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Motorists Warned to Watch Passing Schools

Beginning last week, public schools throughout the State opened their doors to approximately 300,000 children, ranging in age from six to seventeen years, with parochial and private schools adding thousands more. Due to the continued rise in school child fatalities, Maryland Traffic Safety Commission appeals to all motorists to travel with care and thus avoid killing or maiming these young people.

"The Nation's record for 1940," a Traffic Safety Commission statement said, "shows that last year 2,550 children, between the ages of 5 and 14 years, lost their lives in traffic accidents, while 160,000 children were injured in the same age group. The death rate for this rose 10 per cent, the largest increase in child traffic death ever recorded for any age group."

"This was a startling reversal of the favorable long time record of school children, and lost the school children the title of lowest death rate group."

With the opening of schools many youngsters are riding bicycles to school, and the fact that the bicycle death list is constantly on the increase, the Traffic Safety Commission warns that special care must be exercised, and all traffic laws obeyed to avoid calamity. A bicycle, in many cases is the boy or girl's most highly prized possession, but it can also bring disaster and grief, if not operated with caution. Statistics show that two out of every three bicyclists injured or killed in traffic accidents were violating a traffic law at the time of the accident."

Harry C. Rhodes Director of Housing Plan

Harry C. Rhodes, Assistant Principal of Poolesville High School, has been named Executive Director of the Montgomery County Housing Plan, which will provide 200 low rental homes for poorly paid agricultural workers in that county.

Mr. Rhodes' duties will consist of carrying on negotiations with farm owners from whom sites will be purchased; negotiations for destruction of existing sub-standard houses when the new homes are finished; aid in selection of tenants and the negotiation of various rentals agreements with both tenants and in many cases with operating farmers.

Mr. Rhodes has been connected with the Poolesville High School for the past six years; he graduated from Centerville High School in 1931 and Washington College in 1935; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kennard Rhodes of Bennett's Outlet near town.

Motorists Reminded to Watch School Buses

Now that schools throughout the State have reopened, the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission directs attention to the appearance of school buses on the highways, and is impressing upon the motorist the importance of observing the School Bus law.

"In every section of the State, for the coming months, the school bus, loaded with a precious cargo of youth, will make up an important part of the traffic on our highways" E. R. McShane, Executive Secretary of the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, stated "The problem of protecting these school children is greater now than ever before, due to the increased traffic from other sources. Therefore, it is most vital that motorists observe this law if they would avoid accident."

As a means to protect these children the law is quoted in part as follows: "The driver of a vehicle upon a highway . . . upon meeting or overtaking any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child or children, shall come to a full stop at least ten feet from the school bus, either in front or rear thereof, as the case may be, and such vehicle shall remain standing until the children are received or discharged and the bus has again started."

On dual highways the drivers of automobiles are required only to stop when approaching a bus from the rear. Failing to obey the restrictions of this law, involve not less than a \$5.00 fine, with a maximum fine of \$50.00

PEDESTRIANS SLOGAN

Bill Miller of Baltimore, never started out to be a poet but as an adapter he writes some true lines that ought to appeal to pedestrians:

Mistress Mary, quiet contrary,
Considered cars too slow,
She tried to beat one' cross street
And now lies in a row.

Little Jack Horner
Stood on a corner
Waiting for the light to go red.
When the cars had all stopped
Across Jackie hopped.
"I'm a smart guy," he said.

Simple Simon missed the pie man
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