

### 5-Year School Building Planned By State Education Commission

A six-year to ten-year school building program has been mapped out by a committee of The State Education Commission to meet North Carolina's school building needs.

The Commission's Plant Committee, headed by M. T. Lambeth of Statesville, says the administration of the program should be a joint responsibility of State and local school governments.

The committee's report points out that most of the school buildings of the State were erected prior to the development of modern ideas of educational procedures, and they are lacking in adequate space for such things as libraries, lunchrooms, health clinics, recreational facilities, and rooms for music and dramatic arts, as well as for science and vocational courses.

"In many of the less economically fortunate counties, the school housing situation is extremely deplorable," the report continues.

While inspecting school plants, the plant committee observed many which were poorly planned, cheaply constructed, obsolete, lacking in essential features, "in a poor state of repair, dark, dirty, and unsafe."

"The State of North Carolina cannot afford to subject its future citizens to such unwholesome surroundings," the report said. "Inspection of sample school buildings has revealed the glaring neglect of adequate maintenance programs. This situation has, to some extent, resulted from wartime conditions. It is a false economy to neglect the preservation of plant investment. It is also evident that many of the schools have very inadequate custodial service. Efficient school operation and the health of children are definitely related to good housekeeping."

"Although many of the schools of the State are equipped with excellent sanitary facilities, there are many others in which the toilet facilities are obsolete and insanitary. In many of the schools there are no provisions for washing hands. It is rather meaningless to teach health and at the same time make no provisions for practicing the fundamental health habits."

The report says that a large proportion of the school plants in the

State are sub-standard. "Regardless of conditions, the existing plants are woefully inadequate," it says. "Even with the use of obsolete and inferior buildings, there is not sufficient space to accommodate the present enrollment."

Some of the basic elements which should be included in future school plants, the committee found, are larger classrooms, modern and more flexible furniture, better seeing conditions, and greater areas devoted to the library, music, dramatic arts, homemaking, industrial arts, and health and physical education.

The committee states that during the next ten years the white children will need 260 new school buildings and 650 additions including 3500 elementary classrooms, 2500 high school classrooms, 2500 special instruction rooms, and 1500 large general rooms; and that this program will result in the abandoning of 320 schools now in operation.

The Negro children will need 3500 elementary classrooms and 1000 large general rooms, 1500 special instruction rooms, and 1500 high school classrooms, plus the necessary administrative and service facilities.

The committee said that the Division of Schoolhouse Planning should be enlarged and that plant planning should be a cooperative undertaking involving the State Division, county and local school administrators and supervisors, teachers, custodians, pupils, non-school public agencies, and interested lay groups, as well as architects and engineers.

A miniature electronic device collects and transmits to ground observers 24 different kinds of information about flights of the Navy Aerobee high-altitude rockets which travel at nearly 3,000 miles per hour.



The driver of this car was killed because he was driving "too fast for conditions." Rounding a curve on damp, slippery pavement, his machine skidded off the road and rolled over and over down the side of a steep embankment; finally came to rest right-side-up with the driver crushed in the wreckage. Stated speed limits apply only to average conditions, and a safe speed at ordinary times can be a very dangerous speed in bad weather. The law has a right to expect motorists to drive below stated speed limits when special conditions demand it.

### 308 Persons Die On N. C. Highways During First Half Of 1948

#### FATALITY REPORT

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 10 -- Death was the travel companion for 308 persons on North Carolina streets and highways during the first six months of 1948, according to a traffic fatality report released today by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Department reported that even this large toll represented an 18 per cent decrease in fatalities over the same period last year, when 377 persons died violently in traffic.

During the first six months, 7,154 accidents were reported, with 279 of them fatal, causing 308 deaths; 2,118 were non-fatal accidents resulting in severe injuries for 1,265 persons and slight injuries for 2,047 others.

While fatalities dropped 18 per cent, total accidents took a 37 per cent climb, and personal injuries increased 14 per cent over the

same period last year, when 5,229 accidents were reported, killing 377 and injuring 2,409 others.

The Department reported that 99 persons lost their lives and 1,898 were injured in motor vehicle collisions; 87 died and 857 were injured when their cars overturned or ran off roadways; 79 pedestrians met their deaths and 344 were injured when struck by cars; 16 persons met death and 57 were injured while riding their bicycles. Motor vehicle-train collisions claimed seven lives and injured 27, and other non-collision accidents resulted in death for 20 people and injuries for 127.

A disturbing factor in the report, the Department said, was the 23 per cent increase in bicycle deaths, while one of the bright spots was the 71 per cent drop in motor vehicle-train deaths.

### STATE BEER TAXES EXCEED 3 MILLION THROUGH JULY

Raleigh, August 12 -- Beer taxes collected by the State totaled \$564,347.49 in July, raising the aggregate amount collected from this source since January 1 to more than \$3,000,000, the State Department of Revenue reported today.

In the first seven months of this year, the State collected a total of \$3,121,643.80 in beer taxes, an amount exceeding the entire year's collection in 1943 and 1944, when the annual totals were \$2,779,963 and \$2,936,547, respectively. Collections last year, when the State beer tax was doubled, totaled \$6,419,975.

These figures do not include license or sales taxes paid on beer.

Present sales reports indicate that more than \$3,000,000 will be distributed next fall to towns and counties by the State, which returns half of the beer taxes to localities in which beer is licensed. The tax year will end on September 31. Cities and counties that do not license beer will not share in the distribution.

These counties, and other municipalities, that have voted out legal beer this year will share on the basis of the number of months in which they permitted legal beer sales after last September 31.

### 5 Licenses Revoked In Johnston County

Five cases of drunken driving in Johnston County for the week July 23 - July 30 resulted in revocation of driving licenses. The total for the state was 146.

Those convicted were Paul Austin, Smithfield, Vann Byrd, 34, Raleigh, J. W. Johnson 26, Selma, Wilbert Jordan, 20, Four Oaks, and Norwood L. Massengill, 32, Four Oaks.

A total of 200,799 forest fires occurred in the United States last year, as compared with only 172,278 the previous year. Damage in 1947 was estimated at more than \$58 million dollars.

Meat supplies per capita in 1948 will be about 145 pounds.

Polk County farmers expect to see a record acreage of pastures this fall.

### Tractor Safety Depends on Easy Ride Seat



"No more back-breaking tractor rides!" says Phillip B. Senese, shop foreman in the Agricultural Engineering Department of Purdue University. He is shown seated on a new type tractor seat which was installed nearly two years ago on a tractor used on the school's experimental farms.

LAFAYETTE, IND. -- Relief from the "rough-riding" discomforts farmers suffer while driving a tractor over bumpy fields every day is essential not only to more efficient farming, but is also a major factor in reducing farm accidents, according to a recent statement by Donald M. Kinch, assistant professor of Agricultural Engineering at Purdue University.

Basing his opinion on a recent tractor operators comfort survey conducted by the Society of Automotive Engineers which revealed that the percentage of time tractor drivers sit on the seats of their machines ranged from a high of 99 per cent on one make of tractor to a low of 55 per cent on another model, Mr. Kinch declared:

"Standing on tractors while driving is extremely hazardous. Recent reports show that a majority of farm accidents involve falls from machinery, particularly tractors. While in some cases a farmer is forced to stand because of the need for better vision, generally this practice can be traced to the fact that the tractor is not

equipped with a comfortable seat and the constant jolting and vibration are too much for his endurance.

"The average farmer sits on his tractor seat for longer periods than he does in the seat of his automobile. Certainly it is far more essential that he be comfortable while doing his field work than when he is merely driving for pleasure," Mr. Kinch stated.

Pointing out that considerable progress toward providing comfort for tractor drivers has been made, Mr. Kinch said that he was "greatly impressed with a new type tractor seat which was installed on a tractor used on the university's experimental farms by a Michigan manufacturing firm nearly two years ago. This tractor seat consists of a variable rate coil spring, which makes adjustments unnecessary regardless of the weight of the driver, a double action hydraulic shock absorber to smooth the jolts, and a rubber-mounted stabilizer bar to reduce sideway. The popularity of this seat is indicated by the fact that it is now being used as standard equipment on four well-known makes of tractors."

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TUESDAY August 17 Lions Club: 7 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club Tuesday Evening Bridge Club Church of God Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Christian Church Choir Practice: 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY August 18 Home Memorial Choir Practice: 8:30 p.m. Christian Church Prayer Services: 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY August 19 Rotary Club: 6:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club

COMING EVENTS August 21 - September 4: Special registration for hospital bond election. September 18: Hospital bond issue election.

CLUB MEMBERS Is the meeting date, place and hour of your club or organization included in the Clayton Calendar? If not, please contact the News office at once.

MR. BUSINESS MAN: Is your business listed in the Clayton Directory? This Directory is not anywhere near complete in this week's issue inasmuch as we have not contacted all Clayton businesses who may be interested in having their firms included in the Directory.

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