

## Highway Fatalities During 1949 Lead Mark Previous Year

### Chowan Aids Increase With Five Highway Deaths

Robeson County led the State in highway fatalities during 1949 with Wake County running a close second, the Department of Motor Vehicles has reported as it released its yearly traffic accident report.

The increase of 109 in fatalities in the State in 1949 represented a 15 per cent rise in the death toll over the 734 in 1948. Reported injuries, which reached an all-time high of 9,721, increased 30 per cent over the 7,490 reported in 1948. Reported accidents, also at an all-time high, numbered 21,202, a 31 per cent increase over the 16,218 listed in 1948.

The fatality trend, which had been downward through January, 1949, started climbing in February and remained above 1948 throughout the year, with the exception of the month of May, when spring planting apparently kept many persons in rural areas at home. A dip in number of fatalities always occurs in the spring, motor vehicle officials pointed out, the time depending upon how early or late planting takes place.

As usual, rural areas led the fatalities and injuries. A total of 691 persons were killed and 7,654 were injured in the county as compared with 152 killed in cities and 2,067 injured.

Pedestrian fatalities increased six per cent in 1949 over 1948. A total of 197 pedestrians were killed and 918 were injured. As in past years, the largest toll was in the below 10 and above 65 group. Sixty-three children under 10 and 38 persons 65 and over died in highway accidents. Thirty-four persons were killed crossing rural highways and 26 were struck and killed while they walked along the road. In cities, unsignalized intersections were the scenes of 13 deaths, while points away from intersections marked the location of 62 deaths. Twenty-two persons, mostly children, lost their lives when they dashed from behind parked cars into the street or roadway. Ten children were killed while they were playing in the roadway.

Collisions between vehicles took the greatest toll—261—with running off roadway accounting for 249 deaths. Thirty-three bicyclists were killed, 29 persons died in motor vehicle-train collisions, 33 were killed when their vehicles overturned in the roadway and 29 were fatalities when their vehicles struck fixed objects.

Of the 35,972 drivers involved in accidents last year, 19,897, or more than half, were in violation of the law at the time of the accident. Nine hundred and thirty of these drivers were involved in fatal accidents. Speeding topped the list of violations. Drivers traveling at an excess speed at the time of an accident numbered 3,300. Drivers committing other traffic offenses were listed as follows: driving intoxicated, 1,469; failure to have right-of-way, 4,159; driving on wrong side of road, 3,934.

Of the 35,972 motor vehicles involved in accidents, 707 had defective brakes, which were the direct cause of 16 fatalities. Two hundred and seven motor vehicles had defective steering mechanisms, resulting in three deaths.

Last year ranked eleventh in the last 20 years in fatalities. In 1941, 1,286 persons were killed; 1937, 1,123; 1935, 1,095; 1946, 1,028; 1936, 1,026; 1934, 986; 1940, 980; 1939, 943; 1948, 937; 1933, 853; 1949, 843.

More persons were killed in September and October of 1949 than in any other month—83 each. May was low with 48.

Chowan County contributed to the increased fatalities with five in 1949 compared with two in 1948.

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### Medical Society Of State Sponsors Essay Contest For Students

The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina announced yesterday the opening of an essay contest for all high school students in this state. This contest begins March 1 and closes March 20. Its subject will be "Doctors I Have Known," and as first prize the Society is offering a \$600 college scholarship. Second and third prizes will also be awarded.

The purpose of this contest is to further education in matters related to the public health of the state and to encourage students to consider the medical profession and its allied fields in choosing their life careers.

This will be the third consecutive



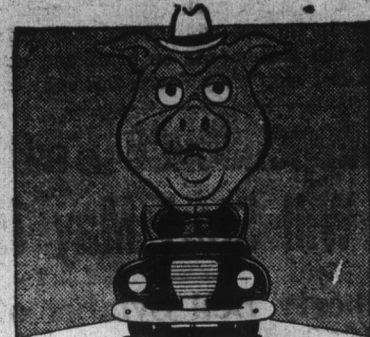
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