

### Annual Fairs Cause Increase In Wrecks

With several dozen county and district fairs about to open in various parts of the State, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, called attention this week to the fact that several North Carolinians were killed and a number of others injured in traffic accidents while going to or returning from fairs in the State last fall.

"During fair week, life moves merrily along the midways and death stalks stealthily along the highways," Hocutt commented. "Accident records of previous years indicate that a good many accidents, some of them fatal, occur each fall in the heavy traffic on streets and highways leading to and from the various grounds where county and district fairs are held."

Some of these accidents, he said, are a result of the careless walking habits of pedestrians bound to and from the fair on foot; some are a result of drinking on the part of drivers or pedestrians, or both; and others are a result of excessive speed.

For people planning to attend fairs in the State this fall, the safety director suggests the following safety rules:

Hold your speed down to fit the existing conditions of traffic, visibility, road surface and weather. Dim your headlights when meeting other cars at night. If you drive a horse-drawn vehicle, be sure that it is properly lighted. When walking on the highway, walk on the left facing traffic, and if at night wear or carry something white. Whether you are walking or driving, stay off the highway if you've had anything to drink. Obey all traffic rules, observe signs and signals and pay strict attention to your driving.

"If every person attending fairs in North Carolina this fall will follow these simple, commonsense suggestions, this State should get through the 1940 fair season without a single traffic death occurring among those going to and from the fairs." Director Hocutt added.

#### Visiting in Tennessee

Mr. R. J. Peel, Jr., is visiting relatives in Mountain City, Tenn.

### Methodists Perfect New Organization

The Methodist women of the local Methodist Church conducted the mid-week meeting and perfected their organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service by installing their newly-elected officers last Wednesday night.

The meeting was opened by the call to worship by Rev. S. J. Starnes, the pastor, who made a talk on the importance of the women in the church and offered prayer. He then called the elected officers of the society to the altar which was beautifully decorated with ferns and a profusion of flowers and a number of lighted candles. He briefly gave the duties of each officer and then asked each if she was willing to assume such duties to the best of her ability. After they answered in the affirmative, they knelt at the altar while he prayed God's blessings upon them and their work. The officers, consisting of Mrs. H. L. Swain, president; Mrs. Clyde Manning, vice president; Mrs. Deborah Warren, recording secretary; Mrs. J. D. Mason, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. L. B. Harrison, treasurer, were presented to the society and the meeting turned over to them.

Mrs. Marion Cobb made a short talk on the Wesleyan Guild expressing the appreciation of this group of business women and reviewing the work accomplished by it.

Mrs. D. N. Hix prayed that God would bless the efforts of the women in the church for the advancement of the kingdom of God among men.

At this point the lights of the church were turned out and spotlights were lighted and directed to a cross on either side of which stood a candelabra with lighted candles and a most impressive service conducted. Mrs. Wheeler Manning sang, "A Charge To Keep I Have." One verse of "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung and then Miss Margaret Starnes entered from the rear dressed in white and gave a reading, while Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., played very softly. Mrs. John Wier sang, "Give of Your Best to the Master."

For the concluding part of the program in the church the choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross." As this was being sung Miss Mary Benson entered from the rear dressed in white and knelt at the cross and remained until the song was concluded and benediction pronounced by Rev. S. J. Starnes.

After the devotional in the church the women adjourned to the parsonage for a fellowship meeting. Upon entering the parsonage each woman was given a booklet and told to get as many members on it as she could and that the one getting the most members would get a prize and the three getting the least would be expected to entertain the next meeting. Mrs. Wheeler Manning won the prize, beautiful linen handkerchiefs. Punch and cake were served to each person.—Reported.

### Enforce Wage And Hours Regulations

The Wages and Hours division is stepping up the tempo of its enforcement drive with some new techniques, among them a plan for enrolling the aid of bankers in obtaining compliance, by their customers. Banks are warned by regional inspectors to inquire into a customer's status under the Fair Labor Standards act before extending credit. The idea is that a manufacturer having trouble with that law may have to shell out several thousand dollars in back pay, that would make him not-so-good a risk.

At the same time comes warning that the final phase of the Fair Labor Standards act goes into effect on next October 24. That is, starting then, overtime begins after 40 hours a week, instead of the present 42-hour ceiling, or the 44-hour limit imposed when the law first became effective. This comes just at the time when the defense program is swinging into faster tempo, and the draft will take 900,000 men from actual or potential employment.

### Berlin, Too, Fights Incendiary Fires



German firemen stand amid ruins of a building shattered by bombs of raiding British airmen, who raked Berlin in waves. The photograph was passed by the German censor.

### Royal Guest at the Fair



The Crown Princess of Norway (right) watches the horse show at the Dutchess County Fair, Rhinebeck, N. Y., with President and Mrs. Roosevelt. The Crown Princess and her three children found temporary haven at the Roosevelt's Hyde Park home after their perilous journey from Petsamo, Finland.

### "Movie" Victim



Inga Blomquist of Boston, Mass., revealed herself as one of several hundred girls who answered advertisements of two fake movie producers who promised the girls Hollywood careers — at a price anywhere from \$11 to \$300 each. Police are seeking the pair.

### 4-H Members Preparing Calves For The State Fair

Durham County 4-H Guernsey calf club members are starting the process of fitting their calves for the State Fair in Raleigh this fall, says J. A. Sutton, assistant farm agent.

### Half Million Is Paid Unemployed

Raleigh—Unemployment benefits to normally employed workers in North Carolina amounted to \$548,220.56 in August, included in 114,413 checks delivered through the 46 employment offices and 10 colored branches in the State. Unemployment Compensation Commission Chairman Charles G. Powell announces. This includes \$18,345.50 in 1,127 checks which went to out-of-State workers who had previously established wage credits in North Carolina.

Total benefits in the 32 months of distribution through August reached \$15,956,955.44, embraced in 2,515,352 checks issued, of which \$305,922.32, included in 28,305 checks, went to residents of other states with credits in North Carolina.

The Williamston Employment office distributed 1,541 checks representing \$6,591.73 in August to unemployed eligible workers in the area served by the office. In the 32 months of benefit payments through August, this office has distributed 30,659 checks for an aggregate of \$175,973.32 to eligible unemployed workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Margolis spent Sunday in Tarboro.

### Reviews Highway Deaths in the State

Two of the 498 street and highway fatalities in North Carolina the first eight months of 1940 occurred in Martin County, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Only 11 of the 100 counties in the State had a clear record in traffic deaths at the close of the eighth month, these being Camden, Caswell, Chowan, Clay, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Mitchell, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Yancey.

Mecklenburg topped the State with an eight-months' traffic toll of 25, followed closely by Guilford and Robeson with 22 each, Forsyth with 21 and Buncombe with 19. Sixteen counties reported only one fatality each for the eight-months' period.

The State's eight-months' traffic toll of 498 deaths, subject to the possible addition of a few delayed deaths, was a decrease of seven per cent from the 539 traffic deaths in the state the first eight months of 1939.

"Happily, North Carolina still enjoys a decrease in its traffic toll for this year, in comparison with that of last year, but our percentage of decrease has slipped in two months from ten per cent to seven per cent," stated Ronald Hocutt, director of the safety division. "The fact that we are showing a decrease in the face of a nation-wide increase is gratifying, of course, but eternal vigilance and care on the part of every North Carolina motorist, pedestrian and bicycle rider must be exercised throughout the remainder of the year if we are not to lose what we have gained."

Provisional figures show a total of 71 traffic deaths in the state last month against 82 for August, 1939. This was better than a 13 per cent decrease.

Not a single bicycle or railroad crossing fatality was reported for the month of August, and the 18 pedestrian fatalities, representing approximately 25 per cent of the month's traffic toll, were well below the national average.

Only four cities above 10,000 population reported fatalities in August, Charlotte reported four, Shelby and Winston-Salem reported 2 each, and Fayetteville had one.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lindsley and Miss Carolyn Lindsley left Sunday for Fredericksburg, Va., where Miss Lindsley entered Mary Washington School for the term.

### Football Fans Urged To Drive Carefully

Taking cognizance of the opening of the 1940 football season in North Carolina, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, appealed this week to football fans of this State to do their part this year toward reducing the traffic toll generally incidental to Fall week-ends.

"Accident records for the past several years show that football fans on their way to or from games have figured in a good many accidents on week-ends in September, October and November," Hocutt said.

"In the first place," he stated, "general accident experience is that 60 per cent of all traffic fatalities occur at night, and most football fans have to do right much of their driving during the hours of dusk and darkness. Then, too, at practically every football game there are a number of automobile drivers who take a few drinks during the game. Also, many drivers who attend games are in a great big hurry to get to the game or to get back home after the game, with the result that they drive at excessive rates of speed and take

dangerous, needless chances. "All of these factors," he said, "contribute to a high traffic accident frequency on week-ends in the fall." His suggestions to football fans are: Leave home early enough that you won't have to drive at break-neck speed in order to see the kick-off. If you have been drinking, get some sober person to drive for you. In driving at night, dim your headlights when meeting other cars, don't overdrive your headlights, and watch for pedestrians on the highway. Be sportsmanlike in your driving. Sportsmanship is important on the highway, as well as on the gridiron. And above all, don't be in too big a hurry.

In Greenville Yesterday Mrs. J. L. Spencer and Mrs. Titus Critcher were in Greenville yesterday.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST Please Note Date Changes Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, October 1st. Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Plymouth office, Liverman's Drug Store, Every Friday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Tarboro Every Saturday.

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