

Home Accidents Kill More Than Highways

100,000 Killed In U. S. During 1947

Chicago, Feb. 5 — (UP) — Accidents killed more people in their homes than on the highways last year, the national safety council reported today.

The council said it was the first time in 20 years, except for a brief period of wartime driving restrictions, that more people were killed accidentally at home than in traffic.

All told, deaths from all types of accidents in 1947 were two percent higher than in 1946.

The safety council's report showed that this is what accidents did to the U. S. last year:

Killed — 100,000.

Injured — 10,500,000.

Cost — \$6,700,000,000 in wages, medical expenses and property damage.

Traffic deaths dropped from 33,411 in 1946 to 32,000 last year — a four percent decrease.

But 33,500 persons died in home accidents during 1947, compared with 32,500 in 1946. Occupational accident deaths rose from 16,500 in 1946 to 17,000 last year. Each type increased three percent.

The council blamed the over-all higher death toll on an increase in the number of deaths from public accidents other than traffic, which totalled 19,000 compared with 17,000 in 1946.

Passenger fatalities on scheduled domestic air transports increased to 199, compared with 75 the previous year.

The railroad accident toll dropped to 3,834, a two percent decrease, during the first 11 months of 1947. Seven percent fewer passengers — 1,329 — died in railroad accidents than during the same period in 1946.

Seven disasters caused 50 or more deaths each, the council reported. They were the Texas City, Tex., blast, the Texas-Oklahoma tornado in April, the Centralia, Ill., coal mine explosion, three airline crashes, and the gulf coast hurricane in September.

Twenty-eight of 43 states which reported their complete motor vehicle death toll for the year had decreases, compared with 1946.

Jacksonville, Fla., had the greatest reduction of traffic fatalities among cities of 200,000 population or over — 54 percent fewer than in 1946. Long Beach, Cal., was second with 51 percent less and Newark, N. J., and Oklahoma City tied for third with 44 percent drops.

Milwaukee, Wis., led cities of 500,000 or more population with only 3.5 traffic deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles.

Kokomo, Ind., in the 25,000-50,000 population group reported no deaths.

Coal Production Lower In Indiana

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 5 — (UP) — Indiana's coal production last month was reduced about 90,000

tons by work stoppages and the coal car shortage, the coal trade association disclosed today. Production for January was estimated 2,200,000 tons.

GOV. GATES SCORES

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Investigation of the pertinent factors involved — this recommendation has been rejected — obviously upon the theory that your department is more competent to pass upon the question involved than the members of this board who have lived in this community for many years.

The letter said the board was resigning "by virtue of the total lack of authority vested in us."

"We are in effect rendering no public service nor are we filling any public need," the letter concluded. It was signed by Harold D. Stump, Robert D. White, Ralph W. Wible, Homer Beers and Paul Krise.

Gates, who got a carbon copy of the letter, said he felt "it would be impossible to get a more evenly constituted and fairer representative board than this one."

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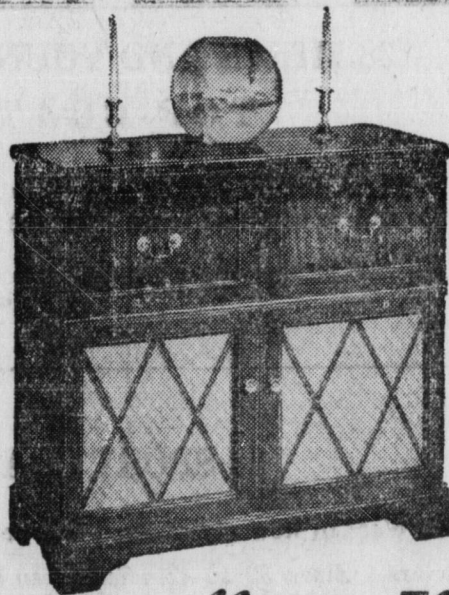
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