

reduce these farm accident deaths, so many of which are due entirely to carelessness.

It has been said that "A nation walks forward on the feet of its children" --- it is our obligation to teach our children to walk safely.

We are very happy to present an article by Dr. F. P. Helm, Guest Editor for this issue of the Bulletin. Dr. Helm, as Executive Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Health has been very active in urging and promoting safety education in the Kansas public schools. His articles on safety appear regularly in many of the newspapers throughout the state.

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Safety Education in Dodge City High School

Safety education is being stressed more and more in the Kansas schools as a result of the need shown by the large number of accidents constantly occurring. It has been definitely proven that intensive education in safety does greatly decrease accidents among school children. St. Louis was one of the first cities to prove this fact more than 20 years ago. One of the first, if not the very first, safety courses to be used in this country, was developed and used in that city with exceedingly good results.

An intensive and well thought out course in safety has been developed by Mr. Ralph Churchill, Director of Physical Education, at Dodge City, Kansas. This course is designed for high school students and is taught to all sophomores. He has developed a course which is having some very fine results. Mr. Churchill gives the following description of his work:

All of the Sophomore boys and girls are enrolled in Safety Education for one semester. Safety Education alternates with Physical Education. The time allotted for the course is 2.5 periods per week for one semester, each period being 55 minutes in length.

The text books being used at present are: "Man and The Motor Car," by Albert Whitney. Educational Series Vol. X National Bureau of Casuality and Surety Underwriters - New York. 1936
"Safety First and Last," by Charles E. Dull. Senior High School, Newark,

New Jersey, Copyright, 1938 by Henry Holt and Company.

These texts are secured by a 15 cent rental fee per pupil.

Twenty-seven periods are used in studying automobile safety. In all cases we try to relate our study with actual happenings in and about Dodge City. The students keep newspaper articles pertaining to automobile, home, school and farm accidents. We correlate all of our academic work with these newspaper articles.

After teaching Safety Education three years, I am sincerely convinced that teaching driving in the school is very impractical. Driving is habit formation and takes considerable more time than we have allotted for it. Teaching driving is similar to that of coaching football. It takes hours of consistence repetition to become efficient in the basic fundamentals.

I do believe we have accomplished a great deal along the line of pedestrian travel, especially around the school and downtown. Maybe this is because we are always on the lookout for one of our students to break a pedestrian law and use him as an example.

The remaining twenty-five sessions we use for home, school and farm safety, covering such topics as:

- Safety at Home
- Fire and Fire Prevention
- Safety at School and At Play
- First Aid
- Safety in and About the Farm

Use is made of several aids in making the course practical, graphic, and interesting. These include talks by speakers such as the police and fire chiefs, motion pictures, and lantern slides. One of the most interesting and valuable methods used is for the students to visit the scene of serious accidents that occur. In cooperation with the police department they study the accident, learn its cause and then discuss ways in which it might have been avoided. Thus they learn cause and prevention in connection with real accidents.

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Cathedral High School of Wichita will compete for the city basketball championship with Wichita East and North High Schools this year.

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