

Traffic Violators Major Factor In Highway Deaths

365 Killed First Half of 1949; Leads Last Year For Same Period

Traffic violations were involved in 217 and 311 fatal accidents which occurred in North Carolina during the first half of 1949, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported. Speeding, as usual, topped the list.

A total of 365 persons were killed during the period as compared with 308 during the first six months of 1948, an increase of 19 percent. Injuries numbered 4,157 in comparison with 3,312 in 1948. Accidents were on the increase, with 8,855 reported for the first six months of this year and 7,154 last year. Pedestrian deaths took a four percent downward turn, with 76 fatalities reported this year and 79 last year.

Collisions between motor vehicles accounted for 127 deaths as compared with 99 in the six-month period last year, a 28 per cent increase. Sixteen persons were killed in train-motor vehicle accidents, a 129 per cent increase over the seven killed last year. Animal-drawn-motor vehicle collisions accounted for no fatalities this year but seven were killed last year. Bicycle deaths remained the same—16 during the first six months of each year.

Drivers in violation of the law numbered 8,324 and 10,873 violations were indicated. Speeders totaled 2,143, with 127 in violation in fatal crashes, with 104 exceeding the speed limit and 23 exceeding a safe speed. A total of 1,720 were charged with driving on the wrong side of the road, not in passing. These drivers caused 74 fatal accidents. Drivers who did not have the right of way numbered 1,662 and were responsible for 25 fatal accidents. A total of 653 drivers were charged with driving intoxicated and caused 31 fatal accidents.

Of the State's total accidents, 3,494 occurred in cities and towns, with 69 persons killed and 917 injured, as compared with 2,897 accidents with 60 persons killed and 822 injured for the same period in 1948.

Accidents in rural areas numbered 5,361 with 296 persons killed and 3,240 injured, as compared with 4,257 accidents with 248 persons killed and 2,490 injured. Wake County still was leading all other counties in fatalities with 17 for the first six months of the year. Robeson was next with 16; Guilford had 14, Sampson, 13, Mecklenburg and Brunswick, 12, and Durham 11.

Veterans Changing To Another School Must Have Proper Certificate

Veterans attending school or college under the G. I. Bill, who expect to change institutions in the fall must secure a Supplemental Certificate of Eligibility, VA says. They should apply to nearest VA office and should have the "C" number of their original certificate. It will also be necessary to secure a statement from the school or college already attended that his progress has been satisfactory.

Veterans who intend to make a change of institution are urged by the Veterans Administration to complete these steps at least 30 days before the school year opens, so that there will be no delay in processing their papers.

Veterans who are entering G. I. Bill training for the first time are also cautioned to make their arrangements 30 days before the school term opens. In their case, a certified or photostatic copy of their discharge papers should be brought along to the VA office in applying for an original Certificate of Eligibility for training.

Where a veteran has had a change in his number of dependents since the preceding school year, he should furnish the VA with legal evidence to that effect. This means certified copies of a marriage certificate or of a child's birth certificate. If the number of a veteran's dependents is increased, he is usually qualified to receive an increase in subsistence payments while he is in training.

Mrs. Minnie L. Smith Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Minnie L. Smith, 59, died at her home on Hicks Street Saturday morning at 9 o'clock following a long illness. Mrs. Smith was a native of Hertford County, daughter of the late John and Decie Hall Lassiter, but had lived nearly all of her life in Edenton.

Surviving are her husband, William Smith; five daughters, Mrs. Decie Lowe of Eure, Mrs. Horace Henderson, Miley, Addie and Joyce Smith of Edenton; two sons, Hubert Smith of Portsmouth and John Thomas Smith of Edenton; two sisters, Mrs. Jasper Copeland and Mrs. Charlie Taylor of Edenton; four brothers, Herbert Lassiter of Weldon, Spence, Mack and Jack Lassiter of Edenton.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Christian Church with the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander, officiating.

Pallbearers were Walter Heath, Charlie Hudson, Andrew Hawkins, George Downing and Bill Sawyer. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

SUMMARY OF TOWN OF EDENTON'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1949-1950

Estimated Expenditures

ADMINISTRATIVE:	
Salary of Mayor	\$ 200.00
Expenses of Mayor	300.00
Salary of Clerk and Helper	1,983.40
Salary of Treasurer	300.00
Salary of Councilmen	288.00
Salary of Town Attorney	150.00
Salary of Tax Collector	1,092.00
Advertising, Stationery and Printing	300.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Telephone and Telegraph	75.00
Premium on Bonds	205.00
Auditing Expense	75.00
Care of Town Clocks	100.00
Printing Council Proceedings	60.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 5,728.40
POLICE DEPARTMENT:	
Salaries	\$12,482.00
Trade in New Car	601.65
Gas, Oil and Repairs	800.00
Uniforms	500.00
Insurance	400.00
Printing, Supplies and Equipment	125.00
Telephone and Telegraph	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
New Oil Heater	200.00
Fuel Oil	120.00
Total Police Department	\$15,378.65

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Salaries	\$ 7,620.00
Salaries Volunteers	600.00
Uniforms	200.00
Insurance	460.00
New Equipment and Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Total Fire Department	\$ 9,880.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:	
Health Appropriation	\$ 1,392.00
STREET DEPARTMENT:	
Salaries	\$23,794.35
Fuel and Supplies Trucks and Tractor	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Street Supplies	4,500.00
Insurance	700.00
Salary Street Commissioner	300.00
Surfacing Streets and Sidewalk Repairs	6,700.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
New Equipment	4,300.00
Total Street Department	\$44,794.35
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:	
Salaries	\$ 1,635.00
Material and Supplies	150.00
Total Cemetery Department	\$ 1,785.00
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:	
Salaries	\$ 2,152.80
Supplies and Repairs	1,647.00
Fifty Benches	350.00
Total Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 4,149.80
OTHER EXPENSES:	
Shepard-Pruden Library	\$ 400.00
Brown-Carver Library	250.00
Advertising	200.00
Current and Water for Town	3,000.00
License Tags	250.00
Town Beautification	700.00
Memberships	300.00
Boy Scouts	300.00
National Guard	300.00
Vine Oak Cemetery	600.00
Donation to School	600.00
Donation to Band	1,350.00
Attorney's Fees	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	2,400.00
Parking Meters	3,500.00
Hospital	3,600.00
Total Other Expense	\$18,050.00

Estimated Revenue

Poll Taxes	\$ 500.00
Special License	6,000.00
Dray License	100.00
Rents	50.00
Automobile and Bicycle License	800.00
Penalties	150.00
Interest and Cost Delinquent Taxes	50.00
Officers' Fees	1,200.00
Estimated Back Taxes	200.00
Intangible Taxes	2,990.43
Cemetery Revenue	900.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	250.00
Revenue from Beer and Wine Taxes	3,000.00
Revenue from Parking Meters	6,500.00
Funds from Electric & Water Department	8,000.00
Street Paving, North Edenton and Cotton Mill	3,000.00
Total Estimated Revenue	\$33,690.43
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$101,158.20
Estimated Revenue Aside from Taxation	\$ 33,690.43
Amount to Be Raised by Taxation	\$ 67,500.00

The Town's Property Valuation is \$4,500,000.00, which with a levy of \$1.50 on the \$100.00 will raise \$67,500.00.

The Budget is now on file in the Town Clerk's office for public inspection. Any objections must be registered at the regular meeting of Town Council on Tuesday night, September 13th, at which time the budget will be adopted.

This 18th day of August, 1949.

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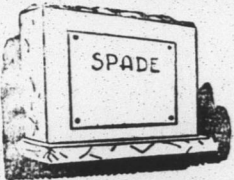
Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C., Aug. 3, 1949.

The Board of Public Works met this day in the Town Office at five o'clock P. M. in regular monthly session. Present: J. H. Conger, chairman, J. A. Powell and Ralph E. Parrish.

On motion of R. E. Parrish, seconded by J. A. Powell, it is ordered that upon official notice from the Town Council, the Electric & Water Department will be glad to proceed with the work of installing lights at the soft ball diamond furnished by the various civic organizations.

R. E. LEARY, Clerk.



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