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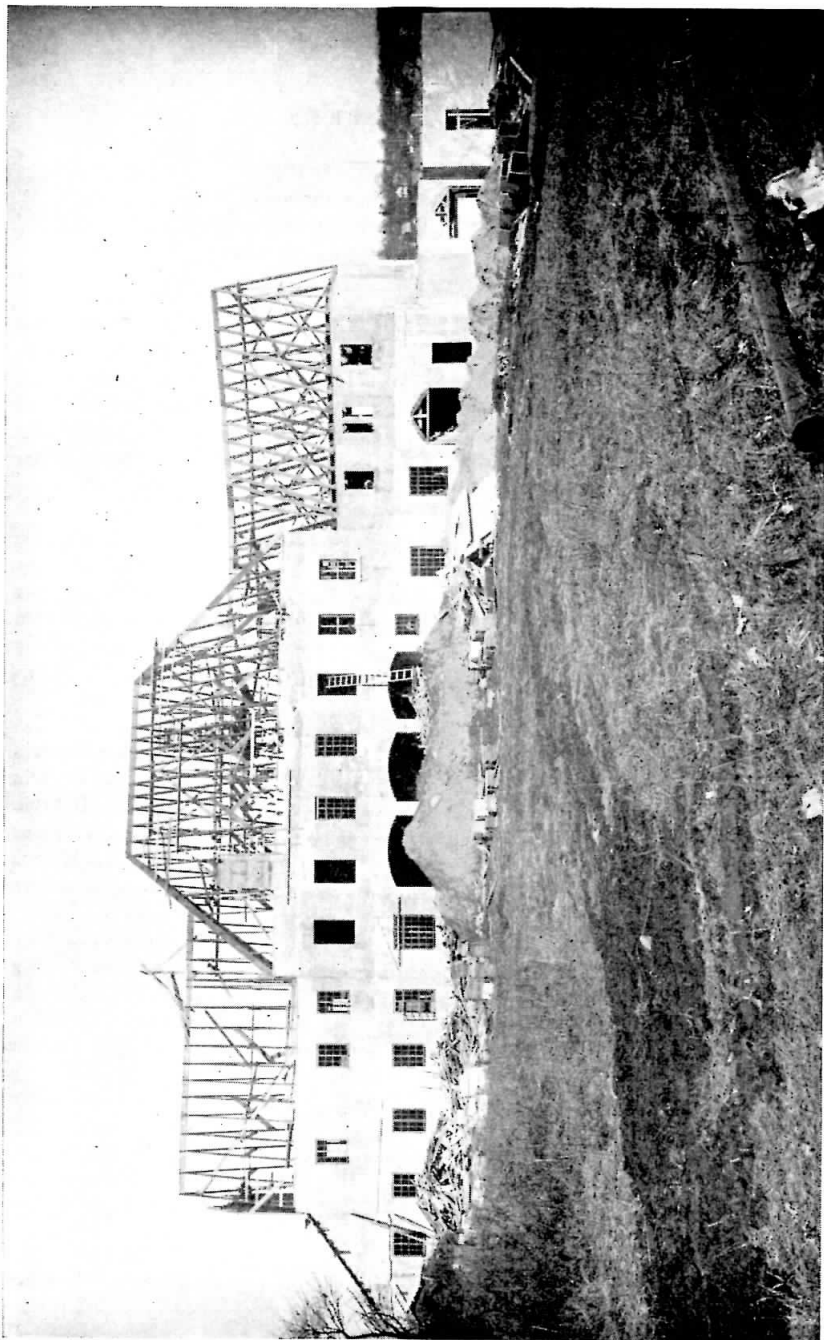
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Each troop consists of ninety-five officers and men.



New Barracks for Troop K, Westchester County, Approaching Completion

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

*To His Excellency, the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor
of the State of New York, Albany, N. Y.:*

SIR.—This is the eleventh annual report of the Division of State Police.

During the year 1928 the work of the New York State Troopers was continued following the principles upon which it was organized over eleven and one-half years ago. Each year certain activities have been added to the regular functions of the force and each year has been marked by improvement in the results which have been obtained. The statistics which are appended to this report show the varied classifications of crime which have been dealt with, in addition to which assistance to other State departments has been rendered, notably the Attorney-General's office in the prosecution of stock frauds under the Martin Act, the Department of Labor in the inspection of places of public assembly outside of cities and villages having their own enforcing agencies, and the Department of Correction in the tabulation and completion of records of all those convicted of various crimes in the State. Trained investigators have also been furnished for special work upon request by various District Attorneys and other public officials.

An important function was undertaken during the past year in policing the various parks and parkways on Long Island which were opened to the public for the first time. For this work fourteen additional men were authorized and assigned exclusively to patrolling these parks. Their duties were as follows:

1. Daily inspection and report on condition of all playgrounds and recreational equipment in the State parks. This includes all equipment for recreational purposes both on land and in the water.
2. Patrol of parks and parkways and report on condition of buildings, fences, roadways, bridle paths, etc.
3. Complete supervision of all life-guards employed by the Park Commission for duty at the various beaches and lakes in the State parks.
4. General traffic duty, the parking of cars and regulation of traffic within the park areas.
5. Assisting in rescues of persons from drowning, handling crowds and rendering first aid.
6. Making investigations requested by the Long Island State Park Commission.
7. Enforcing the Conservation laws within the park areas and guarding of game preserves at Deer Range Park.
8. Policing athletic meets conducted by the Long Island State Park Commission.



Trooper and Owner Recovering Stolen Chickens

A brief report of the number of visitors to the Long Island parks together with a summary of miles patrolled, arrests made, rescues accomplished, etc., will indicate the extent of this phase of our activities in its first year of operation.

	Number of visitors	Number of autos.
Valley Stream State Park.....	320,000	29,000
Hempstead Lake State Park.....	200,000	191,000
Fire Island State Park.....	35,000 (1 camp, 250 crippled children.)	
Belmont Lake State Park.....	50,000	15,000
Deer Range State Park.....	176,145	26,507
Sunken Meadow State Park.....	95,000	18,000
Wildwood State Park.....	167,655	15,500
Hither Hills State Park.....	150,000	70,000
Montauk Point State Park.....	250,000	80,000
	<u>1,453,800</u>	
Southern State Parkway (only 7 miles open).....		<u>438,460</u>

Statement of Miles Patrolled

Mounted patrols	3,884
Motorcycle, automobile, etc.....	85,103
Total miles patrolled.....	<u>88,987</u>

Statement of Arrests

	Warnings	Arrests	Con- victions	Pending
Disorderly conduct	0	7	7	0
Assault	0	1	0	0
General Highway Traffic Law.....	0	73	72	0
Public intoxication	0	4	4	0
Warnings given	150	0	0	0
Violation of park ordinances.....	0	2	2	0
Conservation arrests	0	4	4	0
Investigations without arrest.....	76	0	0	0
	<u>226</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>0</u>

Total number of discharged cases (complaint withdrawn).....	2
Fines collected	\$600 00
Value of property recovered.....	\$1,250 00
First aid cases—minor injuries.....	119
Drownings, resulting in death.....	4
Rescues requiring resuscitation.....	25
Lost children	17
Motorcycles escorts	9
Fires in parks.....	7

The fact that a total number of persons estimated at 1,453,800 visited these park areas during the past season with only ninety-one arrests found necessary, indicates the calibre of service rendered. This record has only been accomplished through full cooperation between the Long Island Park Commission authorities and the members of the State Troopers. During the coming season

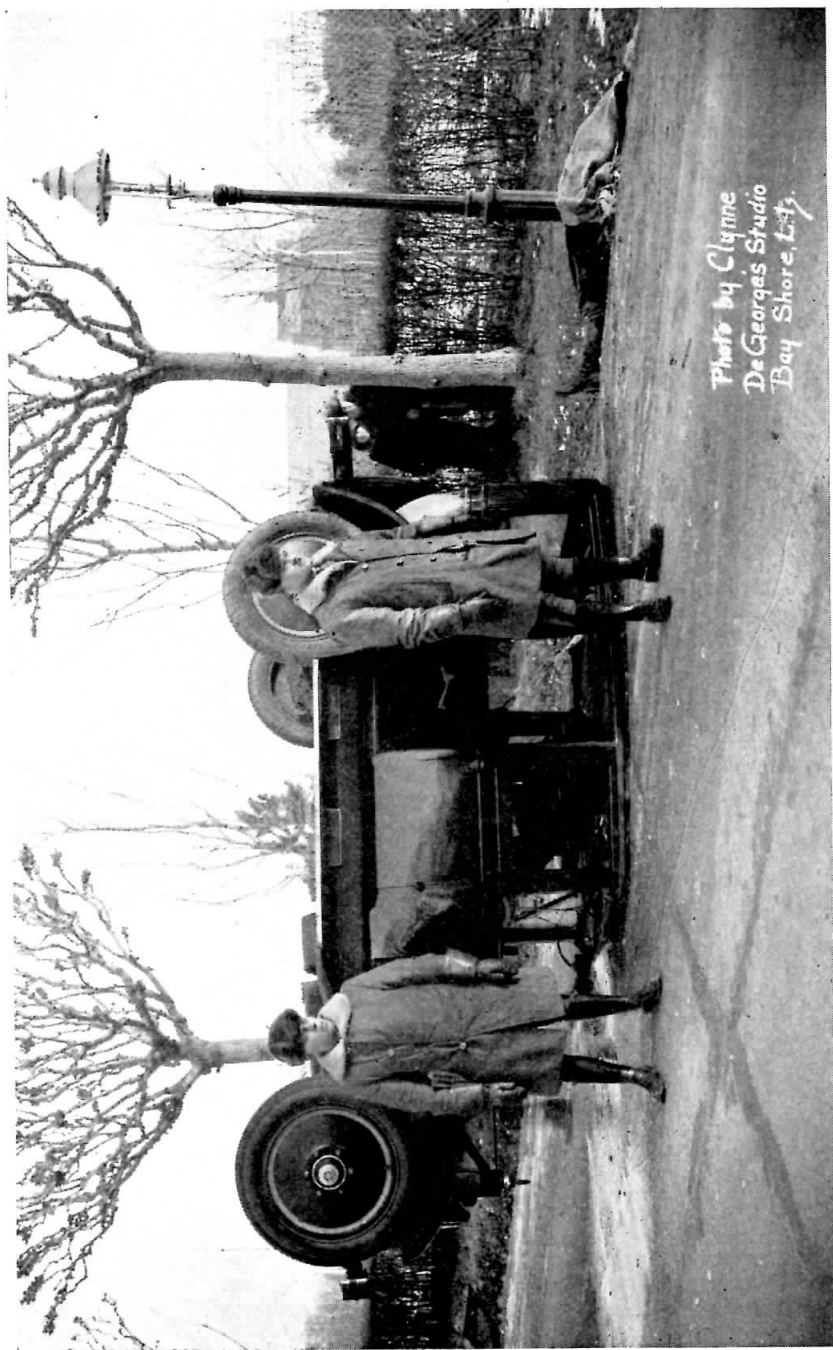


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Automobile Accident on Long Island



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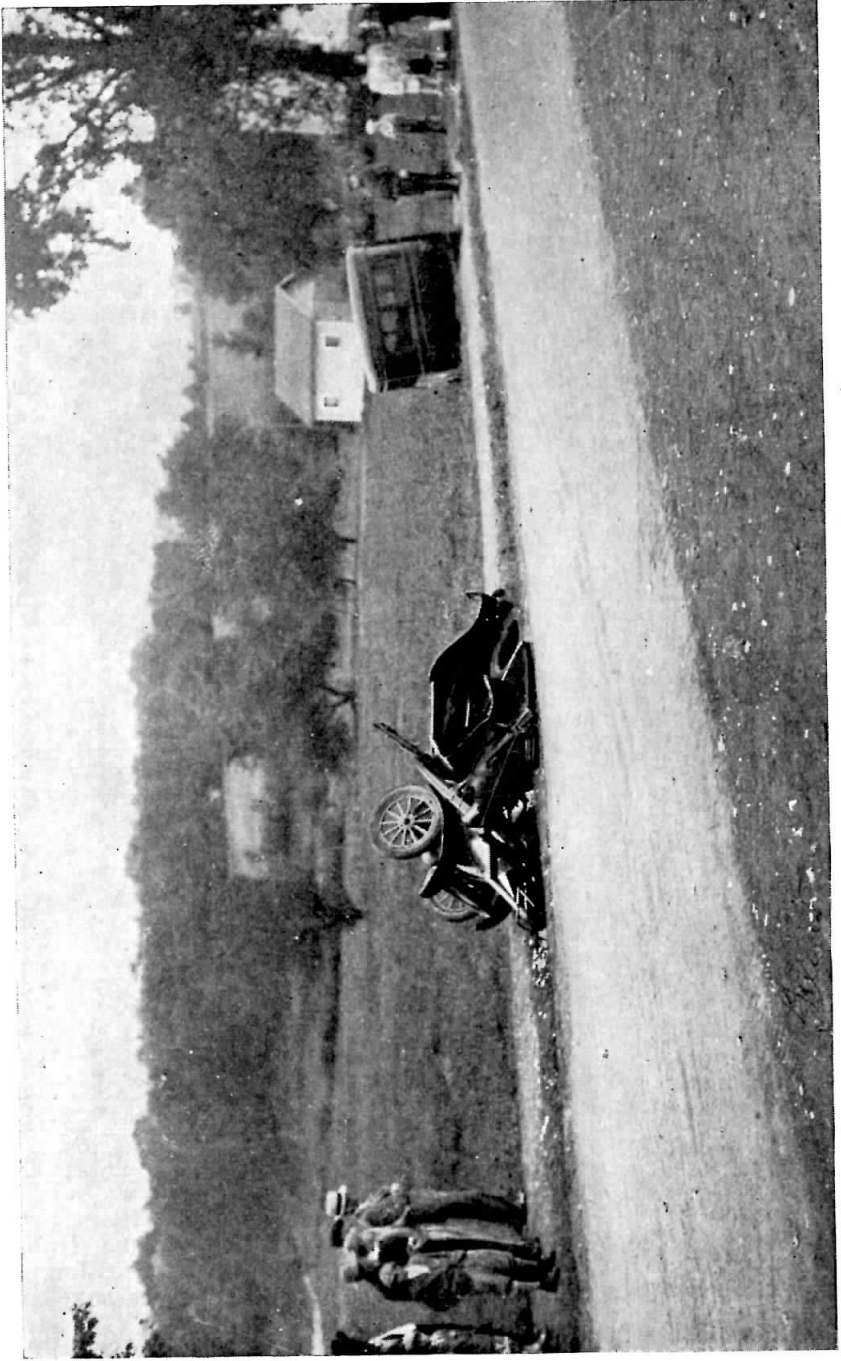
the opening of Jones Beach and the connecting causeway, together with the constantly increasing number of additional visitors, estimated in the millions, will necessitate the enlargement of the present force, numbering fifteen, including the lieutenant in charge, to forty-eight. A comparative table of the location of this enlarged force with that of the present one is appended.

		1929					
Total No. of State Police	Park	Sgt.	Cpl.	Troop- ers	Motor- Car cycle	Horses	
1 (Insp't'r.)	Gen. Administration.....	0	0	0	0	0	
4	Valley Stream (North and South)	1	0	3	1	0	
3	Hempstead Lake	0	1	2	1	0	
3	Southern State Pkwy. (day patrol)	1	0	2	1	2	
2	Southern State Pkwy. (night patrol)	0	0	2	1	1	
4	Deer Range	0	1	3	1	0	
4	Sunken Meadow	0	1	3	1	0	
2	Wildwood	0	0	2	1	0	
1	Fire Island	0	1	0	0	0	
4	Belmont Lake	1	0	3	1	0	
2	Montauk and Hither Hills.	0	1	1	1	0	
4	Jones Beach Causeway (day shift)	1	0	3	1	3	
3	Jones Beach Causeway (night relief)	0	0	3	1	2	
11	Jones Beach (1 Lieut.)*..	0	1	9	2	4	
48		4	6	36	13	12	

		1928					
Total No. of State Police	Park	Sgt.	Cpl.	Troop- ers	Motor- Car cycle	Horses	
1 (Lieut.)	Gen. Administration	0	0	0	0	0	
2	Valley Stream	0	0	2	1	0	
1	Hempstead Lake	1	0	0	1	0	
2	Southern State Pkwy.....	0	0	2	0	0	
2	Deer Range	0	0	2	0	0	
2	Sunken Meadow	0	1	1	0	0	
1	Wildwood	0	0	1	0	0	
1	Fire Island	0	0	1	0	0	
1	Belmont Lake	0	0	1	1	0	
2	Montauk and Hither Hills.	0	1	1	1	0	
15		1	2	11	4	2	

This number is conservative and was arrived at after many conferences with the Long Island State Park Commission. It is estimated that over a hundred thousand people will visit Jones Beach on Saturdays and Sundays during the bathing season.

* The Lieutenant to be stationed on Jones Beach and have charge of the Troopers and Life-guards at Jones Beach State Park, and also to take charge of the Troopers handling traffic on the Ocean Boulevard and Jones Beach Causeway.



Automobile Accident, Hancock, N. Y.

The other activities of the Division of State Police which have been in effect in former years have shown consistent improvement and enlargement. It is a matter of satisfaction that results obtained in apprehending those accused of more serious crimes have been largely increased. A few examples of these are shown in the following comparative table of arrests:

Crime	1927	1928
Assault	881	902
Burglary	233	370
Check, passing worthless.....	8	23
Disorderly houses	28	64
Forgery	28	60
Fraud	75	87
Murder	19	27
Robbery	34	55
Unlawful entry	40	52

The high percentage of convictions, 91.1%, not including the 5.4% cases still pending, bears witness to the few numbers of arrests made where the evidence was insufficient to warrant their being upheld by the court.

The amount of crime prevention by this force, a highly important branch of police work, cannot be estimated, but the comparatively small number of unsolved crimes in the rural sections of the State must necessarily be attributed to its activities.

The continued improvement of the State Police in the actual pursuit, apprehension and conviction of criminals is largely due to the comprehensive course of training which its members undergo at the New York State Police School for Police in Troy. The subjects covered are listed below with the approximate number of hours devoted to each in the brackets following the subject: Civics (4); laws governing arrest (15); preparing forms for criminal cases (12); attempts and threats to commit crime (6); larceny (5); disorderly conduct (3); assault (5); burglary and unlawful entry (5); burglary investigation (5); robbery (2); homicide (5); homicide investigation (5); criminal evidence (12); dying statements, defendants confession (5); arson (5); arson investigation (5); explosives and combustibles (4); poisons (4); crimes against the person and sex crimes (10); juvenile offenders (6); report writing and composition (10); gambling (4); history of the United States and the State of New York (5); court procedure, courts of record (10); court procedure, lower courts (10); highway and motor vehicle laws (20); traffic regulations (8); parking (4); criminal investigation, methods of gathering evidence (20); finger printing and photography (10); sketching scenes of crime (5).

Other subjects to which is devoted at least one period: Handling transportation of explosives; inspection motion picture films; history of criminal law; federal criminal laws and procedure; laws protecting animals; agricultural laws; probation and parole; pick-



Aeroplane Wreck Investigated by Troopers

pockets; fighting forest fires; slot machines; health laws and sanitary code enforcement; subpoenas; licenses; exhibitions; billiard rooms; detective agencies; conservation laws; crimes against railroad property; criminal psychology; Labor Law investigations; certificates for places of public assembly; descriptions of persons and property; headlight testing; financial crimes; rendition and extradition; communication; mental defectives.

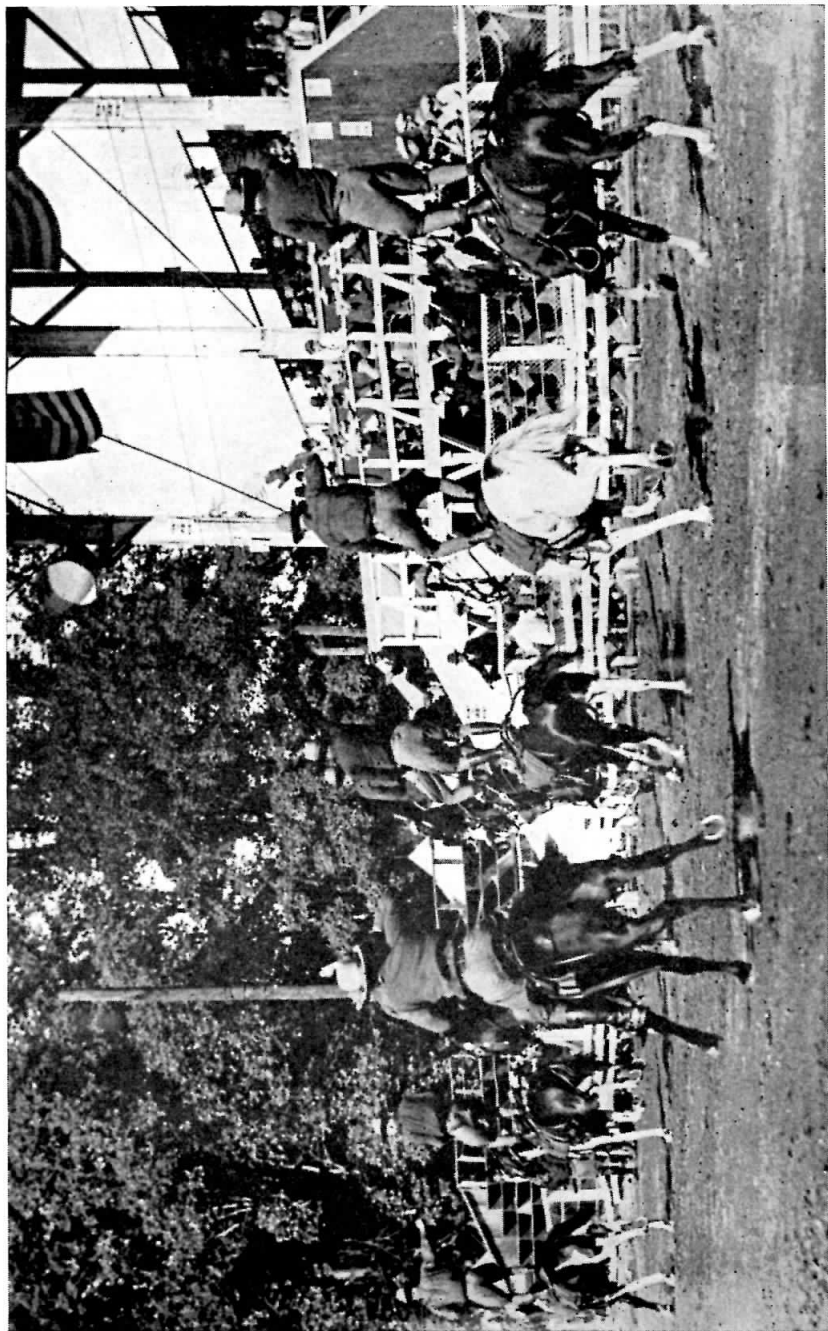
Thirty-six hours are devoted to physical training, including calisthenics, military drill and courtesy, wrestling, boxing, ju jitsu and methods of disarming, swimming and life saving.

This school which is open to any authorized policeman, peace officer or law enforcing officer whether employed in this State or any other, either in public or private capacity, was originated in 1921 and has served as a model for many others which have been since authorized. The states of New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Ohio have already taken advantage of the school by sending one or more representatives for the course. Numbered among those already graduated are State, County, City, Village and Park Police, Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs, Railroad Police, Motor Vehicle Inspectors and other officers for the enforcement of special laws such as Game Protectors, Forest Rangers, Bank Guards, etc. Police officials who conduct schools of their own have detailed their officer in charge of the school for this course with the end in view of gaining ideas for improving or perfecting their training course. It is interesting in connection with this school to note that owing to the cooperation of the staff of instructors which is made up of judges, police officials, army officers, doctors, chemists and others specializing in subjects which contribute to the education, uplift and betterment of police service, the annual appropriation is only \$2,500. Of this moderate sum there is always a small amount left over which is used to add to reference books in the school library.

Nine sessions have been held up to the present time under the excellent supervision of Captain-Inspector Albert B. Moore and eleven hundred and seventy-six students have been graduated.

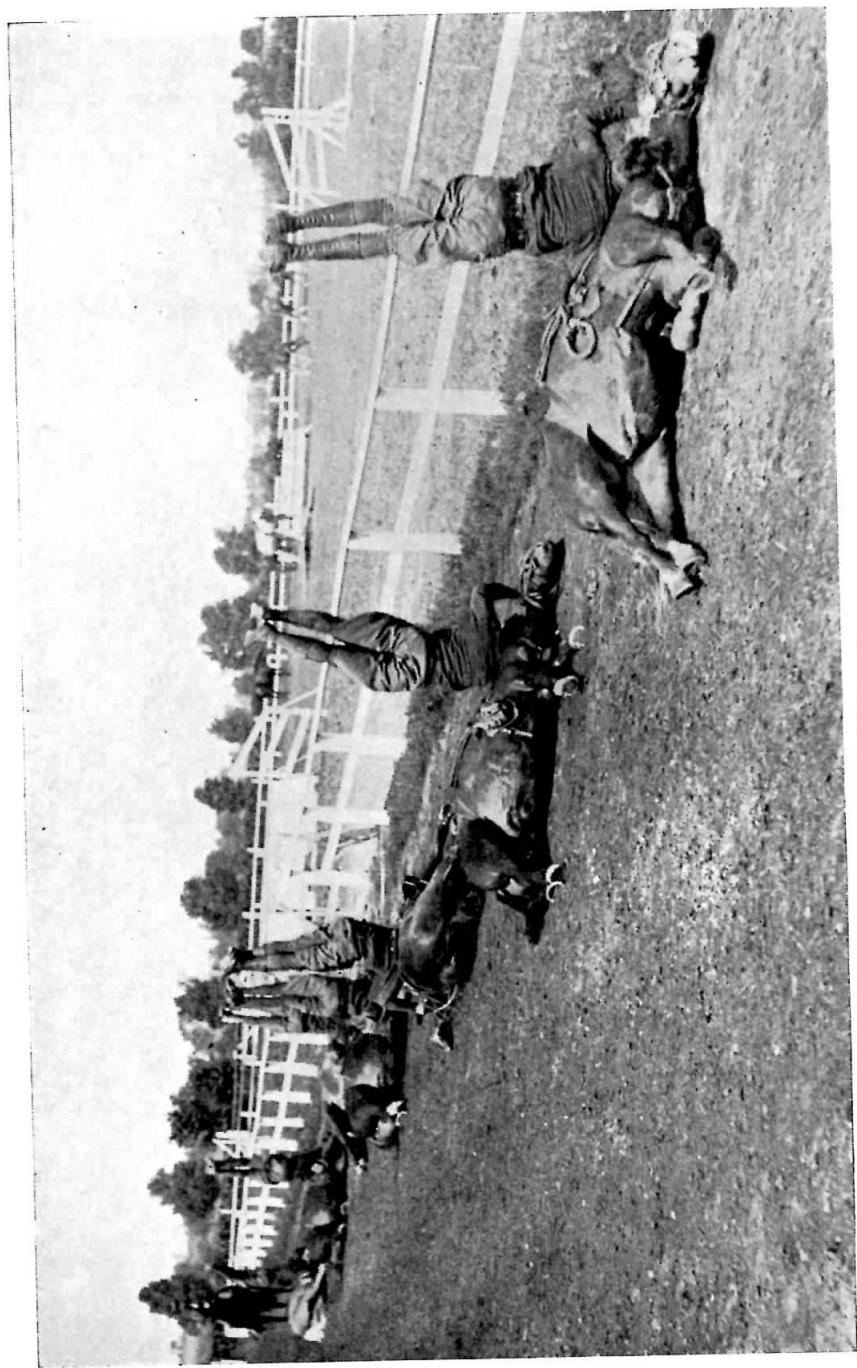
One of the many services rendered in the protection of those owning property in the rural sections of the State is the posting of warning notices upon request of owners on temporarily uninhabited buildings such as summer homes, etc. These notices provide that periodical inspections will be made by the Troopers. Premises thus posted have been remarkably immune from depredations, and the numerous inspections facilitate the speedy discovery of any who might ignore the warnings.

The five troop headquarters at Batavia, Malone, Sidney, Oneida and Troy are excellently housed in suitable buildings owned by the State, while the approaching completion of the new Westchester County Barracks on the Bronx Parkway Extension will give us the most modern and best equipped State Police headquarters in the country.



Rough Riding by Troopers

Crime	Arrests	Con- victions	Pending
Federal violations, Narcotic Law.....	1	0	1
Federal violations, smuggling.....	1	1	0
Federal violations, Motor Vehicle Theft Act...	2	2	0
Federal Violations, World War Compensation Act	1	1	0
Firearms, unlawful discharge of.....	2	2	0
Firearms, unlawful sale of.....	2	0	1
Forgery	60	21	35
Fraud	87	62	10
Fraudulently selling mortgaged property.....	14	10	2
Fraudulently secreting mortgaged property...	5	2	2
Fraudulently secreting personal property.....	10	8	2
Fugitive from justice.....	76	75	0
Gambler, common	30	29	0
Gambling	81	81	0
Gambling devices	225	196	21
Gambling houses	3	3	0
General Business Law, violations of.....	8	8	0
General Highway Traffic Law, violations of...	59	57	0
Incest	2	0	2
Indecency	39	38	1
Insanity Law	114	114	0
Intoxication, public	1,405	1,387	6
Juvenile delinquency	354	306	17
Kidnapping	4	2	0
Labor Law, violations of.....	23	20	3
Larceny	1,713	1,348	144
Lost persons	7	7	0
Malicious mischief	175	155	8
Manslaughter	30	9	14
Material witness	14	0	8
Mental Deficiency Law.....	44	44	0
Motor Vehicle Law, violations of.....	20,649	20,024	243
Motor vehicles, unauthorized use of.....	4	3	0
Murder	27	10	6
Non-support	2	2	0
Nuisances	41	37	3
Officer, impersonating	4	0	4
Officer, interfering with.....	9	7	2
Officer, resisting	17	13	3
Parole, violation of.....	31	27	3
Peddling without license.....	1	1	0
Perjury, subornation of.....	4	1	2
Probation, violation of.....	8	7	1
Public Health Law, violations of.....	8	7	0
Public Safety Law, violations of.....	19	11	8
Rape	117	25	75
Receiving stolen goods.....	13	8	4
Riot	3	3	0
Robbery	55	17	30
Sabbath breaking	6	6	0
Security to keep peace.....	3	3	0
Seduction	2	1	0
Sodomy	5	0	5
Threatening letters	3	3	0
Town ordinances, violations of.....	9	9	0
Trains, riding on illegally.....	11	11	0
Tramps	577	576	1
Trespassing on private property.....	5	5	0
Unlawful entry	52	42	5



Rough Riding Troopers

Crime	Arrests	Con- victions	Pending
Vagrancy	211	200	9
Wayward minor	8	6	1
Weapons, carrying concealed.....	49	19	30
Weapons, possessing dangerous.....	31	22	6
Total	33,116	30,162	1,798
			Per cent
Total number of arrests.....		33,116	100
Total number of convictions.....		30,162	91.1
Cases pending		1,798	5.4
Discharged cases		1,156	3.5

STATEMENT OF MILES PATROLLED

Mounted patrols	208,564
Motorcycle, automobile, etc.....	5,161,702
Total miles of road patrolled.....	5,370,266
Investigations without arrests.....	45,500
Automobiles recovered	473
Sheep-killing dogs killed.....	295
Value of property recovered.....	\$445,757 53
Fines collected	\$395,311 30

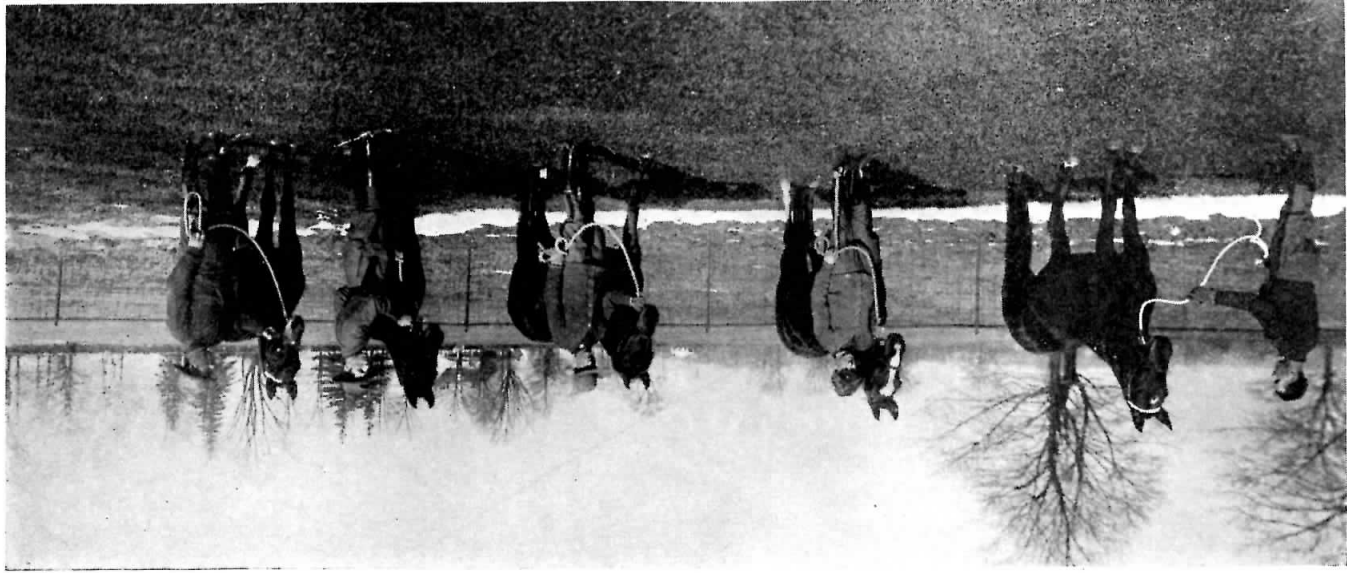


15,000 Gallon Still Seized by Troopers



Destitute Children of Mentally Deficient Parents Rescued and Cared for by Troopers

Five Colts Bred at Troop K Barracks



Crowds at Valley Stream, Long Island Park System



LONG ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION

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CAPTAIN H. J. NAGELL

PARK COMMISSION
PARK DETAIL HEADQUARTERS
BABYLON - LONG ISLAND
LIEUTENANT JAMES FLYNN
14 MEN

DELMONT LAKE STATE PARK PARK HEADQUARTERS 1 TROOPER PARK AREA 165 ACRES	VALLEY STREAM STATE PARK 2 TROOPERS PARK AREA 66 ACRES	SOUTHERN STATE PARKWAY 2 TROOPERS (MOTORCYCLES) PARKWAY AREA 3.2 MILES (10 MPH)	HEMPSTEAD LAKE STATE PARK 1 SERGEANT PARK AREA 733 ACRES	FIRE ISLAND STATE PARK 1 TROOPER PARK AREA 800 ACRES	DEER RANGE STATE PARK 2 TROOPERS PARK AREA 1469 ACRES	JUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK 1 CORPORAL 1 TROOPER PARK AREA 272 ACRES	WILDWOOD STATE PARK 1 TROOPER PARK AREA 836 ACRES	HITHER HILLS STATE PARK 1 TROOPER PARK AREA 1733 ACRES	MONTAUK POINT STATE PARK 1 CORPORAL PARK AREA 109 ACRES
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PARKS
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MEADOWBROOK STATE PARK PARK AREA 362 ACRES	JONES BEACH STATE PARK PARK AREA 967 ACRES	JONES BEACH CAUSEWAY PARKWAY AREA 4.6 MILES	WANTAGH STATE PARK PARK AREA 200 ACRES	MASSAPEQUA STATE PARK PARK AREA 352 ACRES	GILGO BEACH STATE PARK PARK AREA 464 ACRES	NORTHERN STATE PARKWAY PARKWAY AREA 30 MILES	GARDINERS POINT STATE PARK PARK AREA 14 ACRES
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