

### Highway Record In State Better

RALEIGH (AP) — While North Carolina didn't walk away with any grand awards for highway safety progress, this state was able to present a good safety record to the President's Highway Safety conference last week in Washington.

The state bettered the national average of 10 per cent decrease in fatal traffic accidents by having a 13 per cent decrease for the first quarter of this year. Too, North Carolina's 1946 record was 12.7 persons fatally injured for each 100,000 miles traveled. This represents a decrease of nearly two per cent from the 1945 average.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon C. Rosser, who attended the safety conference in Washington, said yesterday that the state ranked at the top in the amount of progressive legislation to report.

The 1947 General Assembly enacted many new traffic and allied laws covering recommendations included in the state's highway safety program.

### Waynesville Lions

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John Boyd, Earl Messer and Ed Boone. Community Betterment — Emmet Ballentine, Henry Tuttle, Wayne Corpening and Richard

### GETS HEAD START AT BARBER SHOP



ONLY 7 WEEKS OLD, little Tommy Cox, Los Angeles, Cal., already has a head of hair that gives Reed Sales, the barber, a good workout with the shears. One of the youngest customers on record, Tommy could have used a trimming at birth, says his mother, shown at left. (International)

Bradley Education — Charles Isley, John Seibitt, H. E. Brown and Charles D. Ketter. Health and welfare — Howell Crawford, Dr. Robert Turner, W. G. Byers and Dr. Boyd. Safety — O. R. Roberts, Leon Killian and John Cuddeback.

### New State Park

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olina Park Commission, has been invited to attend, as well as Senator Wade Brown, of Boone.

The members of the commission as named by Governor Cherry recently, includes, Charles E. Ray, of Waynesville; Percy Ferebee, of Andrews; Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City; Raymond Sutton, Sylva; Ralph Winkle, Boone; E. E. Guy, Newland; and Francis Heazel, Asheville.

The commission will be the official representatives of the state in all matters pertaining to the development of the Park, Blue Ridge Parkway and Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests.

Scheduled to attend the meeting are A. H. Graham, chairman of the state highway commission and R. Bruce Etheridge, chairman of the Department of Conservation and Development. Both are ex officio members of the new commission.

L. C. Hall of Canton, member of the Varner-Rhinehart American Legion post, was elected commander for the 32nd district at the state convention of Legion and the Auxiliary at Carolina Beach last week. Mr. Hall previously was vice commander of the district, which embraces Madison, Buncombe and Haywood counties.

### Hall Named Commander 32nd Legion District

In the United States the average Negro man lives to be 56 years old and the average Negro woman to be fifty-nine and two-thirds years old.

### DEATHS

**REV. R. J. HUNTER**

News has been received of the death of the Rev. R. J. Hunter, a former pastor of the Canton Presbyterian church for more than 10 years. The Rev. Mr. Hunter, 80 years old, died in a Gastonia hospital on Wednesday last.

The funeral service was held at the West Avenue Presbyterian church in Gastonia, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in the Mallard Creek cemetery in Mecklenburg county.

**WILEY J. BALL**

Wiley J. Ball, 66, for a number of years a merchant in Canton died in the Thayer Veterans' hospital, Nashville, Tenn., last Wednesday, June 18.

Mr. Ball left Canton with his family several years ago to accept a government position in Washington, D. C., where they made their home for some time before moving to Columbia, Tenn.

Mr. Ball, a native of Madison county, was in the grocery business here for some time, and also was connected with a furniture store here. His wife died on May 28 of this year.

He is survived by three sons, Gudgeon of Philadelphia, Pa., and Everett and Wayne of Columbia, Tenn., and one daughter, Mrs. Lois Hensley, of Nashville; two brothers, Jesse and Fred Ball, of Canton; and three sisters, Mrs. Annie Boyd and Mrs. Ella Allen of Canton, and Mrs. Ida Lanning of Enka.

Those from Canton attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen and son, Hugh, Mrs. Annie Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinney, Fred T. and Jesse C. Ball.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

William J. Moorhead, of Blacksburg, S. C., to Abbie Fay Henry, of Clyde.

Lloyd Young of Haywood county to Connie B. Wilson, also of Haywood county.

Robert E. Allison, of Sylva, to Juanita D. Lane, of Roxboro and Lake Junaluska.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Sloan had as their guests during the week, relatives of the latter as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Craig and son, William Craig, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Strowd, of Chapel Hill; Miss Emma Rankin and Ed Rankin, both of Gastonia; and Craig Smith of Richmond, Va. Mr. Craig is a brother, Mrs. Strowd is a sister, Miss Rankin, an aunt, Mr. Rankin, an uncle, and Mr. Smith, a nephew of Mrs. Sloan.

### Meet the Man Who Built One



**WHY WAIT for a new car?** B. C. Watkins, Greenville, S. C., sign painter, asked himself and then got busy and built one. It's the second of his creations. Motored by a new Ford engine, slung between the cab and a large rear trunk compartment, the car rides on a chassis and wheels taken from a 1935 Ford. Watkins built the body of 20-gauge steel. The job took him three years to finish in his spare time, but it has been worth it, he says. Total cost—about \$1,000.

### Gallon Of Money Reported Stolen

CONCORD — Robert Leak, Jr., 19-year-old Harrisburg Negro, was in the county jail today, charged with stealing a "gallon of money" from Ervin Russell, another Negro.

Deputy Sheriff Bert Ball said he was still investigating the case and reported that the "gallon of money" consisted of \$750 in dimes, quarters, halves and \$75 in greenbacks.

The deputy said the alleged theft occurred Saturday night at Russell's home near the Morehead place in No. 2 township.

He said the Negro admitted the robbery and led him to an old tree stump near Rocky River church where he had hidden about half of the loot. The other half he said he squandered on beer, ice cream and soft drinks for his friends, except for \$250 which he "lost in a poker game in Charlotte."

Russell reported that Leak entered his home about 10:30 Saturday and reported that the "gallon" in which he kept the gallon jar of money had been taken.

**FORESTER PREDICTS Prosperous Farm Year During '48**

North Carolina farmers can look forward to a prosperous year in 1948, according to Dr. G. W. Forster, head of the Agricultural Economics Department at State College, who said the national economy is in a highly satisfactory condition and the immediate future is bright.

This means, he believes, that agricultural conditions, with a few possible exceptions, will also be satisfactory.

Explaining his reasoning behind such a prediction, Dr. Forster says that farm prosperity depends almost directly on the condition of the national economy. Therefore, a close relationship exists between the prosperity of farming in North Carolina and America's industrial activity.

As Dr. Forster sees it, this in-

### BIDS FOR AUTO SALES

LONDON (AP) — Britain made a bid for part of America's share of the world automobile market, announced plans to reduce the annual license fees for automobiles to a flat 10 pounds (\$40). Principal purpose of the cut, Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton told the House of Commons, will be to encourage the British motor indus-

try to build larger cars to compete with American models in the export market.

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### Junaluska Singers Union Ser

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The role of narrator was sung by Barbara Holbert, soprano, and that of Jairus by Frank Love, bass. These main solo parts demanding dramatic interpretation and sympathetic understanding were extremely well done.

Mildred Cragon, soprano, in the well known solo, "My Hope Is in the Everlasting," interpreted with convincing simplicity the hopefulness that followed the assurance of Jesus that Jairus' daughter shall be made whole.

The "Love Divine All Love Excelling" duet for soprano and tenor, sung by Barbara Holbert and Edgar Bodiford, was a high point and was executed with artistry and expression.

Although the choruses consisted of only eight voices their singing was well balanced and showed to advantage Mr. Simson's unique and subtle interpretative power which has won for him an outstanding reputation in the field of oratorio. He handled the varying moods of the cantata expertly to the joyous conclusion of the work.

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W. C. Russ At State Press M

W. Curtis Russ, Mountaineer, left to attend the 75th annual of the North Carolina Association at Atlantic City, Thursday through Saturday.

Principal speaker representative Graham and John A. Park, Raleigh Times, who his recent trip to today delegates aboard a coast Marine fliers from are to stage an air Mr. Russ is a the association.

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