

# Highway Fatalities Increase in 1950

Highway fatalities jumped 17 per cent during 1950 over 1949, giving the year the sixth highest fatality record for the past 20 years and the second highest since World War II, the Department of Motor Vehicles has reported in releasing its December highway accident figures.

A total of 119 persons were killed during December, bringing the yearly toll to 988. The year 1946 saw 1,028 highway deaths for a post-war high. The all-time high was set in 1941 when 1,286 persons met death in traffic accidents. Other years topping 1950 were 1935 with 1,095, 1936 with 1,026, and 1937 with 1,123.

Reported traffic injuries and accidents both set all-time highs in 1950. A total of 1,327 persons were injured in December bringing the yearly figure to 12,352. December accidents numbered 3,161 boosting the 1950 figure to 28,252.

Highway fatalities passed the 100-mark in December for the second time last year. October deaths numbered 123. December's total represented an increase of 33 or 43 per cent over the corresponding month of 1949.

Injuries during December showed an increase of 408 or 44 per cent over 1949. Accidents increased 869 or 38 per cent over the same month of the previous year. Of the accidents reported, 94 were fatal, 811 were non-fatal and 2,256 resulted in property damage.

One hundred and seventeen of December's accidents involved pedestrians, with 29 persons killed, an increase of 26 per cent over the previous year. An additional 96 persons were injured. Ten pedestrians were killed in urban areas and 19 in rural areas.

Municipalities reporting pedestrian deaths were: Charlotte, three; Rocky Mount, Graham, Concord, Tabor City, Durham, Lenoir and Apex, one each.

Counties reporting pedestrian deaths were: Mecklenburg, three; Columbus, Guilford, Nash, Person and Richmond, two each; Alamance, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Durham, Henderson, Lincoln, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Randolph, Rowan, Scotland, Wake and Wayne, one each.

Collisions of motor vehicles resulted in 27 deaths during the month; train-motor vehicle collisions, eight; collisions of motor vehicles with fixed objects, two; motor vehicles running off the road and overturning, 43; other non-collision accidents, one.

Buncombe led counties of the State in fatalities with six. Reporting five each were: Cabarrus, Cumberland, Orange and Wake Counties; Forsyth, Guilford, Person, Richmond and Wayne, four each; Columbus, Halifax, Henderson, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Robeson and Stanly, three each; Alamance, Pender, Pitt, Union and Warren, two each; Burke, Catawba, Davie, Davidson, Duplin, Durham, Gaston, Granville, Iredell, Jones, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Moore,



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New Hanover, Randolph, Rowan, Scotland, Vance, Wilkes and Wilson, one each.

Fifty-one counties reported no fatalities.

## CHAPANOKE NEWS

Maryland Boyce, Jr., U. S. C. G. of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. David White of Norfolk and Mrs. Vernon Howell of Elizabeth City were Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. J. C. White.

Mrs. Mollie Smith of Woodland is spending some time with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith.

Norwood Elliott, student at ECTC, Greenville, and Leon Elliott, USN, Norfolk, spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Henry Onley spent Wednesday in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. W. H. Elliott spent Tuesday night with friends in Norfolk.

Mrs. J. W. Baxter and George Griffin of Norfolk, Va., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott on Sunday.

Mrs. John Bright, who is a patient at the Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, is reported as improving nicely.

## CLUB MEETS

The Beach Spring Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Felton.

The hostesses, representing the 12 club members, served a three-course dinner with covers laid for 40, after which Mrs. Clarence Dail, president, presided at the business session, the program being opened by the singing of one verse of "America," with Mrs. Perry at the piano.

Mrs. Nina B. White, home agent, gave a very interesting demonstration on softening water, which was followed by a talk on home gardens by I. C. Yagel, farm agent, who demonstrated with slides showing various garden pests. Instructions were given for destroying these insects.

Mrs. W. E. White gave humorous readings and the program closed with a benediction by the Rev. Mr. Gradeless.

Special guests included the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gradeless, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Yagel, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Topping, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White and Miss Martha Barnett.

## Drunken Driving Heads Violations

Drunken driving again headed the list of violations which resulted in revocation or suspension of driver's licenses for January, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

A total of 791 persons were convicted of driving drunk as compared with the 540 of January, 1950. Ninety-eight persons were convicted of driving drunk on second offense.

Driving after their licenses were revoked convicted 84 persons. Eighteen were found guilty of driving after their licenses were suspended. Aiding and abetting in drunken driving caused five to be convicted. Four persons were convicted of hit and run, involving property damage. Thirty persons were found guilty of two offenses of reckless driving.

Other convictions were as follows: Reckless driving, involving personal injury and property damage, 48; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 67; two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour, 2; larceny of automobile, 15; manslaughter, one; transporting liquor, 52; unsatisfied judgment, 23; incompetency, four; habitual violator, eight; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 89.

A total of 1,229 revocations and 896 suspensions were listed for January. In addition, 6,225 persons were found of moving violations which do not require revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of the number, 5,032 were North Carolinians and 1,193 out-of-state drivers.

Speeding headed the list with 1,958 cases, as compared with 3,073 during the same month last year. Reckless driving was next, with 1,047 as compared with 590 during January, 1950. Failure to have driver's license was third with 913. Faulty equipment was listed in 220 cases and failure to stop at a stop sign in 163 cases.

## Circular Is Issued On Peach Sprays

"Peach Spray Information," an authoritative circular describing means

of controlling insects and diseases that affect peach trees, has just been published by the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station and single copies are available on request.

The circular was prepared by Clyde F. Smith and Carlyle N. Clayton of the entomology and plant pathology sections. It includes information on insect pests, peach tree diseases, and recommended chemical control measures. Instructions are given for using the latest chemicals, and special precautions needed in handling dangerous poisons are included.

Plum curculio, the peach grower's No. 1 insect enemy, can be controlled by spraying the trees thoroughly with lead arsenate and by picking up and destroying all wormy drops.

Smith and Clayton have added a special section to supply information to the "back yard" peach and plum grower, and a conversion table to help

him prepare small amounts of insecticides.

Requests for copies of "Peach Spray Information," issued as Special Circular No. 12 of the Experiment Station, should be addressed to the local county agent or the Agricultural Editor,

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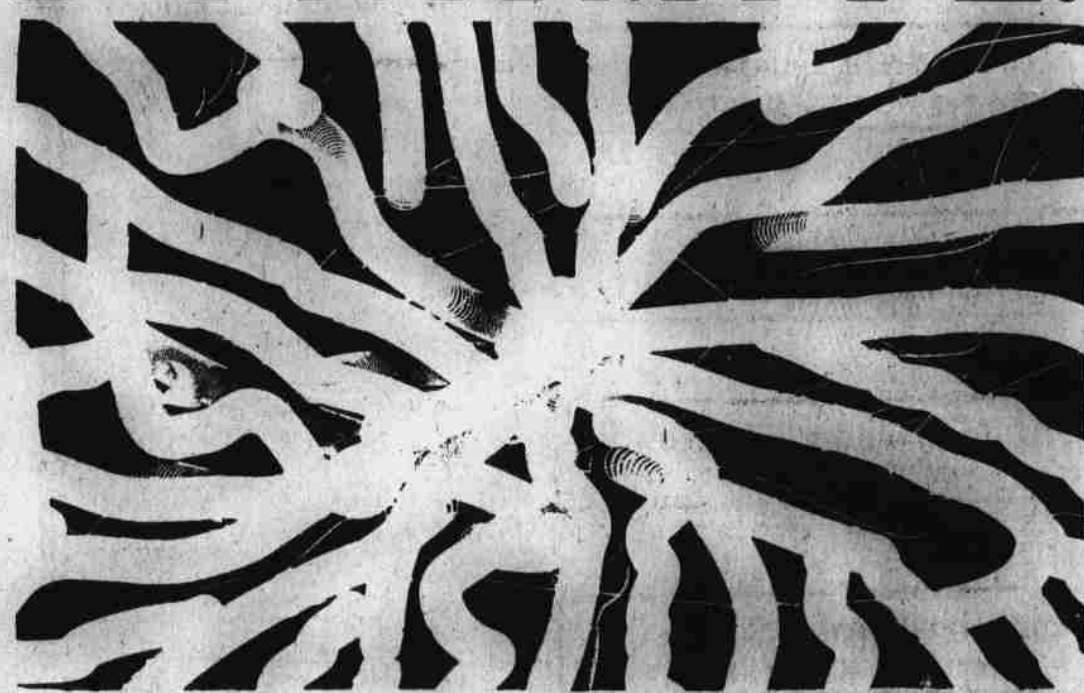
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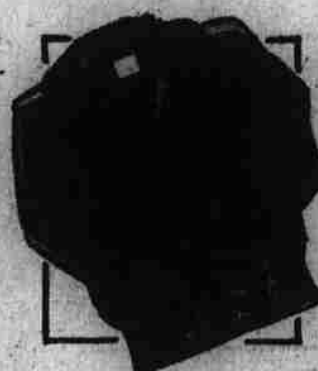
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