

1953 Worst Year For Auto Accidents

Traffic Deaths 38,500, An Increase of 900 Over 1952

The worst automobile accident toll in the nation's history—more than two

million casualties—was recorded in 1953, according to figures released by The Travelers Insurance Companies. Traffic deaths totaled 38,500, an increase of 900 over 1952. The injury count reached 2,140,000 compared to 2,090,000 for the previous year. The totals are statistics from "The Passing Scene," twentieth in an annual series of traffic accident data booklets published by The Travelers. Accident facts from every state in the country are collected and analyzed for the publication by Travelers statisticians.

Excessive speed was the most dan-

gerous driving mistake in 1953. Speed killed 13,879 persons and injured more than 600,000. Drivers under 25 years of age were involved in almost 25 per cent of the year's fatal accidents although they constitute only about 15 per cent of the total of all drivers. Week-end crashes accounted for 15,800 killed and 800,000 hurt during 1953. Forty-one per cent of the deaths and 36 per cent of the injuries occurred on Saturdays and Sundays last year.

The pedestrian record reflected the third consecutive year of improvement. Booklet figures show pedestrian casualties reduced by 50 to 8,600. Crossing between intersections, "jay walking", still is the chief cause of pedestrian deaths and injuries.

"The Passing Scene" also reports that three out of four 1953 auto accidents happened to passenger cars driving in clear weather on dry roads.

Eighty per cent of vehicles involved in fatal accidents were traveling straight ahead.

Saturday was the most dangerous day of the week to drive.

1953 was the fourth consecutive year of increase in the death toll.

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There will be a training school for Home Management Leaders, Tuesday, April 27th, at 2:30 P. M., in the Chowan Community Building. This school is to train the leaders for the May

demonstration "Modern Laundry Methods." It is hoped that all clubs will be represented at this meeting.

Schedule:

Thursday, April 22 — Oak Grove Club at 8:00 at Community Building. Mrs. Privott and Mrs. Percy Nixon, hostesses.

Tuesday, April 27—Home Management Leader Training School at 2:30

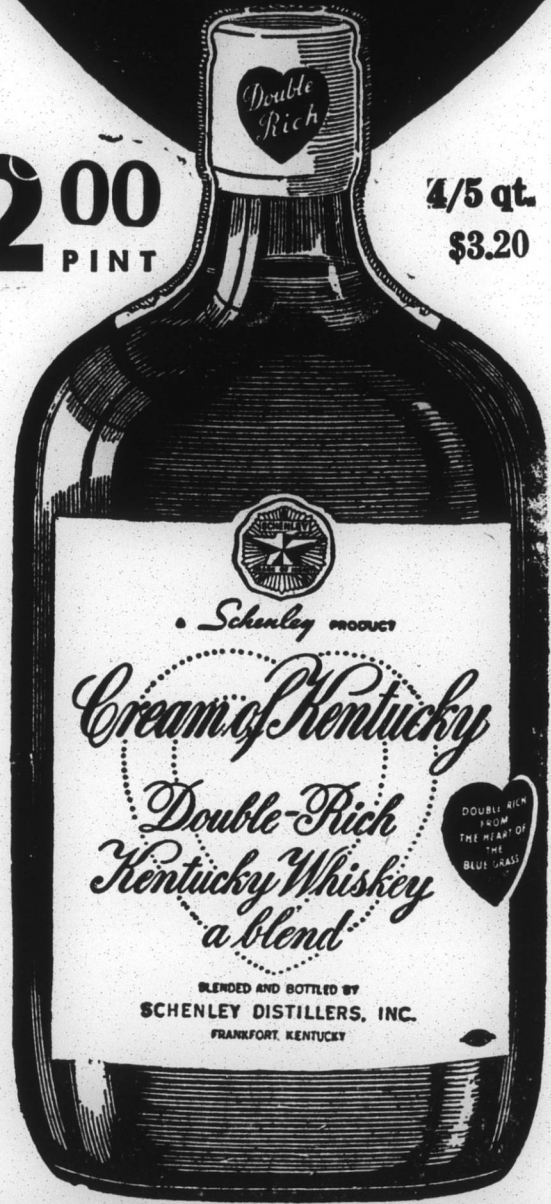
Chowan Community Building (Cross Roads).

Tuesday, April 27—Rocky Hock Club at 8:00 with Miss Jesse Byrum.

The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to, and the last duty done. —G. MacDonald.



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News About Clubs In Chowan County

By HATTIE SINGLETARY
Home Demonstration Agent

I would like to say "Hello" to all the Home Demonstration Club members, 4-H Club members and farm families in Chowan County. I hope that I will have an opportunity to meet each of you in the near future.

Members of the Chowan Home Demonstration Club discussed "Laundry Labor Savers" on their radio program on Tuesday, April 20th, over Station WGAI in Elizabeth City.

They stressed the importance of good equipment conveniently arranged. The ideal place for a laundry center, they said, is next to the kitchen, however; an open back porch, enlarged and closed in, provides a good place for laundering. Wherever the center is located it should be bright and airy, large enough for "elbow room", wir-



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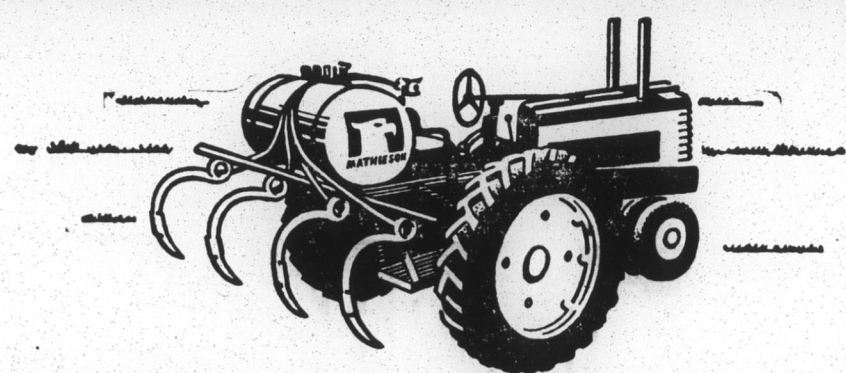
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| 1951 CHEVROLET Deluxe. 4-door with radio and heater and Power-Glide. | 1949 BUICK Super 4-door Sedan with radio and heater and Dyna-Flo. |
| 1951 PONTIAC 8. 4-door sedan with radio and heater and Hydramatic transmission. | 1949 BUICK Super 2-door. Radio and heater and Dyna-Flo. |
| 1950 BUICK Riviera Coupe. Radio and heater and Dyna-Flo. | 1949 PONTIAC 8. Streamliner Sedan-Coupe with radio and heater and Hydramatic transmission. |
| 1950 OLDSMOBILE 98. 4-door with radio and heater and Hydramatic transmission. | 1949 PLYMOUTH Deluxe 4-door Sedan. |
| 1950 OLDSMOBILE 88. 2-door sedan with radio and heater and Hydramatic transmission. | 1949 FORD V8 Custom 2-door with radio and heater. |
| 1950 PONTIAC 8 Streamliner Deluxe Sedan-Coupe with radio and heater and Hydramatic transmission. | 1948 CHEVROLET Aero - Sedan 2-door with radio and heater. |
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