

**MAY FATALITIES FEWER THIS YEAR**

**Sixty Dead In Highway Accidents, Against 103 In 1941**

RALEIGH, June 16.—(AP)—A total of 60 persons were killed in 52 fatal accidents in North Carolina during May, 43 less than the 103 fatalities in 85 fatal accidents during May, 1941, Motor Vehicles Commissioner T. Boddie Ward reported today.

The highway death toll for the first five months of this year mounted to 352 in 296 fatal accidents, a decrease of 22.1 per cent from the toll of 460 deaths in 391 fatal accidents for the first five months of 1941.

Ward said that the decrease in fatalities on North Carolina's highways so far this year and especially in May was greater than the decrease recorded in the nation as a whole.

Rockingham county led the state with six highway fatalities in May. Alamance and Buncombe had three each; Beaufort, Bladen, Cumberland, Henderson, Nash, New Hanover, Orange, Pender, Richmond, and Robeson had two each; and Cabarrus, Carteret, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Jackson, Lenoir, Martin, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Onslow, Pasquotank, Pitt, Randolph, Rutherford, Sampson and Wayne had one each.

Cumberland county has had 26 highway fatalities this year, Onslow has had 16, Wake and Johnston 11 each, Alamance, Mecklenburg and Davidson 9 each; Currituck, Guilford, New Hanover, Northampton, Richmond, Rockingham, Robeson, and Union 8 each; and Buncombe, Gaston, and Nash 7 each.

Durham has had four traffic fatalities this year, Greensboro 3, Asheville, Charlotte and Raleigh 2 each and Winston-Salem 1.

**American Bund Leader Takes Life In Indiana**

GARRETT, Ind., June 16.—(AP)—Dr. Robert Nathan, Dekalb county coroner, said tonight that George Froese, Jr., 42, a leader of the German-American bund at Milwaukee, had committed suicide at Waterloo, ten miles northeast of here.

The coroner said Froese was slighted from a Chicago-to-New York passenger train last night and laid down beside the track, placing his head on a rail as the train started.

Dr. Nathan scheduled an inquest for later tonight, remarking that the verdict "could be nothing but suicide."

He said an FBI agent from Fort Wayne went to Waterloo and removed papers from the man's pockets.

**Manslaughter Charge Dropped At Whiteville**

WHITEVILLE, June 16.—A manslaughter count which had been pending for almost a year was dropped today as the charge against Laurence M. Phillips of Charleston, S. C. was not pressed.

Phillips had been charged in connection with the death of Jack Williamson, 16, of Brunswick, who was killed last August 29 when the milk truck in which he was riding crashed into the rear of a tanker driven by Phillips.

**Mrs. Smith Elected Service League Head**

Mrs. James Smith was elected president of the Service League at a meeting of the organization Friday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. John Dunn, vice president; Miss Louise Washburn, recording secretary; Mrs. Hampton Tillery, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Johnson Harris, treasurer.

The organization voted to give \$25 for use by the Red Cross at Camp Davis.

**Medals To Tokyo**



On January 26 Master Rigger Henry Vormstein (top) of the U. S. Navy sent his two Japanese medals to Navy Secretary Knox and asked him to return them to Japan. Now, he has been informed by Brig. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, attached to a 500-pound bomb, were delivered to Tokyo "with appropriate ceremony" April 18 by Lieut. Ted W. Lawson (bottom), U. S. army flier. April 18 was the date U. S. army planes, led by Brig. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, bombed Tokyo.

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