

School Buses Are Inspected

Wilkes Had 26 Defective Buses

Raleigh. — Approximately 20 per cent of the State school buses still have defects, many of them serious, a report on the fourth monthly inspection by the Highway Patrol revealed today.

Of 5,704 buses in operation at the time of the inspection, 1,152 were found with defects, 24 serious enough to ground the buses. Seventy-six buses were found to be overloaded. Caswell county had 50 buses, all of which were overloaded. Of Chatham's 66, 21 were overloaded.

On the brighter side, 25 counties had no defective buses, as compared with 17 on the third inspection.

Bad lights topped the list of defects, with approximately 300 buses in this category. Approximately 200 had defective sun visors, while bad brakes and

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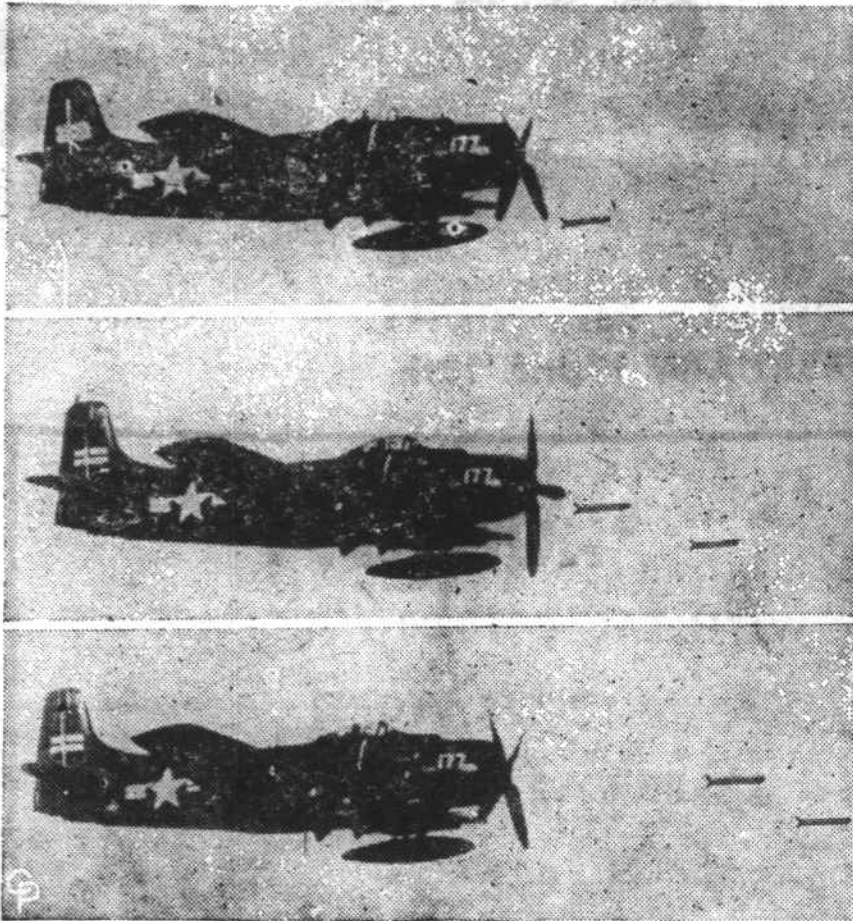
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faulty window glass were found in 100 cases each. Around 150 buses were dirty. Approximately 50 had faulty exhausts, six had emergency doors in dangerous condition, and the steering apparatus on 23 was defective. Tires and windshield wipers were bad in approximately 20 cases each. One bus was listed with no ignition switch.

Col. C. R. Tolar, commander of the Patrol, stated that he will send a copy of this month's report to Dr. Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, asking that immediate attention be given to these defects. "The majority of these defects are serious enough to cause a repetition of the tragedy in Nash county," Col. Tolar said. "I'm sure no one wants to see that happen."

On the whole, however, Col. Tolar was pleased with the report. "The fact that 25 counties, as

Consumers Urged To Eat More Eggs

Mrs. Anne H. Greene, Wilkes county home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, this week urged housewives to take advantage of abundant egg supplies by using eggs not only for breakfast but in lunch and dinner menus as well.

Mrs. Greene explained that egg production in December, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, was 12 per cent above December of the previous year and 50 per cent above average production for the month for the past 10 years. Production has remained high in the past few weeks, she added, and generous supplies of eggs are in prospect through April.

Under the heavy output, egg prices had dropped sharply by mid-January, the home agent said, and both farm and retail prices were at the lowest levels since 1942.

Mrs. Greene pointed out that the combination of more eggs at reasonable prices offers consumers a chance to help their food budgets by using eggs not only for breakfast but also in lunch and dinner menus.

Major reasons for the increased egg production, it was explained, are warm weather, which has increased the rate of production per hen; and larger laying flocks on farms. She said potential layers on U. S. farms on January 1 totaled 439,144,000, or 6 per cent more than in the previous year.

compared with 17 in December, had buses without defects shows that school authorities and mechanics are cooperating wholeheartedly to try to correct this situation," he said.

The Patrol inspection resulted in buses being grounded in the following counties: Dare, one; Robeson, one; Johnston, seven; Rockingham, one; Davidson, one; Forsyth, one; Ashe, one; Wilkes, three; Rutherford, five; Cleveland, one; Cherokee, two.

Overloaded buses were found in the following counties: Martin, one; Caswell 50; Chatham, 21; Moore, one; Ashe, two; Avery, one; Yancey, two.

Defects were found in buses of the following counties, with the first figure being the number of buses and the second, the number defective: Davie, 34-18; Surry, 70-27; Stokes, 50-10; Yadkin, 52-14; Mecklenburg, 121-37; Tredell, 94-14; Alleghany, 20-3; Alexander, 46-5; Ashe, 40-17; Watauga, 33-1; Wilkes, 81-26; Polk, 19-12; Burke, 60-33; Caldwell, 59-6; McDowell, 37-37.

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