



John Petro, an instructor in charge of the simulator training at Harrison High, records students scores after a film-simulation session which gauges their reactions to traffic conditions and common sense knowledge of the rules of the road.



Driver education instructors use mobile transceivers to relay commands and pointers to aspiring young drivers as Bill Brinker, a Harrison teacher, guides a potential motorist

through the zig-zag course which is designed to acquaint students with handling and turning the steering wheel.



### Checking it out

Debby McClune goes through her safety checklist before starting her car and practicing at the driving range at Farmington High. Students are required to put in six hours of road

time and 30 hours of classroom preparation before they can receive their license, and Debby sets herself in the practice car to fulfill those standards.

Staff photos by Harry Mauthe

# WATCH OUT

## Students develop skills in traffic

For most, it's their first experience behind the steering wheel. For others, it's the continuation of something they have been seeking for years without the proper certification.

And for the instructors, it's a scary way to spend a summer vacation. "I've been looking forward to this for years," says one aspiring driver. "And my day is finally coming when I can drive anywhere I want to go. I can hardly wait."

"Driving is fun and I've been doing it for a long time, already. There's not much here that I don't know about already," comments one Harrison High student who

says he's been driving a car since he was 13 years old.

"It's like learning to walk. First, we crawl, stand up and then walk. Our classroom instruction is the crawling and learning what to do. Then our simulator work is the standing or realizing what it's like out on the road. Then our first time on the road is our first giant step," explains another.

"DRIVER EDUCATION is fun and I've already picked out myself a new car so when I finish here I can go to work on trying to buy the thing," continues a third potential driver as her group waits its turn to gain more experience on the driving range.

"It's a little scary at first, but as you begin to understand the car and how it works, you know, steering, brakes and all that, it's just like riding a bike," says another aspiring driver.

"But you have to be a lot more careful," adds another.

Driver education in the Farmington School District already is into its second summer session and more than 800 potential drivers are scheduled to develop their driving skills through the program.

Manning one of the district's new Detain compartments, young drivers spend six hours on the road and driving ranges at Farmington and Harrison High Schools.

Before taking on the challenge of actual traffic conditions, students spend 30 hours in the classroom in lecture and simulated instruction.

Young drivers attending the Harrison sessions are exposed to road conditions through a series of films they respond to while seated behind a steering wheel in a simulated driving compartment.

All reactions are recorded by machine and students are graded for their "on the road" response in this controlled part of the training.

TO PASS THE driving course required by law, students must do well on tests in the simulators, on the range and on the road before they are awarded their certificates by the district.

Students get at least 90 minutes of instruction daily for four weeks with some sessions lasting three hours. These sessions include a combination of classroom training, range maneuvering and road work under the supervision of more than 18 certified driving instructors working this summer for the district.

While six cars are used primarily for developing students' driving skills on the course at the high school parking lot, four other cars are out on the road putting students through exercises in the real world of traffic conditions.

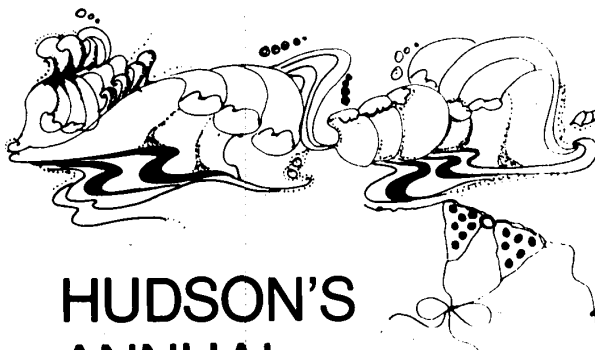
Sessions start daily at both schools at 6:30 a.m. to allow each student ample time to experience all aspects of driving.



Learning how to troubleshoot problems in a car's engine is part of learning how to drive. Randee Newman takes time out before practicing her driving to inspect her training vehicle's operating condition.

**"It's like learning to walk. First, we crawl, stand up and then walk. Our classroom instruction is the crawling and learning what to do. Then our simulator is the standing or realizing what it's like out on the road. Then our first time out on the road is our first step."**

A student



## HUDSON'S ANNUAL SWIMWEAR SALE

# 33% to 40% off

Splash your summer with savings on one and two piece swimsuits and cover-ups from CATALINA, JANTZEN, SIRENA, POPPY, COLE, SANDCASTLE, MAINSTREAM, ELISABETH STEWART, McCADDEN PLACE, ROSE MARIE REID, DE WEESE, ELON. Plus, you'll find savings on swim coordinates — bottoms and tops sized separately. Cover-ups, too. In Hudson's Bras. Regularly \$9 to \$40, sale 5.99 to 26.99. Hurry in to Hudson's St. Clair Pro Shop at Northland, Oakland, Pontiac.

\* Swimwear Sale not at Fairlane

# hudson's