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## County Agent Stresses <br> Rural Traffic Safety

Nearly a quarter of a million farm residents are injured in motor vehicle accidents each year, says Paul Choplin, county agent for the State College Extension Service. This fact, he adds, points up the need for rural traffic safety.
Unlike city traffic, most rural driving is on high-speed roads. To overcome this danger, the National Safety Council suggests that the following rules be observed by drivers in rural areas:
Adapt driving speed to existing conditions; keep to the right; don't pass on curves or hills; obey traffic rules and signs; be especially alert at railroad grade crossings; make turns from proper lane and don't obstruct the flow of traffic; keep your car in good operating condition; always cooperate with local traffic officials.
While driving the farm truck, be courteous to other drivers. Remember that a eous to other drivers. Remember that a and takes up more room on the road than a car. Be sure to confine loads to road than a car. Be sure to confine loads to the capaci-
ty of the truck. If you haul some oversize ty of the truck. If you haul some oversize
object, attach red flags and at night, red object,
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Remember that all traffic rules apply to the operation of tractors on the highway. Be sure that you have the right-of-way before turning on to the highway. You are entering a fast-moving stream of traffic with a slow-moving vehicle. Let the other fellow know when you intend to turn. Keep your tractor under control at all times and make sure your lights and reflectors are in top operating condition. Never have an implement on the highway after dark without tail lights.

## The World Conflict

Although the shooting war is confined to Korea in east Asia, a struggle has been going on for five years.
The world is aligned with two factions -communism versus free peoples.
The division also means Christianity against materialism.
Russia denounces the Christian religion. The Russia form of government recognizes no power except in their own constituted government by f
nothing spiritual.
Russia threatens to engulf the entire continents of Europe and Asia, which make them setf-supporting from a material standpoint and give Russia unlimited manpower.
Russia cannot be dealt with in terms of negotiations, because Russia has no respect for truth, honor or justice. The free nations should have recognized this fact in making deals with Russia at the close of Worl War II.
Russia evidently intends to wear out the other powers of the world by instigating "fringe wars" such as is now in progress in Korea. When the Korean conflict is completed there will be agression in other places. Russia may use Chinese Reds to libet or Indo-China, or Russia may invade Greece or Yugoslavia.
No one except the rulers in Moscow can foretell immediate future events, but it is evident to all that a conflict is under way between Christian freedom and world an archy.

President Truman declares there'll be no revival of OPA. can count on not being phabet generalled back into governmental service? Greensboro Daily News.

423 Killed In 6 Months
On Highways Of N. C.
For the first half of 1950 North Caroa toll of 423 persons killed and 5,442 per sons injured. There were 12,208 accidents reported to State authorities during the first six months.
These totals represent an increase of 16 per cent in deaths, 31 per cent in reported injuries, and an increase of 39 per cent in total reported traffic accidents over the corresponding period of 1949.
Of the 12,208 accidents reported for the first sie mons, 357 were fatal and refirst six months, 357 were non-fatal sulted in 423 deaths, 3,348 were non-ratal and 8,50
damage.
During the corresponding period of 1949, there were 8,885 reported traffic accidents with 365 persons killed and 4,157 injured.
Nine were killed in. Wilkes in the first half of 1950 compared to eight for the same period in 1949.
Of primary importance in any study of accidents is the person afoot-the pedestrian. In recent years he has been involved in a relatively larger and larger number of accidents - accidents which have a great chance of being fatal. In North Carolina during the first half of 1950, there were 497 accidents involving pedestrians, 86 persons were killed and 422 injured in these accidents. Pedestrian accidents for the same period of 1949 totaled 450 with 76 persons killed and 397 injured in these 76 persons kils represents an increase of accidents. This represents and pedestrian deaths over the same period of 1949 .
In rural areas 59 of the 362 deaths were pedestrians, so the problem is not excessively an urban one, although 26 of the deaths in urban areas were pedestrians. The rural pedestrian accident most com monly invloves a person crossing the rural highway and next is the person walking along the rural highway. There were 11 persons killed while crossing the rural highways. Eight persons were killed while walking along the rural highways- 7 met death while walking with traffic. One was walking against traffic.
The urban problem is almost entirely one of crossing streets. Crossing at an unsignalized intersection accounted for 7 deaths, and 45 persons were killed crossing - not at intersection.
In pedestrian accidents 17 children from 5 to 9 years of age were killed and 110 were injured. This age group represents the group in which the largest number of pedestrians were killed and injured.

## : LIFE'S BETTER WAY :

## WALTER E. ISENHOUR

 SHALL AMERICA RETURN TO GOD? In the last great World War we believe there were milions of our American pe ple who hunbled themselves before Godcried and prayed to Him out of broken cried and prayed to Him out of broken hearts and contrite spirits, whose humility God beheld, whose tears He looked upon, and whose prayers He heard. But after the war closed, and we returned again unto normal conditions, it seems that millions of our people have forgotten God. They vowed unto Him, but failed to pay their vows, or keep them. No doubt multitudes of fathers and mothers, husbands and Wives sweethearts and soldiers promised
God to live for Him if He would give victory. Many promised God they would live for Him, go to church, keep the Sabbath, give of their means to support the Gospel, and help Christianize the world, but we fear that the majority have failed to do so.
It seems that as a nation we have turned unto pleasure, unto money-making, unt drunkenness, unto building fine homes, buying fine cars, carousing and having a big time, thus forsaking God and the church, desecrating the Sabbath, forgetting our promises unto God, while in the mean time Russia has been making great preparatijon for war, and has spread Commun ism, more or less, all over the world. For quite a while many of our churches have been almost empty while the theatres have been crowded with pleasure-seekers, our Sabbath has been turned into a day of merchandise, games and sports, and our towns and cities have voted in the liquor stores and sold millions of our people liquor and made them drunk.
With these awful facts before us, shall America return unto God? It is this or worse. If millions of our people will return unto God, deeply repent, turn from their vicked ways and seek God's mercy an pardon, then there is still hope for us a nation in this awful crisis.
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