Pre-School Check-Up Essential

With the Fall term opening just around the calendar, wise parents will begin to ready their youngsters for school long before the first day of school on September 17.

Early shopping tours for school wardrobes will provide Torrance parents with a greater selection of new merchandise at economical prices.

It is advisable to take the children along for major purchases. Children should be encouraged to volunteer their opinions as to likes and dislikes. This gives them a greater, more personal interest in their belongings.

Another pre-school must, is a thorough examination of the youngster's physical condition. This should encompass his general health, eyes, teeth and hearing.

A complete physical check-up will determine as to whether the child's weight and height, lungs and heart are sound and normal.

Children's vision . . . highly important to learning patterns . . . should be checked very thoroughly before the school term begins. Glasses should be fitted whenever they are prescribed.

Pre-school dental care will send the youngsters back to school with clean teeth, cavities filled and other work where needed.

These are safety measures that parents can provide for their children. A sound body . . . a sound mind . . . are the primary entrance requirements for every student, six to sixteen!

BROTHER AND SISTER . . . are as handsome a pair as you'll find in any school room in their new outfits. Sister wears a tweed jumper and cotton shirt blouse and brother looks trim in a checked wool and rayon jacket and solid-color flannel shorts.

Your Child's Allowance is Education in Use of Money

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A generation or two ago parents felt little need to teach children the use of money early in life. In a simpler society few of the everyday necessities and satisfactions were purchased for cash.

But money transactions are part of everyday living for all of us now. Children must learn about money earlier, because they actually use money sooner, and will be more dependent upon it all their lives.

Some parents still have scruples about letting children spend money which they have not earned, feeling that this will result in an irresponsible attitude. Others feel that children's spending is wasteful of family resources, for surely many things which children buy are trival and of only passing value.

A suitable allowance for the child will not seem wasteful if we think of it as an educational device, which it really is and not an indulgence.

Money used for the child's education is surely a legitimate part of the family budget. As we know, children learn best by doing. We must, provide the materials and opportunities for learning, just as we provide all other things that children need for growing up.

Even people of very modest means find that they can afford to teach their children in this way if they decide to give small sums regularly and according to plan instead of handing out pennies and nickels here and there on request — or when the child nags hard enough.

Surely children in families where funds are scarce are most in need of help in learning to spend wisely.

If children are to learn through allowances, the money must be really theirs to spend as they choose and it must be given regularly so that they can count on it.

Allowances are given to help children learn to spend money wisely, and how to save. If that purpose remains clear, it is not too hard to give the child full freedom to spend his money as he sees fit.

THE DANGER LINE

The curb line is the danger line for pedestrians — young and old. Look both ways and be sure the way is clear before you cross.

School-Going Fashions Are Gay, Versatile

. . . with emphasis on line, color and fabric, the Fall fashion picture for children, subteens and teen-agers, is a gay, exciting picture.

From kindergarten to college, gals are wearing smart pyramid coats with raglan shoulder lines.

Fitted coats see a new burst of interest. Sleeves, collars and pockets are given new emphasis in all age groups. Tweeds, fleeces, chinchilla cloths and new "poodle" cloths are top favorites. This new fabric features a deep, loopy, curly texture . . . really exciting-looking! Broadcloths, worsted and coverts, of course, hold their own.

School-going girls are finding bright, new variations of their perennial favorites — in shirtwaist dresses, jumpers, button front styles, and princess frocks. Short, cuffed sleeves, raglans and push-up 3/4 sleeves are still top news.

Plaids in everything from cottons to wools make the school crowd a happy clan. Velvets and velveteens take top honors with the school crowds, again this year.

And, there's real school spirit in the bright, exciting color range for school-bound apparel.

The purple tones continue to be popular . . brilliant red, green and blue come in for honors . . .wine shades are new this year . . and warm, tawny tones of honey, gold, and orange are sure to excite every back-to-school wardrobe.

Children's TV Programs Educational

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Television has been called today's Pied Piper of Hamelin. There's this difference, however. Instead of luring children from their homes, TV comes right into the living room to cast its spell on our children.

We certainly should make better use of TV for education than we have so far. Schools are just waking up to the wonderful possibilities of this new tool of teaching.

A major network has experimented with a program telecasting school subjects in out-of-school hours. So far these efforts have been experimental, but they point to a whole new use of TV. Instead of resisting this new art, forward-looking educators are seeking ways of using it in the interests of all chidren.

But education needn't come labeled as geography or history or science. Learning is sometimes incidental A junior high teacher reports that students with TV sets at home often come to school with a much wider knowledge of what goes on in the world, and discussion periods are enlivened by what they have gleaned from television.

Some teachers, on the other hand, find that homework suffers where children are too absorbed in watching television. Children need help from their parents in budgeting their time.

There's a time for everything, including television. They will have to arrange for homework, household chores, outdoor play and other things. Self-rationing usually works best, but an occasional parental reminder may be useful.

Not everything children see on television will be valuable or even good. No doubt, they are also seeing and hearing much that is what we adults call "pure trash," and sometimes worse. Some may need to be protected from programs which are over-exciting—and certainly from a steady diet of them. Learning to discriminate betwen good and bad programs is a kind of education, too.

Let's not belittle the value of sheer entertainment and fun. We needn't ask of every program that it "teach them something." All of us want moments of relaxation, laughter and fun. Children do, too.

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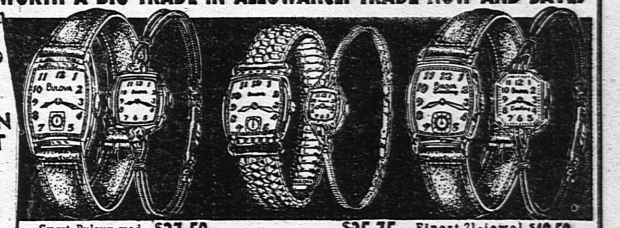

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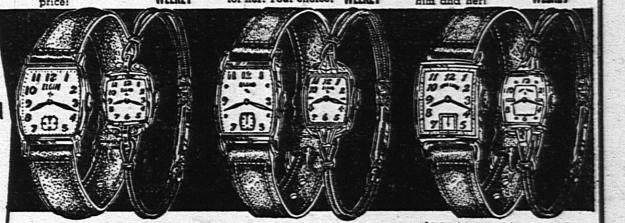

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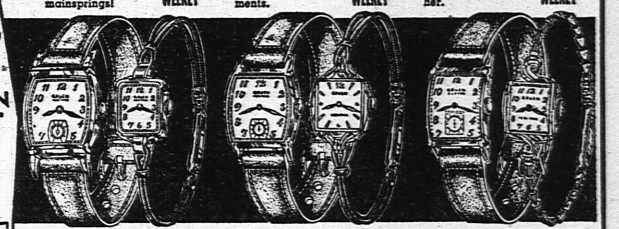

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