

Patrolmen Arrest Two Drivers After Speedy Chases, One With Stolen Auto

Car Returned To Fort Bragg Owner Before Was Missed

The perils of a patrolman's life were well exemplified on two separate occasions last week, when a pursuing Moore County patrol car had to step up as fast as 90 miles an hour in the wake of a speeder.

The speed-demon motorist was apprehended each time, the first when he dashed along a dead-end road into a farmyard, the second with the assistance of the Lee County patrol when he fled across the county line.

Cpl. M. S. Parvin was at the wheel of the patrol car both times. Each pursuit began when he was working the electronic speedwatch in company with another patrolman.

Tuesday of last week, about

10:30 p. m., Cpl. Parvin and Patrolman J. E. Swaim were clocking traffic on NC 27 about 12 miles west of Carthage when a westbound car crossed the cable at 74 miles per hour. The patrolmen hastily disconnected the speedwatch and started in pursuit. The late model Oldsmobile ahead, said Parvin, "took wings" as it raced just ahead of them to Biscoe, turned left just at the Biscoe city limit — avoiding a roadblock the Montgomery County patrol had set up, on receipt of a radio message—and, with lights out, tore two blocks along the edge of town, turned into a rural road toward Eagle Springs, then turned right onto another rural road.

Tried to Escape

The patrolmen, familiar with the roads of the section, were right on his tail when he was

forced to come to a stop in the barnyard of a farmhouse. Both the driver and his companion tried to escape through the right-hand door of their car but ran head-on into Patrolman Swaim, who had leaped out first.

Questioned on the spot, as lights flashed on in the farmhouse, the pair—wearing field clothes of the 82nd Airborne—said they were members of Company I, 505th Airborne Infantry. The car turned out to be a stolen one. Billy Calvin Grayson, 19, the driver, admitted the theft from a fellow-member of Company I but absolved his companion,

Fred Aguilar Esquer, who both said was "only a hitch-hiker."

Charged with speeding at 90, also careless and reckless driving, Grayson received a four-month sentence or \$175 fine, and costs, in Moore recorders court Monday. He also was deprived of his right to drive for two years. Esquer was sentenced to 60 days or \$50 and costs for aiding and abetting.

Federal authorities took over the charge of auto theft, since it occurred on a military reservation. The car was found, identified and returned before its owner, Charles W. Matlock, knew it

Second Race

The second race started Saturday afternoon when Cpl. Parvin and Patrolman C. G. Wimberly were working the speedwatch north of Vass, after a motorist passed the machine traveling at 68 miles per hour. The car ahead, northbound on US 1, picked up speed and, the corporal said, "started passing everything on the road—on hills, curves, everywhere." There were several hairbreadth escapes from accidents as the car, traveling from 85 to 90 miles per hour, just barely dodged others approaching on the

left side. The most frightening of these escapes occurred close to the spot where eight persons were killed early last year.

Near Green Gables, just north of the intersection with Highway 15, Lee County Patrolman Cummings saw the car coming and flagged it down. In it were two University of Maryland students returning to college after a Florida trip. The driver, Barry Noonan, of Hyattsville, Md., made bond of \$150 for his appearance in Moore recorders court December 20.

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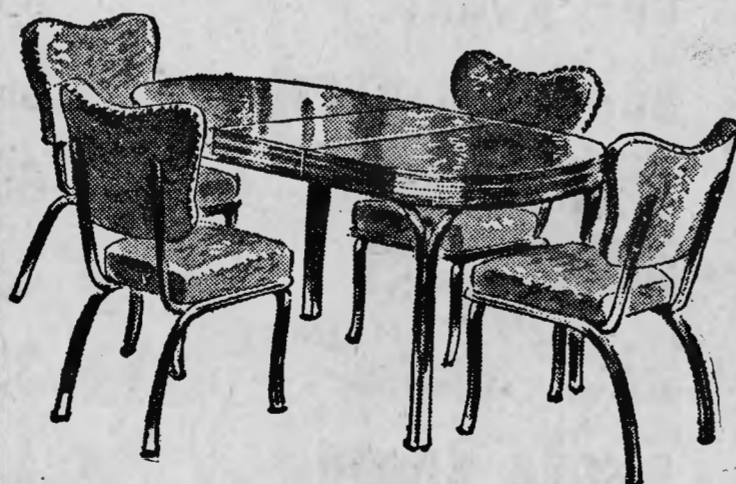
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