

DETECTIVE RILEY



DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY

Reporting 980 deaths and approximately 10,000 injured as the result of traffic accidents in North Carolina last year the Highway Safety Division this week released a horrible story of death and destruction on the streets and highways of this state during 1940.

The 1940 traffic death toll, highest since 1937, represented an approximate 4 per cent increase over the 943 killed in 1939. However, the National Safety Council's provisional report for 1940 reveals an increase of around 6 per cent in traffic accidents nationally.

The 980 traffic fatalities in the state last year included 337 pedestrians, 270 persons killed in motor vehicle collisions, 161 killed in cars that ran off the roadway, 68 killed in cars that overturned on the roadway, 54 killed in collisions with fixed objects, 35 killed in railroad crossing crashes, 20 bicyclists, and 6 killed in collisions between motor vehicles and animal-drawn vehicles.

The 1940 accident report revealed that the 980 persons killed included 789 males and 191 females.

According to last year's figures, a driver stands a better chance than a passenger, and both stand a better chance than a pedestrian. There were 288 drivers killed, 327 passengers and 340 pedestrians.

Now for some facts about the 15,184 drivers involved in these accidents. A total of 13,633 of them were males, and only 1,302 were females. Nearly 5,000 of them were under 25 years of age. In all types of accidents, 7,456 drivers resided in urban areas and 7,099 in rural areas, but in fatal accidents the number of rural drivers being involved in fatal accidents while only 476 urban drivers were involved in these accidents.

The report showed further, that 11,315 of the 15,184 drivers involved in accidents last year lived within 25 miles of the accident location, another 2,002 resided elsewhere in the state, and 1,181 were non-residents.

In the matter of driving experience, only 175 of the 15,184 had had less than one year's experience in driving, and approximately 10,000 had more than five year's experience. More than 5,000 of them had been driving over ten years.

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facod highway, in clear weather and in broad daylight." Hocutt said last year's traffic accidents experience in this state pointed emphatically the need for education of drivers.

OTWAY

There will be services held at the Disciple church Saturday night and Sunday by the Pastor Rev. J. Moore.

Mr. Uzzell Lewis motored to New York the week-end on business.

Mr. D. O. Lawrence of Fayetteville spent the week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Ethel Gillikin and infant daughter spent last week-end with her sister at Morehead City, Mrs. Norman Taylor.

Mrs. Dessie Thomas and children of Beaufort spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gillikin and children, Vincent and Audrey, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lawrence, and Beulah Dowty.

Mrs. L. A. Lewis and son Byde motored to Richmond, Va., last week and received treatment there.

SMYRNA SCHOOL NEWS

Grades 1-5 It was quite a thrilled group of children that gathered around their little Post Office Friday afternoon February 14th at 2:15 o'clock to get the mail. Every child received a number of valentines and what fun it was giving them out and comparing them.

Later they were served with candy, after which they began playing games. Every one was having such a good time that no one heard the bell for chapel and they would have missed the first scene of "Mamas Baby Boy," if Mr. Gas-kill had not gone to their home room for them.

Freshman Class

The Grade Mothers of Miss Coward's Eighth Grade Home Room, Mrs. James C. Lewis and Mrs. Ralph Neal of Marshallberg, delightfully surprised their adopted room with a Valentine Day Remembrance. The two girls of the Grade Mothers, Hattie Neal and Lucille Lewis, distributed first little heart sprinkled cups filled with candy hearts and chocolate drops, and then followed with large individual valentines with all-day suckers attached.

This is the second thoughtful remembrance of this kind from the Grade Mothers. At Christmas time chocolate fudge, in plentiful amounts, was passed around.

The class voted to write their Grade Mothers and thank them for their kindness.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

The annual Mother-Daughter banquet was held in the school auditorium Thursday night, February 13th. The banquet hall was lovely decorated, carrying out the valentine motif. Mrs. Cordova, the guest speaker, made an interesting talk on the "Mother and the Daughter." The majority of the mothers were present and every one enjoyed themselves very much. Eloise Nelson, Reporter.

Senior Class

The Senior Class presented the play "Mama's Baby Boy," on February 14. The members of the cast are to be commended for their splendid performance. There was a large attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy the play immensely.

Honor Roll For 5th Month

- First Grade—Glenda Willis. Second Grade—Geraldine Nelson. Fifth Grade—Mildred Wallace Simpson, Malcombe Pigott. Sixth Grade—Ralph Willis. Seventh Grade—Bobby Chadwick, Wanda Hill. Eighth Grade—Janice Pake. Ninth Grade—Roy Allen Gillikin. Tenth Grade—Eloise Chadwick, Anna Gwynne, Erma Lawrence, Eloise Nelson. Eleventh Grade—Allen Guy Davis, Ellis bedsworth, Elvin Hancock, Pelham Jones, Edward Moore

Listens To Own Broadcast



Jack Benny gets a big laugh out of the first broadcast he missed on the NBC network over WPTF Sunday night, February 2nd. He listened in happily aboard a home-ward bound liner.

ANSWERS

To Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: What garden vegetables may be planted in March? ANSWER: Many early vegetables may be planted in March. Enough for a family of five with a surplus for canning may be had by following this schedule: radishes and parsley, 50 feet of row; Bloomsdale spinach, 100 feet; garden peas, 400 feet; beets, 200 feet; carrots, 200 feet; onion sets, 100 feet; Irish potatoes, 400 feet. Strawberries, dewberries, raspberries, grapes, and fruit trees may be set out as late as March.

QUESTION: Is it possible at this time to treat small grain so as to improve yields at the coming harvest? ANSWER: W. H. Rankin, N. C. State College Experiment Station agronomist, says it's hardly possible to overcome poor management practices at seeding time, but supplemental treatments in the form of top dressings will aid in improving yields. Top dressings are recommended for small grain on all soils and conditions where the supply of nitrogen is relatively low and vegetative growth inadequate for production of at least 20 to 25 bushels of wheat and 40 to 45 bushels of oats. An application of nitrate of soda should pay well.

QUESTION: What is the best method of planting kuzu? ANSWER: Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service point out that the best method is to set the plants in a well-settled plant bed. Dig holes with a mattock or spade deep enough to accommodate the plants. Then place the roots against the firm side of the hole and pack the soil tightly, leaving the top bud level with, or slightly below, the surface of the soil. If the rows are 25 feet apart, space the plants about 3 1-2 feet apart in the row. Around 500 plants to the acre are recommended.

Special Meet For Forces To Be Held Here On March 7

A county-by-county campaign to acquaint North Carolina farmers with provisions of the double-barreled 1941 supplementary AAA program begins this week, announces John W. Goodman, assistant director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

First of the meetings start Thursday in ten counties, as an equal number of teams of agricultural specialists open the drive. Last of the meetings will be held March 8. In the time intervening, every county affected by the program will have been reached.

In Carteret County, a special meeting has been called for March 8. Manly Murphy, Lucy Lewis, Lucy Willis.

As outlined, the new program will enable growers to take cotton land out of production for which they will receive Federal stamps exchangeable in retail stores for cotton goods manufactured in this country.

Then, too, Goodman explained, those who qualify for cotton stamps may also receive a payment for producing and conserving food supplies. A payment of \$1.50 per farm garden is already allowed by the AAA in North Carolina. Now an extra \$3 may be earned by growing additional garden produce, or planting small fruits to add to the family food supply. However, to earn this special payment, growers must cooperate in the cotton stamp plan.

"Because of the importance of this program to the cotton farmers of North Carolina," Goodman said, "we hope that every grower affected will make a special effort to attend the meeting in his county so as to get full details of this new plan."

Turkey Production Increasing Yearly

The turkey industry is adding an increasing amount to the North Carolina cash farm income each year, says Roy Dearstyne, head of the N. C. State College Poultry Department.

During the 1932-36 period, an average of only 252,000 turkeys were raised in this State annually. Yet in 1940, the number jumped to 329,000. On this basis, North Carolina ranks 24th among the 48 states in turkey production and third among the South Atlantic states.

At the present time, growers are

realizing approximately \$750,000 from turkeys each year. The industry is located chiefly in the Coastal Plains, the south Piedmont, and the northwestern part of the mountain section.

As is true with chickens, one of the most important problems of the turkey industry is starting the young birds right, Dearstyne said. This means that turkey poulters must be handled in such a manner that they will adjust themselves easily to brooding conditions. At the same time, careful management and rigid sanitation can reduce mortality of the young birds to the lowest possible level.

Twenty-four hours before the poults arrive, the brooder should be assembled, started, and adjusted to the temperature desired as specified by the manufacturer. Generally, a temperature of 90 to 95 degrees should be maintained at the outer edge of the hover three inches from the floor for the first week. Then this should be reduced five degrees each week for

six weeks. If a brick brooder is used, a temperature of 70 degrees should be maintained on the floor of the house.

A good rule to follow, Dearstyne said, is to allow one linear foot of feeding space for each five poults up to four weeks of age and two linear feet from the fourth to tenth week.

Potatoes

A program for the diversion of livestock feed of up to 12,500,000 bushels of 1940 crop Irish potatoes in eight Western states has been announced by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Record

A summary of 1940 records shows that American farmers attained a record amount of AAA materials such as lime and phosphate for carrying out prescribed soil-building practices.

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