

### N. C. Highway Patrolmen Busy During First Half Of 1966

RALEIGH—State Highway Patrolmen logged more than 11 and one-half miles on the roads during the first half of 1966—an increase of 14 per cent over the corresponding period of 1965.

Records for the 1966 period show that state troopers made 99,346 arrests, an increase of nearly three thousand over the first half of the preceding year.

Speeding charges accounted for 44 percent of all arrests made by troopers during the period January 1st-June 30th. This was

an increase of more than 12 thousand over the number of speeding tickets handed out during the first six months of 1965.

Drunk driving charges during the first six months of 1966 totaled 4,227, which was a 21 percent increase over the comparable figure for last year.

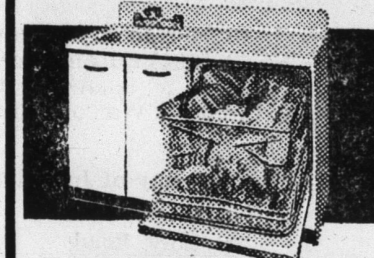
A significant drop was noted in the number of charges preferred by Troopers for faulty safety equipment. During the first half of 1965, 8,040 such arrests were made. For the same period of this year, the figure was down to 3,346—a decrease of 59 percent.

The compulsory safety inspection program, which began in mid-February, was cited by the Highway Patrol as the factor which caused the dropoff in equipment charges.

Patrol Commander Colonel Charles Speed said this year's increase in miles traveled and in almost every category of arrests is partly attributable to the increased size of the enforcement organization authorized by the 1965 General Assembly.

"In addition to that," Speed said, "the administrative and other non essential duties of all our troopers have been reduced as far as possible. We have more troopers on the road, more of the time."

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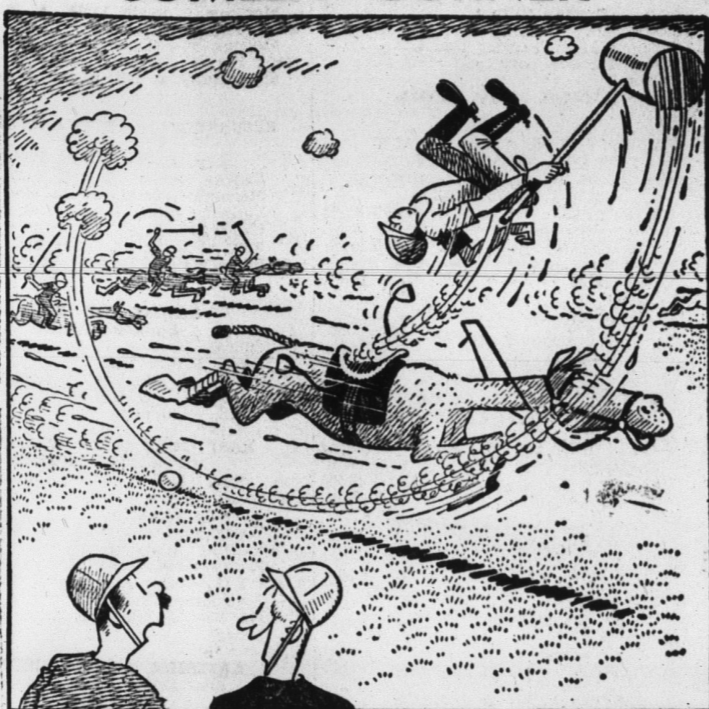
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Here are some timely reminders for the fruit, vegetable and ornamental gardens:

If you have raspberries, either red or black, remove the old fruiting canes immediately after the harvest season. Cut the old canes close to the soil and burn. This will help control diseases and insects. As a further precaution against damage, the new growth should be sprayed with captan, ferbam or Bordeaux mixture every two weeks. Sevin may be added to the sprays to control insects.

If you are not prepared to spray, the plants may be thoroughly dusted with a combination dust such as captan and Sevin. Spraying is best because the materials applied stick to the leaves and stems better. Dusts should also be applied more frequently than the sprays, especially after rains.

Black spot, a fungus disease, attacks all types of roses and is likely to build up as the season progresses unless you have taken

the necessary control measures. Severely infected plants are not only unsightly, due to leaf spotting, but the leaves may drop. This premature dropping will stop the manufacture of plant food in the leaves and make the plant more susceptible to winter injury.

Keep all a above-ground parts of the plants protected by spraying or dusting at least once a week. Phaltan, 75 per cent, is a good fungicide for black spot, as are many of the combination insecticidal and fungicidal formulations recommended for roses.

Don't slow down the fight against insect and disease pests in the vegetable garden: Mexican bean beetles (Sevin); corn earworm (Sevin); tomato and Irish potato blight (mineb, zineb or one of the copper compounds); Japanese beetles (Sevin or malathion).

The Japanese beetle can also be controlled, in the grub stage, by using such materials as chlordane on turf grasses in the late fall and early spring.

### Insect Control Big Order For Farmers

Maintaining effective insect control is the big order remaining for North Carolina cotton growers.

The crop has been besieged all season by one serious problem after the other. But the danger periods have now passed except where damage from boll worms, boll weevils and other insects is concerned.

"The farmer can now concentrate on this one general problem," observes Glenn Toomey, extension cotton specialist at North Carolina State University.

The specialist explained that the second generation boll weevils are now appearing in cotton fields, and the migration period has begun. In addition, the boll worm problem seems to be a serious one in many areas.

"This stage of the season when squares are forming and boll weevils are moving from one field to another is the most critical time for insect control," Toomey

said. "It is very important that regular five-day treatments be followed until the cotton has stopped squaring." This period will extend through August and into early September in most growing areas. Regular application of insecticides that include DDT are needed to control the boll worm, Toomey pointed out.

He added the explanation that, perhaps because of the effects of dry weather on corn, the boll

worms have moved out of corn fields and into cotton fields. "This is one possible explanation for the seriousness of the boll worm infestation," the specialist added. The DDT should be applied at the rate of at least one pound per acre. "In cases of heavy boll worm buildup, the rate should be increased to 1 1/2 to 2 pounds per acre," Toomey said.

The specialist believes that, despite all the problems that have affected the crop this year, some

above-normal yields will be reported in the state if growers do an effective job of insect control during the remainder of the season.

"The state average yield from the harvested acreage could go well over last year's yield of 296 pounds per acre," Toomey commented.

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