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Patricia and Arvin Brashear Jr. of Abilene are visiting this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brashear.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Rhodes and son of Eastland were visiting relatives here Sunday. Mrs. Wallace Jones accompanied her daughter and family home for a visit.

Mrs. Grace Rhodes of Eastland is visiting here with her sisters, Mrs. Ivan Odum and Mrs. Lettie Rhodes.



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Motorist Urged to Learn Shapes of Traffic Signs

"What safety warning is on a triangle traffic sign?"

An amazing number of Texas motorists do not know the answer to this question according to J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association.

Musick said that many drivers who have been driving for years do not know—or have forgotten—that traffic signs have easily identifiable shapes.

"Prospective drivers must learn the shapes of traffic signs for their driving examinations, but they soon forget their meaning," Musick said. "However, with today's hazardous traffic conditions, each driver owes it to himself to know and remember as many things as possible that will lessen the chances of an accident."

It may not seem important, but the ability to recognize the types of sign shapes, at a glance, is safety feature we should all add to our driving habits.

Musick listed the six basic sign shapes as being: octagon, which means stop; round, first railroad crossing warning; white crossbuck, last railroad warning; diamond, warning of dangerous or unusual conditions ahead; triangle, yield right of way; and rectangle, which states such laws as speed limits, passing regulations and similar laws.

Musick emphasized that traffic signs are designed to warn both motorists and pedestrians of traffic laws and of dangers that lie ahead. Thus, offering preventive measures for the protection of all.

Mrs. Mary Wagner and Dick returned home Monday of this week from Atlanta, Ga., where they visited several days with their son and brother, John Wagner and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Washburn moved Monday of this week to Gorman to make their home. The Eddie Petty family will occupy the Washburn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mahoney and son and Mrs. Mahoney all of Lorraine visited Sunday with Mrs. Chas. Taylor.

New Law Forbids 'Joy-riding' In 'Borrowed' Automobile

Austin—The Texas Department of Public Safety reminded today a new State law—designed to take the joy out of illegal joy riding—will go into effect August 11.

The new statute, passed by the regular session of the Legislature and signed into law recently by Governor Price Daniel, carries penalties up to three years in prison for driving a person's vehicle without his permission.

Heretofore, the offense was a misdemeanor unless it could be proved that the "joy rider" intended to keep the vehicle. This made it universally difficult to conduct a felony prosecution, according to Department officials.

Therefore, they pointed out, many of these cases were filed as misdemeanors, simply because conviction was more likely. In this way, however, the maximum penalty was \$1,020 fine or one year in jail.

The new law divided the "without consent" statute into two classes, based on the value of the vehicle "borrowed." The taking of a vehicle valued at less than \$200 without the owner's consent still will be considered a misdemeanor, without change in penalty. But if the value of the vehicle taken is more than \$200, the offense is a felony with possible heavier penalties ranging up to three years in prison.

In passing the new law, the Legislature stated: "The fact that the present law does not now provide sufficient penalties for the offense of driving a vehicle without the consent of the owner, and the act of 'joy riding' has become a serious problem in modern times, this amendment is needed for the speedy administration of justice."

"It is hoped that if this new law will serve to alleviate this steadily growing problem of auto theft which has nearly doubled in Texas in the past 10 years," said Col. Homer Garrison Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

He cited national statistics indicating that some 67 per cent of the auto theft arrests involves juveniles under 18 years of age, and pointed out that while some 95 per cent of the vehicles stolen are recovered, the average loss due to damage or bad maintenance is approximately \$200 per vehicle.

Garrison noted that the theft rate per 100,000 population in Texas

Bluestem Grasses Developed For Cultivated Pastures

Several grasses of the bluestem group have been introduced and grown in Texas under trial and observation as warm-season perennial forage plants, says E. M. Trew, extension pasture specialist.

Eight of the more important grasses in the group are: Angle-grass, Medio bluestem, Pretoria 90 bluestem, Gordo bluestem, Kleberg bluestem, Caucasian bluestem, Australian bluestem, and K. R. bluestem. These grasses are the subject of a miscellaneous publication written by Trew entitled, "Introduced Bluestem Grasses for Cultivated Pastures," and released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The publication gives a description of each grass, where it is adapted, how to establish each, and management after establishment. Also included is a section on how to determine the pounds of pure live seed in a sack when you know how many pounds of seed is required to plant an acre.

The publication has a table which shows the pounds of hay cut from several of the grasses at four different locations in East and South Texas.

For a copy of the bulletin, contact your local county agent. Or you may obtain the bulletin by writing the Agricultural Information Office, College Station. When writing, ask for MP-340.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Whitton, Jun and Linda, visited with relatives in Graham during the week end, and Linda remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brooks of Brownwood were visiting with friends in Cross Plains Monday. Mrs. Brooks will be remembered here as the former Miss Glendene Philley.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fialie of Fort Worth are spending a few days here with her father, E. O. Adams.

Mrs. Rodney Goebel and children of Lubbock visited here last week with her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell and children.

Increased from 1224 in 1948 to 167 in 1958. He said 15,422 vehicles were stolen last year, compared to 7,855 in 1948.



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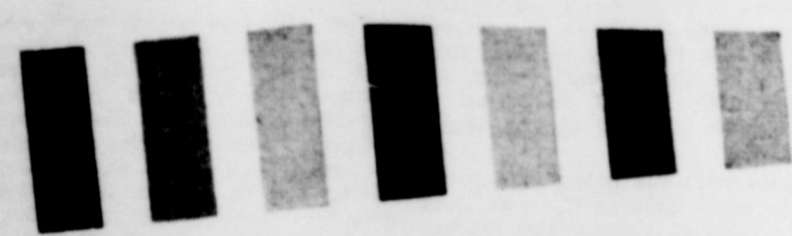
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