

DEATHS IN AUTO CRASHES

49 Killed in State in June As Against 50 in May: Expect Highway Patrol To Make Reduction.

Raleigh, July 27. — Death continues to rear along the highways of North Carolina and in June forty-nine persons were killed in automobile accidents on the highways, only one less than in May, when fifty persons were killed, according to the accident figures for June just released today by W. C. Spruill of the motor vehicle division of the Department of Revenue. In addition, 426 persons were injured in 282 accidents which involved 402 automobiles and drivers. In May only 391 persons were injured in 281 accidents involving 376 automobiles and drivers.

This record for June is normal, showing that North Carolina is continuing to maintain its record of having more deaths in proportion to the number of registered automobiles than any State in the Union, and that automobile accidents are increasing faster than the number of automobiles. For during the first six months of this year, compared with the first six months of last year, the number of deaths had increased 12 per cent, while the number of automobiles in the State has increased only 3 per cent, according to data compiled by Mr. Spruill.

Laud Patrol Work.

However, these figures are compiled from reports of accidents that took place before the new State Highway Patrol went on duty July 1, and we feel sure that there is going to be a tremendous reduction both in the number of deaths as well as accidents when the July figures are compared with previous months," said Mr. Spruill. "For the educational work being done by the patrol, together with the inspection work it is doing night and day is going to be a big factor in accident prevention. The moral and psychological effect of the patrol on drivers is also becoming apparent already on the highways."

Of the 49 persons killed in June, 10 were pedestrians, while of the 426 injured, 54 were pedestrians. The majority of these are always children playing in the street, while most of the other pedestrian injuries are caused by disregard of safety signals and rules such as crossing against signals, lay-walking, crossing be-

tween intersections or coming out from behind parked automobiles without looking for approaching vehicles.

Thirteen of the 49 persons killed were killed in collisions with other automobiles, and three others were killed in collisions with horsedrawn vehicles and one in collision with a railroad train in non-collision accidents. Seven of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were under 14 years of age and 38 were between 15 and 54 years of age. Of the 402 drivers involved in accidents, 357 were men and only 35 women. In age range, 33 were less than 18 years old and only four more than 55.

The number of intoxicated drivers continues high, with 25 drunken drivers involved in accidents in June, two of these being fatal. In May there were 29 drunken drivers in accidents and three proving fatal.

Of the 475 persons injured or killed, 52 suffered fractured skulls, 32 concussion of the brain, 11 fractured spines and 74 other fractures.

The majority of the accidents, as usual, were caused by speeding, reckless driving and other flagrant violations of the motor vehicle laws.

"Highway Safety Consciousness" Essential

There are but three causes for our disgraceful automobile accident record: carelessness, incompetence and lax enforcement of traffic laws.

It is time for Americans to admit that the accident problem has reached a point where it is a menace to the life and property of every person and that the "prevention" methods of the past have been failures. The much-lauded solution by compulsory insurance was found to increase accidents, rather than decrease them.

Insurance can only indemnify. It can never prevent. It is a minor phase of the accident problem, not the crux.

In most communities, traffic laws are inadequate to meet modern conditions. Drivers are licensed wholesale, usually without tests to determine their mental and physical fitness. The irresponsible and the reckless crowd on the highways of America has not gained a "highway safety consciousness."

An insurance law, such as New York has adopted, which forces a motorist to prove financial responsibility after he has caused an accident, or lose his license, places responsibility where it belongs, on the party at fault.

We must rid ourselves of the reckless and ignorant and instill the basic facts of safety in the mind of every driver and pedestrian using the highways.

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"Gas is being used in increasingly large amounts by industries which need heat in its most adaptable, efficient and convenient form," the report says. "At the present time gas sales to industrial and commercial consumers are increasing at an even faster rate than sales for domestic consumption."

"While domestic sales of gas have increased nearly 55 per cent during the last 10 years, industrial and commercial sales have increased nearly 109 per cent. Of the total sales in 1928, amounting to 490,000,000,000 cubic feet, approximately 60 per cent were made to domestic consumers and about 30 per cent to industries, hotels, restaurants and other commercial consumers."

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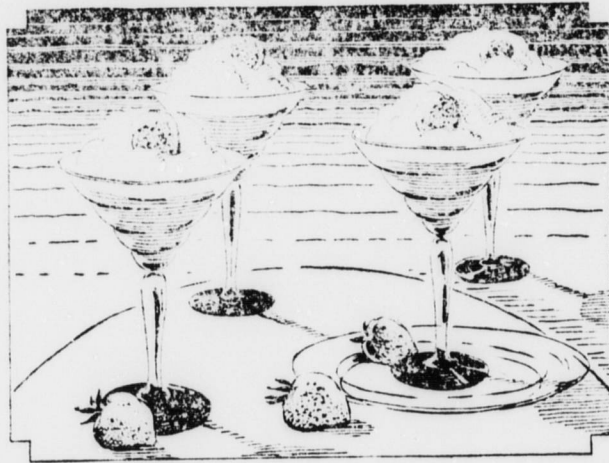
Modern automobiles, in all price classes, are being built toward safer operation. Four-wheel brakes, non-shatterable glass and all-steel bodies give invaluable protection against serious accidents.

In this age of traffic congestion, high speed and careless drivers that clutter the highways, no construction other than the best and safest should satisfy the wise motorist.

Following Railroad Safety Practices

Automobile builders are adopting all-steel bodies for reliability and safety. Recently Franklin Stimmus, daughter of the great German financier, took a 50,000-mile motor trip through 27 countries. Twelve thousand miles were over roadless country; in some instances blasting was necessary to get through. Temperatures varied from 120 degrees below zero in Siberia to the intense heat of deserts. The two cars used went over rocks, up almost im-

Porch Lunches



If all sympathize with the stricken lady on shipboard who, when the steward approached her with a dish of quivery gelatin, moaned, "Steward, take that away! It wobbles so it makes me sick!" We may sympathize, but probably it will be with an air of condescension, for we are on no wobbly ship but on our own porch with the dappled light sifting through the leaves, and the garden scents drifting lazily up to soothe us. But more than that, there is the ideal conclusion to an idle porch luncheon on the table in front of us. Yes, a gelatin dessert. Not one that we have eaten time and again, but something a little new, a little different, intriguing. Just what? Why, here are the recipes:

flavored gelatin in one-half cup boiling water. Add one and one-half cups crushed pineapple and one and one-half cups of strawberries and allow to stand until cold and beginning to set. Then fold in two stiffly beaten egg whites and chill well. Serve piled in glasses and topped with whipped cream and a whole strawberry.

Product of the Vine

Grape Sponge: Soak two tablespoons gelatin in four tablespoons cold water. Bring three cups grape juice, one cup water and one-half cup sugar to boiling, pour over gelatin and stir until dissolved. When cold and beginning to stiffen, add one table-spoon lemon juice, one cup of cream, most coconut, one-half cup of vacuum-packed walnuts and one-half cup of cream, whipped. Chill in molds.

Strawberry and Pineapple Feast: Dissolve one package of lemon-

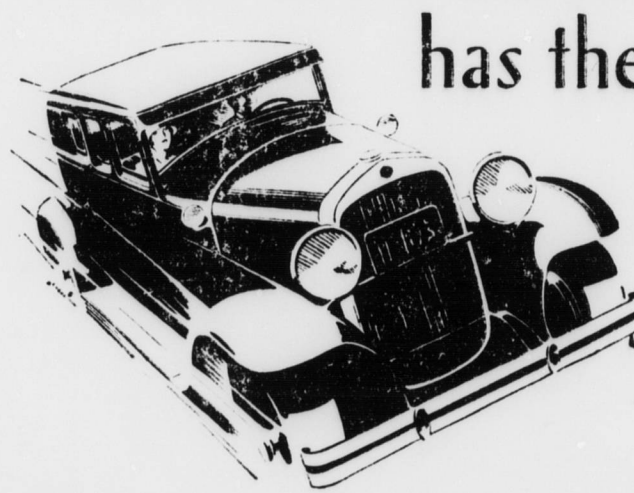
passable mountains, in snow and sand.

The specially constructed all-steel bodies survived the journey without damage. It was one of the most rigid tests of automobile construction ever made.

While the ordinary driver experiences no such difficulties, the all-steel body is of equal importance to him as a safeguard in collisions and accidents.

The new North Carolina Crop Improvement Association was definitely launched at the Convention last week.

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Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for August 4 BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST Temperance Lesson LESSON TEXT—Daniel 5:1-31. GOLDEN TEXT—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess. PRIMARY TOPIC—What Wine Leads To. JUNIOR TOPIC—What Drink Leads To. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Drink Leads To. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Reveling and Ruin.

I. Belshazzar's Impious Feast (vv. 1-4).

1. The attendants (vv. 1, 2). Belshazzar, his wife and concubines and a thousand of his lords. 2. Their behavior (vv. 3, 4). (1) They drank wine; they engaged in revelry. (2) They committed sacrilege, drinking wine out of the sacred vessels taken from the temple at Jerusalem. (3) They worshipped idols, gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood and stone.

II. The Handwriting on the Wall (vv. 5-19).

1. The time of (v. 5). It occurred in the same hour in which they were engaged in their drunken revelry. 2. The effect upon the king (v. 6). He was seized with consternation. 3. The king's behavior (vv. 7-16). (1) He called forth astrologues and soothsayers, offering rich rewards (v. 7-9). Their utter inability to interpret the writing left the king even more perplexed. (2) Daniel brought in at the suggestion of the queen (v. 10-15). The queen reminded the king of Daniel's service to Nebuchadnezzar. He was sent for and promised great reward. (3) Daniel interprets the writing (v. 17-28).

III. Daniel's address to the king (vv. 17-28).

(1) He brushes aside the promised gifts (v. 17). He would not have his speech limited by the king's gifts. (2) He reviewed before him the history of Nebuchadnezzar and applied the lesson to the behavior of Belshazzar (vv. 18-24), showing that Belshazzar should have profited by the experience of his father. 2. The interpretation of the writing (vv. 25-28).

(1) "Mene" means "numbered" (v. 26). "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it." (2) "Tekel" means "weighed" (v. 27). "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." (3) "Peres" means "divided" (v. 28). "Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

IV. The Judgment Executed (vv. 29-31).

In that night was Belshazzar slain and Darius the Median took the kingdom. The Chaldean dynasty ended with Belshazzar. So we may interpret this whole scene as pointing to the conditions at the close of the times of the Gentiles, and as foreshadowing the prevailing conditions. Let us note:

- 1. The stupidity of men. They, like people today, would not learn by example. Nebuchadnezzar's fate should have deterred Belshazzar from such frivolity. 2. The magnificent splendor. This great feast was characterized by pomp, display, parade. How characteristic of this age! 3. Luxury. The famous hanging gardens of Babylon were a noteworthy example. Signs of luxury today are on every hand. 4. The licentiousness of the king with his wives and concubines. Licentiousness is notoriously prevalent today. 5. Blasphemous sacrilege.

And may not the sacrilege of today be in excess of theirs, expressing itself in (1) a profession of religion for pecuniary gain, social and political preferment; (2) use of the pulpit and of the ministry for display and notoriety, even for the propagation of false doctrine; (3) union with the church, attendance on the communion, so as to cover up secret sins; (4) the use of the Word of God to give point to a joke; (5) denying that the Bible is God's Word, making it a book of errors, myths and legends; (6) sneering at the virgin birth, repudiating Christ's deity and setting aside His vicarious atonement. 6. Drunken carousals. The handwriting is on the wall. God will not endure this forever; His judgment shall fall. Conditions in the world indicate that the time is drawing near. Are you ready?

Nothing And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.—1 Cor. 13:2.

Always Thankful The thoughtful are always thankful.

The Least Resistance A rest is the line of least resistance.