

Highway Deaths In State Increase During February

67 Killed For 45% Increase Over Same Month In 1948

During February, 67 persons lost their lives in 62 fatal traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways, a 45 per cent increase in deaths over the same month last year when 37 persons were killed in 32 fatal accidents, the Motor Vehicle Department announced this week.

The February figures brought traffic deaths for 1949 to 122, an increase of 23 per cent over the 99 persons killed in the same two-months' period last year. The department expressed grave concern over the tremendous rise in traffic deaths and called on the State's motorists to exercise more caution in their driving to the end that accidents may be prevented.

Total accidents for the State during February numbered 1,287, an increase of 17 per cent over the 1,069 accidents reported during February of 1948. Injuries for the month showed a 20 per cent increase—588 persons injured in February, as compared with 472 for the same month last year. Of the injured, 187 were severely hurt and 401 only slightly.

The report showed that 24 of the fatalities were pedestrians, who literally "walked themselves to death," (an increase of 63 per cent over pedestrian deaths for February of last year); 20 persons died in motor vehicle collision accidents, (an increase of 20 per cent); 12 were killed when the vehicles in which they were riding ran off roadways, (increase of 42 per cent); three persons were killed when their vehicles overturned on roadways, (increase of 300 per cent); three lost their lives when their vehicles struck fixed objects; two persons were fatally hit while riding their bicycles; one died when his vehicle was struck by a train, and two others died in non-collision accidents.

The department expressed concern over the rise in pedestrian fatalities. During the month, there were 71 accidents involving pedestrians, with 24 of the walkers being killed and 57 others injured, 13 severely and 44 slightly. More pedestrians under 14 years of age were killed and injured than any other age group.

The department pointed out that the pedestrian must learn to obey traffic rules and cooperate with motorists in preventing accidents. The education of the pedestrian in safe walking habits, however, should in no way detract from the responsibility and necessary alertness of the motor vehicle operator.

A total of 496 accidents, with 10 persons killed and 131 injured, occurred in cities and towns. Durham, Gastonia, Halifax, Wilmington, Madison, Salisbury, Clinton, Pinnacle, Warrenton and Wilson reported one fatality each.

In rural areas, a total of 791 accidents were reported, claiming 57 lives

and injuring 457 others. Of the rural accidents, 432 occurred on U. S. highways, 181 on state highways and 178 on county or local roads.

Accidents don't just happen, the report stated; they are caused—not one cause, but many. Here are some of the violations causing accidents during February: Driving on wrong side of road, not in passing, caused 247 accidents, 20 of them fatal. Exceeded stated speed limit caused 214 accidents, 12 of them fatal. Did not have right of way was the cause for 261 mishaps, five of them fatal. Failure to use bright headlights caused 93 accidents, three of them fatal. A total of 111 drivers were operating their cars while under the influence of alcohol, with two of them being involved in fatal accidents.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The Chowan County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, April 4, with the following members present: J. E. Wood, D. H. Berryman, Carey Evans, J. I. Boyce, G. E. Nixon and Lloyd Briggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved upon motion made and passed.

The treasurer's report was read and approved upon motion made and passed.

The Superintendent reported that the 20% increase in vocational teachers' salaries would require \$265.65 more than provided in the school budget. A motion was made and passed to pay the county's part of the increase.

The contract for light fixtures and installation of same with additions to the gymnasium and garage building in the amount of \$501.32 was given to the Hub Electric Company.

The Superintendent read the bills for payment for the month of March, same were approved upon motion made and passed in the amount of \$16,453.31. General expense, \$420.99; capital outlay, \$95.15; Chowan High School teacherage fund, \$108.52; lunch room program, \$91.98; vocational teachers' salaries and travel, \$1,039.95; veterans training program \$689.97; veterans depreciation fund, \$18.80; Chowan High School gymnasium and garage building, \$12,959.44 and Edenton graded school, forfeitures, fines and penalties, \$1,028.61.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

J. E. WOOD, Chairman.

W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Ross I. Leary, Jr., Dies Suddenly Sunday Night

Word was received last Sunday night of the sudden death of Ross I. Leary, Jr., in Washington, D. C. The cause of death was not known at that time.

Mr. Leary was a brother of Miss Blanche Leary of West Church Street. He is survived by two other sisters. For some time Mr. Leary had been in very poor health and his death was not unexpected.

He was born in August, 1888, and would have been 61 years of age had he survived until August of this year.

CARD OF THANKS

We are taking this means to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many words of sympathy and deeds of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Mattie Evans. We especially appreciate the many beautiful floral tributes during her stay in the hospital and at the funeral.

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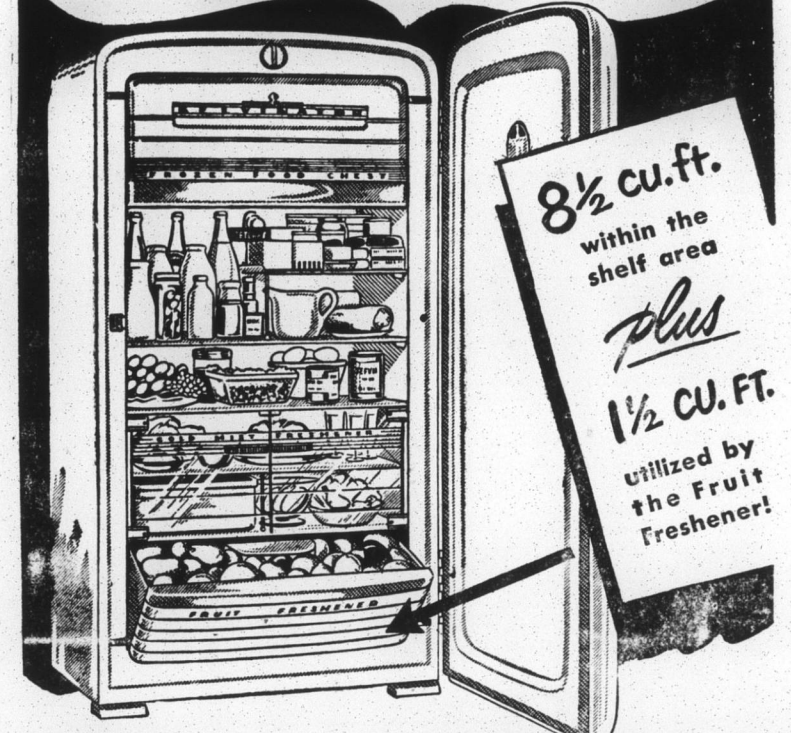
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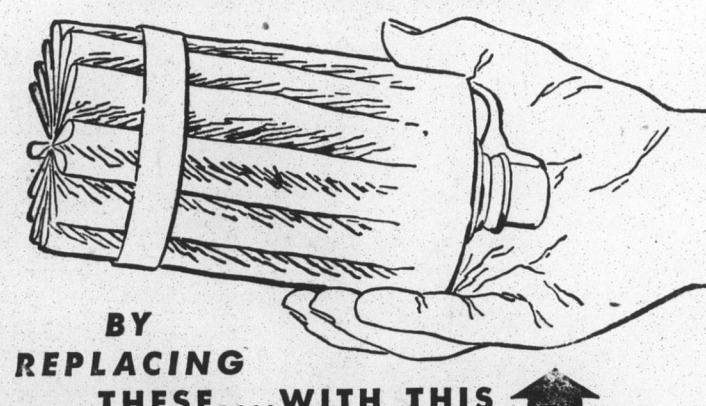
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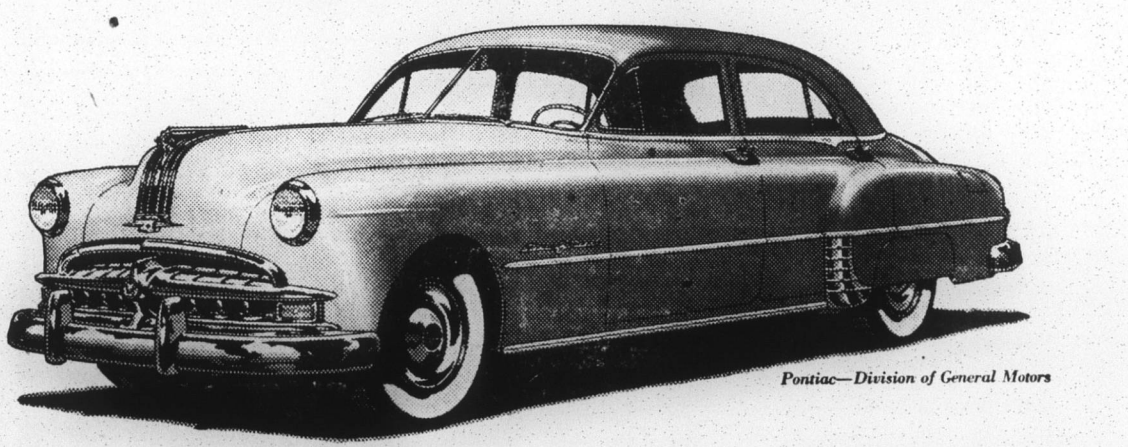
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