

No Injuries Are Reported In Easter Weekend Wrecks

Traffic accidents during the Easter weekend holiday caused considerable damage but no injuries, Highway patrolmen have reported.

A station wagon driven by Carol McKay Mertz of Springfield, Va., pulled into the path of an auto operated by John Carsmon Talley of Route 1, Norlina at the intersection of U. S. 1 and Interstate 85 on Saturday afternoon. The Highway Patrol advised that Ms. Mertz apparently stopped for the intersection stop sign at the ramp and pulled in front of the Talley vehicle.

Damages estimated at \$800 were listed for the station wagon with \$300 for the auto. Charges of failure to yield right of way were lodged against the Virginia woman and improper equipment involving defective tires were filed against Talley.

Johnie Fitts, 63, of Rt. 1, Norlina apparently fell asleep at the wheel and his auto ran off of the left side of the road as he was eastbound on the Henderson-Warrenton road on Saturday afternoon. Trooper W. C. Palmer said Fitts ran into a ditch embankment causing some \$300 damage to his auto. He was charged with reckless driving.

About \$275 in damages were estimated to an auto driven by Dollie Bullock Burwell of Rt. 2, Norlina, according to Palmer. The trooper said the car moved from a paved section of the road onto a gravel surface, turned to go around a farm tractor, went into the ditch and hit the ditch bank. The incident was on State Road 1100 about five miles west of Warrenton.

A minor school bus accident was reported on Friday afternoon. Trooper Palmer said that Elizabeth Grey Jones was driving the bus and had stopped to unload passengers. She then backed into a driveway and bumped a parked truck. The truck was parked off the roadway and was listed as

owned by John William Shearin of Vaughan. Total damages were figured at \$250. None of the 11 persons on the bus was injured.

A vehicle driven by Sandy Ray Huntley of Virginia Beach, Va., had about \$500 in damages after an accident about one mile

north of Littleton, according to Trooper Palmer. He said that Huntley was traveling east on State Road 1352 when he lost control of his auto on a curve and slid left into a ditch. Huntley was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, the trooper said.



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Ancestor Hunt Under Way With Zeal, Surprises

More and more Americans are peering down from top branches of their family trees looking for their roots.

They are getting into genealogy, fast becoming one of the nation's biggest hobbies of indoor sports, according to the National Geographic Society. "Anybody who ever had parents can play."

"It's merely trying to find out who the folks were that you came from way back when," explains one amateur genealogist. "It's a sort of social-climbing ancestor worship," sneers a detractor.

Why the surge of interest in family ancestors? Alex Haley is one reason—Haley and "Roots," his book tracing his family history back through slavery days to a village in Africa, as well as the recent television serial about it, one of the most-watched programs of all time.

Grim Reaper Genealogy
Another reason is a renewed historical awareness of our forefathers, the founders and settlers of the nation, that was brought on by last year's

Bicentennial observations across the land.

As people get older they seem to become fascinated with genealogy, says one researcher, "as though the grim reaper was prodding them to take measure of their ancestors' tombstones while there is still time."

Those who have been at it for a while say genealogy can become an obsession, like reading detective stories or working crossword puzzles.

Washington, D. C., is a Mecca in the Great American Ancestor Hunt, with four major sources of information. The Daughters of the American Revolution has been collecting records for many years to help trace families back to a colonial patriot, the qualification for DAR membership.

The Library of Congress has 5,000 genealogy books and 21,000 family histories.

The National Genealogical Society has some 15,000 histories and records from all the states plus many unpublished sources.

The National Archives sup-

posedly has records of anything anyone ever had to do with the federal government. Since "Roots" the Archives has been crowded with Black Americans, poring through the nation's biggest collection of slavery records.

Mountain of Roots
In Utah the Mormon Church has a genealogy vault of microfilmed records tunneled deep into a granite mountain intended to survive a nuclear holocaust.

Duplicate records in Salt Lake City are one of the world's great genealogy bonanzas, especially to Mormons trying to confirm ancestors so they can then be baptized into the faith long after death and thus, according to the Mormons, assured entry into the kingdom of heaven.

Some 100 researchers roam the United States and the world microfilming records for the Mormon genealogical collection.

Cemeteries, old family bibles, deeds, wills, tax lists and other public records are local sources combed by ancestor hunters. Genealogists lament the forests of family trees that have gone up in smoke in courthouse fires through the years.

Theoretically, starting with four grandparents, a family tree could be traced 20 generations or to about the year 1300, turning up some one million

Shaking skeletons from a family tree can result in surprising fallout: a great-great uncle hanged as a horse thief, an 18th century "proven" and properly burned witch, or other notables. Depending on family aspirations, their discovery may be greeted with despair or delight.

Forefather, I Presume!

Many embarking on genealogical expeditions hope to qualify as a member of perhaps: the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Jamestown Society, the DAR, the National Society of Children of the American Revolution, the First Families of Virginia, the Descendants of Signers of the Declaration of Independence, or the Barons of Runnymede (where the Magna Carta was signed).

In England only two families, the Ardens and the Berkeleys, have found ancestors who lived before the Norman Conquest. Of men who fought in the Battle of Hastings in 1066, only 15 are known by name.

But many qualify as descendants of the "illegitimate

Sons and Daughters of Kings and Queens of Britain." Illegitimacy may be a broken twig in many American family trees: An estimated 17 per cent of Colonial Americans were born out of wedlock.

Some professional genealogists have learned to display special sensitivity when describing customers' ancestors. One researcher reportedly obliged a proper Georgia matron by writing in her family history: "One of her grandfathers occupied the chair of applied electricity at one of America's best known institutions. He was very much attached to his position and literally died in harness."

Genealogical translation: Grandfather was electrocuted at Sing Sing.

Weed And Grass Chemicals Are Available For Gardens

The plow and the hoe are still the most widely used tools in controlling weeds in the vegetable garden, but you can do it with chemicals called herbicides.

Don't jump to the conclusion that your garden weeding problems are over. At the outset, you should know that there is no single herbicide that can be used on a home vegetable garden. Secondly, using herbicides in the garden requires careful attention to timing, rates and methods of application, and added expenses.

If you wish to pursue the idea of trying herbicides in the garden, here are some materials to consider, as suggested by North Carolina State University agricultural extension specialists: Treflan, Endie, Dacthal and Amiben. Some are available as concentrated liquids and must be mixed with water. Some come in wettable powder form and are also mixed in water. Others come as granules for dry application.

The most important thing to remember about using herbicides is to follow precisely the directions on the container label.

Amiben, which can be bought under a number of trade names, can be applied in granular or liquid form to weed-free soil immediately after planting pumpkins, squash, sweet potatoes and asparagus. It can be used on peppers and tomatoes immediately after transplanting. It will remain effective for eight to 10 weeks in controlling most annual broadleaved and grassy weeds.

Dacthal is a fine-granule herbicide applied to weed-free soil immediately after planting. It can be used on broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage, snap beans, southern peas, collards, kale, mustard greens, lettuce, turnips, garlic, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, eggplant, peppers and carrots. It will give six to eight weeks control of some annual broadleaved and grassy weeds.

Endie is applied to weed free soil immediately after planting and can be used on okra, peppers, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and tomatoes. Expect eight to 12 weeks control of annual broadleaved and grassy weeds.

Treflan is applied and incorporated into the soil to a depth of two to three inches. It can be used when direct seeding dry beans, southern peas, snap beans, lima beans, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes and peppers. It should give season long control of some broadleaved and most annual grassy weeds.

Materials are also available for other crops not mentioned in any of the above, such as

corn and fruits. Consult your county extension agent for information.

Gray Whale Has Long Migration

The migration of the California gray whale from the Arctic to Mexico is the longest of any mammal—a 10,000-mile, eight-month round trip. National Geographic says.

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