

Face Speeded Up In Traffic Deaths

The fast pace towards the millionth traffic death since 1900 was speeded up last year by increases in fatalities in North Carolina and 42 other states—the largest number to report an upward trend since 1946—while only five states held street and highway deaths below their 1949 tolls, a survey by the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies discloses.

Noting that this group of 43 states was more than three times greater than the number which reported big-

ger death tolls a year ago, the Association's accident prevention department warned that "a tragic trend to more fatalities in all but a few states threatens to eclipse new gains in highway safety in 1951." Unless most states reverse the trend this year, declared Thomas N. Boate, the Association's director of public safety, "Victim X"—the millionth traffic fatality—will be killed in about 10 months.

Auto deaths since 1900 now total about 968,000, he said.

Only 14 states reported greater traffic fatalities for the year 1949, Mr. Boate pointed out. A year ago 32 states boasted fewer deaths in 1949, nearly seven times the roster of "honor states" for 1950. In 1948, 23 states had fewer deaths; in 1947 there

were 31, and in 1946—the first full year of unrestricted motor travel following World War II—there were 20. Twenty-one states reported more deaths in 1948, he said, 17 in 1947 and 45 in 1946.

North Carolina had 134 more deaths in 1950 than in the previous year, with 977 persons killed on its streets and highways, compared to 843 in 1949. Traffic fatalities in the state increased 16 per cent, which compares with an 11 per cent average increase in the nation for 1950, according to National Safety Council statistics. The national toll in 1950 was 35,000 lives, against 31,500 in 1949.

NOTES ON SOIL CONSERVATION
Most of the pastures in the county are looking better after the recent

work. The pastures are now showing a better stand than those seen last year.

The dragline has finished the J. J. Skinner and Lawrence Towne ditch. J. J. Skinner and other landowners whose land drain into a lead ditch along the New Hope road are planning to have this lead ditch cleaned out.

Clarence S. Chappell, in the Hurdle-town Community, has finished the ditches that he was having cut on his farm with a dragline.

A large shipment of soil samples was sent to the Soil Testing Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture this month. The Soil Conservation Service Technicians still have

several samples for soil samples that they have not had time to take yet.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY THURSDAY IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Palm Sunday, March 18, at 9 A. M., and immediately after the blessing and distribution of palm that will start at 11 A. M., each mass including reading of Passion of Our Lord in Latin and English, Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, with confessions starting half hour, ending 5 minutes before services in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father F. J. McCourt, who invites everybody to all services.

Holy Thursday, March 22, Feast of

the Holy Eucharist, also other week-mornings, mass in Edenton at 7:30.

Instructions and information classes Wednesdays 8 to 9 P. M., Study and Discussion Club Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 P. M., in rectory.

Lenten Fridays 7:30 P. M., choir practice, 8 P. M., Rosary for Peace, Way of Cross, Benediction.

Foul Weather Warnings
"Hiram," exclaimed Mrs. Corntosel, "that candidate you don't like is coming up the road. What'll I say if he wants to kiss the children?"
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