

Driver Education Is Sub-Standard In Many Of States

With 33 of the 48 states still having high schools which offer sub-standard courses in driver education, the nation still has a long way to go in its efforts to teach young drivers the highway safety facts of life, Thomas N. Boate, accident prevention department manager of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, warns.

Commenting on results of the recently completed Seventh Annual National High School Driver Education Award Program, Mr. Boate noted that while 16 states have been given awards for outstanding quality in their driver training programs, there are still only 15 states in the country where all of the schools offering courses meet minimum standards set up by the National Education Association. In all other states, Mr. Boate said, there are some schools whose courses fail to measure up either in the classroom or practice driving phases or both.

"That so many schools are offering sub-standard courses," Mr. Boate said, "is part of the reason for the fact that there were actually fewer students enrolled in driver education courses during 1953-54 than in the previous year. It is also part of the reason that virtually no new schools joined the list of those offering driver education during 1953-54."

Mr. Boate emphasized that "if we are ever to stop the horrifying rise in highway fatalities, we must get to the new drivers before they ever start driving." He said the "hit or miss" methods by which most of today's adult drivers learned to drive are no longer sufficient because "as recently as 1945 there were only 30,000,000 cars on America's highways; today there are 55,000,000; by the end of next year there will be 60,000,000, bringing the total increase in the past ten years to 100 per cent." He added that there has not been, nor is there likely to be, an appreciable comparative increase in the number of miles of highway in the country.

Mr. Boate said an improvement in the quality of driver education courses will result in an increase in quantity as educators become convinced

that the subject has a real and vital role to play in the modern educational scene and the public learns that driver education is bringing results of lives and dollars saved.

Producers Can Develop Year Round Egg Supply

One of the biggest headaches of the market egg industry—fluctuating of the supply of eggs during the year—can now be eliminated, R. S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department at State College, has announced.

Contrary to what egg producers have always believed, 52-week production is a distinct possibility if two-thirds of the chicks for layers are started in the spring and one-third in the autumn.

Dearstyne says that the poultryman should begin thinking now about October-or-November-hatched chicks. The quality of these chicks and the management given them will be the deciding factor as far as profits are concerned.

There are plenty of these chicks produced by North Carolina hatcheries but it is necessary that producers place their orders far in advance of the time desired for delivery.

The Poultry specialist emphasized that the poultryman should not be too much concerned about developing autumn-hatched chicks because no real problem was encountered in developing these chicks at the Test Farms at Waynesville, Willard, or Raleigh, in research work conducted by the Experiment Station.

Miss Good Neighbor To Visit Hertford

Friday, October 1st is going to be a lucky day for some local residents. For on that day "Miss Good Neighbor" will be in town to distribute \$5 bills.

Of course, the bills she distributes will not be Uncle Sam's \$5 bills but they will be just as good if they are

used at any store in either Norfolk or Portsmouth on October 8th or 9th. It is all part of the promotion for the annual Norfolk-Portsmouth Good Neighbor Days. R. F. Welton, III, chairman of this retail event, says the slogan, "If you can't find it at home you can find it at Norfolk or Portsmouth," is the keynote of the entire promotion.

"It is not our plan to draw trade from the local merchants in our neighboring towns but rather to point out to our good neighbors that Norfolk and Portsmouth are better places to shop for those hard-to-get articles than the other large cities where they may have been shopping." No definite time has been set for the visit on Friday but a one-car delegation containing Miss Good Neighbor and reporters and photographers will visit the town some time that day to pay an official call on the Mayor and then go into the shopping area to distribute the Good Neighbor cash to unsuspecting residents.

These \$5 certificates may be used toward the payment of merchandise purchased on October 8th or 9th in any retail store in Norfolk or Portsmouth but will not be accepted as payment for mail orders, as a deposit on time payment merchandise, or on payment of accounts. It is transferable, however, so that if the recipient cannot use it she can give it to a friend or relative to bring to Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Good Neighbor cash totaling \$1500 will be given away in twenty-three Virginia and North Carolina towns. In addition, \$500 in \$1 certificates will be given away to shoppers in Norfolk and Portsmouth on October 8th and 9th.

BURGESS W.M.U. MEETS

The Burgess W.M.U. met with Mrs. Earl Riddick Monday night.

The meeting was opened by the reading of the 117th Psalm by the president and prayer offered by Mrs. Sidney Layden, Jr. The hymn, "Jesus Saves" was sung. An interesting program on "A Sufficient Saviour for Leaders of Youth," was presented by Mrs. William Stallings. Special mus-

ic was rendered by Mrs. Sidney Layden, Jr., Mrs. Irwin Whitelee, Mrs. Frank Ward and Mrs. Sidney Copeland.

The meeting closed with the Watch Word. The hostess served ice cream and cake.

Ground Water In Eastern Counties Being Investigated

Field investigations of ground water in three eastern North Carolina areas are nearing completion, Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development says.

The areas are: Wilmington, which includes the counties of Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, New Hanover, and Pender; Fayetteville, which includes the counties of Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, and Scotland; and Greenville, which includes Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Martin and Pitt counties.

Results of the investigations and studies, which are being carried on by the C&D Department's minerals division in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey, will be published in pamphlets and made available for public use, Douglas said.

Douglas said Dr. J. L. Stuckey, State geologist and head of the C&D

PEARL BUCK TELLS OF ESCAPE

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Department's minerals division, has advised him that the areas being studied are of considerable importance since much of the water used in the Coastal Plain is obtained from ground water sources. In the studies, Dr. Stuckey said, special attention is being paid to the chemical quality of the ground water.

Dr. Stuckey said in a report to Douglas that ground water is one of the most natural resources of North Carolina. "Approximately 2,700,000 people, or 68 per cent of the population of the State, depend upon ground water for their water supply. In addition, approximately one-half of the industries in the State use ground water."



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