## **Reviews Activity** Of N. C. Highway Patrol For 1953

#### Decrease In Number 62 **Road Fatalities Noted** In The Report

If last year seemed like a long one to employees of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, chances are it was due to the department's unprecedented attack on the state's number one traffic problem-accidents, injuries and deaths.

With final official reports in the department summarized its extensive activities. As has now become generally recognized, the second largest state agency concerned itself mainly with finding solutions to the accident specter. And for many employees the search called for longer hours on the job.

With six months of 1953 gone department workers greeted new commissioner Edward Scheidt, former G-man and prominent law enforcement officer. Scheidt received the oath of office on June 15 and set right to work to reduce the fearsome toll of automobile wrecks which up to that date had claimed 460 victims.

As the year ended, Motor Vehicles employees happily noted a



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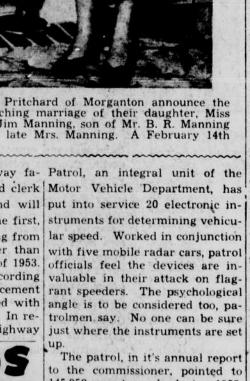


engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruby Pritchard, to Mr. Jim Manning, son of Mr. B. R. Manning of Williamston, and the late Mrs. Manning. A February 14th wedding is planned.

distinct decrease in highway fa- Patrol, an integral unit of the talities. Commissioner and clerk Motor Vehicle Department, has alike are hoping the trend will put into service 20 electronic in- auto tags. continue in 1954. Since the first, struments for determining vehicufatalities have been running from lar speed. Worked in conjunction two to twenty three fewer than with five mobile radar cars, patrol the corresponding period of 1953. officials feel the devices are in-Scientific speed recording valuable in their attack on flagequipment and stern enforcement rant speeders. The psychological has generally been credited with angle is to be considered too, pareducing the accident toll. In re- trolmen say. No one can be sure cent months, the State Highway just where the instruments are set



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145,959 arrests made during 1953. An impressive paper, the report went on to list 24,604 accidents investigated by troopers who rolled up 22,170,700 miles of travel of

render of driving privileges the department announced over half of all convictions involved liquor. For driving drunk 12,148 Tar Heels were relieved of their operator's permit. Other violations resulted in a total of 23,547 con-

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routine Latrols of the state's high- victions by year's end.

ways. In addition, the commissioner noted, patrolmen reported istration Division, too. Headed by Patrol. they inspected 945,851 vehicles, career worker Foy Ingram, the

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issued 70,490 warning tickets, unit reported 1,384,762 cars and weighed 7,757 vehicles with porta- trucks registered for the year, an ble scales, investigated 95,942 all time high. complaints and recovered 793 In the License and Theft En-

stolen cars. An administrative change-about ported their weight inspectors accounted for more than a million perhaps 50,000 color TV sets start downward in 1956. in patrol high comand occurred stopped 1,773,320 trucks during pieces. on November 1 when Scheidt re- the year and collected almost a appointed Col. James R. Smith to half million dollars in overload personnel is as follows: Edward expensive color tube. This tube ready to buy color television by the top patrol post. Former Col. penalties. The auto theft sec- Scheidt, Commissioner; Joe W. alone carries a retail price of 1956 W. B. Lentz took Smith's job at tion was instrumental in the re- Garrett, Assistant Commissioner; about \$300. the Highway Patrol garage, with covery of 75 per cent of the 2,369 Miss Foy Ingram, Director, Regis- The \$300 tube provides a picthe new rank of major. And lat- vehicles reported stolen in North tration Division; Col. James R. ture comparable in size to a er in the year big Charlie Speed, Carolina during 1953.

a long time fixture in patrol ranks in Asheville was promoted from Financial Responsibility Section Safety Division; A. M. Gilbert, such a tube, it is estimated that captain to major and assigned under veteran state employee Director, License and Theft En- the cost of a color set would be duties as head of the Highway Thomas Creekmore, has struggled forcement Division (Theft Bu- between \$800 and \$1,000 Du Mont Safety Division, a post left vacant with administrative details affect- reau). since June 15, the day Commis- ing everyone who drives In essioner Scheidt fired former Direc- sence the law makes every driver tor H. D. Jones.

involved in an accident account-Highway Safety began to get a able for damaegs. Since the first

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(on highway safety) a week. He Space, or the lack of it, became made impromptu speakers of acute in Motor Vehicle precincts nearly all highway patrolmen. as the year diew to a close. In a Orders went out to troopers to ac- flurry of moving just after the cept all speaking engagements in first, a number of units were retheir locale, with traffic safety as located to make slightly more their topic. He issued an invi- room. The space problem contation to motorists to report in tinues, however. At present the writing cases of flagrant motor Department of Motor Vehicles is violations. Called "Spotters for housed in the Revenue Building Safety" the project produced by and Annex. It employs approxithe end of the year some 300 let-

ters from citizens. Later Scheidt appealed to business and industry to set up adult driver training and education courses for their employees. Pilot Freight Carriers, Inc., of Winston Salem was first in line. They accepted Scheidt's proposition and inaugurated regular classes for their non-professional employees. He ordered the legend "Drive Safely" stamped on new license

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As early as October definite signs indicated the intensive safety efforts were beginning to pay off. From a Highway Commission report of October figures revealed a general decline in average highway speeds, a definite

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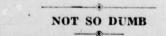
The department again was the Post Office Department's biggest customer. Processed in 1953 were

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some 4,000,000 pieces of mail.

A roster of key department noted that the limitation was the hundred thousand people may be

Smith, Patrol Commander; Major twelve and a half-inch black and Since January 1 the expanded C. A. Speed, Director, Highway white television receiver. With says the cost will be this high be-



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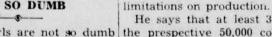
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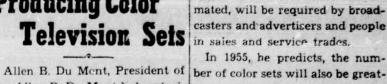
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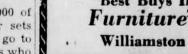


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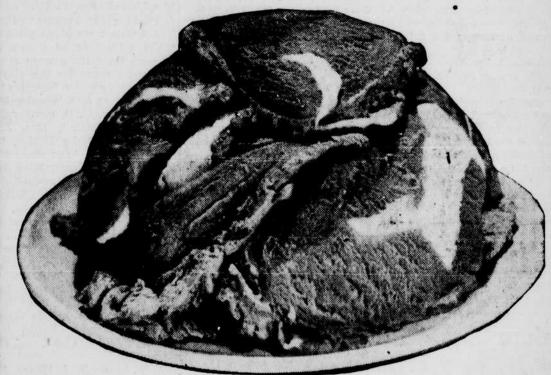
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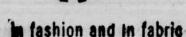
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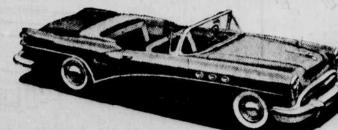
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