

Tom Dorr, former telephone repair man and athlete, has been a trooper nine years. It cost the state \$168.60 to equip him as a trooper. Everything but underwear and toilet articles is provided for him. Even his cleaning is done for him. The eight-pound, sheep-lined coat which Dorr is putting into his locker cost \$18.55. The 30-odd items that make up a trooper's wardrobe include a whistle that won't stick to his lips in cold weather, a lanyard to hold his revolver (if his shooting hand is hit, he may drop the gun, but he won't lose it), handcuffs, a new necktie every two weeks, blouses (each costs \$11.45), two \$8 Stetson hats, fancy \$10.75 pinseal fur caps with turn-down ear flaps, and spurs which are a hangover from the days when troopers rode horses. Revolver belts come in two sizes, to be worn inside and outside of overcoats. Troopers always wear spurs and puttees unless they have been injured in accidents, in which case they wear slacks. Wearing puttees constantly rubs the hair off the calves of their legs. Because troopers are always "dressed," uniforms are replaced whenever they begin to become shabby. The men like the heavy overcoats and fur caps and object to the Stetsons only when they are on motorcycle assignments (the hats blow off). The troopers' main complaint about their outfits is that regulation leather mittens are not practical.