

105 Additional State Patrolmen Will Be Trained

School Held At Chapel Hill May 7 Through June 16

The 105 additional State Highway patrolmen authorized at the present session of the General Assembly will receive training in the Highway Patrol Training School at the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, May 7, through June 16, Col. James R. Smith, commanding officer of the Patrol, reported.

This addition will bring the Patrol up to its newly-authorized strength of 528 men.

Qualified men interested in becoming highway patrolmen and in attending the six-week school should submit their applications immediately to Col. Smith. The present starting salary for patrolmen is \$2,508 a year.

The increase in Patrol personnel was authorized by the General Assembly to help meet present traffic problems on North Carolina highways, brought about by increases in motor vehicle registrations, in drivers and in paved road mileage.

Col. Smith stated that candidates must be citizens of the United States, be a resident of the state for five years, be between 21 and 31 years of age and not subject to induction into the armed forces under present selective service regulations; must weigh at least 160 pounds; be at least five feet 10 inches in height; have completed a high school education or the equivalent; be of good moral character and have no criminal record; and have no relative now employed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, of which the Patrol is a unit.

All persons filing applications who meet stated qualifications will be given thorough character investigation and will be asked to report to rigid physical, mental and oral examinations. All prospective patrolmen will be required to meet the same physical standards as those required by the Army.

Recruits attending the school will receive board and room but no salary during the training period. The course of study will cover criminal law and procedure, traffic control, liquor law, firearms, life saving and Patrol technique and behavior.

Interested men may obtain appli-

cation blanks by writing or telephoning the North Carolina State Highway Patrol Headquarters, New Revenue Building, Raleigh, N. C., or the State Highway Patrol Troop Headquarters in Greenville, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Greensboro or Asheville, N. C. Completed applications should be returned to Col. James R. Smith, Commanding Officer, North Carolina State Highway Patrol, New Revenue Building, Raleigh, N. C.

Over 36,000 Hear Talks On Pastures

More than 36,000 persons heard Negro high school students of the State give talks on "Green Pastures" during the recently concluded agricultural speaking contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

A total of 1,632 students in 95 schools participated in the contest on school, county, district, and State levels. They gave a total of 1,681 speeches on the subject "Green Pastures—Their Place in the Economy of North Carolina."

S. J. Hodges, extension agronomy specialist of A. and T. College, Greensboro, reports that prize money distributed totaled \$3,232. Of this amount, more than two-thirds was given by local banks.

The State winner was Gertha Moore of Creech High School, Rich Square, who received a \$400 defense bond. Second prize, a \$100 bond, went to

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Hazel Bigelow of Caswell County Training School, Yanceyville, and third prize of \$50 was awarded to Jamie Alice Sykes of Tyrrell County Training School, Columbia.

All agricultural agencies cooperated in conducting the contest. Students in 50 counties were eligible to compete. Last year, competition was limited to 16 counties.

Value Of Science On Farm Stressed

Putting science to work on the farm can double and in many cases even triple the yields and profits of Tar Heel farmers, believes S. J. Hodges, extension agronomist of A. and T. College, Greensboro.

This was the keynote of a series of 52 agronomy educational meetings for Negro farmers in 43 counties. The meetings held during January, February and early March, attracted an attendance of more than 3,800 persons. The sessions were arranged by Hodges in cooperation with county agents.

Latest research findings in cotton, tobacco, pastures, small grain, soy-

beans and peanuts were presented during the meetings. These crops were discussed from the standpoint of seed, varieties, fertilization, and cultivation.

Hodges told the groups that the 1950 cotton crop offered a good example of how science can aid the farmer. He said the average yield of lint per acre in the State last year was only 152 pounds, but some farmers made more than 1,000 pounds per acre simply by following sound practices developed through research.

Assisting with the meetings were several agronomists from State College, including Dr. E. R. Collins, Dr. F. J. Bell, S. H. Dobson, J. A. Shanklin, S. N. Hawks, and R. R. Bennett.

The meetings were held in the counties of Alamance, Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Caswell, Chat-

ham, Chowan, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, Granville Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Iredell, Jones, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Orange, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Union Vance Wake, Warren, Wayne and Wilson.

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