

# Accident X Will Kill The Millionth American In 1951

## Executive of Insurance Company Says Lives Lost Needlessly

"Accident X" will kill the millionth American in traffic during 1951 or early in 1952, the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies predicted.

Nearly 964,000 men, women and children have died in traffic accidents since 1900, the Association declared. The 1950 toll of more than 35,000 deaths, which reflects a strong upward trend in fatal accidents during the past year, indicates that the millionth motor fatality will occur next December or early in January, 1952.

"Accident X" will not be reported as such, it was pointed out by Julien H. Harvey, manager of the Association's accident prevention department. Its victim, like the Unknown Soldier—just one of the month's statistics—will be "known but to God" he said. The new unknown American, typifying a million lives lost in traffic in 50 years, may be a speeding or drinking driver, a woman shopper who tries jaywalking, or a child at play in the street.

Like the Unknown Soldier, "Victim X" will be a national symbol of sacrifice, Mr. Harvey said, because nearly all persons killed in traffic accidents lose their lives needlessly. If "Victim X" should become a lasting symbol of the constant need for greater highway safety and thus spurs the entire nation into action that decreases traffic deaths and injuries, he declared, this new unknown American will save countless lives by losing his own and also will rest "in honored glory."

Whether the impending death of "Victim X" is postponed a month or six months, depends on how seriously every American who drives and walks accepts a personal responsibility in the 1951 homefront war to reduce highway accidents, Mr. Harvey observed. Every month's respite for the victim of "Accident X" will mean a saving of about 3,000 lives, he pointed out.

"Accident X is just around the corner," Mr. Harvey continued. "Its nearness should remind all of us,

every day this year, that automobiles will kill another million people in the next 30 years instead of 50 years, unless Americans become quickly and firmly safety-conscious and each one does his part in preventing traffic accidents. Every person who doesn't is nominating himself to become Victim X, or the statistic of some other accident that is just around the corner.

"The rapidly mounting accident rate shows that we are fast becoming a nation of habitual traffic gamblers. Millions of drivers and pedestrians need a real session of soul-searching to tell themselves how often they are breaking the traffic rules that mean safety to all. When millions of Americans stop this gambling in traffic, the accident toll will drop rapidly."

Mr. Harvey pointed out that nearly 7,000 lives were saved in 1938, after highway accidents had killed 39,643 persons in 1937—the second worst year in history for traffic deaths. An all-out national highway safety crusade could save 10,000 lives this year, postponing the death of "Victim X" well into 1952, the veteran safety expert observed.

"I earnestly hope that the accidents happening every day this year will constantly remind every person who drives or walks that Accident X is on its way," Mr. Harvey concluded, "and by learning the simple ways of safety—and practicing them at all times—will escape becoming its 'unknown' victim."

## Tar Heels Facing New Farming Era

Opportunities for operating a profitable farm business in North Caro-

lina are available to almost anyone who desires to obtain a living from the soil, three specialists of N. C. State College declare in a new circular issued this week.

The publication, "Farming Opportunities in North Carolina," is designed to describe briefly the agricultural resources of the State, indicate some of the major changes occurring which may influence agricultural opportunities in the future, and discuss some of the more important factors to be considered in selection of a farm.

The authors are Walter H. Pierce, associate professor of agricultural economics; Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist; and W. D. Lee, associate professor of agronomy. Their 40-page publication replaces a previous circular on "Selecting a Farm in North Carolina."

Pierce, Williams, and Lee assert that North Carolina is at the threshold of a new era in agricultural development, with technological progress and economic developments providing both the necessity and the opportunity for significant changes in the State's farming system.

The authors point out that the Tar Heel climate, though varied, is characterized by a long growing season, abundant rainfall, and conditions generally favorable to agriculture. The average mean annual temperature is 59 degrees and the average annual precipitation is 59.63 inches. The soils are suited to a wide range of crops.

Single copies of the new circular may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. Ask for Extension Circular No. 355, "Farming Opportunities in North Carolina."

### BIBLE STUDY WEEK

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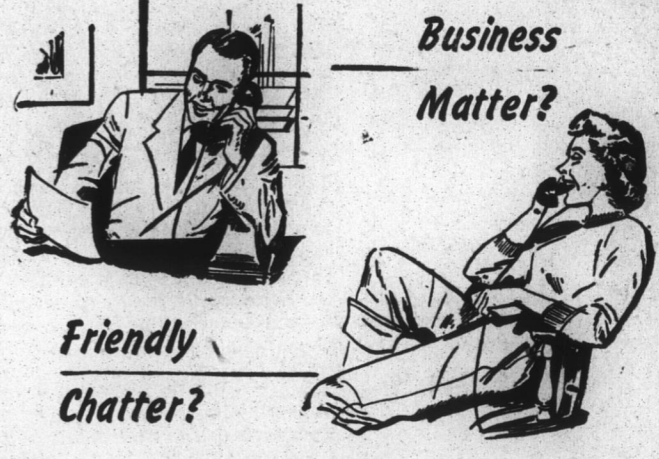
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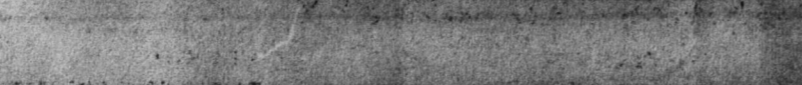


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