

Too Much Speed, Too Little Courtesy Behind Accidents

That Explains 40,300 Road Deaths in 1937, "Death Begins at 40" Says

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 19—(Special) Basic reasons for America's shameful automobile accident record in 1937 were "too much speed and too little courtesy" according to a new booklet entitled "Death Begins at 40" just issued by the Travelers Insurance Company. The booklet presents a complete analysis of last year's traffic accidents, based on official figures from the 48 states.

There is no intention in the booklet, according to the editors, to advocate 40 miles an hour or any other fixed speed as a top limit. To quote: "There are times, as in heavy traffic or heavy fog, when 30 miles an hour is suicidal; other times when 50 miles an hour seems reasonable. Every driver should know, however, that if he does have an accident it is more likely to mean death if he is going fast."

body will be killed. While the folly of high speed provides the main theme of the booklet, there is a secondary theme which runs consistently through the issue. It is the need for courtesy on the highway. After analyzing reports of 40,300 fatalities and 1,221,030 injuries in traffic accidents last year, the company's statisticians point to those interesting and little known facts about accidents:

Exceeding the speed limit was responsible for 37 per cent of the deaths and 25 per cent of the injuries. More than 94 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents were male and less than six per cent female. It does not necessarily follow that women are safer drivers than men, it is pointed out, because adequate data on the relative exposure are lacking.

Ninety-seven per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents had had one or more years' driving experience. More than 78 per cent of all fatal accidents occurred when the road surface was dry. Eighty-three per cent of all fatal accidents occurred in clear weather.

More persons were killed on Sunday than on any other day. The heaviest injury toll came on Saturday. More persons were killed between seven and eight o'clock in the evening than at any other time.

Fatalities increased last year in every age group except that from five to fourteen years of age. In the last fifteen years, 441,912 persons have been killed in the U. S. by automobiles. This is almost double the number of American soldiers killed in action or died of wounds in all the wars this country has engaged in since its birth.

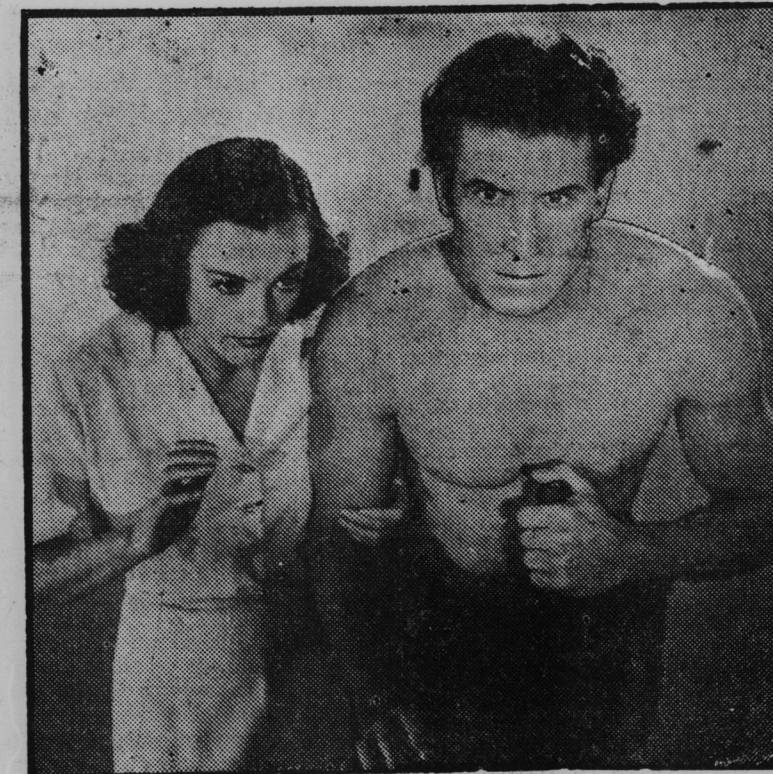
The insurance company will distribute two million copies of the booklet this year in the interest of street and highway safety. Single copies or quantities may be obtained gratis by writing the company or any of its agents.



Carole Lombard and Fredric March in "Nothing Sacred"—Stevenson Monday and Tuesday



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The Home Demonstration Clubs at Floydtown, Bear Pond and at Aycock held interesting meetings this week. 4-H Clubs were held at Middleburg, Aycock and Townsville.

New Farm Program Designed To Stabilize Crop Prices. The new farm bill, recently enacted into law, will unloose a double-barreled attack on soil losses and crop surpluses, according to E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive office at State College.

The Agricultural Conservation program, which has already been map-

ped out and placed before farmers, will be continued along with payments to growers who carry out soil building practices.

Included in the new Act are provisions designed to control surpluses of tobacco, cotton, wheat, rice, and corn. Through the control of bumper crops, it is expected that farm income will be improved, Floyd said.

In addition, the new Act intends to protect the consumer as well as the farmer. By storing away surplus wheat and then releasing it when necessary, a fairly constant level will be maintained. Also crop insurance

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will be provided wheat growers. Under the Agricultural Conservation program, North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco allotment for 1938 will be 570,000 to 580,000 acres, while the cotton allotment is 902,525, acres. One of the provisions of the new farm legislation calls for the establishment of marketing quotas on the five basic crops if supplies reach top-heavy levels. After the Secretary of Agriculture announces that quotas will be clamped on a particular crop, growers of that commodity will be given a chance to express their approval or disapproval in a referendum. If more than one-third of the farmers vote against the quota, it will not be effective. A referendum among producers of flue-cured tobacco has already been called. Should the growers vote favor-

ably, North Carolina's quota would be close to 500,000,000 pounds or about 70 per cent of the total. Any farmer who grew tobacco in 1937 will be eligible to vote.

Because of the bumper cotton crop last year which resulted in a huge carry-over, the Secretary has announced that quotas will be placed on this crop. As in the case of tobacco farmers will be given a chance to express their wishes. Early tobacco quotas will not be effective at the present time, but if a large 1938 crop should result before the opening of markets next fall, quotas will be produced.

Floyd explained that acreage allotments are separate from marketing quotas under the new act. Most of the acreage allotments have already been set up under the Agricultural Con-

servation program. These were determined after a detailed study had been made of the supply on hand and the amount of the crop which farmers might produce in 1938 to bring reasonable prices.

For instance, after taking a look at the large crop of flue-cured tobacco in 1937 which resulted in an unusually heavy carry-over, it was decided that growers could not plant more than 570,000 to 580,000 acres in North Carolina this year if they wished to keep market prices up. Thus the allotment was set between those figures.

The marketing quota becomes effective if the Secretary sees that the allotment will be exceeded, Floyd explained.

North Carolina's quota for flue-cured leaf will be divided up among tobacco producing counties, then apportioned to communities, and finally down to individual farms.

Marketing in excess of the quota established becomes subject to penalty. Supplies withheld under the quotas may be released under certain conditions to meet any need that might develop.

Floyd said the Act will be administered locally as were the other programs in the past.

D. E. Jones, Rural Electrification Specialist from State College, conducted a Rural Electrification Tour this week in the county. The homes of the following were visited during the day: Mr. and Mrs. Turner Stainback, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brummitt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brummitt and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Farks. The people who attended these meetings in the homes saw almost all electrical conveniences. Everyone is so pleased with the electric lights and now they are going further by putting in electric appliances. In the homes visited on this tour there were electric washing machines and irons, electric stoves, refrigerators, water systems, churns, and also electric razors and cigarette lighters. We can see that there is no end to what the country people can do when they get interested in a project.

Question: What are the primary factors to consider in selecting hatching eggs?

Answer: The most important thing is to see that the eggs are produced by healthy birds, free from disease and parasites. Then select only those eggs that are true to type, of proper shape and size, and have good shell texture. The collection and storage of hatching eggs should be considered. Collections should be made several times a day and the eggs stored in a room that is fairly humid with a temperature of about 50 degrees. While in storage the eggs should be turned daily. If the eggs are carefully inspected and handled and the incubator properly operated the percent of hatch will more than pay for the extra trouble.

Question: How can I get rid of small worms in my tobacco plant beds?

Answer: These small worms often cause severe damage by uprooting the young plants, but they can be easily controlled with naphthalene flakes applied at the rate of one and one-half pounds to each 100 square yards of bed. One to three applications may be necessary and these should be made one week apart. If the treatment is made just before a strong wind, it should be repeated at once as the wind will blow the naphthalene gas out of the bed as fast as it is formed. Do not confuse the small worm with the adult black flies and midges that swarm under the canopy. These insects cause no damage to the tobacco plants, but are often blamed for flea-beetle and small worm damage.



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