

SIMS IS SQUAD LEADER
 7th DIV., KOREA—Cpl. Ray C. Sims, 22, son of Mrs. Paul Sims, Valley River Ave., Murphy, N. C., entered the Army in September 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Continuing its training, the "Bayonet" division is the only U. S. Army division that has remained in Korea since the cease-fire.

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A 1950 graduate of Murphy High School, he attended Mars Mill Col. Army division that has remained in Korea.

Only 29 Death Free Days Noted

RALEIGH—Daily accounting of traffic casualties on North Carolina highways is a grim business, but occasionally death skips a beat in its clocklike schedule of killing and maiming.

In a sort of "minority report" statisticians of the Motor Vehicles Department remind Tar Heels that only 29 days since January 1 have been totally free of traffic fatalities.

Which means death was on hand nearly 85 per cent of the time, a significant figure in the death and injury boxscore.

Back in May safety officials watched hopefully as the 16th, 17th, and 18th passed without a death. Newspapers featured bold headlines saying death had taken a holiday. Which was true — until the next day when a high speed collision killed two persons and death again demonstrated its prerogative of being erratic.

Three other May days — the 4th, 11th and the 28th — passed with no traffic fatalities.

January, despite cold, blustery weather, had the greatest number of death free days. Zeros were recorded on the 2nd, 11th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 25th, and the 28th. Officials are at a loss to explain why "safe" days occur so erratically when traffic density, weather and highway conditions are relatively uniform. Coincidence is the most frequent suggestion since consecutive death dealing smash-ups also occur with similar irregularity.

Twenty-three days of February were marked by traffic fatalities, leaving only five days of the short month free from tragedy.

March was particularly vicious. Only three days — the 10th, 24th, and the 29th went by with no one killed on the highways.

Daily road fatalities are relayed by radio to Raleigh and totaled. Bulletins are issued twice daily to the press services. And it's usually only when death skips a day, or a couple of days in a row, that people take notice. Like the three days in May.

The roads were free of violence on April 12th, 14th, 15th, and the 27th although it was no real victory for 77 persons were killed otherwise.

And last month matched the April tally. Four days — the 8th, 14th, 22nd and the 23rd were death free.

Through the end of June 484 persons had been killed on Tar Heel highways, proof enough indeed that death seldom takes a holiday.

Broilers To Top Plentiful Foods

Broilers will be plentiful during August, and along with canned grapefruit sections, top the U. S. Department of Agriculture's list of plentiful foods for that month.

Heavy chick placements in the broiler-producing areas in late May and early June are expected to bring 16 per cent more broilers to market in August than a year ago. Stocks of canned grapefruit sections on June 1 amounted to 2.7 million cases and preliminary estimates indicate the pack this season amounted to 5.2 million cases, or nearly 21 per cent more than last season.

Other foods listed by USDA for August are: summer crop potatoes; lemons and limes and their processed products; fresh grapes

principally the Thompson seedless variety from the West Coast; beef; fresh and frozen halibut; milk and other dairy products; rice; and vegetable fats and oils.

Two citrus fruits that homemakers find ideal for making cool, refreshing drinks — lemons and limes — will be in heavy supply in August. California's lemon crop is expected to run around 13,800,000 boxes and Florida's lime crop 's estimated at 400,000 boxes — 20,000 more than last season.

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