# State's Highway

The State Highway Patrol passe ized-quiet efficiency.

who stood stiffly at attention July 1, according to individual preference. 1929, on Capitol Square in Raleigh and received their commissions.

ing highway districts. The troopers oroms. were under the State Highway and Public Works Commission until 1933.

The mid-thirties patrolmen roamed wire-wheeled Model A coupe.

Radio communication and automobiles for all didn't come in until the delivered to the patrol were silversided Ford convertibles.

What time the veteran highway officers had off was oftentimes spent in-lishments with 13,188 rooms. specting retail gasoline outlets, testing automotive equipment and collecting bad checks involved in state business transactions.

Highway Commission in 1933 and as-ments with 10,345 rooms. signed to the Revenue Department. were needed to enforce its provisions.

branch was added to the patrol, thus making instantaneous radio messages their station. Today the patrol's communications network includes 10 ville. FM transmitting stations, one which is located on Mt. Mitchell, the highest radio transmitter in Eastern

Legislation was also passed requiring that all school bus drivers be examined and certified by a patrol officer.

During the mid and late thirties there were only slightly more than a half million vehicles traveling North Carolina highways. The death rate from traffic accidents in 1937 was

1,123, the second highest number of highway fatalities on record. In the first year of World War II the Department of Motor Vehicles was created and the highway patrol subsequently was brought under the supervision of the vehicles agency. At the same time additional funds were appropriated for the employment of 25 more troopers, bringing strength

By 1950 the patrol numbered 423. Today, at full authorized strength (530) the North Carolina State Highway Patrol is the largest in the southeast. It recently has taken steps unmatched by any other state to protect

life and property on the highway.

First to make extensive, full time use of radar and electronic speed controls, one of the first to employ saturation patrols, first to use traffic cameras in enforcement work, and first to promote driver training classes for employees in business and industry, the Tar Heel patrol is now recognized generally as one of the most aggressive in the nation.

Only recently, from the patrol's statistical unit, came word that traffic fatalities for the first six months of the year were more than 100 below last year. And average speeds on North Carolina roads have declined to a low of 44.3 miles per hour, the lowest since 1946.

Ten members of the patrol who received their commissions July 1, 1929, are still on active service. They are: Col. James R. Smith, commanding; Major D. T. Lambert, Executive Officer, Enforcement; Major W. B. Lentz, Communications and Transportation; Captain A. W. Welch, Commanding Troop C, Greensboro; Captain S. H. Mitchell, Commanding Troop A, Greenville; Captain D. G. Lewis, Commanding Troop E, Asheville; Lieut. S. D. Moore, Executive Officer, Troop D, Salisbury; T/Sgt. R. S. Harris, Patrol Headquarters; T/Sgt. W. W. Stone, Troop C, Greenshare and Set C. P. Drugen Month oro, and Sgt. G. R. Duncan, North Wilkesboro.

New tourist accommodations are being built along North Carolina's coast at a faster rate than in any other region, but the mountains and Piedment still lead in guest accommodations. This is revealed by the 1964 edition of the "Travelbook of North Carolina" being distributed by

1954 listing, which shows 1,052 tour-ist facilities with a total of 32,787 rooms in 177 communities. Only larger establishments catering to transients are listed. In addition there are guest homes, summer camps, religious assemblies, hunting and fishing amps, and private homes open to tourists during peak seasons which are capable of housing thousands of

The Advertising Division survey re its 25th milestone July 1 in a mood vealed that rates for all types of ac-reminiscent of the day it was organ-commodations are becoming stabilized and that little change is in evidence No fanfare marked the day on pathis year. Rates range from \$2 to trol boss James R. Smith's calendar \$20 a person. Experienced travelers this year. Rates range from \$2 to although the tough minded patrol find that two people can travel very skipper "noted" the date for reporters. comfortably in North Carolina for an The 530-man highway patrol grew average of \$15 a day, meals and lodgfrom a nucleus of 37 officers and men ing. The cost may be less, or more

There are more motels and motor courts than any other type of accom Captain Charles D. Farmer, who modation in the State, but hotels, lodgdied in 1949, was the patrol's first es and inns still lead in the number of commanding officer. In the early days rooms, the new survey shows. Mothe patrol was divided into groups of tel and motor courts listed total 491 three troopers and a lieutenant—one with 8,931 rooms. Hotels, inns and group for each of the nine then exist-lodges listed total 368 with 20,668

Listings by regions of the State are as follows:

Coast: 121 hotels, inns and lodges the highways on a motorbike although with 5,371 rooms; 132 motels and mothe lieutenants fared somewhat bet tor courts with 2,449 rooms; 87 guest Officers in those days drove a houses, farms, ranches, etc., with 1.-434 rooms. Total 340 establishments with 9,254 rooms.

Mountains: 139 hotels, inns and late 30's. Among the first autos to be lodges with 6,857 rooms; 268 motels and motor courts with 4,663 rooms, 101 guest houses, farms and ranches with 1,668 rooms. Total 508 estab-

Piedmont: 108 hotels, inns and ning can be expensive, inconvenient lodges with 8,440 rooms; 91 motels and disheartening. and motor courts with 1,819 rooms; guest houses, farms and ranches The patrol was separated from the with 86 rooms. Total 204 establish-

The accommodations directory lists Strength by 1985 had risen to 121, an rates and details about hotels, motels, increase due mainly because of the etc., and carries concise descriptions brand new drivers license law passed of cities and towns and popular vathe same year. Additional troopers cation objectives. It also contains a directory of state and national parks Two years later a communications and forests, summer camps, religious ranch was added to the patrol, thus tures. The cover is a full color photopossible between cruising cars and their station. Today the patrol's

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Remodeling without careful planand disheartening.

It costs nothing to plan and replan, and only by careful planning will you be able to have just the type of home you want, says Pauline E. Gordon, State College Extension special-

ist in housing and house furnishings. Remodeling or building is too exensive not to warrant detailed planning of what your family wants. And according to Miss Gordon, family planning is important since the kind of home in which you live helps to develop the personality of all persons living within it.

Long-time planning will save you both money and inconvenience. Plan work on your home that can be done over a period of years and then do some work each year as you have the money to pay for it, suggests Miss Gordon. All of your family will enjoy contributing some labor to cut costs further.

If you're planning more storage space, Miss Gordon advises you to consider wall-to-wall storage. List the articles to be stored in the space allotted, then plan shelf and drawer

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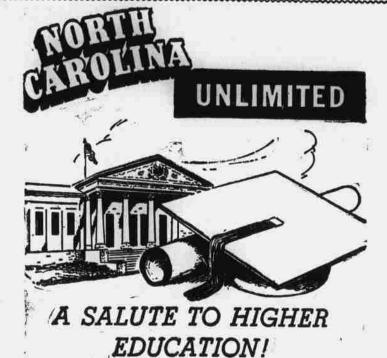
#### According to Miss Gordon, the most convenient height to reach is from the child. tip of the fingers to the top of the frequently can be placed lower or for him to do."

What is originality? It is being one's self, and reporting accurately -Emerson.

#### "Daddy, what is leisure?" asked the

"My boy," replied the sire, "leisure shoulders. Store articles used most is the two minutes' rest a man gets often in this area. Those used less while his wife thinks up something

> There is a strength of quiet endurance as significant of courage as the most daring feats of prowess.



A total of 59 colleges serve North Carolina, with individual enrollments ranging from 5,474 to less than 30 students! In June, 1953, nearly 6,000 seniors earned college degrees. Of this number, 81% were white and 19% were negroes. Our hat is off to these fine educational institutions which are contributing greatly in making North Carolina a better place in which to work, play and live.

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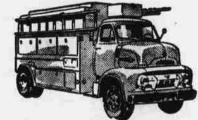
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