



By ALAN BROWNING, Jr.

**IT'S GRUESOME, BUT READ IT!**

Every now and then in this column we get to harping on reckless drivers and speeders, and thanks to a large insurance company, we have quoted statistics showing that the World War was child's play to the automobile when it comes to killing people.

Other newspapers, too, have devoted considerable space to the subject in ways much more forceful than ours, perhaps, but statistics, regardless whether in a small weekly or a large daily, are merely statistics and fail to shock the average person into a full realization of what they mean.

So now, thanks to Reader's Digest, we are presenting for your entertainment a gruesome, but nevertheless true, picture of what actually happens in an automobile wreck. And when you multiply this by the thousands of wrecks which occur yearly—well, it should make you stop and think.

Statistics exclude the pain and horror of savage mutilation—which mean that they leave out the point. A passing look at a bad automobile wreck or the news that a fellow you had lunch with last week is in a hospital with a broken back will make any driver but a born fool slow down at least temporarily. But what is needed is a vivid and sustained realization that every time you step on the throttle, death gets in beside you, hopefully waiting for his chance. That single horrible accident you may have witnessed—say the wreck which occurred near here several weeks ago which resulted in one death and a boy with a broken back—is no isolated horror. That sort of thing happens every hour of the day, everywhere in the United States. If you really felt that, perhaps the stickful of type in Monday's paper recording that a total of 29 people were killed in week-end crashes would rate something more than a perfunctory tut-tut as you turn back to the comic page.

There is a case on record where an enterprising judge now and again sentences reckless drivers to tour the accident end of the city morgue. But even a mangled body on a slab, waxily portraying the consequence of bad motoring judgment, isn't a patch on the scene of the accident itself. No artist working on a safety poster would dare depict that in full detail.

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**THIS AND THAT**  
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Dr. J. Allen Whitaker, Surry health officer, points to the fact that there are at this writing six cases of paratyphoid fever in Surry county, and that one death has occurred near Elkin from typhoid—a woman 70 years of age. The woman who died, and those suffering, had not been vaccinated. Draw your own moral.

According to Joe Bivins, who was in the office a few minutes ago to see the 246 Indian arrow heads found in a hole near Boonville by Dorothy Hellmig, the Red Man used fire and little drops of water to fashion his arrow tips. Mr. Bivins stated that the Indian first heated the stone red hot, then dropped drops of water on it. As each drop fell, it chipped off a piece of stone.

Personally, we feel it a great pity

that the noble Red Man didn't have a corner drug store handy where he could have purchased a medicine dropper. It would have been much more convenient. But we guess if there had been any drug stores at that time, they probably would have sold arrow heads cheaper than the Indians could have made them.

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AUGUST 15-16—

**Will Rogers**

IN "DOUBTING THOMAS"

**WONDERING DEPARTMENT**  
Someone was wondering the other day just why Elkin has only two hours of personal attention from the county health department when Mount Airy has practically a full-time office?

And a certain local citizen was—and is—wondering why someone with a little civic pride doesn't get busy and have the Boon trail markers erected here which has been nursing for the past 12 years?

And we have been wondering why the town doesn't have the same persons who built the eye sore on the vacant lot next to The Tribune building, tear it down?