

Traffic Accidents Cause More Deaths Than Nation's Wars

Traffic accidents in the single month of July last year killed only 900 fewer Americans than were killed in the Revolutionary war.

That figure just underlines the National Safety Council's campaign to reduce accident, especially on the nation's highways, over the Fourth of July—the day which commemorates that victorious struggle for independence.

The Revolutionary war cost 4,044 patriots who were killed in action or who died of wounds. Traffic accidents in July last year killed 3,160 persons, according to the Council.

Tragic as war is, the Council said, the number of Americans killed in traffic accidents since the invention of the automobile is nearly twice as great as the number killed in combat in all the nation's wars.

American dead from enemy action in the eight conflicts of our history, including the war in Korea, total about 638,000, the Council said, while traffic accidents have now claimed more than 971,000.

"With traffic deaths approaching the 1,000,000 mark, the high-hazard period of the Fourth of July celebration is a good time for every motorist to pledge that he won't be one in a million," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

"The calendar will save lives this year, since the Fourth will fall in mid-week and bring only a one-day holiday for most persons," Mr. Dearborn said. "Even so, it will be a day of tragedy for many unless common-sense rules of behavior are observed."

He said these rules are:

1. Start your trip early enough so that you won't have to hurry. Take it easy.
2. Be patient in heavy traffic. Don't let annoyance make you take chances.
3. Leave fireworks alone. Instead take the children to a supervised public display.
4. Be careful in recreation, especially in swimming and boating.

Here's What To Do About Lightning

Following a few simple safety rules will help reduce the chances of injury by lightning, says H. M. Ellis, extension agricultural engineer at State College.

Don't go outdoors or remain out during thunderstorms, advises Ellis, unless it is absolutely necessary. Stay inside a building where it is dry, preferably away from fireplaces, stoves, and other metal objects.

In choosing shelter, select a building which has a lightning protection system or a large metal or metal-frame building. If an unprotected building must be used, choose a large rather than small one. In all cases, stay away from open doors and windows.

If you must remain outdoors, keep away from small sheds and shelters in exposed locations, isolated trees, wire fences, hillsides, and large open spaces. Seek shelter in a cave, depression in the ground, valley, the foot of a steep or overhanging cliff, dense woods, or a grove of trees.

Occupants of an automobile having a metal body are practically immune from injury by lightning.

Ellis points out that lightning is one of the chief causes of farm fires, damage from this source exceeding 20,000,000 annually. Buildings should be protected with equipment covered by the Master Label Service, which is a guarantee that the system is in accord with the best modern knowledge.

A wire fence will conduct electricity for considerable distances. Livestock should be protected by grounding all wire fences. Connect ground rods with each lateral wire of the fence and extend into the ground for at least three feet. Fences joined to a building should be grounded at the post nearest the building. Also, the ground rod of the structure should be connected to the fence.

EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina farm flocks produced 111 million eggs during the month of May—6 million under April production and 7 per cent less than the 119 million eggs produced on Tar Heel farms during May of last year.

The decrease in total production was due to a decline in the number of layers as well as a lower daily rate of lay.

The number of layers on farms in May is estimated at 6,698,000 as compared with 6,866,000 in April and 7,668,000 in May, 1950.

The rate of lay per 100 layers during May was 1,662 eggs. The April rate was 1,898 eggs per 100 layers.

The Surest

Professor: "What is the most potent poison?"
Student: "An airplane—one drop and you're dead!"

Might Not

The teacher of the village school was leaving and was being presented with a clock and purse. The master of ceremonies said:

"The contents of the purse will in time disappear but this clock will never get."

Stage Changes At 'Lost Colony'

Pioneer log-cabins may look like the real old times to the average person, but the first settlers to this country didn't even know how to build them, according to history authorities. As a consequence, the log houses and chapel which ever since 1937 have been used as stage settings in Paul Green's play, *The Lost Colony*, have been remodelled to make them look somewhat like the humble cottages of England, yesterday and today.

When the stage set for the hardy outdoor drama was constructed 15 years ago, the builders assumed that the first Englishmen to arrive in America did what later ones learned to do—cut down trees, notched the logs and erected mud-daubed cabins. But discerning members of the audience began complaining some years ago that the log cabin was first introduced in this country perhaps a Century later when the Scandinavians and Germanic settlers arrived from their well-forested homelands, and neither the Roanoke Island settlement,

nor Jamestown ever saw anything like them.

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, author of historical novels, recently pointed out that the early chronicles of the colony said that all material necessary for building of proper houses (such as those known in England) were on the site of Fort Raleigh. Undoubtedly, she said, the colonists, among whom were artisans, pitched in and built the kind of houses they were accustomed to building at home—the wattle and daub type, with a reed-thatched roof.

These houses had heavy beam framework, made from hewn timbers. For the walls, mimosa sapplings were woven and upon this "wattle" was laid the plaster, with the hewn and beams ends exposed.

"Sixteenth Century Englishmen did not know anything about log construction," says Mrs. Fletcher. "In fact, I doubt that you could find in England today a man who could build a passable log cabin, while for hundreds of

years the English yeomen have been adept at simple wattle and daub construction."

Consequently, *The Lost Colony* architect, Albert Bell, an Englishman who has seen many a home so built, wattle and daubed over the old log sets. This season, when *The Lost Colony* opens on June 30, instead of a scene which might have been proper in the Alleghenies of the 18th Century has given way to an Elizabethan settlement set in the aboriginal coast of North Carolina.

Violator Of OPS Faces Injunction

A violation of the Office of Price Stabilization's slaughtering regulation caused an injunction to be issued on June 11 by Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro against Romie O. North of R. O. North's Buttoir, Richlands, N. C., it was announced by John Hall Manning, United States Attorney for Eastern North Carolina.

North, according to an OPS special agent's affidavit, admitted having slaughtered between 25,000 and 30,000 pounds of beef since the April 15 registration deadline.

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The temporary order was the first to be issued for an OPS violation in North Carolina. The order, signed by Judge Gilliam prohibits further slaughtering operations by North until compliance has been effected.

District Enforcement Director James F. Latham of the Raleigh OPS said, "It is unfortunate that such action has been necessary in order to convince this man and perhaps others that the National Defense Production

Act is a federal statute and the law of the land, and that the Office of Price Stabilization and the Attorney General have the duty and will enforce this law."

Attorney Manning stated that "after being properly informed of regulations, OPS violators are going to be called into court if they don't conform to them." He added that his office also "is going to insist on the imposition of pretty stiff penalties for violations."

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Proposed By Board Of County Commissioners

FUND	Appropriated For Requirements	Anticipated From Sources Other Than Ad Valorem Taxation	Amount Levied	Rate
GENERAL COUNTY	\$20,182.59	\$ 9,682.59a	\$ 10,500.00	.15
Farm Agent, County Accountant, Home Agent, Fire Warden and Veterans Administration	11,000.00	500.00b	10,500.00	.15
Health Department, Hospitalization, Coroner	14,700.00	None	14,700.00	.21
POOR	7,000.00	None	7,000.00	.10
DEBT SERVICE	38,500.00	None	38,500.00	.55
GENERAL SCHOOL	38,734.00	17,734.00c	21,000.00	.30
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	61,888.00	56,988.00d	4,900.00	.07
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN	22,442.00	18,942.00e	3,500.00	.05
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	9,808.00	4,908.00f	4,900.00	.07
CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,000.00	4,500.00g	10,500.00	.15
TOTAL			\$126,000.00	\$1.80

REVENUE ESTIMATED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN AD VALOREM TAXATION

(a) General County:	(c) General School:
Recorder's Tax	Vocational Teachers Refund
State Beer Tax	Poll Tax
Intangible Tax	Fines and Forfeitures
County Beer and Wine Licenses	Dog Tax
Marriage Licenses	Intangible Taxes
	Estimated Balance 6/30/51
\$ 9,682.59	\$17,734.00
(b) Refund Veterans Administration	(d) State and Federal Aid
\$ 500.00	(e) State and Federal Aid
	(f) State and Federal Aid
	(g) State Beer Tax
	4,500.00

Prepared by County Accountant, W. F. C. Edwards.