

Millionth Victim Of Highway Slaughter Remains Mystery

Who will be the one millionth person to die in a traffic accident? Where will it happen? Exactly when?

The National Safety Council says the answers to those questions never will be known.

If the present rate of traffic deaths continues, some time next December a child will dart into the street, a home-bound salesman will try to pass a truck on a hill, a young couple will hurtle off a curve on the way to a dance, an old woman will become confused crossing a street—and the millionth traffic victim will pass unheralded into a dusty police file.

But even though the actual identity of the millionth victim will remain a mystery, the Council has made plans which will enable it to name the fatal day as a climax to an intensive safe driving campaign in which all safety organizations are cooperating.

The Council announced it is setting up the machinery to supplement its regular monthly reports with special weekly summaries from the states. On November 15, the Council will begin issuing weekly bulletins on the grand total of traffic deaths since the

advent of the automobile. These bulletins also will forecast the probable date of the millionth fatality.

"Our only purpose in trying to identify such a grim date in history is to dramatize the horror of such a huge traffic toll," said Ned H. Dearborn, Council president. "Perhaps 1,000,000 dead—almost twice the number of Americans who have died in combat in all our wars—will crack the apathy of a nation which can see 35,000 persons killed by autos in a year without much concern."

"It has taken a little more than 50 years to kill the first million. If traffic deaths continue at the present rate, it will take only 30 years to kill the second million. We can only hope that this terrible day of seven-figure reckoning will become a safety milestone—not just another gravestone on the road to more responsible use of the automobile."

The Council, which makes regular cumulative tabulations of traffic deaths, said that even its elaborate nationwide reporting system is not fast enough to give up-to-the-minute totals. Furthermore, vital statistics were not recorded completely by all the states in earlier years after the turn of the century, so that motor vehicle death totals for some years are estimates based on the best available information.

Thus any attempt to identify the actual millionth victim, Mr. Dearborn said, would place the spotlight of notoriety arbitrarily on the tragedy of one family when "the spotlight should

be turned on the tragedy of a nation which permits motor madness to go on."

Report Given On Pig Demonstration

You can believe only half of the things you read in the papers and less than half the things you hear, so goes the old adage. Roy Chappell, of Route 1, Hertford, had heard and read about the new wonder drug Auroamin being used in feed for hogs and the results obtained. He decided to get the facts for himself. With the assistance of J. K. Butler, Animal Husbandry Extension Specialist, and the local County Agent, he set up two feed lots by dividing a ladino clover pasture and divided two litters of pigs so that some of both litters were in each feed lot. All were fed the same from self feeders except that the pigs in one lot received a small amount of auroamin in their protein supplement. The demonstration was in progress 84 days during which time the pigs receiving the auroamin made an average gain of 149.3 pounds at a cost of \$12.60 per hundred pounds. The pigs on the other side of the fence made an average gain of 130.5 pounds at a cost of \$13.30 per hundred pounds. This is a saving of 70 cents per hundred pounds of gain.

These figures were based on corn at \$2.00 per bushel and protein supplement at \$6.34 per hundred. Clarence Chappell, Jr., of Belvidere, a 4-H Club member, is running a similar test with younger pigs. Records on his demonstration are not complete at this time.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Perry are visiting Mrs. Perry's relatives in Peoria, Ill. Bob Hylier, Mrs. Perry's nephew, accompanied them to Peoria, after spending several weeks here with them.

Miss Celia Dail returned to Washington, D. C., Wednesday to resume her school duties, after spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dail.

Mrs. Billie Winslow and small daughter, Cynthia Ann, of Whiteston spent the week-end with Mrs. Winslow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dail and daughter, Sandra, were week-end guests of Mr. Dail's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail.

Tom Russell of Manteo visited relatives and friends here this week. Miss Virgilia Gregory and Eddie

Dosier of Norfolk, Va., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail and Miss Celia Dail.

TWO MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, September 16, at 8 and 11 A. M., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon on "The Ritual of Forgiveness," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, with confessions for half hour before every Service, stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector, who invites everybody to all Services. Week-days Mass at 7 A. M., in Edenton.

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