

Mountain Road was graded, draped, and surfaced with traffic-bound macadam. Three others were strengthened with traffic-bound macadam: Foreman Road, 1.4 miles; Watauga Road, 0.6; and Long Branch Road, 0.6.

County-wide, state forces finished 1.3 miles of spot patching the existing surface with traffic-bound macadam on county roads.

### License Examiner Cites Ways To Stop Fatalities

"What can you and I do about" the deaths and injuries on the highways? Robert V. Hooper, state license examiner, asked at Saturday night's meeting of the North Franklin Neighborhood Club. He answered his own question: "By driving by the laws".

The Rev. Billy Graham, in a film shown later in the evening, answered the same question with a paraphrase of the Golden Rule: "Drive unto others as you would that they should drive unto you".

A third feature of the program, devoted to highway safety, was a talk by B. L. McGlamery, who recently was appointed to the speakers' bureau of the governor's traffic safety council.

In the first six weeks of 1957, 138 persons were killed on North Carolina highways, Mr. Hooper said, adding that 2,000 more were injured — "some of them losing a leg, an arm, or their vision".

He pointed out that most of those killed were between 18 and 38 years of age, "people just starting out in life"; and that most of them were killed within 30 miles of their homes — "it is our neighbors we are killing".

"Speed is the first killer. We are all in too much of a hurry. We should have been there before we got started." But, he declared, speed is not necessary, explaining that, in a 100-mile trip, "you can save at most 10 to 12 minutes" by fast driving. Little things count, he continued: Giving the proper hand signals; stopping to look twice before entering an intersection; and keeping out of the other fellow's lane.

Not watching these little things, he remarked, is a "symptom of becoming one of the figures (of the dead) on this little white sheet I hold in my hand. Have we any of these symptoms? When we get mad at the fellow who speeds by us and try to pass him, aren't we watching his symptoms?"

He urged the adults to "set an example for the younger people".

Mr. McGlamery discussed the proposal, now before the General Assembly, to put driver ed-

ucation into all the state's high schools. There are now 60,000 high school students not getting this training, he said. The cost, at \$25 per student, would be only about one-eighth of what it is planned to spend on highways, he commented.

An increase in the charge for automobile license tags and an increase in the charge for driver's licenses are the two methods generally favored for financing the program, he said.

In the safety film, Mr. Graham declared the problem of highway safety traffic is a "moral and spiritual one", a failure to curb selfishness, to live by the Golden Rule, and to control anger. Not to drive safely, since it endangers the lives of others, he said, is "a sin".

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., president, presided at the meeting, held at the Slagle Memorial Building. The program followed a covered dish supper. About 35 persons attended.

The next meeting, at 7 p. m. March 16, will be held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist Church.

### January Road Work Contained In Report

State highway forces finished 4.3 miles of work in this county during January, according to a report from Highway Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan.

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