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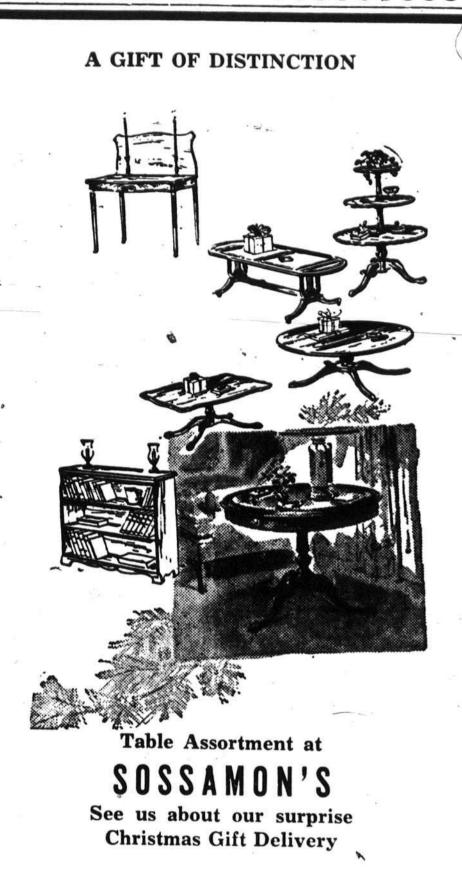
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TRAFFIC DEATHS ON HIGHWAYS SHOW **SLIGHT DECREASE FIRST OF 1948**

sons were killed and 5,353 others injuries.

were injured as a result of 11, More persons between the ages in service are now permitted to OLINA GREEN. 323 traffic accidents, the Motor of 25 and 34 were involved in ac- wear civilian clothes while on Vehicle Department reported to- cidents than any other age group, furlough or when off-duty and and more commercial drivers were away from Army Post or Air Force

Fatalities showed a 15 per cent involved than any other occupa- Base.) Private 1st Class Cowan's reduction over the same periot tional group of drivers. In 1947, new assignment will be at Bolling last year, when 595 persons were more farmers were involved. Com- Air Force Base, Washington, D. C. lled. Total accidents, however, merceal drivers include chaufjumped 28 per cent over the cor- feurs, bus, taxi, truck and trac- L. King (formerly of near Whitesponding period in 1947. -tor drivers, and delivery men.

The report listed deaths by type as follows: 176 persons died as a LOOKING THEM OVER Army Occupation Forces. Having result of motor vehicle collisions IN JACKSON (a two per cent increase over last

day.

By Sgt. Dave Calhoun Coming across the Cowee Moun- Tojo. year); 121 were pedestrians fatally truck while walking on tain from Franklin this past Tuesstreets or highways (an 18 per day, yours truly was driving along Former resident of Sylva and

in the ol' trusty vehicle (the "Sil- former Navy man of four years persons were killed when their ver Flash") minding my own busi- service, Avery A. Bradley has been ness when, all of a sudden, out of cruising up and down Sylva in the cent decrease over last year); 29 a dull, gray, and cold sky-the uniform of a U.S. Army Parawere fatally hit while riding their windshield of the car was pelted trooper. Enlisted in August, he bicycles (three per cent increase for several minutes with small completed parachute jump trainover 1947); 20 were killed when granules of hail. It hasn't snow- ing in Fort Benning, Georgia; home, their vehicles overturned in roaded yet. But, look out! Looks very now on furlough and looking forways (20 per cent increase over much as if we are due for some ward to his first assignment to the the same period last year); 18 Jack Frost weather soon. 504th Parachute Infantry Regidied in motor vehicle-train col-Wearing civilian clothes and a ment, 82nl Airborne Division, in lisions; eight died as the result of quiet grin on his face, Richard E. Fort Bragg, North Carolina. collisions between motor vehicles

Cowan sauntered into the Post Hunters, fire at the game, but Office to see how things were don't fire the woods. Every year getting along. Cowan is now a forest fires take a tremendous toll Private 1st Class in the U.S. Air of wild game in North Carolina. Force (enlisted last September). Please do everything you can to Raleigh, N. C., - During the first and towns, there were 4,453 ac- He completed his basic training make it good hunting every year. hie months of this year, 508 per cidents, with 92 deaths and 1,262 recently and is now home in Syl- Remember, only you can prevent va for a ten-day furlough. (Men forest fires. KEEP NORTH CAR-

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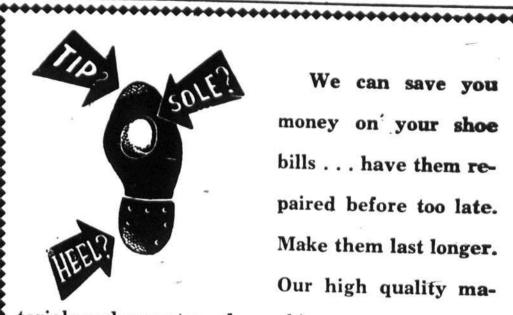
the 1st Cavalry Division, U. S.

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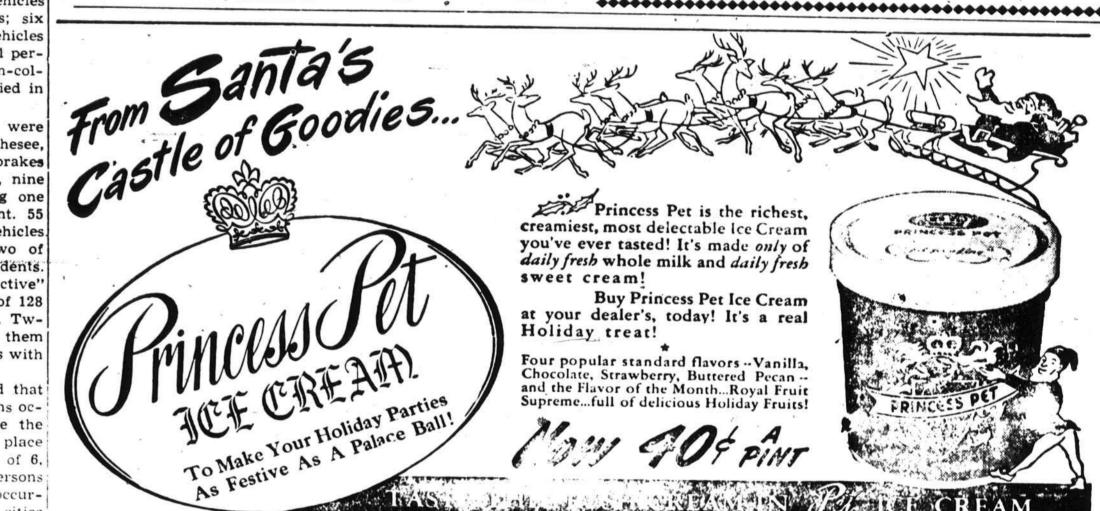
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and injuring 4,091 others, occurred on rur:1 highways. In cities

and animal drawn vehicles; six were killed when their vehicles collided with fixed objects; 11 persons were killed in other non-collision accidents; and three died in

A total of 19,312 vehilles were involved in all accidents. Of thesee, 890 were defective, with bad brakes alone causing 446 accidents, nine of which were fatal, killing one

or more person per accident. 55

accidents were caused by vehicles.

with "no headlights" - two of

these proved to be ftal accidents.

"Steering mechanism defective"

was listed as a direct cause of 128

accidents, six of them fatal. Tw-

enty-five accidents, two of them fatal, were caused by vehicles with

The fatality report showed that

82 per cent of all traffic deaths occurred in rural areas, while the

remaining 18 per cent took place in cities and towns. A total of 6.

870 accidents, killing 416 persons

no rear lights.

miscellaneous accidents.

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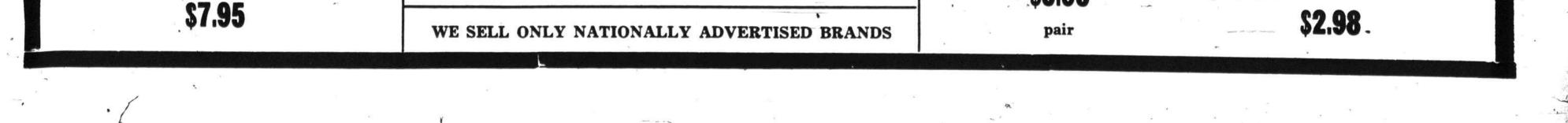
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