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INSPECT SCHOOL BUSES FOR SAFETY REGULATIONS

Indianapolis, Sept. 9. (Spec.)—State Police troopers today began an annual inspection to weed out school buses which do not comply with Indiana safety regulations, according to Arthur M. Thurston, department superintendent.

"We cannot afford to trifle with the safety and welfare of thousands of school children," he asserted, emphasizing the inspection would be rigid and thorough.

Buses found unsafe or obsolete will be condemned and the township trustee ordered to remove the vehicle from service until it meets state school bus safety committee specifications. Vehicles will be rechecked by troopers after repairs are made.

In addition, drivers of the 5,500 buses, which transport 250,000 students, each school day, will be required to display a physical fitness certification and a public passenger chauffeur's license.

Troopers will examine the bus body for all-steel construction, safety glass, forward-facing seats, safety escape door and new red flasher warning signals, required by law. The bus heater, fire extinguisher, axe and other interior equipment will be inspected, together with tires, brakes, horn, windshield wiper, lights and the stop signal arm.

Inspection schedules have been arranged with county school superintendents in the 10 State Police districts.

"During the war years and in the post-war period, we were forced to be lenient because new buses were not available," Supt. Thurston explained, "but now modern transportation equipment is available, and we intend to see that every school unit conforms with the state law to protect the school child from tragedy."

AUTO DAMAGES HOUSE

William Zents, of Nappanee, lost control of his car last Saturday night while coming into Syracuse on the North Huntington street road, and crashed into the side of the Fielden Sharp residence. The force of the blow moved a nine-foot section of the concrete foundation under the house, and the automobile was badly damaged. Two passengers in the Zents car were uninjured.

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On Sept. 15 the citizens of Indiana who smoke cigarettes were forced by a new state law to pay 1 cent a pack more for their cigarettes. This is the result of legislative action "adding insult to injury" in the 1949 General Assembly. Before the session the Democratic administration promised to repeal the 3-cent cigarette tax. Instead, the Legislature kept that tax and passed a law, called the cigarette "fair trade" law. It gives the Alcoholic Beverage Commission power to see to it that Indiana citizens pay more per pack than they have been paying.

This so-called "fair trade" law is probably unconstitutional for the same reasons that courts of other states have ruled out similar laws. It makes a state agency a price fixing body which is completely at variance with the purpose of the anti-trust laws and with the principles of free competition. We are not exactly sure why the Legislature passed this law. It produces no revenue for the state treasury. But we are sure that it was not enacted to carry out the wishes of the smoking voters of Indiana. They have to pay that extra penny a pack. They'll pay it, but they won't like it.—The Indianapolis Star.

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90: 131: 136:
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm
63:1-4

The Psalms We Sing

Lesson for September 23, 1949

IT WOULD be a most unusual person who on his dying bed would turn to the 23rd chapter of I Chronicles and not to the 23rd Psalm. If the reader will think of his own favorite passage of Scripture, and then look them up in some edition which prints the Bible in a modern format, he will discover that his favorite passages are probably all poetry.

Poetry's Power
Why the appeal of poetry? For one thing, it is vivid. It is in colors, not severe black and white. It lives and breathes, at times it shouts, and it always sings.

It is true to say "The providential oversight of the Creator is continuous and unrelenting," but it is more effective to say, "The Lord is my shepherd." It would be true to say, "The evidences of creative and beneficent purpose can be seen throughout all the orders of nature," but how much more vivid is the 18th Psalm, calling on hail and fire, sun and moon and stars of light, to praise the Lord!

Another secret of poetry's power is that it is the language of emotion. Professors and theologians may be saying the same things as the poet, and maybe even saying them more completely and accurately; but what they say is less easy to remember. So these emotional Psalms will always appeal, even to the professor when off duty, because they make us feel religion and not merely think it.

Pictures of God

SO IT IS no wonder the Psalms have been loved and sung all over the world. We are perhaps the only religion that has made so much use of another religion's hymn book. Different though our faiths may be, Jews and Christians can sing from the Psalter with one voice and heart.

For centuries it was the hymnal of the Christian church. Indeed, up to recent years some large denominations would allow in public worship the singing of no other songs than the Psalms.

Many of our best hymns and popular gospel songs, as we have already seen, are based on Psalms. "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," "A Shelter in the Time of Storm," "Hiding in Thee," — they all go back to the Psalmist's picture of God as a Rock (Ps. 42:9). The Psalmist was not thinking of a little rock in a cornfield. He was thinking of some tall crag in the fierce hot landscape of his country.

A rock there is a landmark, it is a shelter against the blazing sun, people could live under its overhanging height.

So God is the landmark of life, he gives direction to our ways; he is the shelter on life's weary journey, he is our safe dwelling.

So with the many other pictures of God in the Psalms—he is light, he is shade, he is the guard on duty at night watching over the sleeping city (Ps. 121); he is a shepherd, he is water for the thirsting soul (Ps. 42).

A Model Hymnal

IT IS true that few Christians today can use in worship all of the Psalms, without omissions or changes. It is also true that practically all Christian churches find that the Psalms, by themselves, are inadequate to express all there is in Christian experience, faith and ideals.

The Christian hymn, entirely independent of the Psalms, has long since come into its own. And yet the Psalms remain the model hymnal. For in them beauty and truth are blended.

This should be the ideal of all Christian hymn and song books. Some of our modern "hymns" as well as some older ones, are bad because they are no better than jingles, doggerel, not poetry, and often sung to tunes better suited to a juke box; and some are bad because they convey either nonsense or downright falsehood. But the great hymns, and the best hymnals, are those which like the Psalms of old, combine profound truths about God and man, duty and destiny, with stately, stirring and singable music, aglow with the beauty and power of words.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Lindstrom, of West Jefferson, O., who came to attend the funeral of Dickie Kitson, last week, remained until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kitson.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hire, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Laughlin and Miss Florence Foster returned home Sunday from Mile 60, Canada, where they spent the past 10 days.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNER-SHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND CIRCULATION REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1933, AND JULY 2, 1946 (39 U. S. C. 233)

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