

## 16 Towns Honored For Not Having Any Traffic Fatalities

The Department of Motor Vehicles has released a list of 16 North Carolina cities and towns that completed the year 1950 without a single traffic fatality within their municipal limits.

The communities are to be honored by the Highway Safety Division of the Department when suitably inscribed plaques will be presented to municipal officials. The plaque is attractively designed and is inscribed with the name of the township together with the notation of its fatality free traffic record.

Motor vehicle accidents killed 35,000 persons in the United States last year and injured more than a million others the Department revealed.

H. D. "Tarvia" Jones the Director of the Highway Safety Division said, "We are particularly encouraged and gratified at the fine record these communities have established. It is our belief that a lot of credit is due to the intensive training and guidance our young people are getting through the Driver Education Program being conducted in many of our schools. These youngsters are going to be driving automobiles soon and the correct driving habits they are learning now may save a life when they take the wheel of a car later on."

Towns receiving the Highway Safety Division's award are as follows: Chapel Hill, Asheboro, Reidsville, Salisbury, Mooresville, Belmont, Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Canton, Waynesville, Smithfield, Dunn, Laurinburg, Tarboro and Morehead City.

## Fruits And Vegetables On List Of Plentiful

Fresh fruits and vegetables will be plentiful on August markets, Miss Rebecca Colwell, county home agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week. She explained the U. S. Department of Agriculture's August plentiful foods list for the Southeast features locally grown fresh vegetables, such as potatoes, beets, cabbage and snapbeans. Fresh fruits on the plentiful list are grapes, lemons, limes, pears, peaches and plums.

Other foods on the August list are canned apples and applesauce, processed citrus products, canned tuna, broilers, fryers, fish, peanut butter, and dairy products.

August markets of broilers and fryers are expected to average 40 per cent larger than a year ago, the home agent reported, and prices should remain at relatively reasonable levels.

This year's grape crop, estimated at 3,270,700 tons, is the largest on record. The Bartlett pear crop, produced principally in California, Oregon and Washington, is larger than last season and above average. Bartlett pears should be available at most markets through August.

## HELEN GAITHER CLUB MEETS

The Helen Gaither Home Demonstration Club met July 19, at 8:00 o'clock with Mrs. Colon S. Jackson, Sr., as hostess.

The president, Mrs. W. P. Lane, presided. "Hall, Club Women, Crowned Through Service," was sung, followed by the collect. Mrs. John Corprew, Jr., gave the devotional, reading several verses from Romans, 13th chapter. Mrs. W. L. Madre led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the roll was called. The nominating committee gave the following report on new officers for next year: president, Mrs. Colon S. Jackson, Sr.; vice-president, Mrs. Alfred Lane; secretary, Mrs. Joe Towle White.

Plans for a picnic, to be held in August, were discussed.

Mrs. Nina B. White gave a talk on "Fall Gardens."

The recreation leader, Mrs. W. L. Madre, gave a contest with Mrs. Nina B. White winning the prize.

The hostess served refreshments to the following: Mrs. Nina B. White, Mrs. W. L. Madre, Mrs. John Corprew, Jr., Mrs. W. O. Hunter, Mrs. W. P. Lane, Mrs. Fred Mathews, Mrs. T. E. Madre and Mrs. Joe Towle White.

## State's Beekeepers Plan Summer Meet

Annual summer meeting of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association will be held at Cullowhee on August 10 and 11, according to W. A. Stephen, beekeeping specialist for the State College Extension Service.

The meeting will be held on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College.

The morning sessions are to be devoted to talks by prominent out-of-State speakers and local leaders. Friday afternoon will be given over to a tour of apiaries in Jackson County.

On Friday night the group will make a trip to Cherokee to see the Kermit Hunter pageant, "Unto These Hills."

Stephen says all persons interested in beekeeping are invited to attend the association's meeting. A special program has been planned for the wives who attend, and there will be supervised play for the children.

## State Has 50th Highway Fatality

North Carolina recorded its 500th highway fatality last week when 19-year-old Paul Ernest Barefoot of Four Oaks lost control of his car and overturned near Newton Grove. Young Barefoot died of a broken neck.

The Department of Motor Vehicles in evaluating its highway death figures through the 500th fatality, found that speeding and reckless driving was the principal cause for the grim total. Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. C. Rosser in commenting on the "record" said, "It looks like we are going to hit 1,000 before the year it out if this trend continues. With a little over half the year gone and several holiday periods coming up, motorists are going to have to be doubly cautious if we are to avoid the 1,000 mark."

The Department reported Mecklenburg County topped the state in traffic fatalities for the first six months with 26 killed. Wake County ran second with 22, including the state's worst single traffic accident. Seven persons were killed March 1 when a speeding automobile on U. S. 64 near Zebulon crashed head-on into a truck.

## Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Earlier this season you may remember that I discussed in this column the subject of "ice-box" melons. I now have a little more information about them. I planted some seed of the New Hampshire Midget variety of watermelons to see for myself if they were worth-while, and I was pleasantly surprised.

The New Hampshire Midget variety was developed for use in that state where the growing seasons are not long enough to grow the standard varieties of melons. Under our conditions it ripens about three weeks earlier than Congo and Garrison.

It is a light-gray-green in color with an inconspicuous stripe and is about four to six inches in diameter, almost round in shape. The flesh is a deep red, ripening well out to a very thin rind. The quality is very good. To me, one of its objectionable features is that it has a large number of small black seeds. Also, the rind is very brittle and cracks open very easily.

It truly fits the name "ice-box" melon and is well suited as a dessert melon for two people. However, if you want to eat watermelon as such, you should grow the standard sorts.

The New Hampshire Midget is adapted to small gardens. The hills may be planted as close as five feet. It is a very prolific producer. Try some next year.

## NOTES ON SOIL CONSERVATION

A group of farmers in the New Hope Community are planning to have a large lead ditch which drains their lands cut out. This ditch begins at the W. W. White farm on the upper end and extends below the New Hope-Woodville Road. It has been approximately 25 years since this ditch was cleaned out and consequently it is in bad condition.

This group of farmers have been working toward getting something done on this ditch for a year or more. The group asked the Albemarle Soil Conservation District to help them with their drainage problem. Soil Conservation Service Engineers made a preliminary study of the drainage area and told the farmers approximately how much it would cost. After receiving this report the farmers were in favor of going ahead with the project. The Soil Conservation Service Engineers made a complete drainage survey of the proposed project and prepared detailed plans and estimates.

At a meeting held Thursday night, July 19, the farmers opened bids which they had received and decided to accept one of the bids.

This canal will be cleaned out for a distance of approximately 13,000 feet and will include the clearing of 12.6 acres of right-of-way and 16,621 cubic yards of dirt excavation.

## WOODVILLE W. M. U. MEETS

The W. M. U. of Woodville Baptist Church met with Mrs. Ben Whitely on Tuesday afternoon, July 17.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. A. L. Gregory and "Wonderful Words of Life," was used as opening song, with Mrs. J. C. Wilson leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Fifteen members were present and two new members were added to the roll. There were three visitors present.

A Study Course is being planned for a day in August. Mrs. Graham Wood will teach the book.

The W. M. U. is trying to organize Sunbeams and G. A. S., with Mrs. B. F. Bray and Mrs. Charlie Wilson as leaders.

The W. M. U. was invited to meet with Mrs. P. L. Gregory, honoring her mother, who has been a life-long member of the society.

The subject for the program was "The Continuing Price of Freedom." Mrs. Graham Wood talked on the subject and then she gave the Benediction.

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