

## Trace Wrecks To Youthful Drivers

Persons under the age of 25 hold 30 per cent of the driver's licenses in North Carolina but are involved in 53 per cent of the accidents on the State's highways, a study completed today by the Department of Motor Vehicles revealed.

By examining 375 driver's license applications at random from each of the eight alphabetical licensing categories, the Department determined that 447,500 drivers, or 30 per cent, of the approximately 1,500,000 drivers in the State are below the age of 25. A study of 2,400 accident reports in a typical month—August—revealed that 1,282, or 53 per cent,

involved persons in the 16 through 24 group.

A study of 64 fatal accidents in August—an average number for any month revealed that persons under 25 were drivers of vehicles involved in 26, or 41 per cent, of fatal accidents. Eight of these involving young drivers occurred during a four-hour period between 11 p. m. and 3 a. m. Thus, during a period covering one-sixth of a day, when traffic normally is light, one-third of the fatal accidents, involving persons under 25, occurred.

Some of the worst traffic accidents of the year, resulting in multiple fatalities, also have involved drivers of this young group and have occurred late in the evening or in the early morning hours.

Although the usual causes for

accidents—unsafe speeds, careless and reckless driving, driving intoxicated and mechanical failure—are listed as contributing to many mishaps involving young drivers, the Department believes that the underlying reason for these accidents is improper driver attitude. While not confined to the young driver group, improper driver attitude usually stems from meager driver education or the lack of it and overconfidence in ability, the Department believes.

To date, no examination has been developed to determine driver attitude, the Department pointed out. "The young driver usually makes a better grade on his driver tests than his parents," Commissioner of Motor Vehicles L. C. Rosser stated. "His mind is more alert and less crowded with other problems. He studies our Driver Manual; he learns the answers to the questions; he retains them better. When he takes his road test, he's on his best behavior. His reactions generally are quicker than those of his parents; his driving is excellent; he passes his test with flying colors."

Commissioner Rosser saw traffic education in all schools of the State from the first through 12th grades and possibly on into college as the most effective means of correcting the traffic situation as it relates to the youth of North Carolina. "From the time a six-year-old starts walking to school through the time he gets his license to drive, he should be taught safe traffic habits," the commissioner stated. "Of course any program which will improve the present traffic situation will take time and money to develop but still the cost will be less than that spent as a result of highway accidents, and certainly a great deal of heartache and suffering, which cannot be measured in time or money, will be eliminated," he concluded.

## Turpentine Drippings

Compiled By Bill Sharpe

### BOYS ARE THAT WAY

(Darlington News and Press)

I went to my first fair at about 5 or 6. It is one of the earliest things I can remember. And its impressions are still fresh.

We boarded the 4 o'clock train at White Rock, stopped to take on wood at the Metts woodrack, and got to Columbia, 18 miles away at 5 p. m. We took a hack to my aunt's house, ate early, and then walked the one block up to Main Street where the fair was held then.

The lights and the crowd quite overwhelmed me. And the confetti they were throwing was beautiful stuff, I thought. It was thick on the sidewalk, and I scraped it up and packed my pockets with it when my folks weren't looking. Later they noticed it and made me empty the unsanitary stuff from the street out. I cried and then they bought me a nicker package of that shredded bits of bright paper. But I didn't throw mine. It was a treasure that I kept.

The shows and concessions were along the side streets, and Main Street looked to me like a moving mass of humanity. I didn't know there were so many folks in the world. I couldn't see out, except when I looked up there was a wall of merry-makers all around me all the time. I hung on to my mother's dress. Once I changed hands with my confetti package and turned her skirt loose for a moment. When I reached back for it a man had moved in there. I was panicked and hurriedly worked my way through the crowd. I started calling her, but my small shrill voice could not be heard above

## Employment Law Violator In Courts

Raleigh, Dec.—Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of the Superior Court of North Carolina, stated in open court that any person convicted in his court for violation of the Employment Security Law "can expect no mercy from me or from the Court," while presiding over the November term of the Stanly County Superior Court in Albemarle.

The case was the charge that Sidney J. Ritchie had filed claims for benefits and had drawn \$120 in overpayments, as a result of having been employed while drawing benefits. He was found guilty and the judgment was that he serve 60 days on the roads and pay a fine of \$200 and the costs. No provision was made requiring the refund of the \$120 overdrawn, as it is done in most such cases.

The din of merry-makers. I let out to crying, and a friendly cop got me. The moment I spent in his arms seemed like an age, as I suffered and sobbed. He held me high so they might see me or me them. Soon we found them. And no greater solace has ever come to a human being than that. I wanted to go home right then. And I didn't care to go to fairs any more. To me they were monstrous, hideous things, where children got lost. And nothing could be more dreadful.

I am still thankful every time I hear a public address system blaring at a fair. There was no such thing then.

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The case was brought into court by James C. Bradham, ESC claims deputy, stationed in Concord and operating in that area. Judge Sink, stating that he was not too familiar with the Employment Security Law, kept Mr. Bradham on the witness stand for half an hour or longer, questioning him and getting explanations as to conditions for eligibility in drawing unemployment compensation and other details of the operation of the program.

Judge Sink then gave a lecture to court officials and attendants, explaining the advantages of the program to those who become unemployed and are eligible for benefits. He stated that he assumed violations of this kind were being committed over the State and commended the field force of the ESC for their activity in trying to curb it.

Judge Sink gave assurance that people convicted in his court of

## Meat Slaughter Gains In State

Commercial slaughter in North Carolina totaled 16,156,000 pounds during October — slightly more than the 16,063,000 pounds produced during September and 17 per cent above the 13,782,000 pounds produced during October a year ago.

Compared with September, the number of head of calves and hogs increased while cattle slaughter declined and sheep and lambs showed no change.

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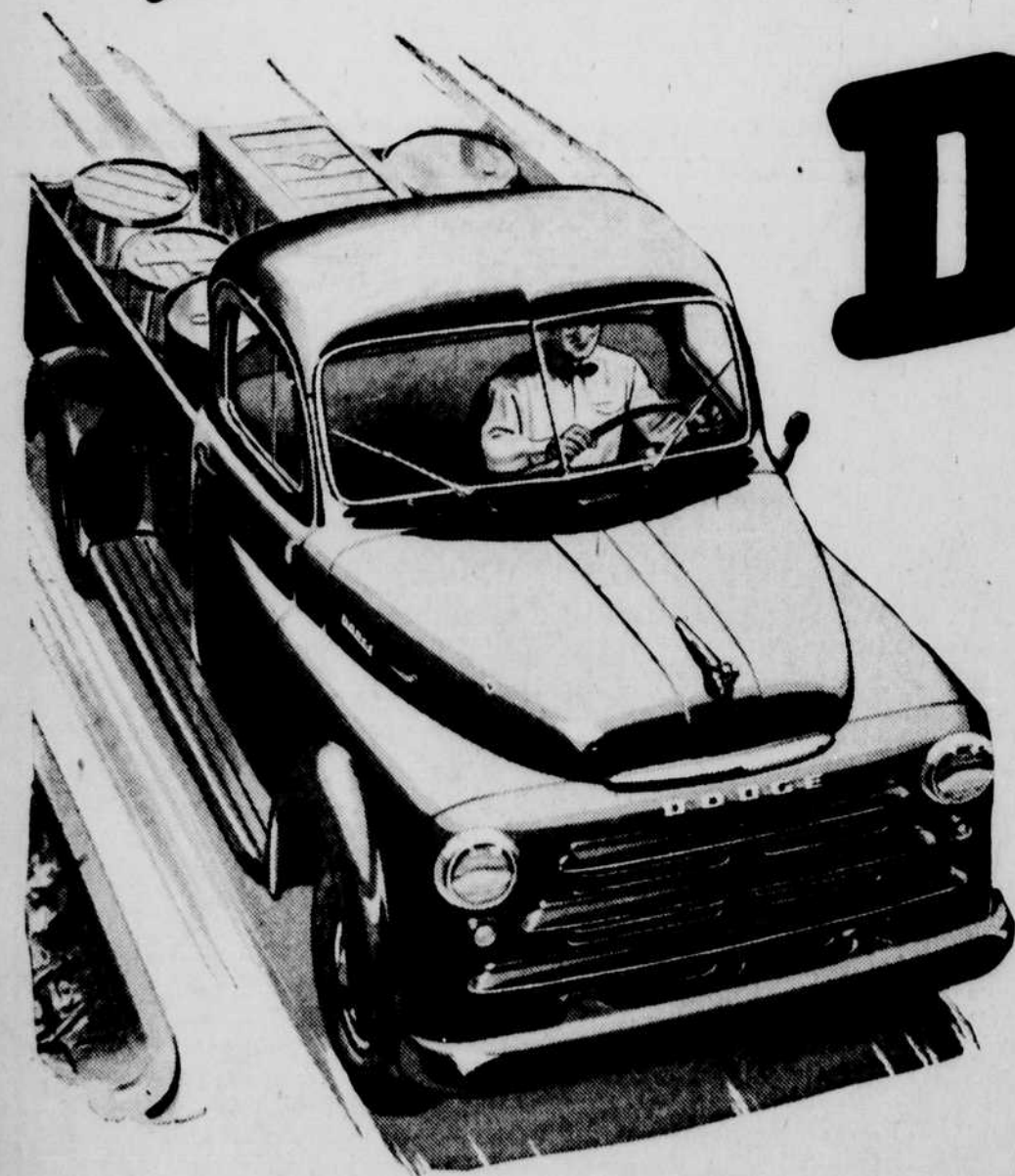
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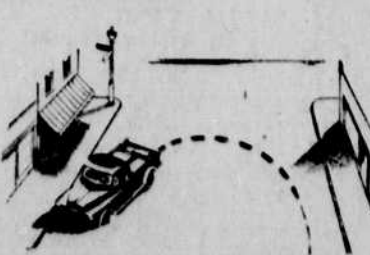
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