### **HIGHWAY DEATHS** SHOW DECLINE **DURING JANUARY**

#### Roanoke Rapids **Counted Two Dead in Month**

Highway fatalities for the State showed a decline during January, the total being 73 compared with 92 during the first month of last year, the Highway Safety Division reported yesterday.

The figures indicated a downward trend from the record of 1941, when more than 1,200 persons lost their lives in highway accilast year's bloody record, the Govand the Motor Vehicle Department have collaborated in safety efforts.

The January figures show a decline from six to two accidents in Wake County, which ran up a toll of 58 during last year. Mecklenburg, which counted eight deaths in January, 1941, had just two last month. Declines were reported also in Alamance, Buncombe, Chatham, Columbus, Durham, Guilford. Johnston, and New Hanover.

More deaths for January occurred in Alleghany, Cleveland, Cur-Cumberland County had the high toll of 12 deaths last month, compared to four in January a year

Among the larger cities, Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh, and Wilmington passed the month without traffic fatalities, whereas each had suffered at least one the previous January. Charlotte had seven killed during January of 1941. Roanoke Rapids, with two deaths, and Salisbury and Shelby, with one each, were the only towns of 10,000 to 25,000 population with traffic aged. deaths in January.

### **Negroes Drown**

(Continued from Page One) The driver of the car was identified by his birth certificate found in his pocket as John Willis Stone, Jr., of Portsmouth. The other man in the car was identified as Wesley Stone, also of Portsmouth. His Selective Service identification card served to reveal his identity. One of the women was identified as Katrine Stone, wife of Wesley Stone, but officers have not identified the other woman. It is thought, however, that all occupants of the car were relatives.

R. L. Grant said they were of the in the afternoon and evening. opinion that the car overturned the car and a fender was bent. for the county. sions on the head and face.

said that embalming of the bodies ifax and Darlington. revealed no trace of liquor, nor A lottery for determining the was there any signs of drinking order number of the late regisin the car.

through which the Negroes passed morning saying that the men regon the way to their death, said istered Monday will be placed at that the Negroes were evidently the end of the present selective unfamiliar with the roads in the service pool. Negroes had stopped at his place the whole day's registration. for food about 11:30.

The bodies were kept in a Jackson undertaking establishment un- folk, Va., spent the week end here til relatives could be reached in as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Portsmouth.

Richmond Hardy, a Rosemary Ne- Oxford, William Davis and Miss gro, and skidded across the high- Ann Putham of Norfolk, spent the way to crash into the side of a week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bloys taxi owned by Johnson's Taxi Ser- W. Britt.

vice and operated by Bell.

Officers said that the Penny car was going south at a rapid rate of speed and in going over the hill just north of the bridge evidently failed to see the Hardy automobile just ahead, crashing into the back of it and skidding across the highway to meet the taxi head-on, which was going north on the highway.

All three automobiles were badly damaged, the taxi being a total loss. The Penny automobile was badly wrecked, as was the Hardy automobile.

Smith and Penny were en route to Penny's home at Kenansville dents in the State. As a result of from Warsaw, Va., for the weekend. The two remained in the ernor, the Highway Commission Roanoke Rapids hospital until this afternoon, when they were released. Harris received treatment here and was allowed to return to his home. The Hardy Negro was uninjured.

So badly were the cars wrecked that officers and onlookers alike were heard to comment on the narrow escape of the occupants.

#### CRIME WAVE

(Continued from Page One) rituck, Edgecombe, Henderson, Le- sage and placed himself at a vannoir, Moore, Sampson, and Stanly. tage point on the incoming highway from Roanoke Rapids. He recognized the third car that passed him as that described in the message and arrested the driver. The automobile had not been damaged.

An automobile belonging to Marvin Jordan, an employee of White Motor Company, was stolen from where it was parked on 11th street on Sunday night, and was recovered on Wednesday about a block from the point where it had been stolen. It too was undam-

The third automobile to be stolen in the past week belongs to a traveling salesman stopping at a local hotel. This automobile was found on a side road near town and had been overturned in a ditch.

Chief Dobbins said that it was significant that none of the tires were stolen from the automobiles, nor the vehicles damaged in any

#### 2,920 REGISTER

(Continued from Page One) orderly fashion and without much delay. Unable to work on account of the rain, the men reported to registration centers early in the Officers working with Coroner day, leaving very few to register

Local Board No. 1, here in Roabefore it went into the water. They noke Rapids registered 1,497, while based their conclusion on the fact Local Board No. 2, at Enfield, that a headlight was knocked off registered 1,423, for a total of 2,920 Board No. 1 One of the men, Wesley Stone, had served Roanoke Rapids, Weldon a broken jaw and other bruises, and that part of Littleton which while one of the women had abra- is in Halifax county. Board No. 2 served Enfield, Scotland Neck, Coroner Grant of Northampton Ringwood, Hobgood, Hollister, Hal-

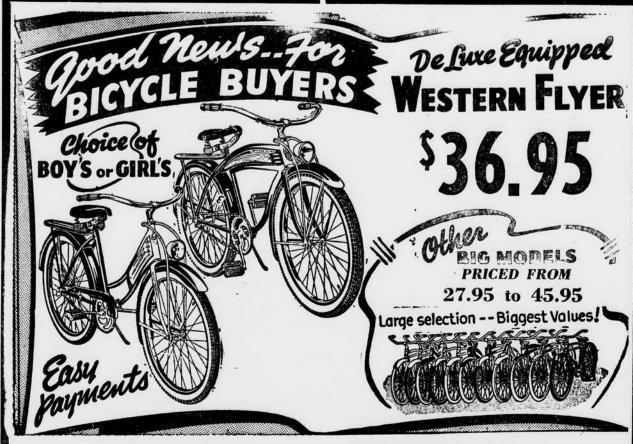
trans will be held sometime in Several persons in Jackson, March, unofficial reports this

vicinity of Boone's mill. Officers! Except for the fact that a few set the time of the accident at of those registering were not at about 12 o'clock on the statement all sure just how near 45 they of a Jackson merchant that the were, there was not a hitch in

> Mrs. N. C. Christensen of Nor-W. Fanney.

Mrs. J. T. West and Albert Hux of Portsmouth, Va., visited Mr. HURT IN CRASH and Mrs. L. R. Hux over the week end.

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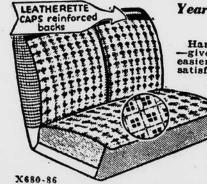
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