

It Was a Busy Summer for Drivers

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More yield signs and center lines are in the parking lot next to Groves High School than there are in Birmingham's busiest intersection.

That parking lot was the site of the range-driving part of the drivers training program in Birmingham, which was conducted by five instructors this summer.

It was a busy summer. In three, three-week sessions 510 students were enrolled in the course which—besides range-driving—includes classroom work and open road driving.

TWELVE CARS, all equipped with seat belts, operated on the crescent-shaped range area and they included both automatic and standard transmissions in both compact and standard-sized cars.

Two cars were kept in reserve in

case of any breakdowns in the "regulars."

During each three-week session, 160 students, 90 in the morning and 90 in the afternoon—took the course. These students were required to meet six days a week.

STUDENTS, ranging in ages from 15-to-16, practiced hand-over-hand turning, backing up and yielding the right-of-way. They had to obey a 15-mile-per-hour speed limit on the range.

Also a special "skills" area of two lanes was set aside specifically for parallel parking.

In order to qualify for a certificate allowing teenagers to apply for a driver's license, each student had to spend 10 hours on the range.

Also required was 30 hours in the classroom where all parts of an automobile, how these parts function and why they function, were studied.

"TO ILLUSTRATE how a car

works, we used a textbook and also a board diagrammed with a miniature intersection to show various traffic situations," instructor Robert Williams said. "We also showed many films.

"One of our biggest goals was to teach attitude—yielding the right-of-way and having courtesy for others."

Sixty minutes on the road was required of each student. Besides downtown streets, other streets used included the expressways, Telegraph and 13 Mile Road.

One pole on the range has been knocked twice but Williams said that he had never been in a training car when an accident happened while a student was driving.

"I'VE BEEN teaching nine years and haven't had a scratch," he said.

"Actually, I've been lucky because some of the students just aren't able to drive, even down a subdivision street. These are the

ones that don't get a certificate."

Driver's training will not be offered this fall during regular school days, but it will be given on Saturdays.

Williams explained that educators feel students should be given the opportunity to take another academic subject during the week.

"DRIVER'S TRAINING takes up a lot of a student's time," he said. "Educators decided this time can be spent on a Saturday when it doesn't take away from regular classwork."

In order to handle the influx of students on Saturdays, the school district is constructing a range area behind Seaholm High School.

When completed, this range will have a closed-in garage and a four-way intersection with a traffic light overhead.

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Bus Schedules For Bloomfield

Routes and pick-up times for Bloomfield Hills school buses will remain about the same as last year.

If parents have any questions they should contact assistant superintendent Irving Menucci.

Buses are scheduled to begin their routes about one-half hour before classes begin.

High school classes will begin at 8 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

Classes at Bloomfield Hills Junior High and East Hills Junior High will begin at 8:30 a.m. and be dismissed at 3 p.m.

At all elementary schools, classes will begin at 9 a.m. and be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.



HAVING COMPLETED her parallel parking assignment and now looking out to check the distance is Lee Rarey, 831 Hickory Heights, Birmingham. She was one of over 540 students who were enrolled in Birmingham's drivers training program this summer.

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