

AUTO NEWS

CHILDREN LEAD IN SAFETY WORK, EXPERTS CLAIM

Education System for Adults Stressed by Officials.

Times Special

DETROIT, June 13.—The "five-year plan" of the National Safety Council, which seeks to save 38,000 lives by 1941, can be completed only if adults learn to practice safety as well as the nation's children are doing, experts agreed this week.

Safety engineers for insurance companies, traffic officials and public safety directors are united in the belief that education is the nation's strongest weapon in the fight against traffic accidents, and that children are responding more readily than adults.

New evidence of the example being set by children for their elders has been found by police officials here. It appeared in the school term records of Detroit's Safety Patrol boys, who have been competing throughout the term for a five-day trip to Washington, offered by the Plymouth division of the Chrysler Corp.

Fatalities Reduced

Since 1922, when child safety education began on a national scale, traffic fatalities among children of grade school age have been reduced more than 6 per cent. Adult traffic deaths in the United States during the same period increased 198 per cent, National Safety Council records show.

Major credit for this decrease in traffic fatalities among children must go to the nation's patrol boys, according to Lieutenant Wesley Brown, head of the Public Safety Bureau of the Detroit police department.

Children Lead

In compiling records of the school term just closing, to determine which of Detroit's patrol boys are eligible for the Plymouth-sponsored trip, we find the children again leading adults in accident reduction. Under the protection of 6200 patrol boys, Detroit school children have reduced their fatal accidents more than 40 per cent during the first five months of 1938, as compared with the same period last year. Adults have effected a reduction of only 7.4 per cent.

Offered as an incentive and a reward for better safety patrol work, the Washington trip is being given by Plymouth this year to the 66 boys selected by police and school authorities for outstanding service during the school year. The 66 winners were chosen at a special assembly of 320 Honor Patrol Boys last week, and the prize-winning troop left Detroit Friday for a five-day tour of the national capital, with side trips to Mt. Vernon and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

MANY BUICKS APPEAR IN SCENES OF MOVIES

13 Films Listed as Showing Make of Auto in Action.

Always popular with the movie colony, the 1938 Buicks have gone Hollywood in a big way, according to T. H. Corpe, director of advertising and sales promotion of the Buick Motor Co.

Today he announced that Buick cars are appearing in more than a dozen pictures in theaters throughout the country.

Among the season's important films in which the familiar hood may be seen, he said, are the following: "Brode and Like That"; "Men Are Like That"; "Murder by an Aristocrat"; "Times Square Playboy"; "The Golden Arrow"; "Lawyer Woman"; "Jail Break"; "The Big Noise"; "Bullets or Balloons"; "The Case of the Velvet Claws"; "Public Enemy's Wife"; "Hot Money" and "Earthworm Tractors."

NEW RECORD SET BY PACKARD DELIVERIES

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