

MANHATTAN BICYCLE CLUB

Manhattan, as are many other cities, is faced with safety problems due to the large and rapidly increasing number of bicycles being ridden by the school pupils of the city. Realizing the menace to safety of the increased number of vehicles on the streets, the school authorities have met the situation by the organization of the Manhattan Bicycle Club. The Club is sponsored by Mr. J. C. Gaeddert, Instructor in the junior high school, who has had a great deal of experience with youth organizations.

The Club has a Constitution, Bicycle Code, Rules for Bicycle Riders, a board of directors, and official bicycle inspectors. The Manhattan Club is formed on the basis of the National Bicycle Club, using their Constitution and organization form with special adaptations to cover local conditions. The Club is governed by a board of directors, numbering 24 students, and the sponsor. This board meets every other week.

There are 250 members at present and the number is increasing. Any school pupil may become a member by having his bicycle pass official inspection and agreeing to abide by the Code and Rules of the Club. When this has been done he is given a tag to fasten to the rear wheel guard of his bicycle just the way Dad has one on his auto. This insignia is one designed by the National Bicycle Club. A drivers license is also issued to members at the same time, and upon which is printed the rules and Code of the Club.

In addition to the president and secretary other important officers are the bicycle inspector and assistants, and the patrolmen. Bicycles are inspected carefully to get a description of the bicycle, serial number, and make of bicycle and tires. Brakes are also tested. This information is filed at the City hall and at the school. This aids in the recovery of stolen bicycles. The patrolmen have the important duty of seeing that riders get safely across the streets bounding the school grounds.

The Bicycle Club has given three assembly programs at the junior high school and one before one of the business men's noon luncheon clubs. Beginning next semester the club plans to sponsor a group of bicycle hikes for smaller groups of riders.

There is a great deal of enthusiasm over this safety project among the pupils and due to wise supervision and careful planning is proving a fine piece of safety education. Learning to be a careful "rider" should be a good foundation for becoming a careful "driver" as Johnny grows up. Following is the official set-of-Rules for Bicycle Riders:

1. To obey all traffic regulations as:
 - a. Ride with the lights.
 - b. Stop at all stop signs.
 - c. Learn and use the official hand signals.
 - d. Ride only on the streets or bicycle lanes.
 - e. Ride singly on the bicycle.
2. To ride courteously at all times.
3. To ride with hand on the handle bars.
4. To ride in a straight line and in a single file.
5. To give pedestrians the right of way.
6. To ride close to the curb and on the right hand side of the road.
7. To have my bicycle inspected at regular intervals by one in authority.
8. To equip my bicycle with head lights and rear reflectors if I plan to use it for night riding.
9. To peddle my own cycle and not "hitch" to any moving vehicles.
10. To keep my bicycle in good condition all the time.

Always Ride Carefully!

New H. and P.E. Round Table Chairmen

The following were elected in November as Chairmen for next years six Health and Physical Education round tables. The cities mentioned are those at which these people were elected:

Garden City - Mr. Ralph Churchill,
Dodge City.

Hays - Mr. Alex Francis, Oberlin.

Topeka - Mr. Bruce Smith, Director of
Physical Education, Manhattan
Public Schools.

Pittsburg - Mr. Wayne Campbell, Senior
High School, Neodesha.

Salina - Mr. P. L. Phillipo, Salina High
School, Salina.

Wichita - Mr. R. H. McAlister, Supervisor
of Health and Physical Educa-
tion, Wichita.