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SEPTEMBER IS CHILD FOOT HEALTH MONTH... sponsored by the National Health Council. Pediatricists unanimously recommend bare feet for play and school wear, with leather soles that bend freely with the toes.

AAA 'Calls All Cars' To Be More Careful Than Ever!

Courtesy: American Automobile Association
"Attention all cars... The time is arriving for thousands of school children to be released from school. It is YOUR duty to see that they get across street safely. That is all!"

With this announcement, the police department of a large Eastern city will soon resume its daily alert to traffic officers that "schools out" for the day. As a record volume of children travel to and from their classes every year, in the months ahead, motorists would do well to heed such warnings.

In the eyes of traffic safety officials, three factors call for greater precaution these days, than ever before, toward protecting their lives of our school-age youngsters: the unprecedented number of children attending elementary school, increasing enrollment of children in many areas and the growing proportion of worn, tired or preoccupied drivers in the modern era.

To combat the recent upward trend in child deaths, the American Automobile Association has issued many pleasands of School's Open Road. It has mounted in prominent spots along the streets during the early fall months; additional, though, toward reducing their traffic jams "bumper strips" have been issued to motorists.

Regular classroom safety instruction is stressed by the annual A.A.A. program to most youngsters the importance of observing safety rules. In addition, the A.A.A. has produced a prize-winning motion picture, "The Street Ward Trend in Child Deaths," which has been shown to thousands of children and parents.

Thus, the police, safety groups, school patrols, teachers and the children themselves are working together in a concerted effort to reduce the toll. "Wont you do your part?"



DO IT LIKE THIS... Mrs. Eugenia Smith, instructor in costume design at El Camino College, demonstrates pattern making for apparel workers. Home-making classes in the school are offering such courses as nutrition, home nursing, child development, clothing design and interior decoration.

Check Child's 'Eye-Q' before School Starts!

Courtesy: American Optometric Association

Jimmy was a precocious child. At the age of 3 he was copying the alphabet out his sister's books. He could read as well as most first graders. Yet when he started the fifth grade he lost interest in school and no longer wanted to concentrate on his school tasks. A wise teacher was not satisfied with the routine school vision test which showed that Jimmy had 20/20 vision.

She suggested to Jimmy's mother that a more thorough visual analysis might show why he was not achieving as he had been. The visual examination revealed that Jimmy's eyes were fine but that he was not using his vision properly, even if they are late starters. However, in a few weeks, with proper visual care Jimmy was performing in keeping with his superior I.Q. His trouble was not his eyes, but his eyesight.

Jimmy is fairly typical of some 12 million American school children who are handicapped in school performance and personality development by visual problems. Precocious children like Jimmy should not be encouraged to go on to the next grade on non-point tasks before they enter school, according to Dr. Marguerite Eberl, chairman of the Committee on Visual Problems of School Children of American Optometric Association. To draw their attention to a frequent problem, pencil and paper should be placed at eye level. Unless a child can read and

comprehend what he reads, he can make little progress. Reading is a complex task, caused by inefficient vision. The out of three first graders who fail to be promoted, two have visual problems. Present school vision tests are inadequate and misleading. The most common test is the Snellen letter chart read at a distance of 20 feet. This tells nothing about the child's ability to perform the visual tasks of school. The most school tasks are performed.

Teachers today know when children are not performing up to capacity. They detect clues to inefficient vision when a child avoids reading subjects in his choice of non-visual activities, or even in his choice of games across the playground.

Parents too, can learn to detect the clues to visual problems. When trouble is suspected they should see that the child gets professional attention immediately. Vision is extremely important in almost every phase of life. It is in childhood that preservation of it should be planned. It can be saved if the scientific knowledge

is available for school training in school training.

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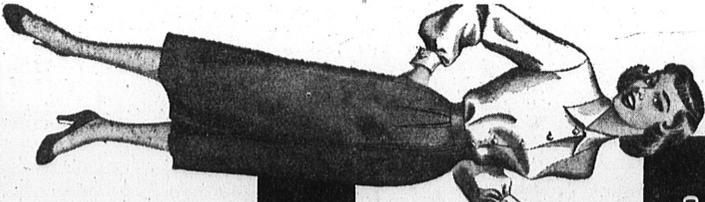
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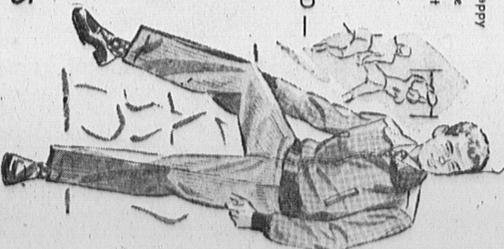
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don't neglect your child's EYESIGHT!

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