Driver Training, Most Popular School Course, Begins This Week With Larger Teaching Staff

By George Thomas

The city and county "safety wheels" will start to roll again this week and use an expected thousand or more students as a ready-made audience line up for "the most popular course in the county."

The city-county driver training program—supported by an extra fee and instruction—is expected to reach 200 enrollees this year and perhaps an equal number in city schools.

This would be about double last year's enrollment figures, which were set at 100. The SROs instead of one had been available for extra pupils waiting to take the course.

The school for the program this year will include Lory, Valley, and county instructors. Traffic, Officer R. J. Fowke.

Mr. Venables will split the course with Mrs. C. B. Jarvis, who has been to every school since the program started. Officer Denny replaces Officer R. G.

The program is sponsored by the Wisconsina-Automatic Club, under direction of John Brown, president.

As usual, according to W. T. Miller, general manager of the Macleod automobile, the program will stress "knowledge and good safe driving habits."

"We teach them that any accident is a personal disaster, and they all stress individual care," is the way Miller puts it.

The classroom work is built around a traffic book entitled "Street Survival Driving."

Published by the American Automobile Association, the book gives five such aspects of driver training: personal fitness, correct vision, reaction time, driving psychology, good habits, traffic laws, and safe driving techniques.

"Snow and mud" are among the main things that will be dealt with in the course, and special emphasis will be placed on those aspects that are not usually covered in other courses.

Although the instructors have been trained by the association, a State license examiner is still out in the field every day.