

### Traffic Accidents First Half of Year Show Big Increase

The first six months of 1950 saw 423 killed and 5,423 injured in North Carolina motor vehicle traffic accidents, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

These totals represent an increase of 16 per cent in deaths and a 31 per cent increase in injuries as compared with the same period of last year.

There were 497 accidents involving pedestrians with 86 persons killed and 422 injured during the first half of the year. This marks an increase of 13 per cent in pedestrian deaths as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Pedestrian accidents for the first half of 1949 totaled 450 with 76 persons killed and 397 injured.

Rural pedestrian accidents claimed 59 victims while urban pedestrian accidents claimed 26.

Eleven persons were killed while crossing rural highways and eight were killed while walking along the rural highways. Seven were struck down while walking with traffic. One was walking against traffic.

In the urban area, crossing at an unsignalized intersection accounted for seven deaths while crossing—not at an intersection—accounted for 45 deaths.

In pedestrian accidents 17 children from five to nine years of age were killed and 110 injured. This age group represents the group in which the largest number of pedestrians were killed and injured.

Charlotte led all other municipalities in pedestrian deaths with five reported killed for the first six months.

Mecklenburg county led all other counties with nine pedestrian fatalities, an increase of five per cent over the first half of 1949, when four pedestrians were killed in that county. Johnston county was next with five pedestrians killed. Burke, Guilford and Wake counties reported four pedestrians killed from each county.

Urban area accidents totaled 4,420 with 61 persons killed and 1,003 injured during the first half of 1950. During the same period last year, 3,494 accidents occurred with 69 deaths and 917 injured.

Of the 4,420 accidents occurring in urban areas, 50 were fatal, 779 were non-fatal and 3,591 resulted in property damage.

Charlotte led all other cities with seven persons killed. Greensboro, Lexington, Macon, Raleigh and Rocky Mount each reported four fatalities. Three fatalities were reported from each of the following: Gastonia, Landis and Wilson. Franklinton, Sanford and Wilmington reported two fatalities each. Municipalities reporting one fatality each were: Acme, Asheville, Benson, Clinton, Concord, Davidson, Durham, Elizabeth City, Hamlet, High Point, Kannapolis, Lumberton, Monroe, Morganton, Mt. Airy, Roanoke Rapids, Sanford, Wallace and Winston-Salem.

Rural area accidents totaled 7,788 with 362 persons killed and 4,439 injured. Records for the first six months of 1949 show 5,361 accidents with 296 persons killed and 3,240 injured.

U. S. Highways were the location of 3,862 accidents in rural areas with 185 persons killed and 2,179 injured. Accidents occurring on State Highways totaled 1,922 with 106 persons killed and 1,119 injured. There were 1,995 accidents that occurred on county and local roads that resulted in 71 deaths and 1,136 persons injured. Nine accidents were not stated as to location.

Of the 20,598 drivers involved in accidents for the first half of 1950, 11,311 committed one or more violations. Seven hundred and seven failed to give a signal or gave an improper signal, 3,010 were speeding, 2,238 failed to grant right-of-way to vehicles, 2,064 were on the wrong side of the road but not in passing, 1,142 disregarded various types of traffic control devices, 927 were driving intoxicated and 924 followed too closely.

A total of 838 vehicles involved in 1950 accidents were in defective condition. Ninety-seven had defective lights, 424 were found to have brake defects, 105 had defective steering equipment and 87 had tire defects.

Nine bicyclists were killed and 96 injured in the 111 reported accidents of 1950. Last year, during the first six months, 16 bicyclists were killed and 102 injured in 108 accidents. This marks a decrease of 44 per cent in bicyclist deaths.

The majority of the 12,206 reported accidents in North Carolina during the first half of 1950 were attributed to collisions between motor vehicles, pedestrian accidents and non-collision accidents. Collision of a motor vehicle with another motor vehicle accounted for 8,464 accidents with 147 persons killed and 2,850 injured. Motor vehicles running off the roadway accounted for 2,229 accidents in which 136 were killed and 1,526 injured. Motor vehicles overturning caused 445 accidents in which 10 persons were killed and 352 injured. Motor vehicles colliding with pedestrians accounted for 497 accidents in which 86 were killed and 423 injured. Motor vehicles colliding with fixed objects were responsible for 210 accidents with 14 killed and 107 injured. Motor vehicle

accidents involving trains accounted for 50 accidents with 16 killed and 24 injured.

Guilford, Mecklenburg and Wake counties led the State with 13 fatalities each for the first six months of the year.

### Health and Beauty

By Dr. Sophie Branson

In the Book of Exodus we read that when the Israelites were passing through tropical areas on their trek from Egypt to Canaan, they encountered pools of bitter water. Many of the travelers became ill. Moses, their leader, prayed to God for relief. In answer to his prayer God directed him to a tree, which He commanded Moses to use in the water. He obeyed and their diseases were healed.

Missionaries have written that when disease was all but wiping out expedition after expedition, they, too, learned of a tree, the properties of which counteracted the deadly effects of malaria in those mosquito-infested regions. Previous to the use of quinine from the cinchona tree, but few white men survived the deadly effects of malaria. Leading missionaries affirm that owing to this tree, from which life-saving quinine is produced, white men cannot survive, but now missionary societies in these same regions have health records that compare favorably with those in the home land.

When Stanley was marching through Africa in search of the great Doctor Livingstone, he endured incredible hardships, he was compelled to cross swamps of mud and slime, in which he and his men were struggling in water for days. These morasses abounded in crocodiles, monstrous snakes, and other dangerous animals. But the most annoying and pernicious of them all were the malaria-bearing anopheles mosquitoes. These pests sometimes stung them almost to the point of madness.

Stanley states in his Journal that he was frequently wild with intermittent fever. He said that no white man could cross Africa without his medicine chest. We know that the medicine from which they obtained relief from the intermittent or malarial fever was quinine.

Stanley found Dr. Livingstone at Jjeji. His supplies were exhausted and he was weak, ill, and depressed from constant attacks of fever. He had nothing with which to combat it, but Stanley had come well supplied with medicine and food for his relief. The most necessary of all was quinine. That, together with good food and companionship, improved Doctor Livingstone to such an extent that in a few weeks he and Stanley started out together on an exploring expedition.

Stanley recorded in his Journal that Doctor Livingstone told him that malaria was the curse of Africa. Malaria at that time was the curse of Africa, and it still is and not only Africa, but of large areas of the world. It causes more sickness and deaths than any disease on earth, although we learned how to fight it very long ago. Many thousands of human beings fall victims to malaria every year. Not only is this true in foreign lands and in outlying possessions, but parts of our Southern States are still cursed by malaria.

Over in Java the trees are still growing from which we now obtain an adequate supply of quinine. If you live in a rural area and are not able to have what you need delivered immediately to your door in an emergency, then keep an adequate supply of quinine on hand. If you or any of the family are stricken with malaria, remember the dose and give at once 5 grains of quinine every four hours until grains are taken. Continue for 4 or 5 days, or until the symptoms disappear.

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A son of the late Jim and Mary Susan Jordan Layden and husband of Mrs. Hattie Copeland Layden, he was a member of the Whiteville Grove Baptist Church in Perquimans County. Survivors include six sons, Joe,

Clyde and Sydney of Perquimans County; Henry and Oscar of Chowan County; and James Layden of Newport

News; one daughter, Mrs. Ray Bass of phone of Baltimore, Md.; one sister, Mrs. R. A. Copeland of Norfolk, and one grandchild, AL 16 grandchildren.

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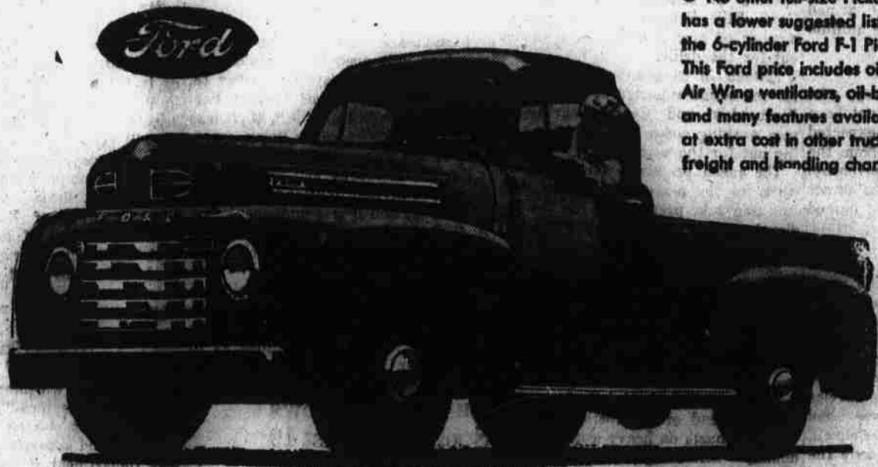
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