

Most Accidents Involve Only One Vehicle

RALEIGH.—It takes two people to make a quarrel, but it doesn't take two motor vehicles to make a fatal accident.

In fact, one third of the fatal accidents on North Carolina highways last year involved only one automobile, truck, or other vehicle, according to records of the Highway Safety Division. And if pedestrian fatalities are left out of the picture, over half the 1939 highway fatalities in this state involved only one motor vehicle. No, it doesn't take two cars to make a serious road mishap.

Take, for instance, non-collision type accidents. This kind of accident, which includes such occurrences as losing control of a car on a curve and turning several flips before landing bottomside up in a corn field, accounted for 238 deaths last year.

Non-collision accidents, or that type of accident in which the one vehicle involved does not strike another vehicle, a pedestrian or a fixed object adjacent to the roadway, generally result from speeding or reckless driving. In other words, the type of accident which took a toll of 238 lives in North Carolina last year and 229 lives in 1938, is one of the most easily preventable and least excusable of all types of accidents. Except in the relatively few cases wherein a car gets out of control because of a broken steering knuckle or some other mechanical defect, or when the driver swerves to avoid striking a pedestrian, animal or other obstruction in the road, non-collision accidents can be attributed generally to human negligence or recklessness.

A kindred type of accident, collision with a fixed object, snuffed out the lives of 75 North Carolinians last year and resulted in injury to 449 others. These were accidents in which a motor vehicle struck a post, guard rail, tree, brick wall or other fixed object. These, like the non-collision accidents, were caused for the most part by speeding or reckless driving; for failure to take road, weather and light conditions into consideration.

Here, then, are two easily preventable types of accidents, two kinds of accident for which there generally is little or no excuse, which last year killed 323 persons in this state and injured 1,747 others.

Taking cognizance of this need,

the Highway Safety Division has set as one of its major objectives the provision of facilities for increased training and education of drivers in North Carolina.

NO GIGGLING; STRAIGHT LAUGHS OR NOTHING

Probably "rash rumor, but behind-the-back whisperers have it that if you want the night to be complete Tuesday night, you'd better be at the High school gymnasium, and bring some peanuts and pink lemonade with you. The peanuts and lemonade will be to complete the three ring circus that the Junior Class of Kings Mountain Hi is promising.

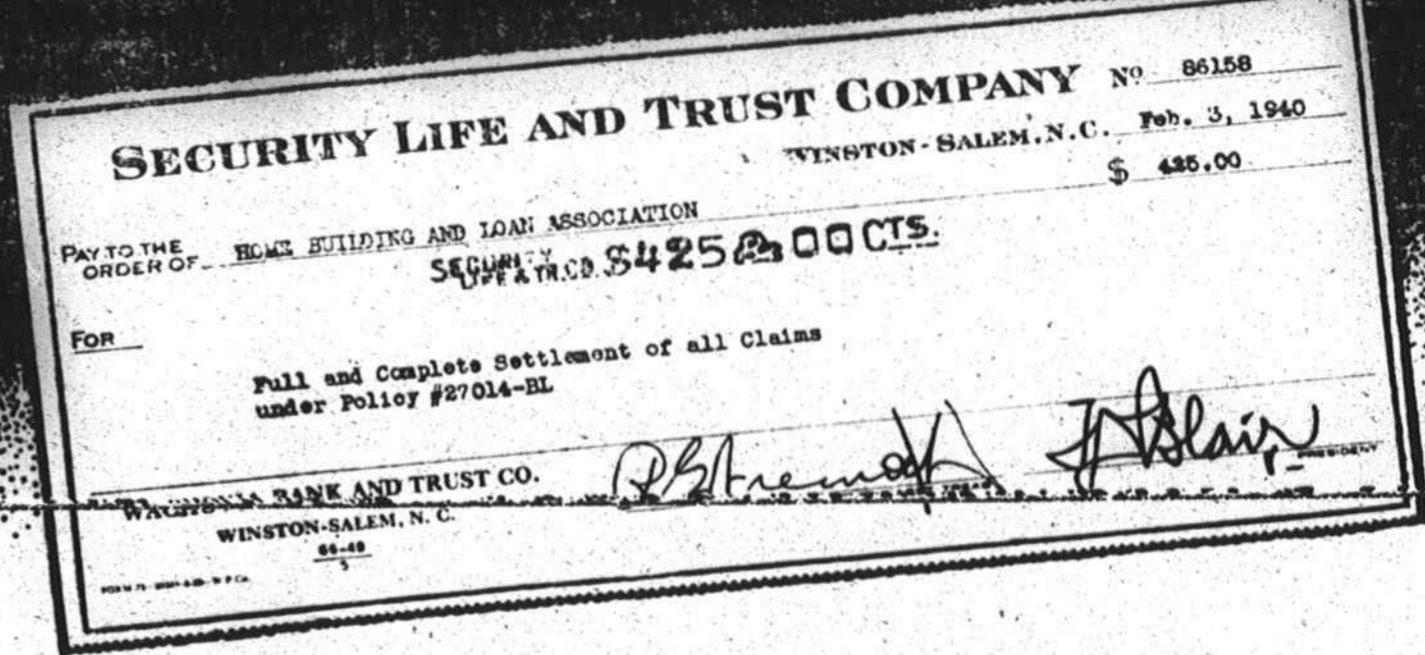
Of course, there won't be giraffes, elephants, and lions, but the laughs will take the place of the lions roar. The lumbering around of certain teachers will fill in for the elephants, and it's a fact that lots of them will stretch like giraffes for that goal. What is it? Well, the general idea is that the ladies of the faculty of Central are playing the gals basketball team a game and judging from past performances, we reached the foregoing conclusions.

It's rumored that the Mighty Midget, Mitchell, who ran all around (and under) the gals team last year will be up to her old pranks. Mrs. Hendricks, who used to be Miss Crossland, won't let Matrimony intervene in her reputation as a basketballer, and will be out among the leaders, tho, she doesn't know whether she'll play guard or forward. She's good at both. Suggs will be with the teachers, and promises just good basketball. Lowrance, who is a star by repute, will be trying some of Mitchell's tricks. Even Froze-Face Morris promises to get warmed up, and lend a hand at guarding.

That of course, will be the main event. There'll also be a men's game but it will probably turn out as bad as last year, when they dressed as gals and everything else, but don't put too much faith in the men. It'll probably be dead as everything.

Yep, it should be a great night, with Scoggin thrown in as Manager. And don't forget that it's at eight o'clock, and that it'll cost you ten and twenty five cents, depending on whether you still worry about Algebra or have forgotten it.

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