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Free Wheeling

By Bill Crowell

They're going to paint "State Patrol" on 600 highway cruisers pretty soon and you got reason to be glad a fellow named Vernon Perry is on the highway patrol's payroll.

Vernon is a specialist in all things automotive. He is to cars what the Mayos are to medicine. And as it turned out, an improviser par excellence when they tossed the lettering job at him.

The big block letters, in reflectorized paint, will be stenciled on the trunk and hood, enhancing the latter part of the patrol's slogan "see and be seen."

But the plan seemed zugged from the start. Available stencils wouldn't stick to irregular surfaces. Paint ran, causing ragged letters. Preparation was tedious and time consuming.

Someone suggested decals. So a commercial firm in the Piedmont was consulted. Yes, they had decals, spied ones—at \$6 a copy. That idea was abandoned. The search continued for a practical, inexpensive way to advertise the speedy cruisers.

Then someone said, "Get Vernon Perry." He was "got" and within hours the problems faded.

First the versatile auto man discarded the ordinary type stencil and devised a new one of rubberized material that clings tightly, assuming the contours of the hood

and trunk surfaces. He backed this with a sheet of brass to take the "bear down" pressure and finally attached sections of heavy wrapping paper to each side of the stencil to protect the car's finish.

First experiments with the new stenciling rig and spray gun produced a clean cut "State Patrol" with just a whiff of paint and an arm swoop of labor.

And what do they figure the painting will cost per car?

About two cents. **SUDDEN THAWT** . . . The average man is never more careful than when he gets a new car or wears white shoes.

POLITE . . . "I say there, old squash, could you reduce your speed a bit, eh?" Straight from the July issue of Traffic Safety magazine is this revealing item on how the English cops cope with speeders: "Traffic pursuit has assumed a jaunty aspect in Leeds, England, where a special squad of 'courtesy cops' drive sports cars capable of 100 mph and higher speeds. It's their job to catch up to speeders and caution them to slow down. They are chosen for their driving ability and tact. However, when an obviously dangerous driver shows up, the officers substitute prosecution for persuasion." I should think so.

FREEZING PIES AND MIX

By Wanda Tipton, Home Economist for French Broad Electric Membership Corp.

Fresh fruit pies; vegetable pies such as squash, pumpkin and sweet potato; mince pies; chocolate and lemon chiffon pies freeze successfully. Custard pies do not freeze successfully. Meringue toppings tend to toughen, shrink, separate and stick to the wrapping. Baked and unbaked pie shells and graham cracker shells may be frozen. Use standard recipes.

Fruit pies may be frozen either before or after baking. Crust is more tender and flaky and flavor fresher when pies are frozen before baking. Use paper or aluminum foil plates made for baking, or rustproof metal pie plates if available.

Special treatment is needed to preserve color and flavor for fruits such as apples and peaches, in unbaked pies. Steam apple slices 2 minutes, cool, and drain; or dip raw apple slices in a solution of ½ teaspoon fruit freeze to 1 cup water. Apples for four or five pies can be dipped in this amount of solution. Peel peaches without scalding, and slice. Mix peach slices with 1 tablespoon lemon juice or fruit freeze solution made by dissolving ¼ teaspoon fruit freeze in 1 tablespoon water. Coat berries or cherries with a mixture of sugar and flour. Use spices lightly, especially cloves, because they may become bitter and discolor frozen filling.

Do not freeze lattice top pies. Do not cut steam vents in top crust of frozen unbaked pies until pies are removed from freezer. Cut steam vents just before baking. When freezing baked pies, prepare as usual and cool before wrapping. Wrap pie in moisture vapor proof material and seal. Cover pie with a paper plate and place in stockinette or paper box for added protection.

The best way to thaw frozen baked fruit pies is to remove wrapper and heat pie at once in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) for 30 minutes. Bake frozen unbaked fruit pies the same as fresh pies, allowing 10 minutes thaw at room temperature. Store frozen pies only 2 to 3 months. If freezer space is limited, it is wise to freeze pie mix. Ingredients for squash, pumpkin and sweet potato pies including the milk, the thickening agent, sweetening, eggs (if needed) and spices (except cloves) may be mixed together and frozen. A pint container holds about the right amount for an 8-inch pie. Do not store longer than 9 months. When ready to use,

partially thaw in the original container, add other ingredients if needed, and pour into pastry lined pie pan. Bake as usual.

1960 WOOL INCENTIVE PAYMENT SET AT 47.6%

Shorn wool payments for the 1960 Marketing Year will amount to 47.6 percent of the dollar returns each producer received from the sale of shorn wool during the year, the Department of Agriculture has announced.

A. P. Hassell, Jr., Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, points out that this is the percentage necessary to bring average wool prices up to the previously announced incentive level of 62 cents per pound under the national wool program. It means that the producer will receive an incentive payment of \$47.60 for \$100 received from the sale of shorn wool during the wool marketing year which ended March 31, 1961 based on properly filed claims.

The payment rate on sales of lambs that have never been shorn, to compensate for the wool on them, will be 80 cents per hundredweight of live animals sold. This payment is based on the shorn wool payment and is designed to discourage unusual shearing of lambs before market-

ing. According to Hassell, County ASCS Offices will begin making payments soon after July. Applications for payment had to be filed by May 1. The payments will be made on shorn wool and

unshorn lambs marketed from April 1, 1960, through March 31, 1961.

The incentive level for shorn wool for the current Marketing Year has also been announced at 62 cents per pound,

the same as for each of the preceding years of the program. Program regulations continue the same as for earlier years.

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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER at Wadesboro, N. C., combines a round-the-clock civil defense nerve center with a unified radio service for local police, fire and sheriff's departments. Used for this dual purpose, the equipment is kept in top-notch condition at all times to meet emergencies. At the radio is Waldo J. Stroud, one of three operators hired by the local CD unit under a program in which Federal and local governments share the costs of new civil defense employees. Raymond H. Northcutt (right), Wadesboro-Anson County CD director, explains his radio setup to Herman J. Sisk, Area E director for the North Carolina Civil Defense Agency and one of five area directors hired under the same cost-sharing law to help build up CD at the local level. (OCDM Photo)



TANGIBLE PROGRESS in civil defense in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, N. C., can be measured by the moving of its office from the trailer to the house, made possible by a new Federal cost-sharing program for State and local CD personnel and administrative

expenses. Director Kenneth D. Williams and his secretary are in center. Hired under the cost-sharing program were Hugh A. Womack (on steps, at left), and Frank M. Culvern. The expanded staff now can turn plans into operational readiness. (OCDM Photo)

NEW LAW AIDS C.D. BUILDUP

New muscle for understaffed State and local civil defense agencies is now resulting from a Federal program to match 50-50 with States or localities the expenses of additional civil defense staff workers.

This new program, authorized by Public Law 85-606, provides \$6,000,000 in the current fiscal year for the hiring of additional State and local civil defense personnel and to meet added expenses such as office rental, furniture, necessary equipment and official travel. This is the first time Federal funds have supplemented State or local civil defense salary or administrative expenses. States and localities have requested funds for 3,633 employees under this program.

FRANK B. ELLIS, Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, who administers the shared-cost program, stresses that the funds must be used to expand State and local civil defense capabilities and that hiring must be on a merit basis. He declares: "We cannot maintain a status quo in civil emergency plan-

ning in the face of tensions that now beset the world. Civil defense at the local level must expand to keep pace with our national need to strengthen our resistance to aggression and measure up to the President's expressed demand for maximum effectiveness in civil emergency operations."

A typical example of how Public Law 806 is helping our States is that of North Carolina. Under its director, Major General Edward F. Griffin, the North Carolina Civil Defense Agency has hired 21 professional and clerical people to strengthen the State's readiness for emergency action. Hitherto its staff of 11 persons was hard-pressed to maintain a basic minimum of readiness for emergency preparedness.

THE STATE, which was allocated \$113,000 by OCDM, passed on \$53,040 of its allotment to local civil defense organizations for the hiring of an additional 39 persons. The bulk of these are clerical workers, whose shortage in the past often has hobbled the executive staff with routine but necessary tasks.



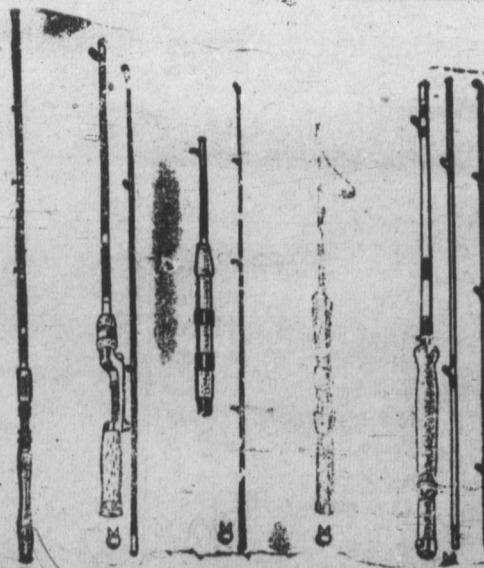
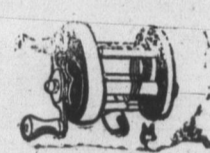
CIVIL DEFENSE director on the job answers survival questions telephoned by listeners to radio station WBUY in Lexington, N. C. Archie L. Disher (left) is a former Air Force disaster control sergeant who was enabled to become Davidson County's first full-time CD director through Federal funds now available to pay half the costs of new State and local CD employees. With him is Edwin Fuller, assistant station manager. Disher already has built up a county organization of some 2,400 volunteers. (OCDM Photo)

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