

Traffic Fatalities At Eight-Year High 1,121 Victims In Indiana Last Year

Indianapolis, March 21—(UPI)—Hoosier traffic accidents killed 1,121 persons in 1949—an eight-year high—state police headquarters reported today.

The total compared with 1,071 traffic deaths in 1948. Police said there were 795 rural and 326 city traffic deaths in the 1949 total, and the estimated economic loss was \$50,445,000. That total, like the number of deaths, was the highest since 1941.

The year's final summary of accidents showed an improvement, however, in the number of persons killed per hundred million miles of

motor vehicle travel.

The 1949 mileage death rate was 8.5 fatalities per hundred million miles, compared with a rate of 9.0 the previous year.

"Carnage was greatest on the open highway," the police report said. "Most crashes are the fault of the driver, not the car," it pointed out, and "more than seven out of 10 traffic deaths occur on the rural traffic ways."

It said the 1949 total of 72,073 reportable accidents was an all time high.

Marion county, with 98 traffic deaths, led the state, but Lake was a close second with 96. On the other end of the list, both Blackford and Switzerland county reported no deaths.

Among cities with 10,000 or more population, Goshen and Huntington maintained their records of no traffic deaths for a second straight year. Bloomington, Columbus, New Castle and Peru also had no 1949

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Family Recreation Institute Planned

Three-Day Program Planned Next Week

An extensive remodeling program is underway at the Goodyear Store, located on North Second Street. An entire new front is being built, some inside remodeling is being planned and the floor space for the store will be enlarged. General contractor for the job is Carl Striker. The store will be open for business as usual, according to Glen Oswalt, manager.

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An official survey of farmers' planting intentions raised prospects today of another year of near-record production. If so, surpluses piling up from the 1950 harvest may bring on a new support crisis.

To support farm prices, the government for two years has been investing in farm surpluses at a rate of about \$2,000,000,000 a year. The administration, congress, taxpayers, consumers and farmers are wondering how long it can go on.

The next congress may have to decide between imposing unprecedented government controls over farming, or limiting price supports to a half-dozen crops for which rigid controls now are authorized.

The planting report, published by the agriculture department yesterday, showed:

1. The government's limited planting controls on 1950 crops won't curb over-all surplus plantings. Most farmers plan either to over-plant their acreage allotments or surpluses of crops not under control.

"No department of the state government, county, township, city or town or any other political subdivision shall employ any other time," the law said.

However, the law did not contain a penalty clause.

In 1949, most urban communities in Indiana north and east of a line drawn from Terre Haute southeast to New Albany Jeffersonville adopted daylight saving time through some ruse, while rural areas generally throughout the state and the urban sectors south of the line remained on standard time throughout the summer.

Statehouse employees also will operate on daylight time again this year.

"It will be the same as last year," said Arthur Campbell, the government's executive secretary. "There isn't much else we can do because transportation schedules and restaurants all are geared to fast time."

In 1949, Governor Schricker issued an order which sent employees to work an hour early but complied with the letter of the law because the clocks were not adjusted.

16-year high.

2. President Truman's budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1 apparently underestimated the price support drain on the treasury. Prospects now are that the net price support outlay will soar well above Mr. Truman's estimate of \$952,000,000.

3. Another surplus potato

headache is in prospect. The department said the expected 1950 plantings—although the smallest in 72 years—would produce another big surplus of 50,000,000 bushels, if per acre yields equal the average of the last two years.

Potato producers plan to cut plantings three percent, instead of six, as requested by the government.

Except for potatoes, congress is not likely to do anything about the farm surplus problem at this session.

The house already has passed a senate-house compromise which would deprive potato producers of price support on their 1951 crop unless they accept rigid production controls. The senate has yet to act on the bill.

The plant report also showed:

A continued feed grain surplus is in prospect. Corn farmers intend to reduce plantings six percent. But this acreage reduction would be more than offset by prospective increases in plantings of oats, barley and sorghums. The government's planting allotment called for a 13 percent cut in corn plantings.

One of the earliest technical treatises on the art of making clay tiles for floors and walls was written in 1391 by a Persian named Abu'l-Qasim Abdulah ibn Ali ibn Mohammed ibn Abi Tahir.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Church of God

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