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## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND INCOME

By J. B. MONLUX, Deputy Superintendent

Neither parents, teachers nor pupils fully realize the effect of the absence of pupils from school upon the income of the department, to say nothing of the detrimental effect of such absence upon their progress.

The state and county income for school maintenance is based largely upon average daily attendance; every day's absence costs the district about 32 cents and when the absence—much of it unnecessary—amounts as it does in our schools to six or eight hundred thousand dollars in a year, the loss is easily computed as being in round numbers two hundred thousand dollars a year, or enough money to pay the salaries of one hundred teachers at the maximum salary rate. One hundred teachers engaged in productive school work ought to be able to do a good piece of productive work for humanity. The school laws of the state assume that every child shall be in school every day unless detained away on account of sickness. All other absence should be classed as unnecessary absence, and therefore inexcusable.

For financial reasons alone, if no other, teachers should redouble their efforts to have every child in school every day that he is physically able to be there.

There are other and far more potent reasons why teachers should encourage children to come to school regularly, and why they should endeavor to point out to parents why desultory attendance is disastrous. In a very few days the absent child is left hopelessly behind in his work. He either becomes disheartened and, groping in the dark, loses all interest and at the end of the term loses out entirely, thus incurring the added expense caused by repeaters, or the teacher must take the time that belongs to the school and laboriously bring him up to grade. This is unfair to the teacher and unfair to the school.

A short lesson should be given once in a while on the subjects of punctuality and attendance. Every one should feel that it is a matter of vital importance that he should be present at his post of duty regularly and on time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maitland are comfortably settled in their new home on Narbonne. The house was put up so quickly that it seemed like magic, it being one of the portable structures from the Pacific Ready Cut Co.

## LOMITA CHURCH NOTES

Rev. M. L. Leith, the pastor-elect of the Moneta Presbyterian church, preached in exchange with the pastor. His message was interesting and helpful. We congratulate the Moneta church in securing such a man as their pastor.

By invitation the pastor visited the Sunday school at the McKinley Home for Boys. Here are 133 boys of various ages up to sixteen years. Comfortably cared for in six or seven houses. The Sunday school is held in the Memorial Chapel. Seven men—five from Moneta Presbyterian church and two from San Pedro—are the officers and teachers of the Sunday school. The pastor gave a talk to the boys: "The Best Boy That Ever Lived, Jesus Christ."

At Moneta the pastor supplied the pulpit, and immediately afterward moderated a Congregational meeting at which Rev. M. L. Leith was unanimously called as pastor of the church.

In the evening at Lomita the sermon was on Repentance, as taught in the Bible, and in human experience. It was shown that human experience corroborates the Scriptures and thereby proves their truthfulness. A large congregation was present. The Sunday school attained another high record. The register showed a total attendance of 208. The automobile contest has increased in interest and attendance. We shall likely need more teachers and more room for the new classes.

By order of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County the corporate name of the church has been changed from the First Presbyterian Church of Lomita to the Community Presbyterian Church of Lomita.

On Sunday, October 30, twenty more photographs will be added to the Cradle Roll pictures. At the morning service that day opportunity will be given for the baptism of infants and young children.

## COLLISION ON DANGEROUS CORNER

A collision occurred Monday morning at 7 o'clock on the corner of Weston and Narbonne, when a machine driven by A. F. Johnson collided with a horse and buggy belonging to Refugio Vargaz. The Mexican was thrown to the ground and suffered a painful but not serious scalp wound. Both vehicles were moving slowly, as no damage was done to either. The heavy fog obstructed the driver's view and caused the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stinson visited the former's mother at Palms Sunday.

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By AUNT POLLY  
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## SOME WAYS OF SAVING

To prolong the life of sheets, reverse them each time they come from the laundry, using the end which was at the head last time at the foot. If used the same way every time the end used at the foot wears out much faster, as it has to be rubbed harder.

If you would take the best care of your umbrella, do not shut it up after using it in rainy weather. Keep it open to its full extent until quite dry; then stand it away on its handle. If you wish it to wear well, do not crush it up or put into a tight-fitting cover.

A tablespoon of washing soda and a cup of vinegar poured down the sink will clean out the most stubborn of clogged pipes.

To clean soiled wall paper, dip a whitewash brush into hot vinegar and brush over quickly. When the paper is dry it will appear fresh and new looking.

Save the lead when you sharpen inflexible pencils, put it into an old ink bottle and cover with water and you have good ink to use.—J. W. H., Los Angeles.

To repair the seat of a cane-seated chair, cut a piece of inlaid linoleum two inches larger than the opening in the chair. Paint this a leather brown on the top and edge; let it dry for two days; then tack it in the place with upholstery tacks. It makes a serviceable and attractive seat.

Rub paraffin in bread or cake pans and then placing them in the oven will keep the pans from becoming rusty. When this is done less grease is required to grease the pans.—M. P.

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