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BICYCLISTS' CLUB SPONSORED BY AAA IS STARTED HERE

Believing that ignorance of the rules of the road is one of the main reasons why children bicyclists are frequently struck by cars, the Automobile Club of Michigan sponsors the Safety Bicycle Club, a Farmington branch of the club is being started through the grade school, Robert Stewart, principal says.

Rules which must be observed by the members are that they will obey all traffic signals and signs; that they will put the reflector, which the club gives them free, on the back of their bicycle; they will ride on the right side of the road near the curb in single file when being approached or overtaken by cars; they will give other vehicles the right of way; they will ride on a safe speed; keep their heads up when riding and watch at corners; they will ride only one on a bicycle and they will be extra cautious at the most dangerous time of day—as dusk approaches.

There is no membership fee and the member receives free a membership card, a record made of his bicycle's serial number and the reflector already mentioned. It is estimated there are 11,000,000 bicycles in use in the U. S. and it may be possible, according to the AAA, for these bicyclists to "vanish in clubs and crusade for bicycle trails."

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Left to right, sitting: Peggy Nelson, Mary Gale, Queenie Orr Buck, Charles L. Wilson, Luther Harvey Lodge, Donald Plaukel, Don C. Noggin. Standing: Yvonne Kennedy, Harry Merritt.

Bad Pickings In 1933 For Most Bank Robbers

When two men entered the Farmington State Bank, around noon on July 11 and took \$1,650, they committed one of the three bank robberies in the past year in the State that have not been solved. State Police records show.

All except three of the State's 10 bank robberies in 1933 have been solved. The other two are the robbery of a branch of the Detroit Savings Bank April 20 of \$7,675 and the robbery of another branch of the same bank on Dec. 6 of \$7,740.

Otto Barnowski and James McDonald await trial in the Federal Detention Home in Milan for the robbery of the Farmington bank on March 25 of \$5,730. Because there were some other men in on the robbery, McDonald and Barnowski will not go on trial until they are apprehended, says City Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt.

It is expected that the last robbery will not go unsolved forever, DeVriendt said. There are some leads being pursued now, which may eventually lead to a conviction, he said. It should be noted that in 1926 the bank was robbed of \$30,000 by two men who have never been found.

Barring a crime wave in the few remaining days of December, the local and State law enforcement agencies are assured of a better record than last year.

According to Capt. Ira H. Marmon, head of the State Police Detective Bureau, the reduction of robberies this year is a result of improvement in the co-operation between local, State and Federal officers.

"During the past year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Police and local officers have shown splendid co-operation in the apprehension of Michigan bank robbers," Marmon said. "Our success this year is merely an indication of what can be accomplished with united forces."

Two Sisters Have Joint Record of 92 Years of Service at Switchboard



The only two sister operators in Connecticut, and probably in the entire country, to have 45 years of service at the switchboard are the Misses Grace (left) and Gertrude Worthington, of the Wilton central office, who, incidentally, a few years before had been the first in the world to change from boy operators to women.

After several years in Bridgeport, the Worthington sisters were transferred to the Westport, Conn., exchange, which they left in 1927 to go to Wilton. There they live and work in a pleasant white house which serves as both residence and telephone office. "Going to work" is accomplished merely by stepping from the parlor to the large corner room which houses the modern telephone switchboard serving this small Connecticut community. It is estimated that each of the sisters answered more than ten million calls with the familiar "Number please"—or the now outmoded "Hello" of the '20's. These twenty million calls have covered every human experience and every event of local history—births, deaths, catastrophes, tragedy and comedy, outstanding events and humdrum routine.

To Chief Operator Grace Worthington and to Supervisor Gertrude Worthington the glowing lamps on their switchboard have meant a summons, a response, a connection—a small job well done—twenty million times.

"The weakest to the wall" There are many phrases the meaning of which has entirely changed since they were first coined. When we say "the weakest shall go to the wall," we mean that the fittest will survive. But originally it meant something quite different. In medieval times, according to Pearson's London Weekly, the churches of England, though strongly built and outwardly beautiful, were crudely finished inside. Rush mats and reeds covered the floor and there were no seats for the common people. But round the inner wall a stone bench was cut. This bench was reserved for the old and the infirm. It was therefore a common cry in church, "The weakest to the wall."

Woman's Club Holds Christmas Party

Members of the Farmington Woman's Club were pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon at their annual Christmas party held at the home of Mrs. Paul R. Schreiber. Following the business meeting at which it was voted to send a sum of money as a gift to the Children's Village and to the Otter Lake American Legion Bille, the program was presented by the committee in charge, Mrs. Anna Cooke, Mrs. Anna Brown and Mrs. Mary Johnson.

Roll call was answered by Christmas greetings, Mrs. Frances Way sang "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," accompanied by Mrs. Georgian Bernal. Miss Esther Boynton gave an original Christmas verse, which she had written for the occasion. Various games were played, including the making of Christmas table favors. The Christmas tree was enjoyed, and exchange of ten gift.

Following the serving of tea, the group joined in the singing of Christmas carols, with Mrs. Bernal at the piano. Announcement will be made later concerning the next meeting which is to be held January 18.

CHILDREN'S TOYS DEMAND SKILL IN PURCHASER

Young children are a difficult gift problem to those who are not around them and familiar with the things that interest them. Another consideration besides interest, is safety, for the gift must not be something with which they will hurt themselves.

Hester Newick Fraser of the "consumers' bureau" of the Michigan State Department of Agriculture has devised the following list of Christmas suggestions for children:

Suggestions for crib toys that can be securely tied to the side of the crib: Bright colored ribbons and soft, bright colored balls; small bells and rattles of different tones; colored balloons; strings of bright colored wooden beads; soft rubber dolls and animals for the tub.

Creeping and toddling age: Rubber balls; unbreakable dolls and dolls furniture; round-cornered cubical blocks; nest of blocks; wooden cut-out animals; flat wooden trains and wagons; take-along toys; small strong chair; wagon; pedal kiddie car; chair swing; low slider; low steps; large wooden beads; sand box with buckets and sand toys; drums.

Runabout age—2 to 4 years: Baby slide; balance board; swing; climbing apparatus; teeter-totter; low rings; cross bar; trapeze; rocking boat; sled; velocipede (4 years); 2 pedal automobile; large wagon; strong iron or wooden train; boat; automobile; building blocks; work bench with hammer, nails and pieces of soft wood; large wooden beads; 4 piece puzzles; large peg board; dustless chalk; easel; large paint brushes; water paints and crayons; modeling materials; blunt scissors.

small mat and chair; toy Doctor and Nurses kits.

Kindergarten age: Football; coaster; jump rope; double runner; ice skates; sled; roller skates; boxing gloves; large sewing and weaving materials; paper dolls; script books; rubber stamp set and stenciling materials; dolls, etc. dress-up costumes; bean bags; fish pond; bubble sets; tiddlywinks. Elementary school age: Bicycle; golf (for sets); croquet; baseball, football, beach, basketball and soccer; garden; tools; ball-bearing roller skates; ice skates; skt; boy scout outfits; work bench and tools; desk and black board; construction sets; sewing and weaving sets; art materials; painting sets; jig-saw puzzles; electric trains; typewriter; housekeeping toys; sewing machine; board games; card games; magic lantern; moving picture machine; real musical instruments; dolls; costumes.

At Ghesquiere, sophomore half-back of the University of Detroit Titans, has one of the longest and most useful punts in the school's football history to his credit. Against Purdue, he stood on his own 35-yard line and quick-kicked a soaring spiral that was downed on the Bollermakers' four. It was a net gain from the line of scrimmage of 74 yards.

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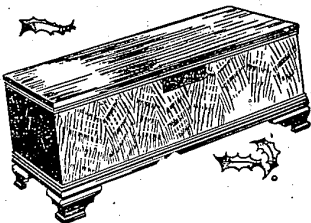
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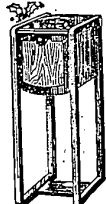
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