor game boards, folding tables, and other recreational equipment that is generally used in the living room or dining room is most conveniently stored in those rooms or in a nearby hall closet. Bookshelves in the living room need not be used entirely for books. They often prove to be a good place for keeping the various games in an orderly way, musical records, magazine files and so on.

A walk-in closet in the living room or hall is a great help, as shelves can be made the right size for the different articles while folding card tables or game boards will go underneath. Window seat lockers or chests are most satisfactory when the interior is divided into compartments for specific uses so that the article wanted will not always be at the bottom of the pile.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Christ Jesus" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 26.

The Golden Text will be from Col. 3:16, 17— "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: . . . And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will the following from the Bible—Luke 10:22—"All things are delivered to me of my Father, and no man knoweth who the Son is but the Father; and who the Father is but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Scienceand Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, page 167, "There is but one way, namely, God and His idea, which leads to spiritual being."

Services: Sunday, 11 A. M., Sunday School, 9:45 A. M., Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 o'clock. 11 N. Harrison Street, Easton, Maryland.

TAME HAY ACREAGE

It is probable that the acreage of tame hay in Maryland will remain about the same this year as it was in 1938, or show a slight increase if the idle 1938 corn land is seeded to hay, it is pointed out in the Agricultural Outlook for 1939, which was recently issued by the University of Maryland Department of Agricultural Economics. Copies of the Outlook may be obtained from the University free of charge.

APPLE ACREAGE FOR 1939

The recently issued Agricultural Outlook says the acreage of bearing apples in Maryland probably will be about the same this year as in 1938. A large number of Ben Davis and Grimes trees are dying and being pulled out but new plantings are coming into bearing which will about offset the loss. Production of apples in Western Maryland is likely to be larger next year due to the expected large crop of Yorks and other biennial bearers. The United States has completed agreements with the United Kingdom and Canada to reduce duty on fresh apples which should strengthen our export market.

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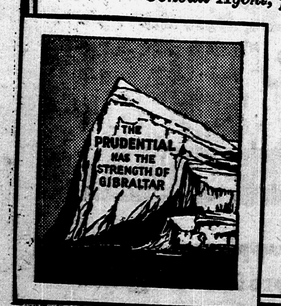

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