Motor Vehicle Dept. Says Speed Kills" Is Not A Slogan, But A Fact

Raleigh - "Speed Kills" is more than a traffic safety slogan in North Carolina. It isa well established fact.

Figures compiled by the Driver Education and Acci-dent Records Division of the Department of Motor Ve-hicles show that during 1968 excessive speed was the pri-mary cause in more than one -third of all fatal accidents in the state.

Investigating officers listed speed as the cause in 570 of the 1,417 fatal accidents in

which causes could be established The second most prevalent cause of fatal accidents during the past year was driving to the left of the center line.

Officers cited this violation as he primary reason for 339 accidents involving deaths. Failing to yield the right of way and reckless driving

were the next most frequent causes with 123 and 97 accidents respectively. Other leading causes of deaths on he state's street and

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highways were drunken driving, failing to stop for stop signs, improper passing, im-proper turning, disregarding traffic signals and following too closely. Motor Vehicle Department

officials point out that frequently several driving violations are involved in a single accident and that their statistics single out only the most obvious cause. They point out, for example, that drinking is a contributing factor in over 50 percent of

all fatal accidents, but that speeding or other improper d riving, possibly resulting from the drinking, is recorded as the specific cause of the accident.

Raleigh - More people were involved in fatal traffic accidents during 1968 if they (1) drove on Saturday on a rural paved road, (2) drove during the fall months between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and (3) were between the ages of 25 and

If you compounded any of these conditions by drinking or exceeding the speed limit, your chances of not being around to read this zoomed. Drinking was a factor in over one-half of all fatal accidents and speeding was the primary cause of more than one-third of those accidents during the

past year. Saturday was by far the most dangerous day to drive in 1968. A total of 418 occured on this favorite travel day-129 more than on the next most dangerous day, Sunday. Wednesday was the safest day to drive with just 122 fatal accidents. September was the most

dangerous month of the past year, followed-closely by De cember and October. July and November ranked fourth and fifth. In each of these months, more than 140 fatal

accidents were recorded. Traditionally, the late afternoon and evening hours are the most dangerous for highway travel. The past year was no exception. The period from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. accounted for 317 of the year's 1,583 fatal accidents. The three hours from 7:00

the year. Almost one-third of all fatal accidents--499--occured on these roads. U. S numbered Highways, with 446 accidents, ranked second and N. C. numbered Highways accounted for 286. The Interstate system with only 36 fatal accidents provided the safest highways in North

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Carolina during 1968. All fatal accident statistics were compiled by the Driver Education and Accident Rec ment of Motor Vehicles

nnounced plans requiring an hourly minimum wage of at least \$1,60 be paid all foreigners entering the United States on work permits. The \$1.60 federal minimum wage does not apply to all occupations and the pay scale will be adjusted to their occupation.

Fixed **Broker Fees**

The Justice Department has recommended that the fixed commissions now charged buyers and sellers of stocks be abolished within five years. At the end of this time, the size of commissions charged by stock brokers would be determined by competition between brokerage houses.

> Proposal Rejected

Paris - The United States was met with stony rejection of what it called its first concrete proposal to start the new full-scale Vietnam talks on peace. U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge proposed immediate re-establishment of the demilitarized zone buffer between North and South Vietnam and an offer to work toward agreement on mutual withdrawal of foreign troops.

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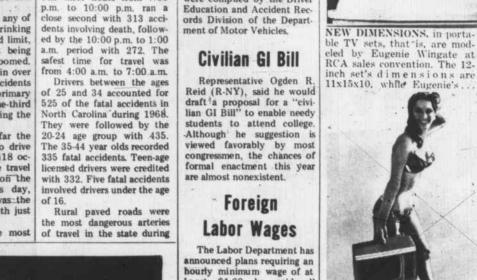
The Defense Department says that it was seeking more Negro and other minority group men to apply for admission to the military service academies. Pentagon officials. said one reason minority enrollment, was small was that many were not aware of the opportunities open for all

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\$270 of the \$950 found.

Now the sheriff wonders

where the money should go since the owner of the shack

was murdered four years ago

and the property has changed

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People, Spots In The News

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