

Fatalities Show Increase In State In Third Quarter

RALEIGH.—Through the third quarter of 1947, 595 persons lost their lives and 4,501 were injured as a result of 8,162 traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways, Col. L. C. Rosser, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles announces. Fatalities showed a 19 per cent decrease over the same period last year.

FATALITIES BY TYPE

During the nine months' period, 184 persons were killed when their motor vehicles overturned or ran off the roadway; 173 lost their lives in collisions; 148 pedestrians were killed; 28 met death when their bicycles collided with motor vehicles; and 28 were killed in motor vehicle-train collisions. Thirty-four deaths resulted from their non-collision accidents.

A 23 per cent decrease was noted in pedestrian fatalities, while on the other hand there was a 36 per cent increase in bicycle fatalities. Thirty-seven of the pedestrians killed and 200 of those injured were children under 14 years of age. Thirteen children

were killed and 48 were injured in bicycle accidents.

VIOLATIONS

Of the total number of accidents, 13,886 drivers were involved. Sixty per cent of them were breaking a traffic regulation. Speeding led in violations with 1,818 drivers exceeding the given speed limit; 221 of the speeding accidents proved to be fatal crashes. One hundred of the fatal accidents were caused by driving on the wrong side of the road.

CHARACTER OF ROADWAY

Eighty-four per cent of all accidents occurred on straight roads; and 75 per cent of the fatal crashes occurred on straight roads, proving that winding and curving roads are not big factors in our high accident rate.

URBAN AREAS

In cities and towns there were 3,575 accidents resulting in 118 deaths and 1,268 injuries. Forty-three per cent of urban fatalities were pedestrians. Total number of accidents in cities and towns remained about the same as last

year. Accidents, however, were not as serious as last year, for a 21 per cent decrease in fatalities was noted. More accidents occurred in residential areas.

RURAL AREAS

In rural areas there were 4,587 accidents, with 477 persons killed and 3,233 injured. This was a 21 per cent increase in number of accidents and a 19 per cent decrease in fatalities over last year when 590 persons were killed in 2,893 accidents.

AGE GROUP

More people were killed and injured in the 25 to 34 years of age group than any other.

OCCUPATION OF DRIVER

More farmers were involved in fatal accidents than any other class of drivers.

SPEED

More fatal accidents occurred at the speed of 31 to 40 miles per hour.

Saturday was the leading day of week for accidents. Wednesday has the least and thus far for 1947 has been the safest day for travel. More accidents occurred between 5 and 6 p.m. than any other time.

For the first nine months of this year Mecklenburg has led all counties with 36 traffic deaths, as compared with 24 for the same period last year. Cumberland was next with 27 persons killed, while last year 18 deaths were reported.

Other counties with this year's fatalities followed by last year's: Wake 26 19; Buncombe 22, 17; Robeson 19, 21; Nash 17, 16; Wilson 16, 17; Gaston 15, 21; Durham 15, 14; Guilford 14, 39 (65 per cent decrease); Rowan 13, 11; Forsyth, 12, 16; Johnston 11, 11; Rockingham 11, 9; Cleveland 10, 10; Surry 10, 18; Union 10, 3; Halifax 10-8; Edgecombe 9, 9; Randolph 9, 7; Wilkes 9, 12; Catawba 8, 10; Davidson 8, 4; Columbus 8, 11; Craven 8, 11; Wayne 8, 7; Sampson 8, 10; Harnet 7, 13; Haywood 7, 10; Alamance 7, 5; Lenoir 7, 8; Granville 7, 8; Lee 7, 9; Moore 7, 5; Burke 6, 12; Cabarrus 6, 9; Caldwell 6, 6; Carteret 6, 4; Richmond 6, 12; Vance 6, 6; Anson 6, 8; Rutherford 6, 6; Bladen 5, 8; Henderson 5, 7; New Hanover 5, 9; Ashe 4, 1; Beaufort 4, 3;

Duplin 4, 10; Iredell 4, 3; Pitt 4, 9; Stanly 4, 10; Hoke 4, 7; Chat-ham 3, 6; Martin 3, 3; Onslow 3, 12; Pender 3, 4; Perquimans 3, 1; Person 3, 4; Polk 3, 5; Scotland 3, 12; Transylvania 3, 3; Washington 3, 4; Alleghany 3, 1; Caswell 3, 2; Alexander 2, 3; Avery 2, 2; Bertie 2, 2; Chowan 2, 1; Dare 2, 2; Greene 2, 3; Hertford 2, 5; Jones 2, 0; Macon 2, 2; McDowell 2, 4; Orange 2, 9; Pamlico 2, 1; Stokes 2, 3; Warren 2, 5; Watauga 2, 1; Yadkin 2, 2; Swain 2, 0; Tyrrell 2, 1; Brunswick 1, 5; Cherokee 1, 7; Currituck 1, 4; Davis 1, 7; Franklin 1, 11; Gates 1, 1; Hyde 1, 7; Jackson 1, 6; Lincoln 1, 3; Madison 1, 1; Mitchell 1, 2; Montgome-ry 1, 3; Northampton 1, 1; Pasquo-tank 1, 2. No fatality has been reported from Camden, Clay, Gram-ham and Yancey.

For the past three years there has been a steady decrease in traf-fic fatalities noted for Forsyth, Robeson, Wilkes, Craven, New Hanover, Catawba and Cabarrus Counties. An increase has been noted for Buncombe and Rowan counties.

Charlotte led all cities with 19 fatalities. Fayetteville was next with 9.

Of the pedestrian deaths, 34 per cent occurred in cities and towns. Charlotte led in pedestrian deaths, with 7 reported, while Mecklen-burg led for counties with 10.

AT HOME ON THE FARM

Don't throw away that old grapefruit hull! You might be taking the feed right out of Bos-sy's nosebag.

Anyway, that's the way I heard it from L. C. Laney, assistant farm agent for the State College Ex-tension Service over in Mecklen-burg County.

We got to talkin' about more and cheaper feed for livestock last week and he was tellin' me that it won't be long before the local markets are selling ground up peelings from such citrus fruits as the orange, tangerine, grape-fruit, and lemon.

"I realize there's a critical feed shortage," I says to Laney, "but how do the cows react to having oranges twice a day?"

"Well, Cousin," he says, "I

imagine they'd rather have orang-es than lemons, but that's not the point."

Then he told me how a compari-son with wheat bran shows that this dried citrus pulp in the feed and dairy ration is considerably lower in crude protein but is practically the same in crude fat, higher in crude fiber, higher in nitrogen-free extract, higher in total digestible nutrients, and much higher in net energy value.

I used to wonder if there wasn't

some use for all those peelings left over from canned fruit juices. Now it seems that the folks who have been squeezing the daylight out of the orange and the grape-fruit for City Cousins like me, have come up with a by-product of this mass-massaging that will help our farm friends at a time when grain feeds are shorter than ever.

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