

### Merit System Exams Set For Sept. 18

RALEIGH, N. C.—Examinations for clerical positions with all State and county departments served by the Merit System in North Carolina, are scheduled to be held on September 18, 1954. The North Carolina Merit System Council announced today that these examinations will be given in approximately twelve cities throughout the State.

Applications must be submitted on or before August 30, 1954. The official application forms may be obtained from the Merit System Office, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C., or from any county welfare, local health, or employment service office.

The positions on the county level for which examinations will be given are the following: Senior Steno-

grapher Clerk, Junior Stenographer Clerk, Typist Clerk, Senior General Clerk-Stenographer, Senior General Clerk - Typist, Principal General Clerk, Senior General Clerk, Junior General Clerk, and Switchboard Operator. The following State level positions will be included in the examinations: Stenographer Clerk III, Stenographer Clerk II, Stenographer Clerk I, Typist Clerk II, Typist Clerk I, Typist Clerk I, Clerical Unit Supervisor I, Clerical Unit Supervisor II, Clerk IV, Clerk III, Clerk II, Clerk I, Accounting Clerk III, Accounting Clerk II, Accounting Clerk I, Stock Clerk II, and Stock Clerk I.

Bulletins giving more complete information about these positions and salaries offered may be secured from the Merit System Office.

The Merit Examination System of North Carolina provides for the unbiased, non-partisan, and strictly competitive selection of personnel for those State agencies which are

covered by the system. The majority of the positions within the following agencies are now covered by the Merit Examination System: the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, the State Board of Public Welfare and the County Department of Public Welfare, the State Commission for the Blind, the State Board of Health and the Local Health Units, and the Medical Care Commission. Examinations for professional positions with these agencies will be given in the fall.

### Slow Down And Live

Participating in the 1954 summertime highway safety campaign, Slow Down and Live, show a reduction of nearly seven percent in traffic deaths for this July Fourth weekend as compared with the same holiday last year.

Highway deaths in the region, which includes every state from Maine to Texas, totaled 179 this

year. Last year's figure was 192. The reduction, according to Captain C. E. Taylor of Florida, chairman of the Southern State Safety Coordinators group, and Paul E. Burke of Maryland, chairman of the Northeastern State Safety Coordinators, is "remarkable" because of the length of this year's holiday. The coordinator pointed out that this July Fourth weekend covered a full three days. Last year's was listed officially as a two-day holiday.

Seven of the participating states showed decreases in numbers of deaths this year. They were Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York, Tennessee and Virginia.

Seven other states, Alabama, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Texas and West Virginia, held even with the toll of a year ago. The states of Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and

Vermont reported increases. In announcing the figures, Captain Taylor and Mr. Burke said, "This is a remarkable record in view of the difference in the periods of time covered by the two holidays. We must remember that the 1954 Independence Day weekend offered 45 per cent greater exposure to traffic hazards in point of time than did last year's weekend."

This is the second consecutive 1954 summer holiday during which the Slow Down and Live states showed reductions from the 1953 death figures. During the Memorial Day weekend the states experienced a 16 per cent reduction as compared with last year.

### Escaped Bandit

Charles Willis (Yank) Stewart, a 47-year-old bandit who escaped in Wilmington recently has been declared an outlaw by Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens, it was announced last Thursday by James W. Powell, director of the State Bureau of Investigation.

This means that the bandit can be shot on sight by any citizen. Judge Stevens designated Stewart an outlaw upon a petition from District Solicitor John J. Burney, Jr., New Hanover Sheriff Marvin Register, Wilmington Detective L. E. Sikes and SBI agent W. V. O. Daniel.

The outlaw designation was made on Stewart's criminal record and on alleged statements made by him. He said that he would not be captured alive and that if any officer tried to arrest him, the officer "will be left there dead."

Stewart, a burglar and a robber, is considered dangerous and on the prowl. He is a 47-year-old white man, five feet and nine inches tall, and weighs 186 pounds. Of medium build, he has blue eyes and brown hair.

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