

Summertime—and the Burglin' Is Easy—Protect Your Home

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Summertime is upon us and many a weary businessman is looking forward to packing up and hitting the vacation trail. To make it a truly happy vacation make sure the home you leave behind is safeguarded.

Here are a few tips offered by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to protect property while vacationing:

- Inform your local police department of departure and return dates.
 - Don't let milk and newspaper deliveries pile up. This is a sure sign there's nobody home. Have mail sent to your vacation spot, held, or taken care of by a neighbor.
 - Provide a key for a neighbor you can trust for checking the premises every once in a while. Inform police who has the key.
 - Leave some shades and blinds up while you're away. If all of them are down it's obvious the house is vacant.
 - A small light should be left burning so that it can be seen at night. Attaching it to an automatic device that turns the light off in the daytime and turns it on at night is even a better idea.
- Other safeguards suggested by the association include having the lawn mowed if you'll be away for a long time; making sure all electrical appliances are turned off and all doors and windows are locked, and using a door lock that has a bolt as well as the usual spring lock.

INFLATION ISN'T all bad. Indeed, the small fry cavorting in the back yards of the nation think it's great.

It has brought the beach to their home, and made wading and swimming a summer-long pleasure instead of a once-in-a-while joy.

G. W. Baldwin, buyer of children's sporting goods for F.W. Woolworth Co., predicts a big surge this year in purchases of the inflatable swimming and wading pools for lads and lassies up to 12 years old.

These pools, in sizes up to eight feet, are in the low-price range and easy to handle because they are lightweight. Also inflatable are beach balls, swim rings, and air mattresses. Popular accessories are snorkels and fins for the feet.

Some families, the Woolworth buyer reports, prefer eight-foot pools with a steel frame support. A new backyard pool for tots doesn't need to be inflated, just open it up and fill it with water. The water supports the sides. Smaller plastic pools that are molded to serve a double purpose; they can be used as wading pools or sand boxes.

THERE WAS A minor blackout recently in Kalamazoo, Mich., and is wasn't caused by a defective grid or transformer. Believe it or not, an elephant did it. Carnival hands tied the pachyderm to a utility pole and it got so mad it yanked the pole from its foundation, shorted power lines and blacked out 50 homes... How's this for

School Bus Record for Safety Cited

California's public and private school buses last year traveled more than 129 million miles transporting some two million pupils daily to and from school and school activities, and only three persons were killed and 610 injured in accidents involving these vehicles.

"This kind of record, which is virtually no different from past years, is why we call a ride in a school bus the safest mode of transportation in California," declared California Highway Patrol Commissioner Harold W. Sullivan.

Of the three persons killed, two were passengers in vehicles that collided with school buses and the third was a pupil pedestrian. Of those injured, 257 were passengers in buses, 36 were school bus drivers, 31 were pupil pedestrians, and 286 were other vehicle occupants or pedestrians.

There were 10,604 public and private school buses in operation in California during 1947, all of which were inspected at least once during the year by the California Highway Patrol.

inventiveness? An insurance man in Virginia contacts executives and asks them to make him the first Negro to write a \$1-million policy on one life.

New production line kitchen-bathroom units are scheduled to be inserted into slum tenement buildings in New York this summer, in a program aimed at up-grading sub-standard dwellings without forcing residents to relocate in strange, new neighborhoods.

PARTIALLY vacant buildings on 107th Street are being purchased by the non-profit Frederick W. Richmond Foundation. As additional vacancies occur, families are shifted into nearby buildings until one building is completely vacant.

The old but sound building is then gutted and renovated. A seven-foot square shaft is cut from the roof to the foundation to take out debris and bring in new materials. Then the compact bathroom-kitchen core, developed by Borg-Warner, is installed in each apartment.

The cores, complete with all bathroom fixtures, appliances, wiring and plumbing, are lowered in from the roof and stacked one atop another, sealing the shaft.

FAMILIES FROM surrounding buildings then move into the newly-renovated apartments.

ments and work begins on their building. It will take about five weeks to complete work on the first building and then one building will be renovated about every 10 days.

A company has developed what it calls "a truly new synthetic" for the textile industry. It combined nylon and polyester in a single filament to produce a fiber that is strong, tough and wrinkle resistant. The fiber is able to reflect light, thereby giving it a silky sheen, the company said.



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