

## Counties Pay Average Of One-ninth Of Cost Of State Public Assistance Program

Counties pay an average of one-ninth of the cost of public assistance in North Carolina, according to a breakdown of facts in a newly added feature in Public Welfare Statistics, a multithird publication of the State Board of Public Welfare.

Of the three categories of public assistance to which the Federal, State and county governments contribute, aid to dependent children cost the counties less than an average of 9 per cent of the monthly payments in April, 1953. State and Federal government paid the remaining 91 per cent—the State paying less than 12 per cent and the Federal government paying about 79 per cent. The maximum monthly payment allowed are \$30 each for the first child and a responsible adult and \$21 for each additional child. Few get the maximum. The monthly average over the State is \$15.31 per person or \$56.79 per family of approximately four persons.

In old age assistance the county's share of cost on the average payment is about 10 per cent. The State pays a little more than 14 per cent and the Federal government pays nearly 76 per cent. The number receiving old age assistance is gradually declining despite the growing population 69 years of age and over. The maximum monthly payment is \$55 with few receiving that much. The average payment over the State is \$29.67.

The county pays about 14 per cent of the cost of monthly payments in aid to the permanently and totally disabled. The State pays about 15 per cent and the Federal government pays approximately 71 per cent. This is the newest public assistance program and takes care of many cases which had been provided for by county funds only through general assistance.

In general assistance the county pays 100 per cent of the cost of monthly payments to people in need. Most counties use general assistance to provide for emergency situations which do not qualify for any of the jointly financed programs. General assistance is also used until a person begins to receive assistance from one of the jointly financed plans for which he is found to be eligible. But for whatever purpose general assistance is used, the total cost of this program is paid out of county funds.

The breakdown of sources of public

assistance payments given in the current issue of the publication shows that in general the State and county share 50-50 in the amount of the payment not paid by the Federal government. In many counties less able to meet their share of the payments, the State gives added financial aid to the county through equalizing funds.

The Federal government pays approximately three-fourths of the cost of money payments to recipients in the three public assistance programs. The State pays nearly one-seventh of the cost, and the counties, on the average, pay about one-ninth.

### FACTS... About Pedestrians

Are pedestrians more likely to become involved in mishaps with motor vehicles in cities or in the country?

Records of the State Department of Motor Vehicles show that of last year's 248 fatal pedestrian accident cases, 66 persons on foot met death in urban accidents, while 182 met death on rural highways.

Wherever you walk, watch your step!

### Norman Brinkley At Summer Encampment

Cadet Norman Brinkley, Jr., of the A. & T. College of North Carolina, is one of 2,000 Infantry ROTC students attending the six-weeks summer encampment at Fort Benning, Ga.

Cadet Brinkley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brinkley, Sr., 206 N. Mosley Street.

The six-week camp is designed to give practical application of the theories ROTC students study during the academic year. The course stresses leadership and includes a study of Infantry weapons, tactics and techniques.

At least 124 cadets will be commissioned second lieutenants of Infantry upon completion of the camp. The remainder will be commissioned next year when they have completed four years of college.

The cadets represent 71 colleges and universities in the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Army areas and Puerto Rico.

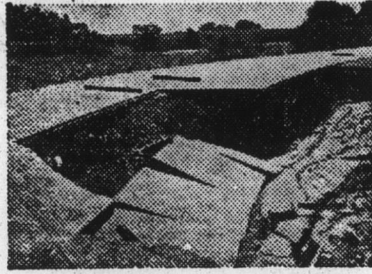


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You Judge a road by its smoothness, its appearance, its safety. That's natural, because you can't get down underneath it and study the foundation, which is the really important part of any highway.

If You Could study the foundation, you'd be more aware of the fact that the surface is only a small part of a highway. Like the roof over a house, the surface of the road must be supported by a strong foundation. If that is properly built, the surface needs only occasional repairs to remain always new.

Freezing and Thawing... rain... snow... the blazing sun... these wear away the solid rock of mountains. The highways built by man will, in the same way, be affected by time and weather. How well they will resist depends on how well they are constructed and protected.



It Is Not Uncommon, like in the picture above, for a newly constructed road to crack up, buckle or heave or, in some cases, to collapse entirely before it has even been opened to traffic! This is because of faulty construction, of course.

One Thing we know about roads is this: boulevard pavements that never feel the tire of a truck wear out at just about the same rate as paving on streets and highways handling the heaviest traffic.

A Reasonable life expectancy for a well-made, well-drained and well-graded highway is about 20 years. But you only get that when you maintain an efficient program of inspection and repairing.

So Don't blame traffic when you see a road break up—or break down. A highway that cannot stand steady usage by not only a normal stream of passenger cars, but of heavy trucks and trailers as well, is not correctly built in the first place.

## Hospital Patients

Patients admitted to Chowan Hospital during the week of July 27-August 2 were:

White—Mrs. Mary Copeland, Miss Patricia White, Charles Phillips, Master Charlie Hobbs, Mrs. Irene Phelps, Mrs. Ruth Worrell and baby boy, Mrs. Madge Goodwin, Hazel Mathews, Violet Lombardo, George Cuthrell, Mrs. Minnie Lane, Bruce Phelps, Robert Lassiter, Johnny Speight.

Negro—Thomas Askew, VanLeigh Johnson and baby boy, Kay Fenner, Ruth Bembry, Eugene Etheridge.

Discharges during the week July 27-August 2 were:

White—Mrs. Fay Stallings and baby girl, Lonnie VanHorn, Mrs. Sarah Yancy, Mrs. Edna Spruill, Master Carroll Smith, Robert Lassiter, Mrs. Mary Copeland, Mrs. Rita Toxey, Master Charles Hobbs, George Roach, Madge Goodwin, Charles Phillips, Thomas Wright, Mrs. Violet Lombardo.

Negro—Thomas Askew, James Wilson, Kay Fenner, Electeria Riddick, VanLeigh Johnson and baby boy, Charlie Austin.

Visiting ministers for the week Au-

gust 3-10 are: White, the Rev. L. C. Chandler; Negro, the Rev. Wilder.

## Mrs. Robert L. Chesson Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Emma Smith Chesson, 60, died at her home on Church Street at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Chesson was a native of Chowan County and had been in ill health a long time.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. Chesson; two sons, Rupert W. Chesson of Franklin, Va., and Robert Smith Chesson of Baltimore; two daughters, Mrs. C. L. Babb of Portsmouth and Mrs. James W. Bryant of Franklin, Va.; one brother, Ivan L. Smith of Atlanta, Ga., and three sisters, Mrs. I. L. Fox of Hollywood, S. C., Mrs. S. H. Siberly of Albemarle, N. C., and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Raleigh.

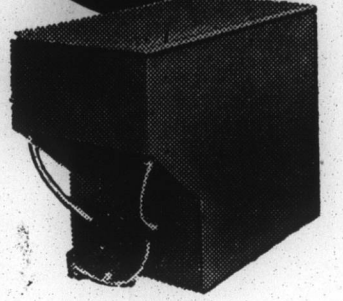
Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Ziegler Funeral Home with the Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Louis Bateman, Hoyt Davenport, Louis Hardison, Lonnie Boyce, J. J. Long, Clyde Mason, Carey Bunch, Roy Leary, M. A. Hughes and Dr. Richard Hardin.

Active pallbearers were Grey Chesson, Lloyd Chesson, J. P. Chesson, Wesley Chesson, Jr., H. L. Borton and Sherwood Chesson.

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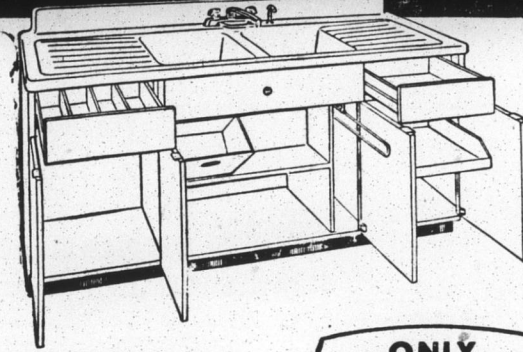
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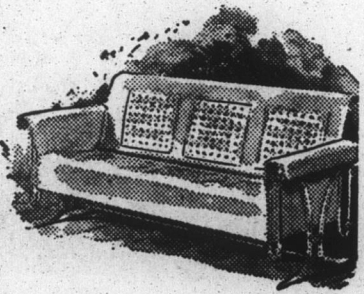
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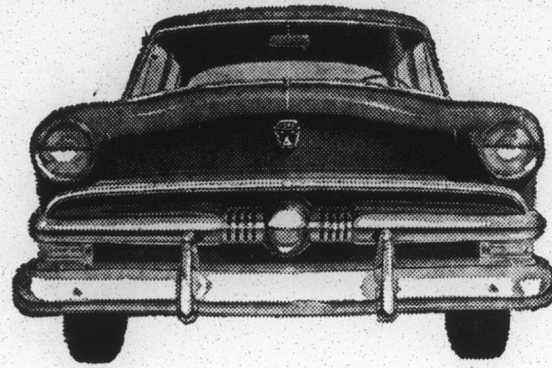
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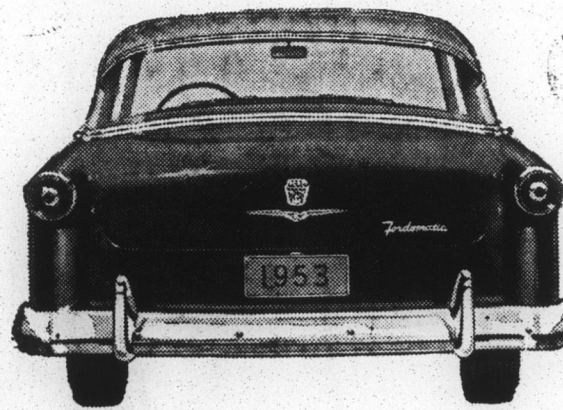
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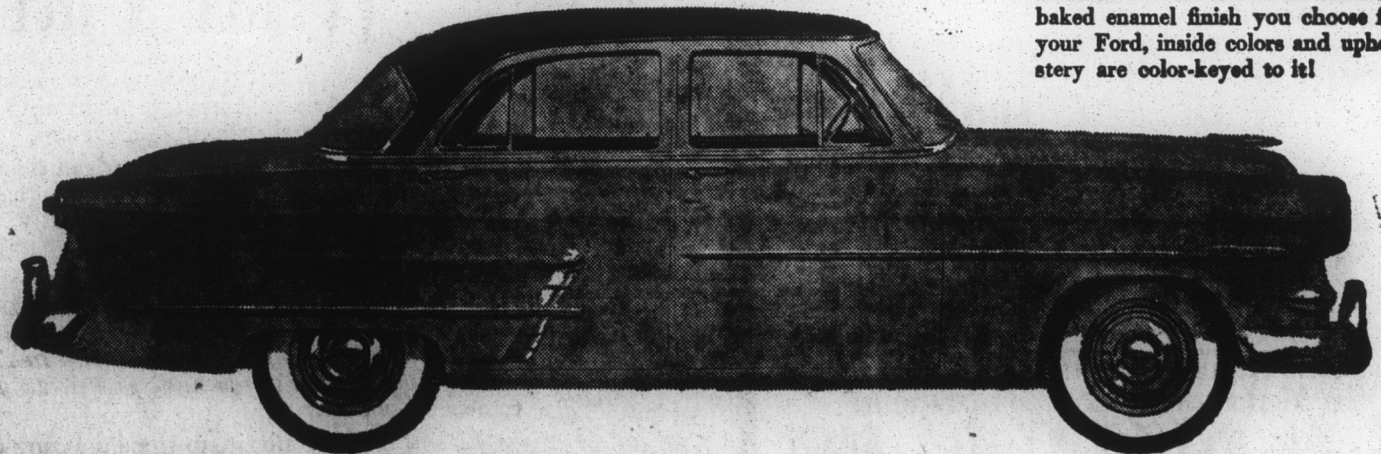
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