

State association began here in '66

TAMU's role in formation of the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association has been sketched in an historical article and Dr. Leslie V. Hawkins of TAMU's Industrial Education Department is prominently featured.

The department's driver education coordinator appears on the cover of the June, 1974,

TDTSEA journal with Dr. Jack Rhodes, University of Houston, and Dr. James Standifer, TCU. Standifer wrote the article.

He credits the inauguration of the association with a 1966 driver education workshop at TAMU. It was sponsored by the Texas Education Association and under direction of Hawkins and Lewis Spears, then state consultant for TEA driver education.

Para professionals lighten 'drivers ed' load

Yearly, 200,000 Texas youngsters reach the driving age and 65 percent of them look to drivers education courses for instruction and guidance.

Driver education, however, requires a one student to one teacher ratio which is a far cry from the average teacher in the public schools who can instruct 30 or more students at once. Aid has come to the hard-pressed drivers education instructor in the form of a TAMU program for para-professional drivers education instructors.

The Texas Education Agency has

funded a program for high school graduates to be trained to act as aids in teaching drivers education. One supervisor can have up to four of these para-professionals working for him performing tasks such as running a driving simulator, operating the driving range, teaching behind the wheel and assisting regular instruction in the classroom.

Originator of the program, Dr. Leslie V. Hawkins of the College of Education at TAMU, noted, "With one instructor, drivers education was very expensive to teach. With more students coming, we had to

develop new ways to teach them faster and better. The state requires 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours at the wheel for the student.

"Now we've supplied over 300 of these para-professionals to lighten the load and improve the instruction," Hawkins pointed out. "On the driving range, one assistant can instruct up to 16 students at once while another can teach 12 more in a multi-media facility which incorporates slides, movies and tapes.

"The requirements are a high school education and a recommen-

dation from the school system or an educational service center," he noted. "Then we put the candidate through a five-week course here at A&M. This will be our program beginning in July which is funded to the tune of \$68,000 by the agency."

The course consists of 46 hours of basic drivers education, eight hours of a multi-media student response system, 45 hours of teaching instruction, 41 hours of driving simulator instruction, 13 hours operating the multi-car driving range and a final 31 hours of in-car instruction.

Hawkins cited the extension of the para-professionals are truck drivers, career servicemen beginning careers and school boys many of them women.

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July 4 deaths forecast

Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, estimated 42 lives would be lost in July 4 holiday traffic accidents.

Speir, who declined to make Christmas-New Year period forecasts because of changing traffic conditions tied to the energy crisis, said the situation has become more stable. He said gasoline is available in most areas, and guessed this will bring additional auto movement on the highways during the mid-summer holiday.

Thirteen died in July 4 traffic last year, but the holiday period was only 30 hours long then, compared to an 102-hour period this year (with the fourth falling on Thursday). Eighty died in 1972 holiday traffic over a similar 102-hour period.

All available DPS troopers and department facilities will be used to curb unsafe and reckless drivers, Speir said.

TTI fights rainy day accidents

A "War on Wet Weather Accidents" has been declared by the Texas Transportation Institute.

That also is the title of a film produced by the institute. It is the product of five years work and the results of five research projects.

The 20 minute film describes the research activities of the Highway Planning and Research Program studies on wet weather driving under way at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Don L. Ivey, head of TTI's Safety Division, stated the "film is pointed at both highway engineers and the general driving public to give information on what factors are important to maintain safety while driving in wet weather.

"The projects resulted in definite recommendations for wet weather driving which are in the film," Ivey noted. "These are grouped in three areas—driver, vehicle and roadway—in that order.

"For the driver it is important to be alert," he pointed out. "He must recognize that he cannot compensate for wet conditions if the car is driven at dry condition speeds. Stopping distances are doubled while visibility is cut by as much as a factor of ten.

"Cars are a factor," Ivey went on. "Maintenance of wipers promotes visibility. Motorists must also recognize they can defog the windows with their air conditioners. Additionally they should increase tire pressure on the car which decreases the chance of hydroplaning."

Church sells land, relocates

A five acre tract owned by the First Baptist Church of College Station was recommended for a zone change at the Monday night meeting of the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission. The land is currently zoned single family residential and is to be changed to apartment building.

When first purchased by the church, the site at Highway 30 and Munson Avenue was to be in a residential neighborhood. It is now in the middle of a growing apartment concentration. The church plans to sell the land and relocate.

The commission urged the City Council to consider a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance. The amendment deals with the establishment of a Flood Hazard Zone.

The commission agreed to have a session at their next meeting to consider changes in the zoning ordinances. One item to be discussed is the creation of conditional use permits for construction.

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