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Schools Start Driver Education



SAFETY CHECK . . . J. R. Davidson, North High driver training instructor, prompts Carole Stevenson, of 410 Calle De Arboles, on safety belt usage as part of course. Cars are equipped with latest safety devices to insure proper and safe training methods for students. Fleet of five cars was given to the Torrance Unified School District for the program by Paul's Chevrolet. This is initial year driver education has been part of district curriculum.

Students Flock To New Course

Almost 800 high school students in Torrance responded to the call when the district and a local automobile dealer worked out plans for a driver education curriculum locally, the first such class offered to students here.

Paul's Chevrolet, with owner Paul Loranger delivering the goods, donated five shiny, new "Chevies" to the district to kick off the program. The dual control driver training cars were given free to the Torrance Unified School District, with Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. H. Hull readily receiving them for the schools. Long a boon to building good safety habits among young drivers in other school districts, local school administrators got their heads together recently and approved the program for Torrance.

Three of the cars were delivered to North High, where 10 instructors have been tabbed to teach the course. The other two are being used at Torrance High.

Bound By Law
The class is bound by state law to contain a minimum of 30 hours classroom study and 18 hours driver training. The first part of the course is spent teaching state and local traffic laws to the youngsters, who may begin training at 15½. All traffic safety rules are presented to the students and points of courtesy are especially stressed. Special manuals, from both the school district and the state, are used in the classroom study portion



FOLLOW THE MANUAL . . . Students in driver education at high schools are provided with driver manual, which includes up-to-date driving laws and rules and regulations for safe driving. Here, Instructor Elliot Chern points out key aspects of manual to (left to right) Tom Lucas of 1755 Juniper Ave., Sandy Stump of 1860 Plaza Del Amo, and Robbie Wollard of 1434 Fern Ave. Chern teaches freshman problems in addition to his stint as driver instructor.

Student to Fill Rev. Sippel's Pulpit Sunday

Charles E. Cowell Jr. of 3523 W. 187th St., a ministerial student at the University of Southern California, will preach his first sermon next Sunday.

He will occupy the pulpit of the First Christian Church, 2930 Eldorado Ave., in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. H. Milton Sippel. His subject will be: "Seeking First the Kingdom of God."

Mr. Cowell will have complete charge of both church services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. He is a member of the First Christian Church, holding the office of elder and church school teacher in the Junior Department.

The Rev. and Mrs. Sippel left Torrance yesterday to attend the international convention of Christian Churches in Des Moines, Iowa. They will return in time to conduct church services on Oct. 7.



READY TO GO . . . Instructor Davidson and North High School students Stevenson, Streech and Whitmer are all set to take their first run in driver training car. Youngsters have been well-versed in driver safety and all laws on driving by this stage of the course. Miss Stevenson will drive over route determined by instructors in actual road test. Students must spend six hours driving and 12 hours "back-seating" it as observers, as per state law.



STARTING LINE-UP . . . These school district and automotive figures were instrumental in breaking in new driver training course at North High School and Torrance High. Lined up with the five new driver training cars, all donated to the district by Paul's Chevrolet in Torrance, are school executives and officials from the local car dealership. Dr. J. H.

Hull, superintendent of schools, and Paul Loranger, owner of Paul's Chevrolet, second and third from left, closed the deal which established the program. Others in picture are school administrators and instructors who teach in program.

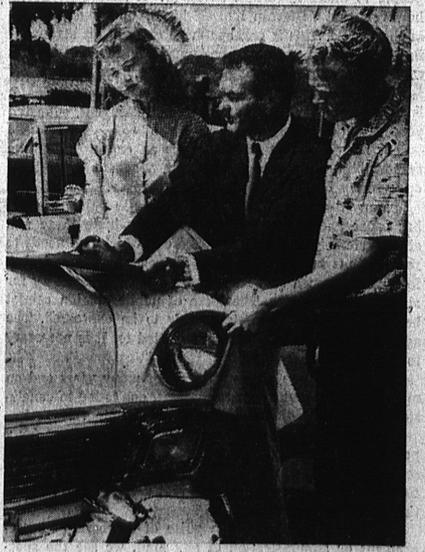
Bus Safety Is Responsibility Of Motorists

School bus safety is the responsibility of every motorist, says the California Highway Patrol.

"School buses will soon start rolling, carrying our children to and from school," Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell reminded today, "and accident-free driving by school bus drivers will require full attention to the law by all concerned."

The law requires motorists to stop and not pass a standing school bus when the two red lights on top of the bus are flashing. Caldwell emphasized. "Although, it is not necessary to stop before passing a stopped school bus when no red lights are flashing, it is prudent to be prepared for any unexpected move by the children getting on or off the bus."

"School bus drivers are permitted to use the flashing red light only when children must cross the highway," he continued.



CHARTING ROUTE . . . Howard Towle, Torrance High instructor, plots route to be taken by students in driver training course at THS. Joyce Cannon, of 1328 Greenwood St., and David Goodrow, of 1731 Iris, confer with Towle on route. Minimum age of 16 is required for students to participate in the program.



THE INSIDE STORY . . . Instructor Davidson briefs Mike Streech, of 3111 Newton St. (left), and Richard Whitmer, of 4054 Newton, flanking Davidson on the right, on workings of oil filter. Mechanical instruction in addition to practical driver training is offered high school students in new vehicle education course at Torrance's two high schools. Classes are offered all day at both schools with students given proper instruction by trained personnel.