

Highway Accident Report 1st 6 Months

During the first six months of this year, 371 persons were killed

and 2,999 injured in 4,233 traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways, Col. L. C. Rosser, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, reported today.

Charlotte, with 13 traffic deaths, led all cities and towns. During the same period last year, Charlotte and Greensboro tied for first place,

with 20 deaths each. Mecklenburg led all counties so far this year, with 20 fatalities, with Wake running a close second with 18 traffic deaths.

Number of fatalities by type follows: Motor Vehicle ran off highway, 114; collision between motor vehicles, 104; motor vehicle with pedestrians, 88; motor vehicle colliding with train, 24; with bicycle, 13; vehicle overturning, 10; colliding with fixed objects, 6; with animal drawn vehicles 2; other non-collision, 10.

Col. Rosser said that the report showed that 2,393 accidents occurred in cities and towns; of these 73 were fatal in which 77 persons were killed; 635 were non-fatal, resulting in 908 injuries; and 1,667 accidents resulted in property damage.

On rural highways, there were 2,830 accidents resulting in 294 fatalities and 2,001 injuries, showing a 24 percent decrease over the first six months of 1946. Duplin County reported three fatalities.

Important facts gleaned from the six months report were: More accidents occurred on Saturday and Sunday; more accidents occurred between 5 and 6 p. m.; drivers between the ages of 25 and 34 had most accidents; drivers with one year or less experience were involved in 301 accidents, with 10 of them fatal; Commercial drivers truck, taxi, bus, delivery) were involved in more fatal accidents than any other class of drivers. Thirteen

Weekly Tobacco Market News Report

Tobacco prices were irregular and slightly weaker on North and South Carolina Border Belt tobacco markets during the first four days of the week. The downward trend continued Friday with the most consistent decreases in grade aver-

ages since the markets opened on August 7. Most of the lug grades closed the week with ranges of from 27.00 to 56.00 per hundred; primings, 22.00 to 35.00; cutters, 52.00 to 58.00; and leaf, 29.00 to 48.00.

Very few markets reported enough tobacco during the last of the week to provide for a full day's sale. The overall quality of Friday's offering was lower with more common to fair qualities and nondescript and less fine and choice tobaccos. Estimate of receipts by the Tobacco Stabilization Corporation ranged a little above ten per cent of the gross marketings.

COTTON
Cotton prices continued to decline following the previous week end forecast by the Crop Reporting Board, which placed this year's crop at just under 12,000,000 bales. Reported sales in the ten leading market during the week totaled 53,300 bales. Inquiries were numerous but the volume was small. Mills appeared to be buying on a

hand-to-mouth basis.
POULTRY and EGGS
Fryers and broilers sold firm throughout the week with farm pay prices at 35 cents per pound. Reports at the close of the week indicated a slightly stronger undertone. Hens continued dull with heavies at 22 to 24 and leghorns at 15 to 18.

Eggs continued under trade needs with prices firm.
PEACHES
This year's crop of peaches in the sandhills was about cleaned up at the end of the week. Carolina Elbertas closed in New York at 3.00 to 3.50. Extra large Hales at 3.50 to 4.00.

VEGETABLES
Eggplant, okra, and peppers closed dull and weak with bushels of eggplant at 50 to 75 cents; red bullnose peppers, at 1.25 to 1.75; and green and mixed types at 50 to 1.00.
LIVESTOCK
Hog marketings at Carolina's cash hog buying stations were light, while at middle western markets increases were noted. Prices were slightly weaker near the end of the

week when Eastags and Husky Mt. topped at 20.00, while Smithfield, Mt. Olive, Clinton, Warsaw, and Lumberton topped at 26.25. Chicago reported a 25 to 75 cents weaker closing market.

Cattle prices were about steady with receipts heavier. Fat beef type cows brought from 14.00 to 16.00, while canners, cutters, and dairy types ranged 9.00 to 11.00. Top quality fat calves brought 20.00 to 22.50, while culs sold from 9.00 to 14.00. Heifers were scarce with prices steady. Good and choice steers were 50 cents higher while common and medium grades were 25 to 50 cents lower.

Pecora Loses Barn At Bowden

A tobacco barn belonging to Sylvia Pecora of Bowden was destroyed by fire last week. The exact nature of the cause was not known. It was an oil burner.



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