

Highway Deaths Set New Record During October

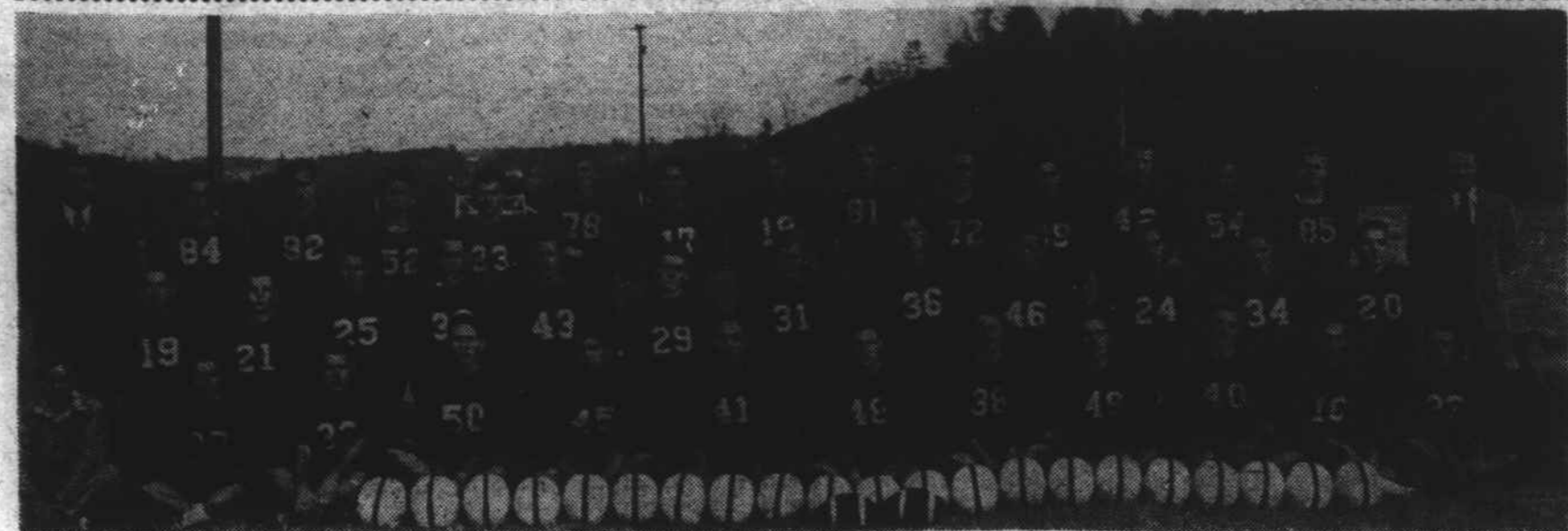
Raleigh, N. C.—Traffic accidents in North Carolina reached an all-time high of 2,285 during October, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Not since the Department began keeping records in 1927 had the number of accidents for one month passed the 2,000 mark. The October figure represented a 60 per cent increase in accidents with 1,468 accidents recorded for the same month in 1948.

A total of 79 persons were killed, bringing the death toll through October to 879 and representing a four per cent increase over the 76 fatalities reported in October last year. Injuries numbered 980, an increase of 30 per cent over the 885 persons injured in October of 1948. Total injuries through October of this year were listed at 7,903, over 400 more than the 7,490 injured during the entire year of 1948.

One cheerful aspect of the October report was a drop of 32 per cent in pedestrian fatalities. Seven pedestrians lost their lives in 120 accidents as compared with 22 last year. The injured totaled 113. Cities report-

WILKESBORO HIGH SCHOOL RAMBLERS FOOTBALL SQUAD FOR THE 1949 SEASON



The Wilkesboro high school Ramblers, pictured above, had a very successful season, winning the Highland conference title without defeat and losing only two games during the entire season. The boys in the picture are: first row seated, Charlie Vaught, manager; Harold Dancy, Dan Linney, Co-Captain Tony Emerson, Shelton Prevette, Co-Captain Bob Story, Bob Parker, Dale Staley, Bobby Eller, Dean Edwards, Ray Triplett, Bill Byrd, Willard Dancy, manager; second row kneeling, Bobby Johnson, Edgar Terrell, Sam Turnipseed, Bot Vestal, Johnny Phillips, Tommy Long, Bobby Kennedy, Bill Joines, Joe Brewer, Bill Pearson, Fred Glass, John Garwood; third row standing, Principal W. T. Long, Bobby Blankenship, Carl Swanson, James Carson, Junior Groce, Mack Stephens, Joe Garwood, John Hubbard, Norman Darlington, Bunny Brock, Joe Gambill, Jack Glass, Buck Cranor, Dicky Phillips, Coach M. D. Huffman; Members of squad not present for picture: Claude Nichols, Buddy Mathis, Bill Laws, Solon Prevette, Worth Gamble, Lee Shepherd.

ing a pedestrian fatality each were: Bladenboro, Concord, Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh and Fuquay Springs. The following counties reported pedestrians killed: Guilford, Wake and Harnett, two each; Bladen, Cabarrus, Durham, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Robeson, Vance and Wilson, one each.

Collision of cars took the lives of 28 persons during October, a 75 per cent increase over the 16 killed in the same month last year in this type of accident. Four persons were killed in auto-train collisions, a 33 per cent increase. Two bicyclists died in accidents, seven persons were killed when the cars in which they were riding overturned in the roadway, and 23 met death when their cars ran off the roadway.

Nash County led all other counties with eight fatalities, seven of which occurred in the tragic school bus accident on October 6. Guilford and Wake counties reported five fatalities each. Rowan had four.

Counties reporting three killed in each were: Buncombe, Durham, Gaston, Harnett, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, and Wilson. Two each were killed in: Beaufort, Bladen, Cabarrus, Chatham, Craven, Lee, Robeson and Stanly. Counties with one death each were: Alamance, Avery, Brunswick, Davidson, Davie, Edgecombe, Franklin, Jones, Moore, New Hanover, Northampton, Pender, Pitt, Sampson, Swain, Vance and Wayne.

Sixty-three counties reported no fatalities.

J. Hampton Rich, Who Marked Trail Of Boone, Dies at 75

J. Hampton Rich, the man who put Daniel Boone trail markers from Manteo to Murphy and beyond, died at Duke Hospital, Durham Thursday. He was 75.

Early in life Mr. Rich became interested in the peripatetic career of the great pioneer and hunter because, he explained, Daniel Boone's parents were buried six miles from Mr. Rich's old home in Mocksville.

In a crusade that was virtually one-man, he placed Indian arrowhead markers from Virginia Beach to San Francisco. He began his life's work in Mocksville in 1925, with only \$25 in his pockets.

When he returned from the Pacific Coast six months later all the markers had been paid for by memberships in the Boone Memorial Association and Mr. Rich's \$25 had grown to \$300.

In 1945 he was clerk-librarian in the State Senate. One other interest in his life was the Boys Road Patrol of North Carolina, a safety-promoting organization of which he became a director in 1915.

He died of a liver ailment. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Owners of demonstration laying flocks in North Carolina have realized a labor return of 14.53 per bird during the past year.

Seniors At Millers Creek Issue Annual

Members of the staff have been working hard to sell enough advertisements to enable them to have a better book. They have greatly appreciated the kindness and co-operation of the stores and businesses that have purchased advertisements from them.

In appreciation for the work that Miss Mary Nichols, senior sponsor, has done for the school and community, the class is dedicating the annual to her.

Staff members of The Mill Stream are: Editor-in-Chief, Bonita Hayes; Associate Editor, Susie Vannoy; Business Manager, Beachel Snider; Sports Editor, Willa Jean Snider; Art Editor, George Turner; Production Editor, Eulaine Dockery; Advertising Editor, Paul Welborn; Class Editor, Geraldine Snider; Activity Editor, Bonnetta Reinhardt.

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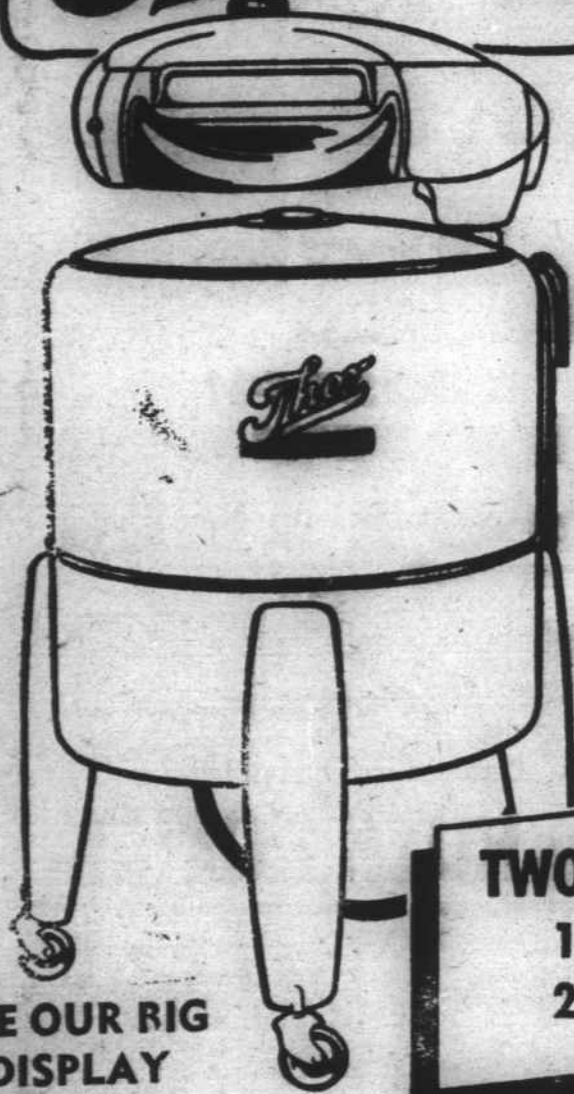
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