

Traffic Returns To Pre-War Mark

Both Volume and Speed Levels of 1939 Reached Again, State Survey Shows

James H. Burch, head of the statistics and planning division of the State Highway Commission, said this week that a series of surveys indicated North Carolina had returned to its pre-war traffic volume and speed levels.

The survey, conducted through road checking stations established at various points in the state, were held in February and early March.

A three-day check on automobile speeds at seven checking stations earlier this month showed the average speed of all motor vehicles at about 44 miles per hour—which was the pre-war level.

Other facts revealed by the speed survey, Burch said, showed that 18 per cent of all motor vehicles checked exceeded the 50-mile-an-hour speed limit, and that the average speed in March was seven miles faster than in the same month in 1942 and 1943, when rationing was at its height.

The survey also showed that 50 per cent of all operators drove within the 39 to 48-mile-an-hour bracket, and that 85 per cent of all motorists drove under 51 miles an hour. Highest speeds were attained by out-of-state cars, with passenger buses second.

The pre-war traffic volume, Burch said, was reached early in February.

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Eighth grade: Bobby Leming.

Ninth grade: Opal Greene.

Tenth grade: Edith Chambers.

Cpl. Bill Hannah U. S. Army, Discharged

Corporal Bill Hannah, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. W. T. Hannah, of Waynesville, has recently been discharged. He entered the service in December, 1943, as a volunteer while a student at Belmont Abbey.

Cpl. Hannah was attached to the Medical Corps and served for 17 months in the China-Burma-India theater. He is entitled to wear the China Offensive ribbon and Central and Northern India ribbon, Victory medal, and Good Conduct medal.

Cpl. Hannah left Monday for Cullowhee where he plans to study until the fall when he will enter the University of North Carolina.

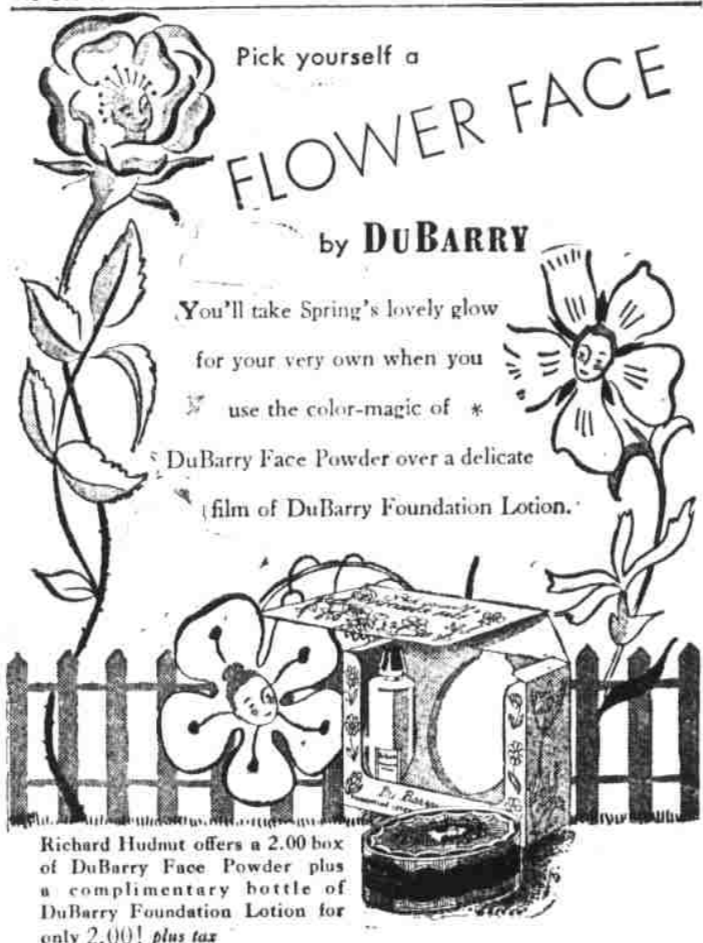
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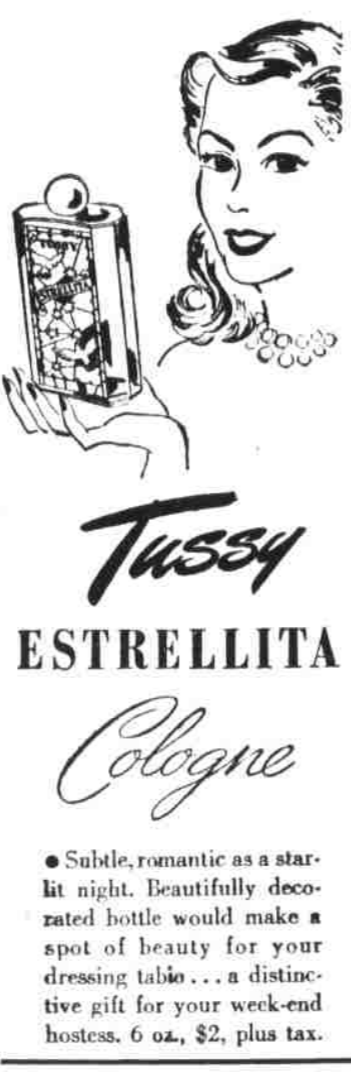
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