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Alcohol Named Number One Killer-On And Off Highway

By Wes Lefler

New facts from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of North Carolina are identifying alcohol as a number one killer... both on the highway and off.

The newest information has come from Dr. Arthur McBay, chief toxicologist for the state's chief medical examiner.

This new information shows that more than 75 percent of the motor vehicle operators killed in single-car crashes on North Carolina highways during the 10-month period between September 1969 and June 1970 were either under the influence of alcohol or had been drinking.

A University of North Carolina pathologist and pharmacist, Dr. McBay is an internationally recognized authority in toxicology, particularly for his work on barbiturates, alcohol, the Breathalyzer and his teaching ability. He has contributed sections of several texts and more than 30 scientific papers to professional literature.

Dr. McBay said in his report that of the 168 operators killed in single vehicle crashes, 107 (64 percent) were under the influence of alcohol, 21 (12 percent) had been drinking and 40 (24 percent) were sober.

Of the 107 killed in multiple-vehicle crashes, 41 (38 percent) were under the influence, 12 (11 percent) had been drinking and 54 (51 percent) were sober, the report said.

Out of 45 pedestrians over age 15 who were killed, 25 (55 percent) were under the

influence, three (7 percent) had been drinking and 17 (38 percent) were sober, according to Dr. McBay's report.

He said that blood alcohol concentrations of 100 mgm percent were considered sufficient to influence a person. Those sober had no alcohol.

Off the highway, alcohol is still a killer, according to Dr. McBay.

He places alcohol at the top of the list of "drugs that kill."

Speaking recently on drug abuse, Dr. McBay said, "Undoubtedly, the most abused drug in the past or present is ethel alcohol.

"Efforts to control this drug have been unsuccessful. More people have been killed, both directly and indirectly, by the use or abuse of this central nervous system depressant than by any other drug," he said.

"Those who die directly succumb from an acute overdose and usually have a history of chronic exposure to alcohol. A larger portion of deaths," he said, "result from 'accidents' which occur while under the influence of alcohol."

Dr. McBay said that among these "accidents while under the influence" are motor vehicle and other transportation deaths, deaths by drug and chemical poisoning, drowning, falling, shooting, stabbing, assault, asphyxia, fire and hanging."

He believes that alcoholism dwarfs abuse by other drugs as a serious public health and public order problem for the state and the nation.

Audience Clearly Favors 'Alternative Plan' School Board Defers Decision

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tending the meeting was overwhelmingly unanimous in favor of this plan #2. Chairman I. E. Clevenger of the Board, at the conclusion of the discussion, stated that he was in favor of plan #2. Board member A. F. Blankenship then stated that he favored plan #2 the same as Mr. Clevenger. The crowd waited hopefully for necessary motion and second to adopt plan #2 and thus resolve the desperate needs for safe school facilities for the Burnsville children as well as a single high school at no cost to the taxpayers. None was forthcoming and then Ralph Silvers, board member, expressed his sentiment that the Board should not vote at this time on the adoption of any plan. More time should be taken to study the matter. Also he pointed out that one member Albert Edwards was absent. Prior to this objection the Board had considered and acted on at least 10 items of business. He further stated that he was inclined to favor the first plan.

When asked by numerous members of the audience just when either of these plans would be adopted, Silver replied that he wouldn't be able to say. When asked if the decision would be after a new sales tax election that can't be held until January 1971, he stated that he didn't know.

Carter Thomas, the only other member present did not express himself on the subject.

For lack of a motion or second the adoption of either plan was put off until some indefinite future date.

Throughout the entire meeting there was much discussion about the possibility of implementing the first plan with an Appalachian Fund grant. It would seem that to secure this grant a sizeable appropriation from local tax funds would be needed. In addition, to these thousands of dollars from tax money, the county would have to pass a huge bond issue and pass the local sales tax to pay for these bonds. Some expression of concern was voiced by those present that to accomplish all this would take years

--in fact it might never be accomplished if Congress decides to terminate or reduce the funds available through the Appalachian Commission.

The money for adding the ten rooms to the Cane River school is now at hand, from the \$338,000 allocated to Yancey County from the 1963 school bond election. This has already lost much of its purchasing power as the result of inflation, and holding back longer, pending construction of a new high school at some uncertain time in the future, will simply result in further loss. This unused money is not drawing interest for the benefit of Yancey County.

County-Wide Manager, Mrs Elly, Finds Job Abolished

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schools attended the meeting to complain of the new centralization. These were Mrs. Powers of South Toe, Mrs. Marsh of Micaville, Mrs. Buchanan of Burnsville, Mrs. Fender of Cane River and Mrs. McCurry of East Yancey.

The criticisms made of the new centralization were that it was making more work, that some children did not like and would not eat the food prepared under the new uniform menus, that the new set-up would prove more costly. To a number of citizens attending the meeting it appeared that the managers simply did not

like to have change and resented having a person of authority placed over them.

Following the venting of these complaints, Superintendent Wilson pointed out that the new program had been in effect only a few days -- not long enough for a valid test. He stated that the school authorities in Raleigh were convinced that centralization was best. The Attorney General has ruled that school food purchases beginning next year must be made on the basis of competitive bids. Without centralized purchasing this will impose a difficult burden on each of the seven lunchroom managers.

Evidence that the Raleigh school authorities strongly endorse centralized lunch room management is contained in the survey of Yancey County Schools made last year by the Division of School Planning. This report levels the criticism that the Yancey County school food service is not centralized and is without trained supervision at the central level."

A further factor arguing for having a central manager is that payroll work for lunch personnel will in the future be much more complex. Social security payrolls are being instituted. The bookkeeping work, which with these deductions is a complicated chore, would have been handled by the central management, but will now fall on the shoulders of the local lunch room managers in each school.

The Yancey Record has been informed that Superintendent Wilson was not present at the Board meeting at which centralization was rescinded.



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PTA President Sends Telegrams

To: T. O. Mullins, Code Consultant

State Insurance Department, Raleigh, N. C.

In March 1970 you inspected Burnsville Elementary School and reported 10 different conditions to be met to provide minimum safety for temporary occupancy. As of this date not one single condition has been met nor to our knowledge has the School Board given any consideration to such conditions. Is there anything that your office can or will do to help some 200 aroused parents to close this firetrap or force the School Board to act? Please let me know at once if there is. I am sending a similar plea to the Governor who toured this school a week or so ago and advising him that we are desperately seeking your help. Thank you.

William N. Hess
President PTA

To: Governor and Mrs. Robert Scott

Governor's Mansion, Raleigh, N. C.

Thank you both for visiting Yancey County and especially for touring Burnsville Elementary School. State Fire Marshals Representative inspected school in March 1970. His report listed 10 conditions required to be met for minimum safety for temporary occupancy. In five months since report absolutely nothing done and our children again occupying this 2 story firetrap. I have wired Fire Marshall pleading w absolutely nothing done and our children again occupying this two story firetrap. I have wired Fire Marshall pleading with him to padlock this school if legally possible on theory that if inadequate and unsafe county jails can be closed children deserve equal treatment as prisoners. State Board of Education has released \$338,000 to county which could be used to build 10 rooms at Cane River High School in county enabling East Yancey High School to consolidate over there and Burnsville Elementary to move into East Yancey High. Interim plan for such action approved by State Board but local School Board refused to act last week. Any help in our dangerous and desperate situation most appreciated.

William N. Hess
President PTA

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by John Ehle

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