

Fatalities Show Decrease In May

For the first time since January, fatalities on highways of North Carolina took a downward turn during May, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reports.

A total of 48 persons were killed during the month as compared with 62 persons killed during May of 1948, representing a 23 per cent decrease.

The Department attributed the decrease to less traffic on the highways because of seasonal occupations.

May's figures brought to 303 the persons killed during the first five months of the year.

Reported traffic accidents during May totaled 1,509, as compared with 1,327 during the same period last year, an increase of 14 per cent. Total accidents through the first five months of the year numbered 7,243.

Seven hundred and thirty-eight persons were injured during May, an increase of 13 per cent as compared with 651 injured during May, 1948.

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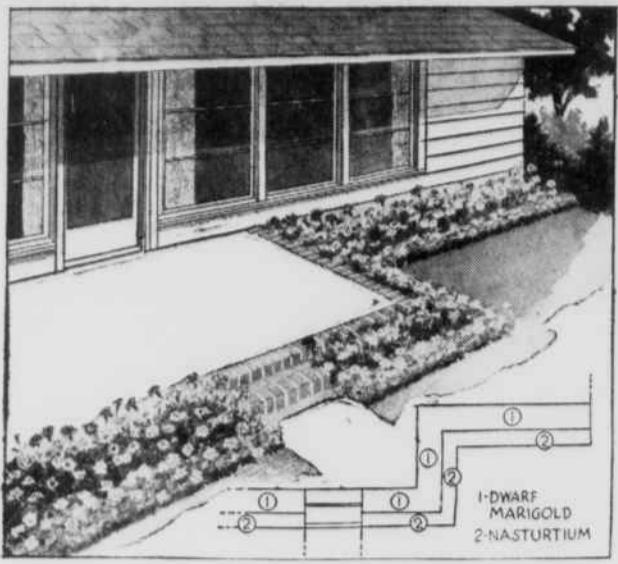
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Gay Flower Beds Enhance Ranch House Appearance

Landscape planting about a house should be a decoration, carefully planned to enhance the beauty of the building, completing an attractive picture as it is viewed from the street.

When tall trees dwarf the house, and over-large shrubs and evergreens hide it, and prevent the occupants from seeing out of the windows, the planting has not achieved its purpose.

Examples of such failures are frequently given by modern one-story homes planted with the shrubs and evergreens.

Only low growing plants should be planted in front of low homes; and the brightly colored annuals of dwarf habit are widely accepted as the most suitable plants for this purpose.

Their color gives a welcome touch, and they leave the view from windows unobstructed. Seed may

be started early in seed-boxes indoors, and grown to a size suitable for transplanting by the time the soil can be prepared.

There are many varieties which will grow quickly from seed sown directly in the border where the plants are to grow, and they will bloom until freezing weather comes in the fall. Besides providing a decoration for the house, many annuals are suitable for cutting, to be used in the house.

Dwarf double French marigolds, for planting as shown in the illustration, come in tones of orange, yellow and maroon, with several two-tone blends of these colors.

Fragrant, dwarf nasturtiums, in various tones of red, orange and yellow, harmonize with the marigolds, and will make a striking frame of bright color to enhance the beauty of a ranch house of grey, blue, or brown.

Dairymen Are Advised To Prevent Bloat

When hungry cattle graze on legume crops before these crops have reached the bloom stage, they will oftentimes bloat. If dairymen keep cows off legume grazing until

these crops have reached the bloom stage, much potential milk from such grazing will be lost.

Every dairymen, therefore, faces the problem of how to graze these crops and still prevent bloat. Fortunately, says A. C. Kimrey, extension dairymen at State College, this can be done.

When a cow eats any kind of feed Kimrey explains, a large quantity of gas forms in her stomach. Normally this gas pressure is relieved when fibrous feeds tickle the inner lining of the cow's stomach and cause belching.

However, an empty cow grazing on sappy legumes fills her stomach with soft, slimy material which does not cause the animal to belch. As a result gas, which is a normal by-product of digestion, accumulates in the stomach and causes bloat. Unless the animal is given prompt relief, she may die.

If the legume pasture is about 50 per cent grass, most potential

bloat will not happen, says Kimrey. Or, he adds if a reasonable amount of good quality hay is fed to the cow before she is put out, she usually will not bloat. For this purpose, oat hay, Sudan or other good grass hay, as well as the various legume hays, will prove satisfactory. The hay must be palatable or the cow will not eat enough of it to do the job.

Kimrey says that where practicable, a rack filled with good hay should be placed in the pasture or adjacent to it. This practice will prevent many cases of bloat.

If bloat does occur in spite of precautions, call a veterinarian, advises the extension dairymen. In the meantime, tie a stick in the cow's mouth and keep her walking as much as possible. Many dairymen are reporting favorable results from drenching the bloated animal with half a soft-drink bottle of either kerosene or mineral oil.

Mrs. Sallie Davis Taken By Death

Mrs. Sallie Davis, 72, widow of J. A. Davis, died at her home at Tusquitee at 3 a. m. Saturday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the home, with the Rev. Arlin Lovin officiating. Burial was in Bald Cemetery with Townsend Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are one son, W. A. Stillwell, and six grandchildren of Clay County.

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an increase of 13 per cent as compared with 651 injured during May, 1948. More injuries occurred in the age groups from 20 to 34 than in any other groups.

Bicycle fatalities doubled during May as compared with last May. Four persons were killed in bike - motor vehicle collisions, bringing the five-month total to 11. Twenty-nine bicyclists were injured.

Pedestrian-motor vehicle accidents numbered 63 during May, with seven pedestrians killed and 59 injured. The figures represented a 70 per cent decrease in pedestrian fatalities. One pedestrian was killed in each of the following counties: Brunswick, Caldwell, Durham, Granville, Johnston, New Hanover and Wake. The total number of pedestrians killed through May this year numbered 67.

Speeding led all other violations with 297 accidents resulting, 16 of them fatal. Sixty cars had defective brakes causing two fatal accidents. Twelve vehicles had defective steering mechanism resulting

in one fatal accident.

A total of 878 accidents occurred in the rural areas during May, with 38 persons killed and 613 injured. In urban areas, 631 accidents took place, resulting in 10 fatalities and 125 injuries. The May figures bring to 243 the number of persons killed in rural areas and 2,632 the number injured this year. In urban areas the total for the period mounted to 60 fatalities and 729 injuries.

Charlotte led in fatalities with three persons killed. Wilmington was next with two and Clarkton, Durham, Oxford, Rocky Mount and Raleigh reported one each.

Brunswick County led the State in fatalities during May with 11 persons killed, seven in one accident over the Memorial Day week-end.

Hoke County was next with four fatalities; Caldwell and Mecklenburg Counties reported three each; Durham, McDowell, New Hanover, and Robeson Counties, two each; Ashe, Bladen, Cherokee, Craven, Edgecombe, Gaston, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Henderson, Johnston, Macon, Moore, Nash, Randolph, Stokes, Tyrell, Wake and Warren, one each.

Valley River CROWDED OUT LAST WEEK

Valley River Baptist Church elected the Rev. Robert Barker as pastor for the coming year at an election held recently. Bruce West was elected Sunday School superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Hendrix of Hayesville and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendrix of Maryville, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. Poley Derberry Sunday afternoon.

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