

Driver Courses Stress Safety to Youngsters

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Teaching high school students how to drive has become an important part of secondary school curricula throughout the United States during the past few years. A project approved by the American Automobile Association, the plan has spread with great success to high schools of all sizes in a relatively short period of time. The plan operates by giving high school students practical knowledge of operating an automobile through class room instruction and actual driving lessons.

With the co-operation of the AAA, cars with dual controls have been made available to these high schools which have realized their responsibility in helping keep down teen-age traffic fatalities.

Training Programs Set Up

Training programs have been set up at various key points in the country to offer instruction to teachers who can become better prepared to teach their students methods of driving safety.

At A&M the Industrial Education Department has several students enrolled in its course which is entitled "Driver Educa-

tion and Highway Safety." A two hour semester credit course, instruction is designed to give the college students training experience while they are taking the course.

Twenty-six students from A&M Consolidated High School are the pupils of these driver's education instructor-students. With an automobile furnished through a dealer in Bryan and through the co-operation of the AAA, the college boys hold the classes four times a week at Consolidated High School.

The high school lads and lassies are taught safety methods and rules for two hours each week, with an additional two hours spent driving the dual-control automobile. These cars have an extra brake and clutch pedal installed in the front seat so the instructor may stop the car in case a student should allow it to get out of control.

Half-credit Offered

But these high school students do not get just the added knowledge of how to drive a car out of the course. State education authorities have permitted secondary schools to allow a half-credit for this one semester course.

Instructors in this high school course report that students will back them up in saying that driver education is by no means a routine, cut-and-dried subject. Very seldom are any two sessions exactly alike.

Schools in many communities have been asked by parents, hungry for authoritative knowledge on how to drive a car, to offer a course similar to the one their children are enrolled in for after school hours. In most cases, these after school sessions for the parents have become very popular.

The results in this nation-wide program have proved that high school driving education is giving young people first hand information which has paid off in reduced accidents for these teen-agers who contribute heavily to the accident toll yearly.

R. & F. Courses Stress Practicality

Study of range management and forestry practices under practical field conditions has been emphasized in most of the courses in the Range and Forestry Department during the past semester, according to Dr. V. A. Young, department head.

A total of 17 field trips of from one-half day to three days duration were made by 240 students in eight subject matter fields in the department. Farm woodlot management and forest grazing practices were observed in the Lufkin and Crockett areas by students in silviculture and farm forestry under the direction of Prof. R. R. Rhodes.

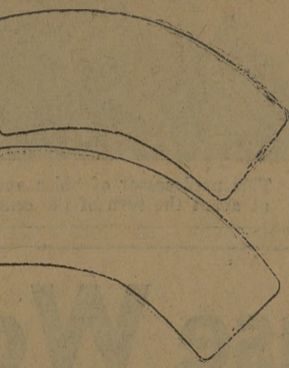
Range management students made studies of range condition, practiced field techniques, and observed management systems and improvements at the Flat Top Ranch near Walnut Springs, in the Fort Hood area and in other grazing areas in the state.

Plant ecology trips were made under Prof. O. E. Sperry to the Lufkin and Beaumont areas and to Lee County.

Observations of mechanical and chemical brush control practices in the Rio Grande Plain and Edwards Plateau areas were made by graduate students in R. F. 611 class on a 3-day trip with Dr. R. A. Darrow.

Emphasis in the field program of the department has been placed on a practical first hand study of range and forestry problems and practices throughout the state.

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You skeptics can get a ruler and check this one. The two objects correspond in width no matter how you go about it.

Smith to Succeed Turner at Angleton

James C. Smith, associate professor in the Department of Agronomy and former research worker at the Angleton station, will succeed W. F. Turner.

Turner superintendent since 1945 of the Angleton field unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, resigned Dec. 31 to become manager of several large farms on the Gulf Coast Prairie.

Smith received a bachelor degree in agriculture in 1939 and a master degree in agronomy in 1947, both from A&M. He also attended Tarleton State College.

Since joining the Texas Station in August, 1938, as a laboratory assistant, Smith has specialized in the fertility and management of the soil and in the production of legume and grass crops.

A&M Owned Cow Sets New Record

Aptex Xarmore Fayne, registered Holstein-Friesian cow, owned by the college, has set a new state production record according to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

This cow takes the lead for all of Texas' Junior 4-year-old Holsteins milked twice daily in the Yearly Division, Advanced Registry Test, with the production of 418 pounds of butterfat and 13,700 pounds of milk.

A&M supervised the testing in cooperation with Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Temple Ag Station Receives Aid Gifts

Gifts have been made available to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for use at the Temple substation. Dr. R. D. Lewis, director, announced yesterday.

The gifts include, 2,400 pounds of soil sulphur from the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company of Houston; 1,000 pounds of powdered raw rock phosphate from the American Cyanamid Company of New York and 100 pounds of anhydrous ammonia, plus two men's time and machinery for 1-2 day for its application, from Mid-Tex Liquid Fertilizer Company, Waco.

Col. Modlin in Japan For New Assignment

Lt. Col. Eldridge L. Modlin has been assigned to the Signal Section of the Japan Logistics Command, with headquarters in Yokohama. Previously, he served in a similar capacity with Headquarters, Eighth Army.

His son James H., is a senior aeronautical engineering major here.

Colonel Modlin arrived in the Far East Command in February, 1949. His first assignment was at Sendai, Japan.

Before entering the service, Colonel Modlin was employed in the supply and purchasing division of an oil company.

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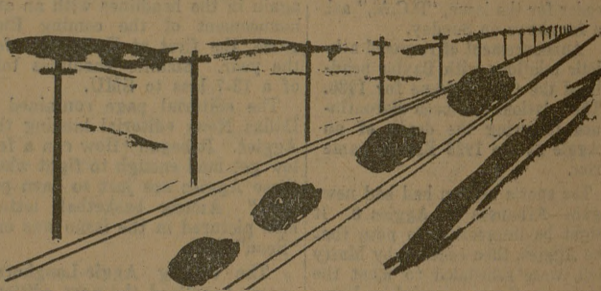
You can't believe your eyes—at least, not all the time. A look at the illustrations accompanying this story will prove that.

But, do you actually know how often your eyes can deceive you, even fail to serve you? And the fact that you have what is normally called "perfect vision" need not lull you into complacency.

First, do you travel under the assumption that everyone you can see can see you? If that's the case, you're wrong. You must take into consideration the fact that all persons do not react in the same way to what they see.

Nor do all people see the same things. Sight among humans is a relative thing. Some people are just more discerning than others. And that's discounting the possibility of poor eyesight entirely.

But more in line with actual defects of "perfect eyesight," even



Which of these four cars is largest? Better look again. The green line in the arrangement is the reversed perspective of the four cars. A close measurement will show them all the same size. (Sketches courtesy Texas Department of Public Safety.)

the best sight is hampered by movement of the eyes. The eyes focus through muscular contraction of the lenses. While your eyes are moving, therefore, nothing before you can be seen clearly. Your eye muscles have no time to adjust the focus.

Various properties of an object determine the ease with which you can see it when your eyes are roaming or focused elsewhere. Size, of course, is first. Motion, too, is an eye-catcher. And certain colors attract your glance.

This information should be of considerable interest to pedestrians who may find it necessary

Management Class Studies Gopherdom

Dr. Leonard Wing, associate professor of wildlife management at A&M, and 13 students of his Wildlife Management 403 class visited the cut-over area north of Easterwood Airport recently, to study the ecological relations of the pocket gopher.

The group found that one active burrow was 281 feet in length, and by further mathematical calculation it was determined that one gopher, working continuously for 286 years, could turn one acre-foot of soil completely over.

Other data, such as food and breeding habits, were also noted, along with a discussion of control measures which are now in use.

Student's Father Makes 'Who's Who'

Robert J. Loofburrow, has been included in the 1950 edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," a biographical dictionary of noteworthy men and women of southern and Southwestern states.

Loofburrow received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from A&M and has been assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University of Houston since 1947.

He was formerly a research electrical engineer in geophysics for the Texas company. A captain in the signal corps during World War II, Loofburrow served in the South Pacific.

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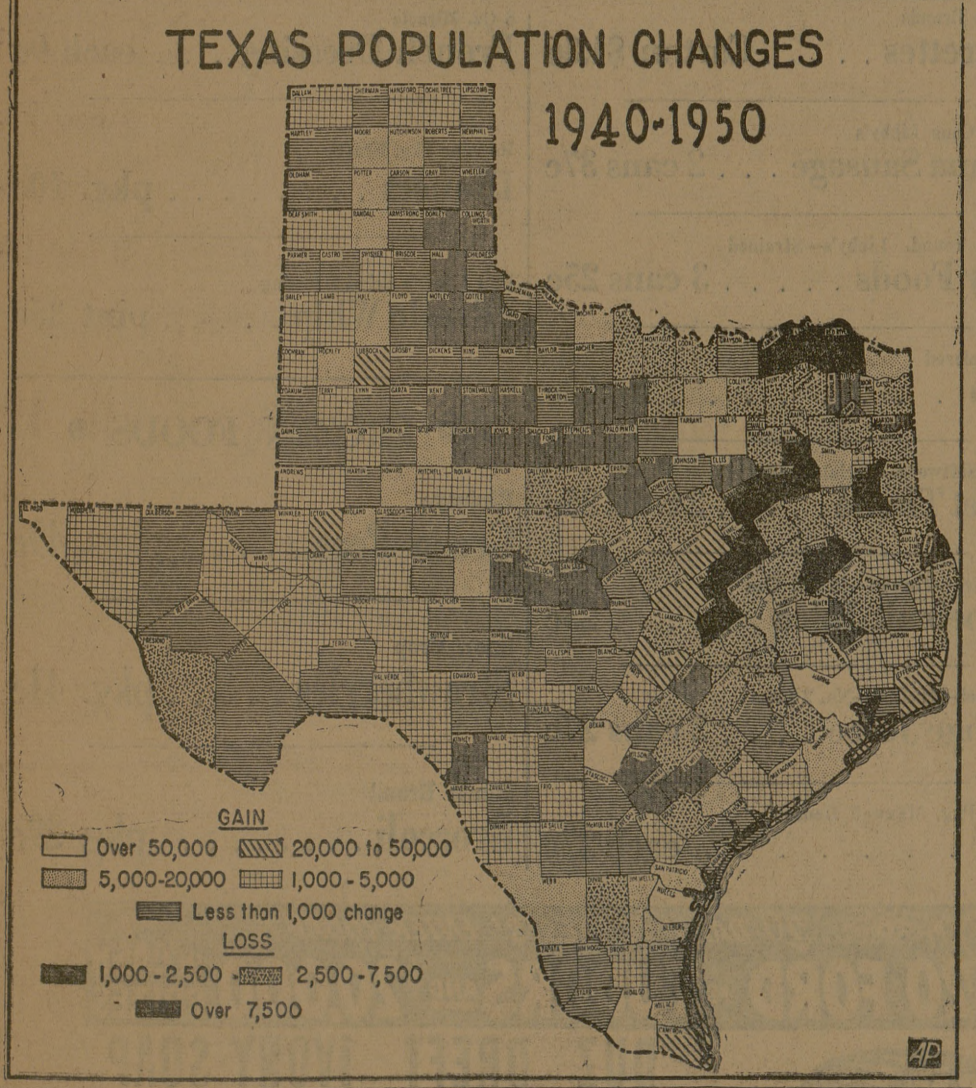
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