

Throttle And Bottle Blamed For Traffic Death Record

The throttle and the bottle were the big reasons why a record 609 persons were killed in traffic accidents last Christmas.

That was the conclusion of the National Safety Council today after a detailed study of 501 of the fatal Christmas holiday accidents, in which 564 persons died. The Council, which wants to find out why holidays are becoming horror days, said similar studies of other holidays would be made in the future.

Speed and drinking had an effect during the Christmas week-end almost three times greater than normal, the Council said. Driving too fast for conditions or in excess of the speed limit was a factor in 85 per cent of the fatal accidents compared with an annual average of 35 per cent. Drinking drivers were involved in 55 per cent of the fatal mishaps, although normally they are involved in less than 20 per cent. The above percentages are based on reports which definitely stated whether or not speed and drinking were factors.

Despite the heavy influence of speed and drinking, chiefly to blame for boosting the Christmas toll 50 per cent higher than on other December weekends, the Council found that accident types and people involved were much the same as usual.

The Council said it was surprised, however, by when the accidents happened. Fifty-eight per cent of the accidents occurred in the first 30 hours of the 78-hour weekend, which began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Monday.

In fact, as many accidents took place in the first six hours (6 p.m. to midnight Friday) as happened all day on Monday (the final 24 hours of the holiday period).

For pedestrian accidents alone, 70 per cent occurred in the first 30 hours, according to the Council. More pedestrians were killed in the six hours Friday night (21 per cent) than all day Sunday (18 per cent) or all day Monday (13 per cent).

Other facts shown in the Council report were:

1. More accidents occurred between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. than any other three-hour period. The hours between noon and 3 p.m. were the safest.

2. Seventy-five per cent of the accidents happened during dark hours—5 p.m. to 7 a.m. Even eliminating the six additional dark hours on Friday night, the ratio was still 70 per cent.

3. The most common type of accident was collision between two or more cars. Next in order were non-collision, pedestrian and fixed

object collisions.

4. In 90 per cent of the accidents only one person was killed. The most serious accident killed four persons.

5. Rural accidents were fewer than normal in relation to urban accidents.

6. The ages of drivers was not much different from the normal pattern. Driver ages in the Christmas study ranged from 13 to 87. Six were under 16, and six over 75.

7. Males were driving in 94 per cent of the fatal accidents, only slightly higher than the annual average of 92 per cent.

8. Victims were about the same ages as usual, too, with one-third aged 25-44 and one-fourth aged 15-24. Almost four out of five victims were males, and these were mostly drivers.

9. The most common driver action contributing to fatal accidents was driving on wrong side of road or in center of road. Failure to observe a signal or stop sign was second. In only four of the fatal accidents was a mechanical failure or tire blowout mentioned.

10. Pedestrian victims were principally older people—4 out of 10 were 65 years of age or older. In one third of the cases, the pedestrian contributed to the accident by crossing between intersections, stepping from behind a parked car, or walking on a roadway. In two cases, pedestrians were changing tires, and in one he was filling a gas tank when struck.

Bills To Ban Parkway Tolls Are Introduced

By The Associated Press

Bills to ban general tolls on the Blue Ridge Parkway of Virginia and North Carolina were introduced in the House Monday by Reps. Shuford (D-NC) and Jonas (R-NC).

The measures would permit the secretary of the interior, however, to continue charges on vehicles in the Shenandoah National Park, including that portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway between Jarman Gap and Rockfish Gap.

No general tolls are now charged on the parkway, but they have been proposed from time to time.

Although Malaria is typically a disease of warm climate, it has been found as far north as the Arctic Circle.

Francis Cove Community News

By MRS. RHODA RICKMAN
Community Reporter

Farmers in this community aren't getting much work done—what with the snow, rain, and sleet. Some have turned their cattle out on pasture, but still have to feed them. Most of the orchardmen have finished their dormant spraying.

James R. McElroy, seaman-rastraman, is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Venson McElroy. He graduated from naval radio school at Annapolis, Md., April 15. After his leave, he will report to Norfolk, Va., where he will be assigned to the U. S. S. Kiowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Edwards visited their son and daughter-in-law, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Mark Edwards and daughter of Fort Knox, Ky. last weekend.

Miss Margaret McElroy has returned home from Moutrie, Ga., where she was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McElroy, last week.

Fanning Goodson is improving at Haywood County Hospital, where he is a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Boone and daughter, of Hampton, Va., are visiting Mr. Boone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Boone and other relatives in this area.

Mrs. George Shuler of Gastonia is spending this week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates. Mrs. Shuler was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. David McElroy, who died Wednesday morning.

Miss Ethel Rickman of Biltmore was the guest of Mrs. W. K. Boone recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards and son visited Mrs. Edwards' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hale, Jr., in Greenville, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Siske spent last weekend in Tignall, Ga., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. June Hardman.

Cpl. Kent Swayngim, who has been serving with the First Marine Wing in Korea, has been transferred to Cherry Point, N. C. He is spending his leave with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swayngim.

Roger Davis, who is a surgical patient at a Durham VA hospital, is reported improving.

Ratliff Cove Resident Talks To Family In Panama

By MRS. GROVER FRANCIS
Community Reporter

Mrs. T. T. Muse, Sr., received a telephone call on Sunday evening from her daughter, Mrs. Carl Francis, in Panama. She also talked to her grandsons, Carlton and Teddy Francis. She reports they are all fine and are planning to return home sometime in June. They have been living in Panama for the past months where Sfc. Carl Francis has been stationed with the U. S. Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Francis.

Congratulations to the Juniors of the Baptist Church who entered the Associational memory work drill of Baptist Training Union at the First Church of Waynesville on Monday night. We are proud to report they were all winners. Those entering were Vickie Caldwell, Jean Cody, Janet Meador, Dean and Jean Francis, Mark Leopard and Michael Francis. They will compete in the regional tournament which will be held at the First Baptist Church in Canton on April 27 and 28.

The group from Elizabeth Chapel Methodist Church were busy on Saturday afternoon planting onions for their Lord's Acre project.

Canton Moose Lodge Officers To Be Installed

Newly elected officers of the Canton Lodge No. 515, Loyal Order of Moose, will be installed Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., Jack Woody, retiring governor, has announced.

Refreshments will be served following the installation ceremony, Woody said.

New officers include Howell Pless, governor; Clarence Rickman, junior governor; Jack Sharp, prelate; C. K. Sorrells, trustee; and J. Emory Whitaker, treasurer.

Cardiff, Wales, was first occupied as a Roman fort in the first century.

Insurance statistics show that deaths in home accidents are almost twice as frequent for men as for women although many men are at home less frequently than women.

Canton High Campus Cuffnotes

By Patty Morgan

The "Twirp" party was conducted in fine style Friday night. Melissa Osborne, social chairman, and her committee did a commendable job. There was something to do each minute of the party.

The party was carried out in olympic fashion. The crowd was divided into four groups with each group representing a country. These countries competed against each other, and the one with the highest score, won. This party terminated "Twirp Week," and all who attended agreed that it was a great success.

Our Black Bears really trounced Ben Lippen on Tuesday with a score of 20-2. The Bears also defeated Lee Edwards 11-6. We only hope that our boys can keep this up throughout the season!

The ever-so-active Latin Club presented a play, "Circe," in chapel Friday. The play was an excellent

production, and everyone enjoyed it very much.

All the senior girls had the thrill of their lives when they received miniature cedar chests, compliments of Sluder's Furniture Store. These chests are very handy to keep letters and other "precious items" away from snoopy sisters and brothers.

Each senior has put his name into a box from which two lucky names will be drawn, a boy's and a girl's, to receive watches, compliments of Sterling's Jewelers.

CHS is glad to have two practice teachers, Kenneth Barker and Charles Battle, who are assisting Mr. Bridgman in the manual training department. Both will be staying with us until the end of school.

All seniors are proud of Robert Deas, who won second in the Hay-

wood County Spelling Bee. Last year, Robert was first, but wasn't quite as lucky this year. Congratulations, Robert.

The Red Cross drive has just ended. Each homeroom filled two gift boxes which were to be sent overseas to stricken areas. Glenda Pressley is president of the Red Cross, with Mrs. Walker as sponsor.

As Longfellow said, "Silent, soft, and slow; descends the snow," and what a surprise it was to awaken to a white blanket of snow on an April morning.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 10, 1956.

PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211,
U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection	\$1,417,827.98
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	\$1,191,900.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	383,912.23
Corporate stocks	10,500.00
Loans and discounts (including \$452.90 overdrafts)	2,790,633.92
Bank premises owned \$37,805.40, furniture and fixtures \$24,379.65	62,185.05
Other assets	1,400.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,858,359.18

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,620,446.02
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,035,979.41
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	32,686.84
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	618,371.38
Deposits of banks	98,020.35
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	19,960.88
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$5,426,464.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,426,464.88

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	300,000.00
Undivided profits	79,053.81
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	2,940.49
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 431,994.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$5,858,359.18

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	\$ 829,000.00
Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of Loans insured or guaranteed by Veterans' Administration—insured or guaranteed portions only	35,755.90
Total deposits to the credit of the State of North Carolina or any official thereof	202,243.70
Total amount of Loans, Certificates of Interest and Obligations, or Portions Thereof (listed above), which are fully backed or insured by agencies of the United States Government (other than "United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed")	35,755.90
Total amount of loans, certificates of interest and obligations, or portions thereof, which are fully backed or insured by agencies of the United States Government (other than "United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed")	35,755.90

I, Joe S. Davis, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Joe S. Davis, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

J. A. PREVOST

L. N. DAVIS

JAMES T. NOLAND

Directors.

State of North Carolina, County of Haywood, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1956, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

Hattie S. Jones, Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 3, 1957.