

THESE TIRE MARKS were left on a highway near Oakboro, N. C. by drag racers in powerful cars. The North Carolina State Highway Patrol says the problem is rapidly becoming critical and officials are now studying measures to curb deadly sport.

31 Tar Heels Killed Since October By Drag Racing

are public roads in North Carolina where speeding cars—two abreast may come hurtling out of the darkness at you at 100 miles an

If you manage to escape, then you're a survivor of drag racing. a maniacal "sport" rapidly achieving notoriety in dozens of communities throughout the state.

It's happening not only on the back roads, but increasingly so on main-line thoroughfares. Mostly teenagers - who haven't the stomach for professional racing-stage the mad sprints in defiance of the

law and all common sense. Such illegal racing already has resulted in 31 deaths since last October estimates Highway Patrol D. T. Lambert, who is watchingthe problem with eagleeyed vigilance.

According to information gathered by the State Highway Patrol the races are anything but casual. Most of those reported in the past few months are semi-organized affairs with ring-leaders who issue periodic challenges to others with the racing fever. The challenges are seldom ignored and plans are

powerful, late model cars, dispatch scout cars to decoy officers, and sometimes barricade roads adja- cars were wrecked. cent to the racing site. Spectators, often numbering in the hundreds, join in the fun with side wagers

Two or more cars line up side by side in the road. At a signal they accelerate fiercely enough to mar the black top and a half-mile away may be hitting 90 miles an

An innocent motorist happening along can take to the fields to escape death-if he's quick enough, of course

Recurring complaint's from communities plagued with the dragging menace have stirred up plans for tighter legislation to be recommended to the General Assembly.

way racing will become a felony if and several companions. At the feel the highway racing problem is or equipment, or to conduct farm-

Department are successful. Vehicles commissioner Ed Echeidt said highway racing has grown increasingly critical since 1950, almost paralleling the manufacturers' race toward higher and higher

horsepower. While the State Highway Patrol has not been accused of any laxity, troopers are quick to admit that apprehending speeders is sometimes less than a cinch with distinctively marked cars.

Last year's legislators ordered the patrol to withdraw its fleet of blue and green and black cars which were able to mingle with traffic undetected. Since then patrol cars appear on the road in a black-and-silver combination, set off by a roof-mounted red light which stamps them police cars at a glance.

Returning unmarked cars to the roads is another traffic safety measure to be proposed by the vehicles agency.

Meanwhile, the department also takes a dim view of even sanctioned races, the kind run on safetysupervised tracks. Authorities rea-Piedmont area, say that groups of leave the track in a burst of speed as-built construction at the var 12 to 15 or more may engage in which is continued on the high-the race when it comes off. They way. Only recently a part-time 4. Evalu wheel up to a pre-selected spot in professional racer led a highway the adequacy and effectiveness of patrolman on a 100 mile an hour supervision by the builder in each chase that ended only when both

Teen agers and adolescent-minded adults, authorities feel, too of- Property Requirements is manda ten emulate the pros with race track driving on the highway.

Patrol sergeant Bill Baxter of Durham estimates that highway speeding arrests increase threefold following professional races, which are weekly events in many was unable to overtake him.

threat of locing their driver's li- who has cracked up two new cars cense most drag racers can't see in three high speed accidents. He the light - until perhaps an ac- was able to patch up his car after cident lays them low. Even then the third wreck according to pasome return to the highways un- trolman W. L. Goforth of Norwood. chastened.

youth recently crashed into a tree where they are studied with grow-Already a misdemeanor, high- at high speed, injuring himself proposals of the Motor Vehicles time of the mishap he was still

Draft Board Has Information On Reserve Act

Information concerning the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 has been received in the Haywood County Selective Service local board of-

Way M. Mease, chairman of the board, stated that the pamphlet is available to interested persons who call at the local board office. He stated that it discusses the various options offered by the act and emphasized that a person should discuss the option he is interested in with the commanding officers of local Army Reserve and National Guard organizations or local recruiters of the various services.

Mr. Mease suggested that youths between the ages of 17 years and 18 years and 6 months and their parents probably would be interested in some of the options which will no longer be available to a young man after he attains the age of 18 years and 6 months.

He also suggested that some veterans who entered on active duty on or after 19 June 1951 and separated before 1 July 1957 may be interested in two of the options. He pointed out that under these they may materially reduce their Ready Reserve obligation provided they make arrangements with a Reserve or National Guard organization prior to 1 July 1957.

VA To Make Sure **Builders Conform** To Requirements

week by the Veterans Administra- Dunlap.

VA said it ha sinstructed each regional office manager to appoint a qualified VA construction analyst to make sure fee compliance inspectors are carrying out their assignments of assuring that builders are conforming to plans and specifications and VA minimum property requirements.

These supervising construction analysts will have the primary duties of:

1. Making on-site inspections of properties constructed or in the process of construction for wrich VA has received appraisal requests and which are or have been subject to either VA inspections or Federal Housing Administration Jesse Hannah supervision.

2. Reporting on the timeliness, effectiveness, accuracy and com- Junaluska Supply pleteness and all other aspects of performance by each VA compliance inspector, including any irregular relationships with builders, sponsors, or others and any Willis Smith evidence of improper conduct bear- Irene Snyder ing on performance.

3. Determining and reporting L. E. McGowan adequacy and quality of the ex- Allan Angel son that such high speed excitement "seeps down" to spectators, ance inspector measures the degree Patton School State troopers, especially in the some of whom feel compelled to of compliance and the quality of

> 4. Evaluating and reporting particular case

VA emphasized that under the law, compliance with its Minimun tory, VA's minimum requirement

convalescing from a previous ac- Ralph Rathbone cidet a year earlier. In between he was observed speeding 95 miles an hour by a state trooper who

In Stanly county the speed pack Despits fairly stiff fines and the is led by a 37 year old merchant

These, and other cases, are ac-A 20 year old Wake county cumulating in patrol headquarters

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FIRST GRADERS in Mrs. Melva Evans' room at Bethel School got practical experience in eating a hearty, well-balanced breakfast by eating together during their first period last Tuesday. serving of the breakfast,

Bethel Students Serve Breakfast In School Room

In studying the importance of starting each day with a well-balanced breakfast, first-grade students of Mrs. Melva Evans at Bethel School last week had breakfast

Foods were actually cooked An important step towards strict- iron, and toaster, an dwere served compliance with Minimum by Mrs. Evans and homeroom moth-Property Requirements in the GI ers Mrs. Wilson Caldwell, Mrs. home loan program was taken last Hollis Layman, and Mrs. Wade

Pupils brought their own bowl and spoon and some brought juice, cereal, eggs, bread, milk and

For some children, it was their first experience with waffles and

Bookmobile Schedule

JONATHAN C. - L. JUNALUSKA Burgin's Store 9:15- 9:30 R. W. Howell 9:45-10:00 Rock Hill School 10:15-11:00 Mrs. Ethel Boyd 11:15-11:30 11:45-12:00 Orvil Shelton 12:15-12:30 12:45- 1:00 1:15- 1:30

HYDER MT. - CLYDE RD. W. J. McCrary 9:15- 9:30 9:40- 9:50 10:00-10:15 10:30-10:45 11:00-11:15 11:30-11:45 12:00-12:20

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| of | Barber's Orchard | 9:45-10:1 | | |
| h | Queen's Store | .10:20-10:3 | | |
| | Mrs. Oscar Arrington | 10:45-11:0 | | |
| e | Kay Allen | 11:15-11:3 | | |
| n | Jack Whitner | 11:35-11:4 | | |
| 1- | Allens Creek School | 11:50-12:1 | | |
| S | E. K. Chambers | 12:30-12:4 | | |
| | Paul Browning | 1:00- 1:1 | | |
| | Dalah Dathhau | | | |

are the same as those of FHA.

VA's fee compliance inspectors are not Government employees. They are private contractors who inspect construction under the GI home loan program.

Q-Is a GI farm loan supposed to be used only for the purpose of buying a farm?

A-Not necessarily. A veteran may obtain a GI farm loan to buy livestock, equipment, or supplies ing concern by patrol officials. All to improve farm buildings or land

Survey Shows Decrease In Number Of Drinkers

Four Students

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in their homeroom during the first Bryson, Bob Akin, Jerry Leatherwood, Gary Lindsey, Joyce Lindsey, Glenda Haney, Kay Winfrey, the school on a hotplate, waffle Linda Sheffield, Jimmy Scruggs, Linda McCracken, Tommy Beck, Elaine Fultz, Colleen Mears, and Barbara Henderson.

Other contestants in the senior were Amelia Robinson, contest Patsy Mason, Patricia Russell, Peggy Free, Diana Haynes, Jimmy Winfrey, and Roy Stamey.

Judges for the contest Tuesday were Mrs. Carl Ratcliffe and Mrs. M. G. Satmey of Waynesville and Miss Pearl Harris of Waynesville.

A recent Gallup Poll survey inadults who use alcoholic bever- Boone,

In 10 years, the proportion of Gallup Poll shows.

question each year since 1945: "Do you ever have occasion to various counties.

ise alcoholic beverages—such as total abstainer?'

| nesuits. | Drinkers | Abstainers | C |
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| 1945 | 67% | 33% | - |
| 1956 | 60% | 40% | V |
| With an | estimated | adult popula- | 0 |

tion today of 102 million, the sur-Judges Wednesday were Mrs. Stamey, Miss Ann Albright, and shout 61 200 000 persons use also Mrs. T. W. Bridges of Waynesville. about 61,200,000 persons use alco-until April 25 to come into the Great Plains. holic beverages, 40,000,000 do not,

Free Vacations Arranged

For Promotion Of WNC

motional campaign aimed at 25,-000,000 potential visitors to Western North Carolina was launched at Hendersonville Wednesday at a

meeting of area leaders. Counties from Watauga to Cherokee, under the program adopted, will join in the region's first joint cooperative undertaking to increase visitation to the mountains.

The campaign calls for a cooperative program with the Palmolive-Peet Company whereby the region will be advertised and promoted in some 60 to 70 cities through a series of contests.

More than 100 free vacations will be given to the winners.

The meeting Wednesday followat which time the program was first discussed

Western North Carolina High- bins of Blowing Rock, to include all 20 counties in West- general manager of the Cherokee ern North Carolina.

tended the meeting, despite snow and rain and slick roads.

Representatives attended from Asheville, Hendersonville, Saluda, Tryon, Bryson City, Brevard, Cherdicates a decrease over the past okee, Sylva, Canton, Waynesville, decade in the proportion of U. S. Chimney Rock, Blowing Rock,

To carry out the program, of the finest opportunities the which will be handled through the drinkers has dropped from a peak newly - expanded Western North of 67 per cent to 60 per cent, the Carolina Highlanders and repre- promotion that will come to the sentatives from various Chambers region through this program," The Gallup Poll has asked this of Commerce, the group adopted Buchanan said, "could not be pur-

Counties pledging their quotas of advertising." liquor, wine, or beer-or are you a at the meeting were Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania and Jack- regional program and that it is son, In addition, quotas were ac- an opportunity for everyone to cepted by the following attractions share in it. -Blowing Rock, "Horn In The West" at Boone, Grandfather Mountain, and "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee

To get the program under way immeditaely, Parris appointed a program or planning committee and a finance committee.

Frank Coxe, executive vice president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, was named chairman of the finance committee. Other members are Harry E. Buchanan of Hendersonville, Stanley Harris of Boone, Percy B, Ferebee of Andrews, Frank Duncan of Franklin, Major O. A. Fetch of Fontana Village, Norman Greig of Chimney Rock, and Eddie DeVous of Waynesville.

Dave Cooley, manager of the Hendersonville Chamber of Coming an earlier one three weeks ago | merce, was named chairman of the program or planning committee which will work up advertisements The meeting was presided over and prepare a regional brochure. by John Parris of Sylva, president Other members are Spencer Roblanders, which has been expanded Harshaw of the Ashevill 'hamfrom an eleven-county organization ber of Commerce; Carol E. White, Historical Association; Al Boyles More than 25 area leaders at- of Boone, and Garth Cate, nationally known travel consultant of Tryon

The finance committee was urged to contact those counties and communities not present at the meeting today and to bring them into the program which was described by Harry Buchanan as "one of the finest opportunities that has

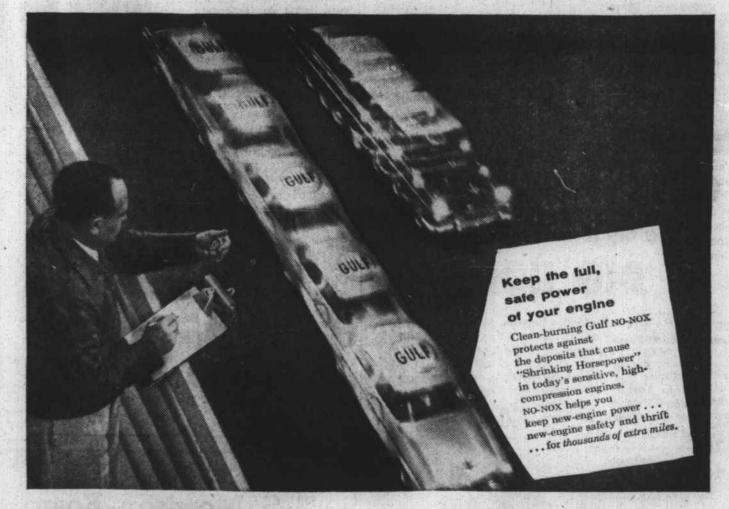
"The amount of advertising and a budget and set quotas for the chased by us. We stand to benefit in a minimum of \$350,000 worth

He pointed out that this is a

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