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Chapel Hill public schools. Funds currently available have made it possible for the local schools to hire four teachers of driver education this summer. They will be able to teach a total of 180 pupils in the standard three sessions of three weeks each. All of these classes are filled with pupils currently enrolled in the public schools, officials explain.

All pay school taxes . . .

The parents of private school pupils correctly point out that their taxes support the public schools just as much as do the taxes of parents of pupils regularly enrolled in the public schools here. Some even note that because they are paying to send their children to private schools the pressure and the expense of operating the local public schools is relieved proportionately. Why then, they ask, should the private school pupils be pushed to the end of the driver education class waiting list?

While this argument has some substance by itself, the situation is further complicated by the fact that the State of North Carolina provides all of the funds for the teaching of driver education classes. And the State provides these funds, logically, on the basis of the pupil enrollment in each local public school system. Thus the school administrators point out with some justification that the parents of private school pupils have deprived the public schools of their individual children's share of driver education instructional funds.

There — so far as we can trace it — is the dialogue to date in full on this particular isolated dilemma of educational mechanics in this space age. While there appear to be no easy solutions to it, it does seem that the search for a solution should begin with the source of the funds — the State of North Carolina, which has set the prerequisites for allotment of the money.

'Millions of Moons' program at Planetarium to include solar eclipse scheduled July 20

By Bradley Gafes

July 21.

The Moon will partially eclipse the Sun over North Carolina late in the afternoon of Saturday, July 20. The whole process of the eclipse will last a little over two hours, but only 50 per cent of the sun's surface will be hidden from North Carolina at the eclipse's maximum point.

At about 3:45 p. m. EST, July 20 the Moon will begin to pass between the Sun and Earth. Maximum point of eclipse will come at about 4:55 and the Sun will completely emerge again at about 5:55.

For ten days, starting tomorrow, July 12, the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill will include in its regular summer program, "Millions of Moons," a 10-minute detailed explanation of solar eclipses. The added section will occur at the beginning of the program, and will include a special view of the eclipse as seen from Maine, where the eclipse will be total.

"Millions of Moons," an exploration of the millions of heavenly bodies that are actually moons, though hardly anybody besides astronomers think of them as such, is presented daily at the Planetarium through August. The solar eclipse section will be presented for the last time at 8:30 p. m.

Several variables are present in an eclipse, each of which must be exactly right before an eclipse can occur.

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crisply and directly; Secretary Hodges minced no words. The law is not just unnecessary he declared, but injurious.

And furthermore, he did not know, if he'd accept an invitation to speak at a place where he'd be subjected to the political interrogation required by this law. — He may indeed have a chance for such a refusal, and on his home grounds, too! On the night before he issued his statement Sec. Hodges spoke at a banquet in the Carolina Inn. And he will no doubt be invited back here more in the future.

NEW CLASS IN DRIVING...
Will the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles have to set up a special class in driver training for the Chapel Hill area? The newly enacted safety legislation making completion of a driver training course a prerequisite for driver license issuance up to the age of 18 has a snag in Chapel Hill because of inadequate class facilities (See editorial, this issue). . . This same legislation also provides that in the event it is not possible for pre-18 license applicants to enroll in public school driver training courses, the Department of Motor Vehicles itself shall be obligated to offer such a course in the community affected.

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