

'Traffic conductor' handles rough intersection

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ST. LOUIS (AP)—For seven years officer Owen Dacey has manned his little spot in the middle of this city's most impossible intersection.

His gyrations and antics have put smiles on the faces of thousands of rush-hour drivers. While mastering one of man's technological messes, Dacey has gained a reputation as "Traffic Conductor."

But the corner is so wicked that recently Dacey was hit.

The 45-year-old cop had been hit from behind by a driver who got confused and tried to make a left turn from a through lane. Not badly hurt, Dacey was off the job for two weeks. While in the hospital he "received hundreds of cards from people I don't even know."

But the corner went to pot while he was laid up, said Bill Camren, who runs a service station at the north side intersection—Broadway, East Grand and Interstate-70.

"They put a rookie out there and he was all over the intersection. He didn't know where to stand. Poor guy. They ran him ragged. I wouldn't stand out there for anything."

District Police Capt. Charles Craft says: "The traffic lights just don't work well enough at that intersection. Dacey's the only man in the United States that can handle it."

Dacey says the intersection was badly designed and even a computer that was installed in a large yellow traffic control box is unable to regulate the flow.

As he was about to step into action on his first day back on the job, Dacey appeared nervous.

The six streams of the intersection carry more than 20,000 vehicles a day, some of them braking down from 55 miles an hour off the interstate.

"How yah doin' Dacey, feel okay?" someone hollers from a truck.

"Yep," he says.

In a wide stance he starts swinging his hips like a burlesque dancer. The drivers pick up the tempo. Soon he is blowing his whistle, hollering and doing all sorts of contortions—baseball player, umpire, bowler, ballet artist, twister, carpenter with a hammer, windmill. They'll move on a flick of the maestro's finger, tilt of his head or swing of his hips.

There are great grins behind

the windshields. It's good to have Dacey back. A truck driver stops in the middle of the intersection and puts out a big arm for a handshake. Everyone's laughing now. Dacey shakes hands and resumes his orchestration.

Cars and trucks are just missing each other now and Dacey has started sweating. "Think this isn't work?" he shouts, to a pedestrian.

He gets a little impatient. "Go around him Buick. Move Buick. Go, John. That's it John."

"Come on, baby. Come on, baby," he says to a smiling young woman driver. She's watching him move and nearly hits the back of a truck.

Then a jam-up. A truck driver, probably new to the city, wants to go straight when the way is clearly jammed. Dacey says left. The trucker says straight. Dacey gets mad: "Left." The giant truck starts coming straight and Dacey steps in front of it. "Back it up, boy. Left."

The driver eases left and Dacey hollers "Hurry it up." Then other motorists start honking their horns at the truck. They're on Dacey's side.

"Let's go home. Let's go home," Dacey chants as he finishes up. A Cadillac comes tooting through and the executive tells Dacey, "Good to see you."

At the service station, Camren says: "One day Dacey told me—you gotta like your job to do your best."



Officer Owen Dacey directs traffic in the middle of St. Louis' most impossible intersection.

Prairie View gets grant ok

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System has approved a \$10,000 grant for Prairie View A&M College for a proposed local government and community assistance program.

The college is providing \$6,011 in matching funds, to bring the total funding of the program to \$16,011.

The grant funds are made available through the U. S. Office of Education under provisions of the Community Service and Continuing Education Program of the

Higher Education Act, of 1965.

Dr. J. L. Brown, director of the Division of Continuing Education at Prairie View A&M and project director, said the project could help to "make Prairie View a better community to live in," through identifying and solving community problems.

Faculty members, students, and civic leaders will be involved in research, surveys, seminars, and workshops with the goal of producing:

—Zoning code

—Housing code

—Fire protection code

—Civil and criminal investigation procedures

—Economic analysis of the city

—Business prospects for the city

—City administration manual

Brown said the items will be included in a handbook. While the handbook is designed specifically for the city of Prairie View, the director said, it might well "be useful to other small towns and rural communities."

Engineering Extension given \$153,000 for short courses

Texas A&M University's Engineering Extension Service has received a \$153,679 grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Council to conduct 10 educational short courses for state justices of the peace, EES Director H. D. Bearden announced Monday.

Bearden said the funds will be directed through the extension service's Police Training Division and will cover all expenses for 40-hour courses in Lubbock, Arlington Longview, College Station and San Antonio.

Ira E. Scott, chief instructor for the Police Training Division, pointed out the grant includes the addition of a full-time instructor to his staff. The instructor will be named later.

Texas A&M will cooperate with the regional councils of governments, on the educational program, Scott said, and all classes will be held on a regional basis.

The Texas Criminal Justice Council makes the grant from federal funds appropriated to the state from the national

Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act.

Scott noted two 20-hour classes will be held in each city.

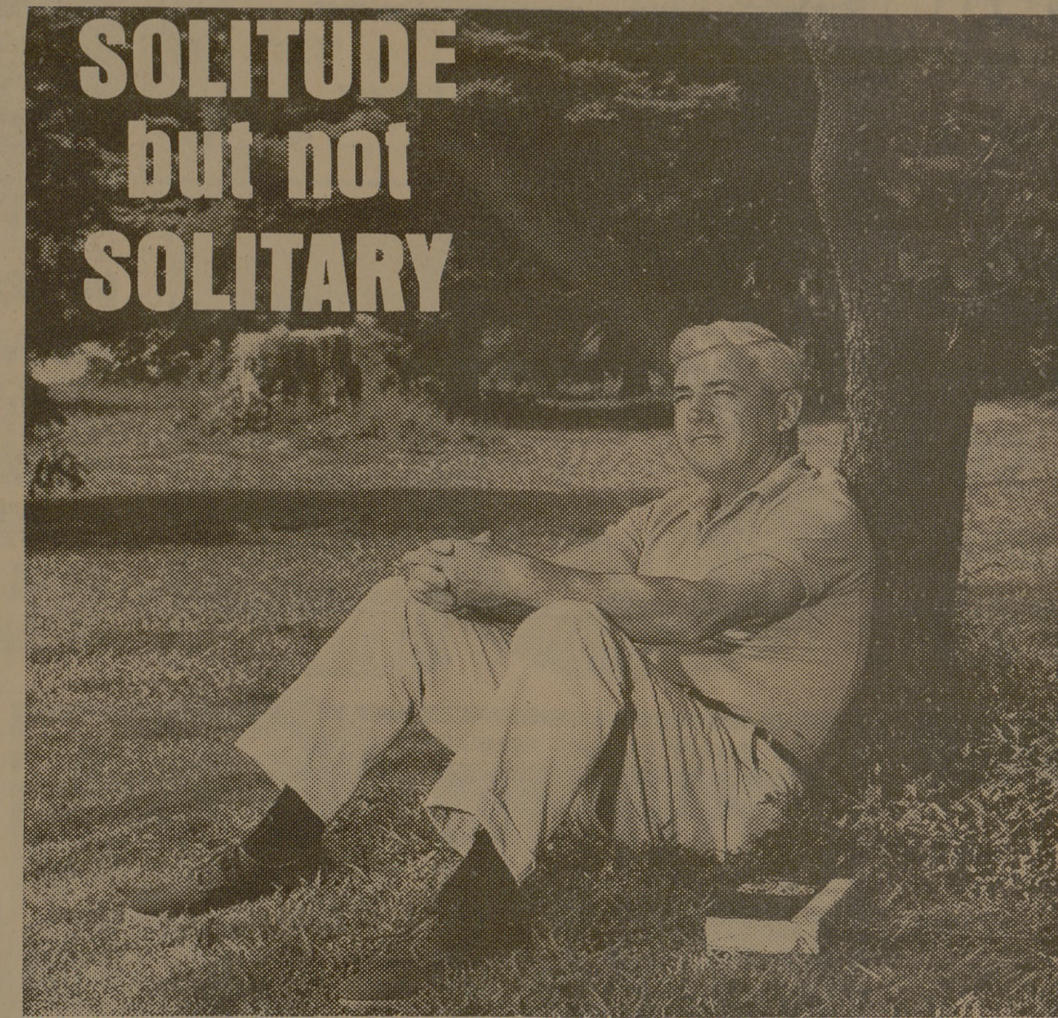
The first course is scheduled in Lubbock Sept. 27-29 at the Red Raider Inn. Cooperating on that program are the Panhandle, South Plains, North Texas, Permian Basin, West Texas, Concho Valley and Upper Rio Grande Council of Government.

Justices of the peace will return to Lubbock Feb. 14-16 for the final 20 hours of study.

Other courses are scheduled in Arlington Nov. 3-5 and March 1-3; Longview Nov. 17-19 and March 22-24; College Station Dec. 8-10 and April 12-14, and San Antonio Jan. 12-14 and April 19-21.

Purpose of the grant, Scott reported, is to give the JPs a better understanding of current law enforcement problems, criminal and civil law and a better understanding of their responsibilities to the community and state.

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