

Traffic Accidents Reach New High

119 Killed on Highways In State During October

Motor vehicle traffic accidents brought death to 119 persons during October, the highest figure for any month since 1941, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

One hundred and fifty-two persons were killed in October of 1941. October, 1950 also marked the first time the fatality figure has passed the one hundred mark since 1946 when January of that year saw 101 killed and December, 103.

October of this year listed 1,174 persons injured in 2,660 reported accidents. This marks an increase of 20 per cent in injured and 16 per cent in reported accidents over October, 1949.

Collisions between motor vehicles and with fixed objects and motor vehicles running off roadway accounted for most of the increase in injuries and reported accidents. Collisions of motor vehicles showed an increase in 715 as compared with October of last year. Deaths from this type of accident reached an all time high of 53 during October, 1950. Six persons were killed when their motor vehicles struck fixed objects. During the same period last year, no fatalities resulted from this type of accident. Fatalities resulting from motor vehicles running off roadway increased 26 per cent over the same period of 1949.

More than half of the drivers involved in accidents were guilty of at least one violation. Of the 4,574 drivers involved in accidents, 164 were driving intoxicated at the time of the accidents. Driving on the wrong side of the road accounted for 513 accidents while 397 drivers were guilty of speed violations.

During October, 23 pedestrians were killed and 103 injured in 118 accidents involving pedestrians. This is an increase of 44 per cent over the corresponding month of last year when 16 pedestrians were killed.

Nine pedestrians were killed in urban areas and 14 in rural areas.

Cities and towns reporting pedestrian fatalities were: Gatesville, one; Greensboro, one; Stoneville, one; Turkey, one; Raleigh, two; Warrenton, one; Weldon, one, and Stantonsburg, one.

The following counties reported one pedestrian fatality each: Cabarrus, Chowan, Cleveland, Duplin, Durham, Franklin, Gates, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Orange, Pitt, Polk, Sampson, Tyrrell, Warren, Wayne and Wilson. Wake reported three pedestrian fa-

talities and Halifax, two. There were no bicycle fatalities reported during October. Last year, during the same month, two bicyclists were killed. Comparing the first ten months of this year with the first ten months of last year, deaths were up 18 per cent and injuries 25 per cent. Reported accidents increased 32 per cent.

Early Hatched Chicks Are More Profitable

Tar Heel poultrymen can earn extra money by starting chicks in December, January, or February, rather than later in the season, believes T. B. Morris, poultry specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Early-hatched chicks, says Morris, will come into production in the early summer when the old hens in the flock are slowing down in production. The young pullets will have a good size by the time egg prices start rising, since prices are usually highest from June 1 to December 31.

Producing both early and late broods also will enable the poultryman to make better use of his buildings, equipment, and range, Morris points out. This will lower the cost per pullet. In addition, two broods a year will insure a more even supply of eggs to furnish the markets throughout the year.

One question often asked about early-hatched pullets is: Don't they have a tendency to go into a molt during the fall? Morris says this is to be expected, but if extra care is given the pullets in the fall this prob-

lem should be overcome or reduced to a minimum. This extra care usually includes the use of electric lights to increase the working day to about 18 hours and feeding wet mash or pellets to help control the molt. Early-hatched chicks can be profitable if managed profitably, insists Morris.

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