

AUTOS INCREASING FAST IN CAROLINA

Lead Accidents Even, Increase For Year In State Is Approximately 13 Percent

Did you know— That for the past twelve months it has been legal to drive an automobile 35 miles per hour on North Carolina highways? asks the Raleigh Times.

That during the past twelve months automobiles in North Carolina increased faster than automobile accidents on the highways?

That the increase in the speed rate was marked by a one hundred and sixty-seven per cent increase in deaths from collisions between trains and automobiles at grade crossings?

For the first time in the history of the State automobiles are increasing more rapidly than automobile accident deaths, figures obtained from the State board of health and the Automobile license bureau show the Times continues.

During the year ending April 30, 1926, the number of automobiles in North Carolina increased approximately 14 percent while deaths from automobile accidents, exclusive of grade crossing accidents, increased only 10 per cent.

Strange Co-incidence. And the strange co-incidence is that April 30, 1926, marked the close of a twelve months' period during which the legal speed limit in North Carolina had been increased from thirty miles an hour to thirty-five miles an hour.

Whether or not people drive more safely at thirty-five miles per hour than thirty miles per hour is a matter of argument, but something happened to save a lot of lives on North Carolina highways during the past year.

If the rate of increase in accident deaths had prevailed during the past twelve months that prevailed during the last twelve months of a thirty-mile per hour maximum, 417 persons would have been killed instead of 336.

Crossing Deaths Increase. On the other hand, if the rate of increase in grade crossing fatalities had remained constant there would have been only eighteen deaths during the twelve months' period as against forty.

On first blush then it would seem that the increased speed rate had saved eighty-one lives on the highways and cost twenty-two at the grade crossings, but of course there are factors of chance, weather, law-enforcement, safety education to be taken into consideration.

Tabulation. Figures for the past three years showing the number of automobiles in North Carolina, the number of highway accident deaths and the number of grade crossings deaths follow:

All Motor Vehicles	June 30, 1924—302,232.
	June 30, 1925—340,287.
	April 1, 1926—381,803.
Highway Fatalities	Year ending April 30, 1924—222.
	Year ending April 30, 1925—305.
	Year ending April 30, 1926—333.
Grade Crossing Fatalities	Year ending April 30, 1924—13.
	Year ending April 30, 1925—15.
	Year ending April 30, 1926—40.

Training Finicky Children To Eat

How to make a child eat is a question that troubles a great many parents. The mother learns just what foods her child should have and prepares them properly, but how to get the child to eat them?

One important step toward this goal is to secure the cooperation of the father, says Anna Dee Weaver, writing in Hygeia for June. If a child sees his father eating spinach or carrots and enjoying them, he will want to eat them in order to grow big and strong like daddy.

Small servings will often encourage a child, while the sight of a large amount of food appalls him. It is easy to eat a few mouthfuls, and gradually the amount may be increased. Dainty service and attractive color combinations will appeal to the child. He will not eat carrots alone, but combined with peas he may like them.

Highly seasoned foods, such as pickles, dull the child's appetite for the bland, more nutritious kinds. Indiscriminate eating between meals will take away the child's appetite for his regular meals. If a child will not eat at meal time, he should not be allowed any food until the next meal. One or two meals may be safely skipped, and often this radical method is necessary when the child fails to respond to other methods.

Gave Teacher Advice. On Johnny's return to school after being away several weeks the teacher told him that he must bring a written excuse for his absence from one of his parents. The next day he presented this note from the mother.

"Dear teacher: Please excuse Johnny for being out of school for the last three weeks. He fell from a tree and broke his arms. By doing the same you will oblige.

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