

Driver Education Is Sub-Standard In Many Of States

Courses Fail to Measure Up In Both Class and Practice

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.



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A. G. Bullard of the State Department of Public Instruction's vocational agriculture division, said last week that the first publication—on soil fertility and fertilizer—filled the need for a complete North Carolina reference on the subject. Existing texts were either out of date or did not combine the information into an overall reference that is needed in the classroom.

The next publication will deal with the production of flue-cured tobacco. Nickels for Know-How will also make this possible.

Bullard said that many agriculture teachers have called Soil Fertility and Fertilizers their "most valuable text." Reception of the paper-bound book was such that the Agricultural Foundation, which administers Nickels for Know-How, approved funds for a similar text on flue-cured tobacco.

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