

AAA Maps Plans For Pupil's Safety

A frontal assault on traffic accidents involving school-age children has been launched by the American Automobile Association.

Such accidents take the lives of 2,650 youngsters and injure 150,000 annually.

A blueprint for community action on the problem is featured in a new handbook, Planned Pedestrian Program, issued by the AAA foundation for traffic safety.

The publication, which has been several years in preparation, outlines a basic program for states and cities in reducing pedestrian mishaps.

It has been distributed to local police, safety officials and others concerned with the reduction of highway mishaps.

Steps urged by the AAA to reduce school-age accidents include:

- (1) greater uniformity in school crossing signs and signals.
 - (2) scientific surveys by city traffic engineers to develop sound school crossing controls for the community.
 - (3) increased use of the school safety patrols and adult school crossing guards.
 - (4) development of more and better city playgrounds, competently staffed and strategically located.
 - (5) adoption by all states of uniform school bus laws.
 - (6) cooperation of parents on "the safest route to school."
 - (7) intensified pre-school education for living in the motor age.
- The AAA handbook points out

that youngsters between 12 and 16 years seem to have the best pedestrian record of all school-age children, but that they more than compensate with their heavy death toll as bicyclists. During the first two years of school, pedestrian accidents show a sharp rise, the AAA said.

"From 5 to 10 years of age, about half the accidents come from walking or running off the pavement and half from crossing the street," the booklet said. "Mid-morning and mid-afternoon are the most hazardous periods for pre-school children, and Saturday mornings are markedly dangerous."

High tribute was paid to the work of the nation's 600,000 members of the school safety patrols who protect the lives of over 15 million classmates at 26 thousand schools throughout the country.

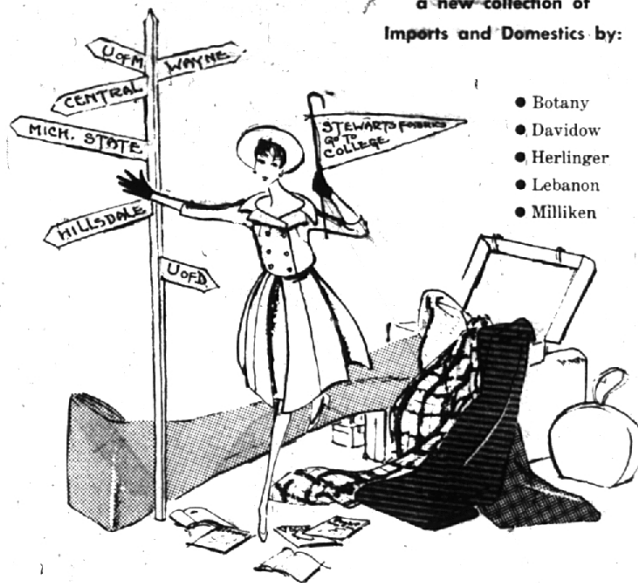
The AAA urged communities to use police coordinators to help development of efficient patrol units, and called on parent-teacher and other civic organizations to give all support to the patrols.

The AAA booklet also appealed for greater use of police at school crossings where "adequate gaps in traffic are not sufficiently frequent for crossing."

Youth traffic courts were recommended as an important weapon for communities in fighting pedestrian accidents.

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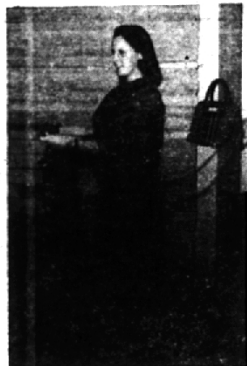
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Lathrup School Purchases Land, Starts Blacktopping

Anne Lathrup school not only made ground improvements, bought new drapes and shades, but added another plot of land to the premises. It was purchased from Louise Lathrup Kelly in mid-July.

The parking lot and playground area was blacktopped. Additional paving will be completed in light of the new land purchase, following a somewhat altered layout of the school grounds. The tennis court resurfacing was completed July 21.

Playground equipment was purchased and installed. Drapes, shades and other small improvements have been added to classrooms.



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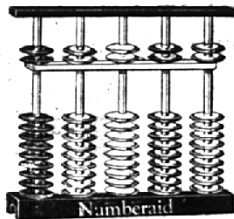
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