The Troop D Rough Riders

The picture shown on this page is that of the boys who flirt with death and give you thrills that will keep you on the edge of your seat all during the three-hour show. So that you'll know these dare-devil riders when they make their appearance on the field, you'll find in the picture Captain Stephen McGrath, who directs the activities of Troop D, New York State Police at Oneida Barracks, and who is the manager of the Champion Oneida Bugle Band; Sergeant Joseph Deveans; Corporal Joseph Fitzpatrick; Corporal B. M. Butler; and Troopers John Mitszyk, H. E. Hackett, Ed Harney and John Lawrence.

Needless to say, the skill of the Riders is not acquired in just a few minutes practice. Most of them outshine circus acrobats and their work, because their stunts, done while the horses are galloping at full speed, is far more dangerous.

Troop "D," with headquarters in Oneida, has the central section of the State to supervise, consisting of the following counties: Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Seneca, Wayne and Yates, having within its boundaries the cities of Syracuse, Utica, Auburn, Oswego, Cortland, Little Falls, Oneida and Geneva, a territory with a total of 8,239 square miles and a population of 875,000 people.

Troop "D" was organized in 1917 and prior to occupying the barracks at Oneida in 1919 it had temporary quarters at Onondaga Valley. It has a personnel of 96 men of which Captain McGrath is the leader.

The New York State Police possess all the powers and authority of police officers with full power and authority to function anywhere within the limits of the State of New York. We had a fine example of the efficiency of their work on more than one occasion and have always found the boys courteous and anxious to please.

Ziyara Temple and the Oneida Bugle Band feel honored and proud that they can offer to residents of Central New York the Troop D Rough Riders.
ACTION PLUS. Above, during riders of Troop D spur their mounts through the flaming arch. Left, Earl Hackett in the five-foot jump event.
WHEN BALANCE IS IMPERATIVE. Expert horsemen of Troop D are shown above and right in Field Day events.
FEATS THAT TAKE NERVE, pictured above and below, thrilled hundreds at the State Police Field Day.
CORPORAL B. F. BUTLER EXECUTING A CARTWHEEL ON "GYPSEY"
DARING HORSEMANSHIP. This spectacular and dangerous feat by Corp. R. F. Butler of Troop D, State Police, at Onedia Barracks is in the repertoire of few fancy and trick riders.
The Troopers' Field Day

For 365 days in the year (not to mention the nights) the state troopers are on the job. But on one day of each year, come August, they put on a show.

And, on that one day, the people they serve can do nothing better than to take in that show. It gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their support of the troopers' work, to get better acquainted when there is no official business in hand and—the show is a mighty good one.

The annual field day of Troop D this year will be held at the Oneida barracks at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Members of the troop will show their ability at jumping horses, rough riding, exhibition riding and other sports, while the program will be varied by youngsters trained in trick and fancy riding and by vaudeville acts.

The state troopers, like the Royal Canadian Mounted, always get their man; let's see to it that they get a record crowd of them at the field day tomorrow.
Scenes at Annual Field Day Held at Oneida Barracks of Troop D

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PERFECT FORM.
Corps. John Rosmusen of Troy takes one of Troop G's blue ribbon winners over the four-foot, six-inch barrier at the Oneida State Police Field Day, Sept. 28.
THE "WEE WILLIE WINKLE" OF THE GRAY RIDERS. Tremaine M. Hughes, Jr., son of Troop D's lieutenant, will ride "Caroline" in the pony class at Oxford's field day.
THE "WEE WILLIE WINKLE" OF THE ORAY RIDERS. Tunisine M. Happles, Jr., son of Troop D's lieutenant, will ride "Caroline" in the pony class at Ouela's field day.
THIS TAKES STEADY NERVES. Lieut. Premaine M. Hughes, of Ocmulgee’s crack troop, performing a saddle surmount on “Gypo.”
FLYING AN EQUINE PLANE.
Sergt. J. W. Deveans, of Troop D, New York State Police, doing the "airplane ride" on "Duke," one of the stunts that will thrill spectators at the field day at Oneida Barracks next Saturday.

ONEIDA BARRACKS "C.O." Capt. Stephen McGrath, of Troop D, astride "Silver King."
The Colors—Coming on a full gallop with Troop D's colors leading and the Stars and Stripes atop a pyram...
Courtesy the Cossacks—Troop D’s rough riders have borrowed this head-stand from the famous Russian horsemen.
The rough riding team of Central New York's own Troop D, State Police, swings into action in Otsitsa.
The Bosses—
Capt. Stephen McGrath, commanding officer of Troop D, and Lieut. Tremain Hughes.
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MEMORIALIZING A
STATE POLICE IDOL.

Lieut. Gov. M. William
Bray of Utica speaking
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Hughes of Troop D,
pilot, who died in a
1932 plane crash.
Capt. Stephen McGrath
is seated at left.
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Dead Horse!—Lieut. Tremain Hughes demonstrates a bit of "horse gymnastics."

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Falling?—Wrong, for Trooper John Metzyk will soon swing from this position to a firm seat in the saddle.
MEMORIALIZING A STATE POLICE IDOL
THIS TAKES STEADY NERVES. Lieut. Tremaine M. Hughes, of Oneida’s crack troop, performing a saddle somersault on “Gypsy.”