

MOTORING NOTES

TRAINING CHILDREN IN ROAD MANNERS

Value of Second-Hand Cars

The basic idea of the "Atco" Junior Safety-First Trainer, a onehorse-power runabout designed for use in private gardens, school playgrounds, and special training grounds, is to make children motorminded and also more alive to the dangers of the road caused by carelessness whether on the part of cyclist, pedestrian, or motorist.

The argument in favour of its adoption by school authorities is that if every owner of a car to-day had been driving since the age of six, seven, or eight, road sense, quick reflex action, and mastery of control should be intuitive. Parents and others in control of children should realise that this small motor may exert a great influence for good on

general road safety in the future.

"Atco" Juniors do not require road licences as they are not intended to be used on public thoroughfares. I have seen boys and girls of seven and eight years old manage these cars with great skill at two miles an hour. Of course they can be driven faster when the child has attained greater skill. It will be interesting to see how educationists regard this new effort at making our children mechanically minded.

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