

## State's Patrolmen Very Busy Group

North Carolina highway patrolmen traveled approximately 113 miles per day per patrolman during the month of January, the Motor Vehicles Department reports.

Each patrolman spent approximately 10 hours per day on duty. The total number of hours numbered 137,994 while the total number of miles traveled amounted to 1,484,636.

Of the 89,186 vehicles inspected, 2,109 were issued equipment tickets and 549 light tickets. In addition, lights were corrected on 28,919 vehicles.

A total of 15,421 courtesies were rendered the motoring public, with first aid given in nine cases and fires extinguished in five cases. Complaints investigated amounted to 7,631.

In the 1,694 accidents investigated by the Patrol, 69 persons were killed and 851 injured.

A total of 5,974 citations were issued and 6,985 arrests were made, 569 of them for drunken driving. Of persons arrested, 6,399 were found guilty and 606 not guilty when brought to trial. Sentences given defendants found guilty amounted to 126 years and three months.

Of the 187 vehicles weighed, 64 were found to be overloaded. Driver's licenses inspected on the highways numbered 96,947.

Sixty-five cars, valued at \$56,230 were recovered and returned to owners. Fines turned over to county school funds totaled \$167,466.11. Costs, turned into county general funds in counties where cases were tried, added up to \$76,182.40. Revenue collected on overloaded vehicles and for improper licenses amounted to \$39,466.99, for a grand total of \$329,345.50 in fines and value of property recovered.

## All Farms Needing Spring Clean-up

"Every farm needs a spring clean-up, not only to improve appearances but also to remove hazards which may cause costly cuts, falls, or other injuries at any time throughout the year," suggests I. C. Yagel, farm agent in Perquimans County for the State College Extension Service.

Disorder is responsible for hospitalizing one out of every five accident victims, according to a study conducted by the National Safety Council. The largest single cause of injuries, other than the personal factor of poor judgment, is disorder. For that reason, the county agent says, "A pace for everything and everything in its place" is a good safety slogan.

In cleaning up the home, remove accumulated papers and rubbish from all parts of the house. See that medicines, drugs, and insecticides are clearly labeled and kept out of children's reach. Provide suitable receptacles for knives and other sharp kitchen tools.

Check through the farm shop. Make sure that tools are in good repair and in their right places. Remove accumulations of barbed wire, glass, scrap metals, and debris, and trash—such as papers, scattered boxes and boards—which are fire hazards and ideal hiding places for rats.

At this season, says the county

agent, many barns have become cluttered with items used during the winter. With the coming of spring it is important to find suitable locations or storage places for feed, tools, harness and other equipment to keep alleyways and work areas clear. A little cleaning up now not only will provide a healthful environment but will help to save manpower vitally needed in producing food and fiber for the nation.

## Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Again there is a need for the production of fruits and vegetables in home gardens to aid in the national defense. This time the gardens are called "Liberty Gardens," and the emphasis is on processing—canning and freezing—of fruits and vegetables at home. This will help relieve the drain on commercially processed vegetables which will be needed for the armed forces. Let's go along with this program and grow a little more than usual—can or freeze as much as possible.

All cool season vegetables may be sown or planted now in eastern or piedmont North Carolina with the possible exception of cauliflower or celery plants which might be damaged by a heavy frost. However, these should be protected on frosty nights.

For earlier maturity of warm season

crops it is worth while to use a few hotcaps or plant protectors this year. Cucumber and melon seed may be planted directly under the caps to get a crop at least two weeks earlier. Tomato plants may be set under caps before danger of frost is over and thereby gain several days over open field set plants.

The "Tendergreen" variety of snap beans has been a popular one, and rightly so. However, if you have not tried "Topcrop" and "Contender" varieties, I recommend that you grow some. They are among the best.

In general, use varieties recommended by your experiment station or those which by experience you have found to be best for your conditions. On the other hand, there is always an added zest to gardening if you will try out something now that your neighbor hasn't got. But don't set your expectations too high. Some of these new things for which you pay a penny a seed may not perform as well for you as those for which you pay ten cents an ounce.

Flowing under liberal applications of well-rotted animal manures when preparing the ground, and then adding high grade commercial fertilizer at planting time is still the best garden fertilization practice that we know.

Um

"Algy hugged me at the ball game."  
"Eh?"  
"He got excited."  
"That's all very well," sniffed the other girl. "But I don't hafta go to a ball game to get a hug."

## About Your Home

By FRANCES BELL

Decorating your own home can be lots of fun. It gives you a chance to express your personality as well as give the home more individuality.

There is a new approach to decorating today that is indicative of the times. Gone is the slavish of copying of a period! People decorate their homes to suit the way they live and the climate they live in.

Furniture from different ages and periods are combined with the colors, fabrics and furniture of today to create a style of decorating known as "contemporary."

The so-called "modern" decorating is a style. Time will tell whether it will represent a transition period or a lasting style in furniture and decorating history. But, whatever the case may be, it is a fashion of today just as Georgian (18th century), colonial, or Victorian were to the past.

When decorating a home, determine the type of decorating and furniture most pleasing to you. Don't be in any hurry to make a decision here. Not many of us can afford to redecorate often—indeed, most people use the same furniture for a lifetime.

As a rule, furnishing best follows the type of house; Colonial furniture in a Colonial house, modern furniture in a modern house.

The background, that is the floors,

woodwork, wall coverings, etc., is most important when choosing pleasing furnishings for a home. Try to coordinate furnishings and background as much as possible.

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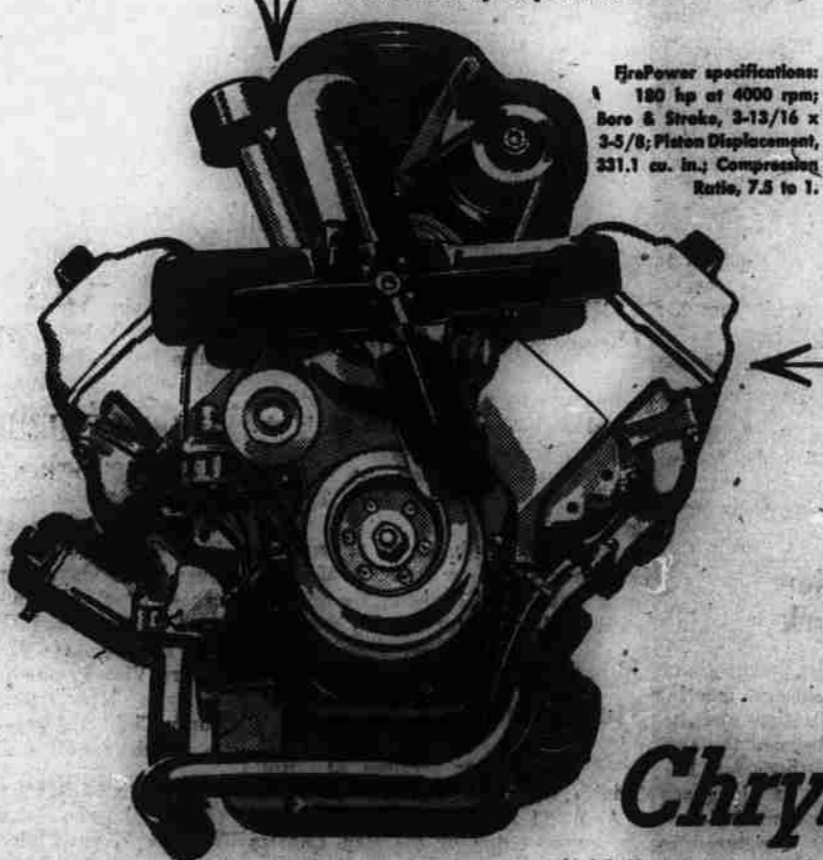


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