

Children may drive cars—to learn road sense

SCHOOLBOYS from the age of nine may soon take their "best girls" for a trip round the playground in a real car.

For the latest idea to teach schoolchildren road sense, is to bring cars to the school and let the children drive.

Special midget cars, 4ft. 6in. long and 2ft. 6in. wide, may be used for these "road lessons." They are one horsepower, with 15 m.p.h. as top speed, and are being made by a northern firm. They are driven on a mixture

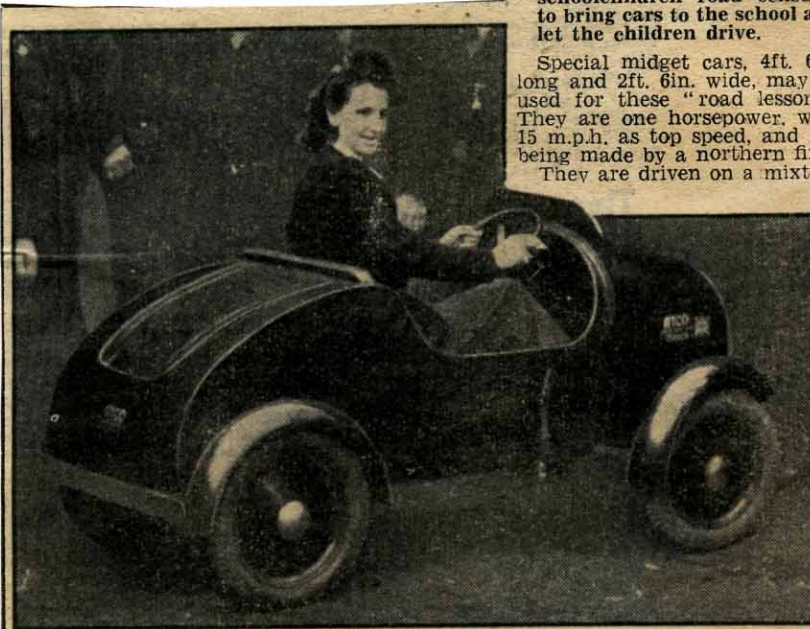
of petrol and oil and have one forward and a reverse gear.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is helping in the scheme, which will include trips around the playgrounds, which will be marked out into "roads" and "crossings."

Instructions in the Highway Code and on the working of car engines are also part of the scheme, which was being planned before the war but had to be postponed.

"The scheme to use these midget cars in schools is about the best way to get across 'safety-first' to young children," an official of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents told the *Daily Mirror*.

School authorities, including those at Great Missenden, Bucks, and Elston, near Bedford, are already interested.



In a car like this children may drive themselves at school to learn road sense.

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