

139 Pedestrians Killed On Highways In Nine Months

Of 138 pedestrians killed through September of this year, 94 were engaged in unsafe acts at the time of their deaths, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reports, in releasing its nine-month traffic summary.

The figures brought to 660 the total of persons killed in the nine-month period in highway accidents. An additional 3,701 persons were injured as a result of 19,601 traffic accidents. These totals represented an increase of nine per cent in deaths, 27 per cent in reported injuries, and 34 per cent in total reported traffic accidents over the corresponding months of 1949.

The 139 pedestrian deaths marked a 1.7 per cent increase over the same period for 1949 when 137 pedestrian fatalities were reported. The total number of pedestrians killed during all of 1949 reached 197, with 141 engaging in unsafe practices at the time of their deaths.

The five to nine age group has led all other age groups in pedestrian fatalities and injuries, with 27 reported killed and 175 injured.

Sixty-one pedestrians were killed while crossing at non-intersections and 23 while crossing at intersections. Stepping from behind parked cars into traffic caused the deaths of 13 pedestrians. Sixteen persons were killed while crossing rural highways and 11 persons met death while walking with traffic along rural highways. Walking against traffic on rural highways brought death to four pedestrians.

Charlotte and Raleigh have the largest number of pedestrian fatalities, with eight for Charlotte and six for Raleigh. There were 43 pedestrian fatalities occurring in urban areas and 96 in rural areas.

Bicycle fatalities decreased 50 per cent over the corresponding period of 1949. Fourteen bicyclists were killed during the first nine months of 1950, while 28 were killed during the nine months period last year. The Department attributes the decrease to the emphasis placed upon organization of bicycle safety clubs throughout the State.

Collisions of two motor vehicles caused 222 persons to lose their lives. Motor vehicle and train impacts killed 20 persons and one person was killed when a motor vehicle struck an animal drawn vehicle. In the collision of motor vehicles with fixed objects, such as bridges and telephone poles, 19 persons were killed. Thirteen persons were killed when the cars in which they were riding overturned in

the roadway, and 223 when their cars ran off the roadway.

During the nine months period, 1,384 motor vehicles were involved in accidents which were attributed to mechanical failure. Thirty-three of these were involved in fatal accidents.

Accidents facts established by the report are as follows:

There were more persons killed and injured from 25 to 34 years of age than any other age group.

Commercial drivers were involved in more accidents than any other occupational group.

More accidents occurred on Saturday than any other day; fewest on Tuesday.

More fatal accidents occurred at speeds of 31 to 40 miles per hour than in any other speed range.

More accidents occurred between five and six in the afternoon than during any other hour of the day.

Hazel Blanchard And Howard Hurdle Wed

The marriage of Miss Hazel Dare Blanchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Blanchard, of Gatesville, N. C., to Howard Doctrine Hurdle of Hertford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hurdle, took place Saturday afternoon, November 25, at 1:45 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. John Rountree Blanchard, in Creedmoor, N. C.,



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The bride wore a brown gabardine suit of wool with a light blue blouse, brown accessories and a corsage of Bride's roses.

Mrs. Marvis Gatling Jones, of Gatesville, was her sister's matron of honor. She wore a dress of aqua crepe with brown accessories, and a corsage of yellow carnations.

Marvis Gatling Jones of Gatesville, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man.

After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home in Winfall, N. C.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. J. C. Blanchard and little Miss Norma Lou Jones of Gatesville, and Mrs. J. M. Cobb of Atkinson.

Preceding the ceremony, the Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard entertained at a dinner for the members of the wedding party.

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Early Hatched Chicks Are More Profitable

Tar Heel poultrymen can earn extra money by starting chicks in December, January, or February, rather than later in the season, believes T. B. Morris, poultry specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Early-hatched chicks, says Morris, will come into production in the early summer when the old hens in the flock are slowing down in production. The young pullets will have a good size by the time egg prices start rising, since prices are usually highest from June 1 to December 31.

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broods also will enable the poultryman to make better use of his buildings, equipment, and range, Morris points out. This will lower the cost per pullet. In addition, two broods a year will insure a more even supply of eggs to furnish the markets throughout the year.

One question often asked about early-hatched pullets is: Don't they have a tendency to go into a molt during the fall? Morris says this is

to be expected, but if extra care is given the pullets in the fall this problem should be overcome or reduced to a minimum. This extra care usually includes the use of electric lights to increase the working day to about 18 hours and feeding wet mash or pellets to help control the molt. Early-hatched chicks can be profitable if managed profitably, insists Morris.

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