

New Mexico Motor Patrol



Santa Fe, New Mexico



GOVERNOR CLYDE TINGLEY

New Mexico Motor Patrol

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
NEW MEXICO MOTOR PATROL
SANTA FE, N. M.

SANTA FE

January 1, 1935

Honorable Clyde Tingley,
Governor of the State of New Mexico,
and
Members of the Board of Supervisors.

Sirs:

We have the honor to transmit to you a report of the New Mexico Motor Patrol covering the activities for the period August 5, 1933 to January 1, 1935.

The ensuing report contains a record which shows the spirit and united effort of the New Mexico Motor Patrolmen working as a unit in rendering the efficiency and service for which the department has been noted.

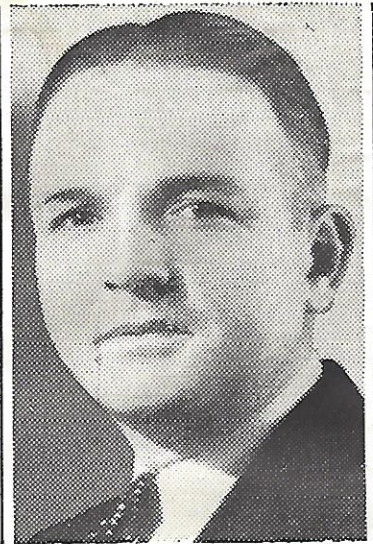
Letters of commendation from various firms and individuals throughout the State tend to further substantiate the high appreciation held for this department by the citizens of New Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted,

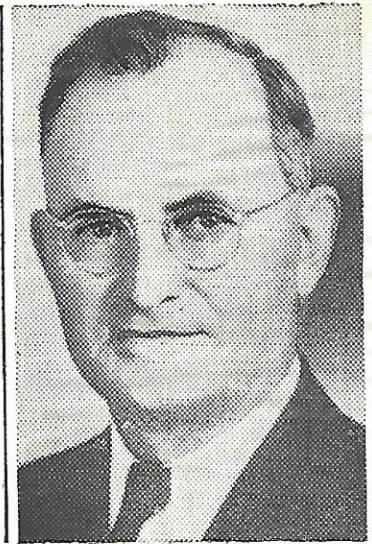
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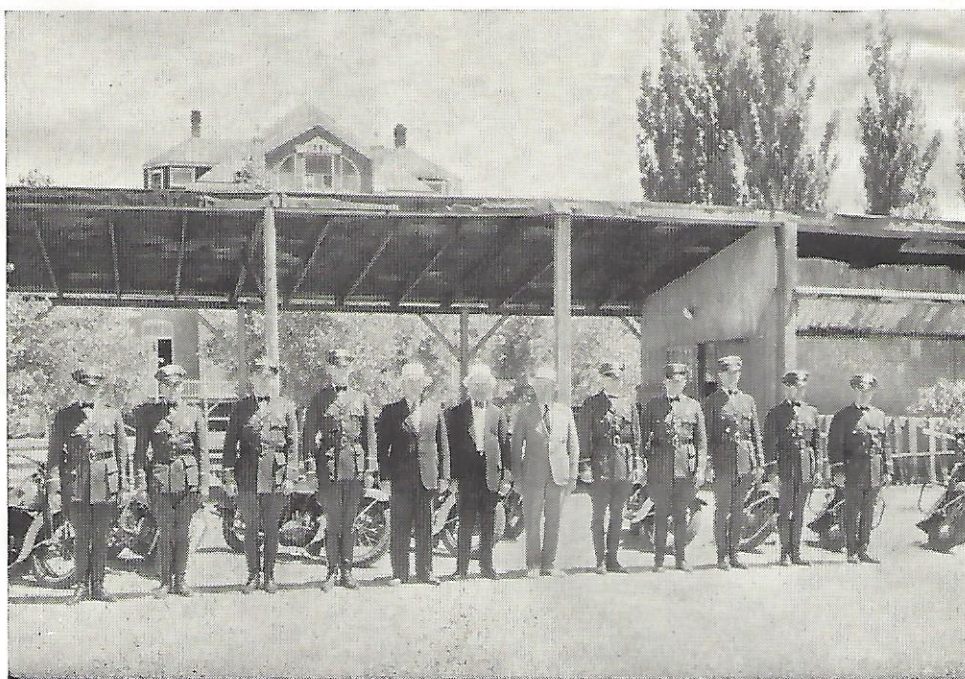
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GLENN D. MACY
State Highway Engineer



NEW MEXICO MOTOR PATROL—Taken July 16, 1934



"CRUISING" THE HIGHWAYS IN QUEST OF VIOLATORS
Patrolman Irish, Chief House and Patrolman Miller

A. W. Hockenhull
Governor



C. H. Olsen
Secretary

Executive Office

Santa Fe, New Mexico

December the 29th, 1934

Hon. E. J. House Jr.,
Chief, Motor Patrol,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

My Dear Mr. House:

As I am leaving the office of Governor, I desire to say a word of appreciation for your work and that of the entire force.

In my judgement New Mexico has no department that is more vital to the welfare of the State than the Motor Patrol and I only wish the finances were available so your force could be increased in number to enable you to cover this large State more efficiently. I trust the legislature will see to it that your department is provided for in a substantial way and I am wishing for you and each member of the Patrol the very best cooperation from the entire State and I feel that your work will grow until you can police every section.

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation with my office and the administration, I am

Yours very sincerely,

A. W. Hockenhull

Governor.

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December 31, 1934

Mr. E. J. House Jr., Chief,
New Mexico Motor Patrol,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Chief:

As I am leaving the office of Attorney General I wish to express my appreciation of the work you and your force have done for New Mexico. During the last two years of the life of the New Mexico Motor Patrol, I have been Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, under which Board the Patrol was organized and has functioned.

The efficiency of your force and your own untiring efforts toward service, have contributed much to law enforcement. Highways are safer and much money has come to the State as a direct result of your force being in the field. Officers throughout the State are appreciative of the cooperation and assistance given by your men.

The Patrol has contributed much to the law enforcement authorities and the people of this State. Much money, which heretofore escaped collection, has been brought into the treasury of the State by your efforts, a service which is appreciated by all.

It may be unseemly for me to offer any advice, but I hope you will ever bear in mind that no force can ever be either vital or efficient unless politics are left therefrom. Allow no political influence to interfere with a conscientious and indiscriminatory enforcement of law; make appointments on the basis of efficiency and honesty only. The Patrol has no place for men whose only recommendation is political regularity, and above all bear in mind that no law enforcement body can ever be efficient unless the members thereof have some security of employment, free from politics, so that each may choose police work as his life's work.

I sincerely trust that the Patrol may be increased, and convey to you and your force my earnest congratulations for a continued successful service.

With my best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

E. K. Neumann
Attorney General of New Mexico
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
New Mexico Motor Patrol.

New Mexico Motor Patrol



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December 31st, 1934

Mr. E. J. House, Jr., Chief
New Mexico Motor Patrol,
Santa Fe, New Mexico:

Dear Chief:

Since the formation of the New Mexico Motor Patrol a detailed report has been made of the activities of same, which shows that many thousands of dollars have been collected as a direct result of this force being in the field.

I have nothing but appreciation and commendation for the manner in which the small patrol we have has functioned, and as a member of the Board of Supervisors I want to commend you and your force upon your good work.

The recommendation which I have made in my biannual report recommends that this force be increased to something over 40 men, and it is my opinion that if this is done the State of New Mexico will derive in increased revenues during the first year of such augmented force an amount of at least one-half million dollars, which they are now loosing.

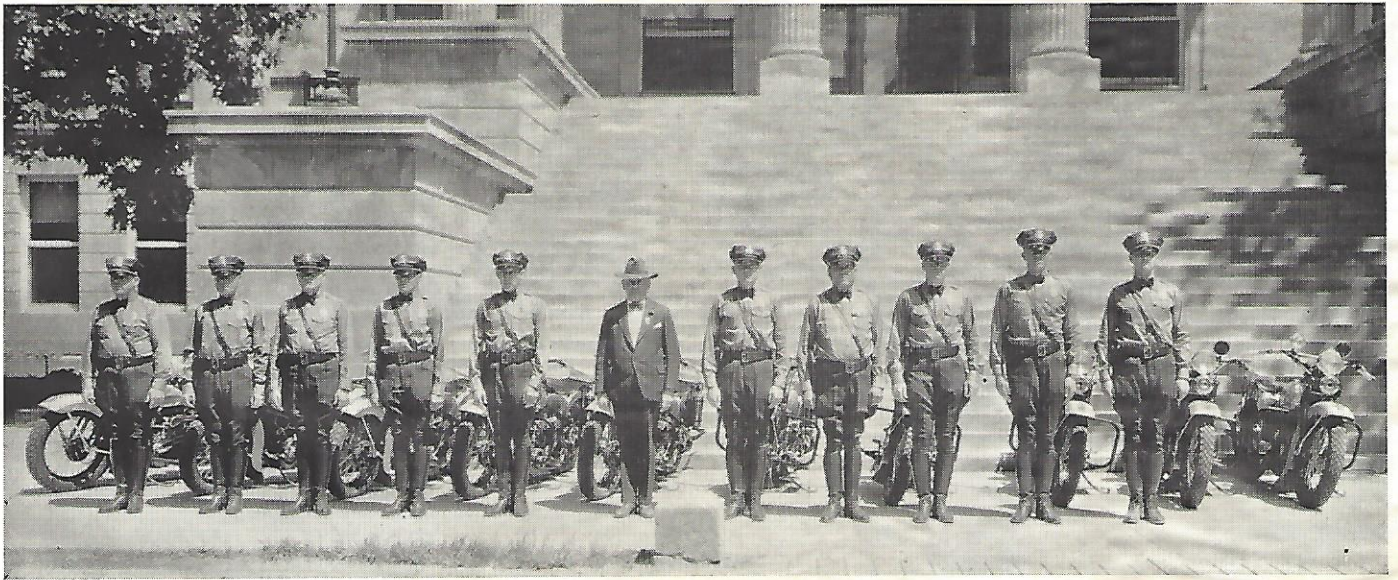
In addition to the increase in the force, provision should be made for new transportation equipment, as I consider it very necessary that patrolmen be provided with automobiles instead of motorcycles as at present. Your force mounted as it has been has been very efficient, but its efficiency could be greatly increased by providing modern, up-to-date transportation.

Yours very truly,

G. D. Macy
G. D. MACY, Secretary
Board of Supervisors
New Mexico Motor Patrol

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THE NEW MEXICO MOTOR PATROL



IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING, SANTA FE, AUGUST 1933

Left to Right—Earl E. Irish, Philip E. Coyle, Ivan L. Johnson, Lacy Shortridge, Carlos G. Salas, Governor Arthur Seligman, Henry Eager, M. G. Benavides, Chief E. J. House, Charles Miller, and I. G. Beckner.



E. J. HOUSE—CHIEF OF THE MOTOR PATROL

HISTORY OF NEW MEXICO MOTOR PATROL

Through the efforts of the former governor, Mr. Arthur Seligman, Attorney General E. K. Neumann and G. D. Macy, State Highway Engineer, the state of New Mexico on August 5, 1933, entered a new era in highway law enforcement. Ten hand-picked men, chosen from a large group of applicants of high standards, mounted on ten swift and powerful Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycles, were assigned to their stations at strategic points, giving New Mexico one of the most mobile and powerful law enforcement units of its size in existence. The New Mexico Motor Patrol, under the able leadership of Chief E. J. House, Jr., has been vested with authority covering the entire State of New Mexico.

Eighteen men were selected by rigid physical and mental examinations, from a list of 135 applicants. These 18 men were trained in a school placed in direct charge of Captain Homer Garrison of the Texas patrol--a fine example of interstate cooperation. Lessons in self-defense, courtesy, use and care of firearms, military drill, first aid, legal principles, and automotive mechanics were given for a period of one month. The ten men finally selected from the eighteen went on the job fully qualified, not only to enforce laws, but to be of general aid to motorists. The men are intelligent and broad-minded. They understand that the general public does not violate laws because of criminal tendencies but because of ignorance and thoughtlessness. So these men have taken upon themselves the tremendous task of educating the public, not by the old-fashioned method of inflicting punishment, but by tactful and courteous explanations and warnings. Only in cases where a violator requires something more impressive than explanations and warnings are arrests made; and even then the officer is pledged to remain a gentleman. Confirmed criminals, however, will find that these same men are as two-fisted and hard-fighting as the hero of a western story.

The following astounding record of the New Mexico Motor Patrol, established for only seventeen months, is convincing proof of the soundness and effectiveness of the principles upon which it is founded:

COMPLETE MONTHLY REPORT FROM AUGUST 1933 TO JANUARY 1935

VIOLATIONS	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
	A	W	A	W	A	W	A	W
Assault						1	1	
Check Gas Trucks		82		49		66	2	50
Clearing Traffic		2				2	1	12
Damage to Highways		6				2		
Damage to Property								
Defective Brakes		103		17		30		110
Defective Lights	36	533	50	305	5	306	9	240
Disturbing the Peace		1		3		8	6	18
Driving Center of Road		17		29		22		34
Drunks						4	2	
Fictitious Plates	3	1		4	3	3	2	
First Aid				1		1		8
Gas Tax Violation		9		2		2		7
Hit & Run Drivers	2	1						
Intoxicated Drivers		1	3		3		1	1
Investigations		47	4	65	2	48	1	60
Larceny from Auto		7		2	3	3		6
License Violations	66	280	80	158	78	183	90	203
Lights & Flag on Load		45	22	42		18	1	31
Malicious Mischief		1	1	1		7		7
Motor Carrier Law	5	21	19	48	2	66	22	78
Muffler Law	1	22	1	4		31		10
No Registration Papers		18		8		26		59
Overlength & Overwith		4				23		2
Overheight & Overweight		1		4		3		26
Parking on Highways		12		30	1	19		28
Rear Mirror		16		11		14		104
Reckless Driving	3	4	5	10	4	10	2	11
Reflectors	63	509	38	182	2	115		104
Removing Obstructions		64	14	54	9	56	2	52
Recovery of Auto				3				1
Permits	4	19		9		15		13
Checking Accidents								
Brake & Light Certificate								
Raids								
Stills								
Hunting Licenses								
Assistance Offered		167		277		161		138
Assistance Rendered		52		157		78		65
Cases Filed		124		64		9		27
Amounts of Fines Paid		\$ 502.50		\$ 2,154.00		\$ 1,240.50		\$ 1,455.50
Additional License Paid		\$ 2,734.80		\$ 4,923.31		\$ 6,093.00		\$ 4,085.99
Day Hours worked Monthly		1,914 4/6		2,692 1/2		2,593		2,729
Night Hours worked Monthly		2,825 1/12		911 3/4		724 3/4		757 1/2
Total Hours Monthly		4,739 3/4		3,604 1/4		3,317 3/4		3,486 1/2
Daily Mileage Monthly		18,001		20,611		15,108		12,739
Monthly Mileage in Car		1,755		963		330		200
Total Mileage Monthly		19,756		21,574		15,438		12,939

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	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY	
	A	W	A	W	A	W	A	W
VIOLATIONS	1		7					
Assault	1	39		40		32		1
Check Gas Trucks		2		1		3		
Clearing Traffic		1		2				
Damage to Highways								
Damage to Property	7	134	30	62	1	147	17	1
Defective Brakes	31	167	12	157	22	400	21	58
Defective Lights	2	3	5	5	1			
Disturbing the Peace		24		34		37		
Driving Center of Road	8	3	5	3	1	2		
Drunks	1		3		2		9	
Fictitious Plates		2		6				
First Aid		13		18		11		
Gas Tax Violation			1		2		1	
Hit & Run Drivers	2	1	4	2		1	1	
Intoxicated Drivers	27	68	13	90	10	182	24	121
Investigations		1		1	7			1
Larceny from Auto	81	72	173	106	173	65	283	30
License Violations		19		12	2	29		
Lights & Flag on Load		3		3		3		
Malicious Mischief	4	20	2	91	5	122	5	3
Motor Carrier Law	1	14	1	16		32		9
Muffler Law	1	4	2	10	2	27	1	53
No Registration Papers		3		3		7		
Overlength & Overwidth		9		5		5		
Overheight & Overweight		39		38	1	34		5
Parking on Highways		69		52		57		
Rear Mirror	2	7	2	11	4	35	4	
Reckless Driving	2	58	1	36		108		18
Reflectors		41		60	3	55		8
Removing Obstructions	3	6	1	5	4	5	4	
Recovery of Auto		9		8		4	19	259
Permits		3		7		4		
Checking Accidents		336		505		1002	6	96
Brake & Light Certificate								
Raids								1
Stills								
Hunting Licenses								
		82		125		145		33
Assistance Offered		44		58		72		30
Assistance Rendered		17		24		30		20
Cases Filed		\$ 177.75		\$ 245.25		\$ 351.39		\$ 1,249.75
Amounts of Fines Paid		\$ 2,991.15		\$ 5,668.89		\$ 3,106.05		\$ 2,646.53
Additional License Paid		2,538 1/4		2,659 1/2		3,252		2,473
Day Hours worked Monthly		701 1/2		761		756 3/4		297
Night Hours worked Monthly		3,239 3/4		3,420 1/2		4,008 3/4		2,770
Total Hours Monthly		9,795		5,366		12,267		11,649
Daily Mileage Monthly		3,808		11,641		12,847		4,506
Monthly Mileage in Car		13,603		17,007		25,114		16,255
Total Mileage Monthly								

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DECEMBER		TOTAL	
A	W	A	W
		16	25
6	71	13	588
	5	1	49
	1		12
			9
	1	208	1109
21	122	437	3673
		17	58
		10	254
7		105	22
8		43	10
		1	26
		25	156
2		12	4
9		46	6
4	128	234	1668
		42	25
142	21	2633	2151
		29	353
3	1	12	42
6	2	149	1007
		6	199
	4	26	313
		9	61
	1	3	92
		10	368
		6	667
		51	168
	19	118	1431
	1	37	606
		20	35
		27	369
		1	21
	15	19	2530
51		58	7
		17	
		250	
			16
40		1922	
22		959	
47		595	
\$ 615.00		\$ 18,760.59	
\$3,855.37		\$ 72,835.85	
2,563 $\frac{1}{2}$		46,008 $\frac{2}{6}$	
638 $\frac{1}{2}$		15,062 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3,202		61,070 $\frac{5}{6}$	
1,853		198,544	
22,088		121,394	
23,941		319,938	

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		TOTAL	
A	W	A	W	A	W	A	W	A	W	A	W
	12				1	4	3			16	25
	1	1	1		6	1	10	6	71	13	588
	6		1		1		3		5	1	49
									1		12
					1						9
4	14		242		33		7		1	208	1109
10	161	2	344	6	65	1	86	21	122	437	3673
		1			1					17	58
	1				1					10	254
3		17		18			5	7		105	22
1		3	2			1		8		43	10
	1				1					1	26
										25	156
		2c				1		2		12	4
3		1				4		9		46	6
18	115	23	122	10	71	36	62	4	128	234	1668
3				5	1	21				42	25
291	104	220	13	33	317	213	45	142	21	2633	2151
	1		1	3	3		1			29	353
2	4			2		2	5	3	1	12	42
9	13	9	15	20	8	4		6	2	149	1007
1	2		1	1						6	199
6	8	1	2	6	13	2	2		4	26	313
1		7	2		2		1			9	61
3							6		1	3	92
3	4		14		43		14			10	368
3	4		4		16					6	667
5	7	4	17	1	4	2	4			51	168
2	10		8		24				19	118	1431
5	24		77	2	12		4		1	37	606
2		1	2		1		1			20	35
										27	369
										1	21
	64		37		29		58		15	19	2530
5	7	2						51		58	7
		8		7		2				17	
				250						250	
Recovered cars in last six months not on books											16
78		74		75		33		40		1922	
45		47		36		17		22		959	
29		9		27		9		47		525	
\$ 2,911.33		\$1,021.00		\$ 881.00		\$ 1,041.00		\$ 615.00		\$ 18,760.59	
\$ 3,555.34		\$3,263.78		\$2,694.70		\$ 1,842.47		\$3,855.37		\$ 72,835.85	
3,100 $\frac{1}{2}$		2,880		2,925		2,489		2,563 $\frac{1}{2}$		46,008 $\frac{2}{6}$	
977		642		961		740 $\frac{1}{2}$		638 $\frac{1}{2}$		15,062 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4,077 $\frac{1}{2}$		3,522		3,886		3,239 $\frac{1}{2}$		3,202		61,070 $\frac{5}{6}$	
10,351		13,840		14,215		5,955		1,853		198,544	
13,830		6,160		7,983		15,307		22,088		121,394	
24,181		20,000		22,198		21,262		23,941		319,938	

SUMMARY OF THE WORK COMPLETED BY PATROL

During the period covered by this report the patrol had arrested 4,691 violators and warned 18,130 others.

The patrol has taken in during this period \$ 18,760.59 in fines and Permits; also they have collected \$ 72,835.85 in Gas Tax, Truck and Passenger car licenses, making a total of \$91,596.44.

It is evident in the tabulation of this report that the Motor Patrol is on duty at all times. It is to be noted that the patrol has been on duty 46,008 $2/3$ day hours and 15,062 $1/2$ night hours making a total of 61,070 $5/6$ hours on duty, covering 319,938 miles during this period with an average of 3,592 $1/3$ working hours covering 18,819 $5/6$ miles per month.

----- ACCIDENTS CHECKED

From August 1933 to January 1935, there have been checked 201 major accidents; 136 were between cars, 46 between cars and trucks, 10 between cars and wagons, 9 between trucks. There were 215 injured and 16 killed, with an average of about 1 person in each accident injured, and 1 out of every 14 cars killed.

The department also checked 22 accidents which were only listed on the daily reports of the different patrolmen.

It is hoped that within the next year the department will be in a position to diminish these accidents 50%, and this can be accomplished only by enlarging the patrol and having enforceable laws governing Motor Vehicles.

HIGHWAY PATROL STATIONS
AND
PERSONNEL

--- OFFICE ---

Chief Patrolman
Asst. Chief Patrolman
Desk Sargeant

E. J. House Jr.
Chas. H. Miller
Merle H. Hanson

--- PATROLMEN ---

Ptl. Earl E. Irish
Ptl. Ivan G. Beckner
Ptl. Lacy A. Shortridge
Ptl. Ivan L. Johnson

Ptl. Carlos G. Salas
Ptl. Roy Vermillion
Ptl. Luther H. Oldham
Ptl. Fidel C. Gonzales

So that you may know from which county patrolmen were appointed, a partial description, and what they have done, the following pages have been written for your information.

Chief E. J. House Jr. was appointed to the patrol from Chaves County. Is thirty years of age, married, and has one child. He is 6 feet, and weights 190 lbs. Mr. House is a graduate from Kufman High School, Kaufman, Texas, and worked in Sheriff's Office there. One year as Special Officer for Texas & Pacific Railroad, five and one half years with Police Department at Roswell, New Mexico. Was appointed Chief of New Mexico Motor Patrol October, 1933.

Asst. Chief Chas. H. Miller was appointed to the patrol from Santa Fe County. He is 27 years old, 6 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall, weights 190 lbs., and single. Mr. Miller is a graduate from Santa Fe High School. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment. Was appointed Asst. Chief in July, 1934.

Desk Sargeant Merle H. Hanson was appointed to the patrol from Colfax County. He is 26 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weights 195 lbs., and single. Mr. Hanson is a graduate from Raton High School and Barnes Business College; also had work in Denver University. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment.

Ptl. Earl E. Irish was appointed to the patrol from Valencia County. He is 42 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weights 190 lbs., married, and has six children. Mr. Irish attended High School at Masten Park, Buffalo, New York. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment.



Ptl. Ivan G. Beckner was appointed to the patrol from Union County. He is 25 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weights 190 lbs., and married. Mr. Beckner is a graduate from Clayton High School. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment.

Ptl. Lacy A. Shortridge was appointed to the patrol from Santa Fe County. He is 27 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weights 165 lbs., and single. Mr. Shortridge is a graduate from Greeley High School, also had work in Colorado State Teachers College and New Mexico Normal at Las Vegas. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment.

Ptl. Ivan L. Johnson was appointed to the Patrol from Harding County. He is 27 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weights 175 lbs., married, and has two children. Mr. Johnson is a graduate from Roy High School. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment.

Ptl. Carlos G. Salas was appointed to the Patrol from Dona Ana County. He is 28 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weights 160 lbs., married, and has two children. Mr. Salas attended High School at Estancia and Santa Fe. He had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment.

Ptl. Roy Vermillion was appointed to the patrol from Eddy County. He is 29 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weights 214 lbs., married, and has three children. Mr. Vermillion attended School in Amarillo, Texas. Worked as rancher until 1931 then in Sheriff's Office and Police Dept. at Artesia until his appointment to the Patrol.

Ptl. Luther H. Oldham was appointed to the patrol from Union County. He is 35 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weights 165 lbs., married, and has two children. Mr. Oldham attended High School at Grenville, New Mexico. Worked for four years in Sheriff's Office at Clayton, N. Mex. before his appointment.

Ptl. Fidel C. Gonzales was appointed to the patrol from San Miguel County. He is 29 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weights 185 lbs., married. Mr. Gonzales attended High School at Trinidad, Colorado. Had no experience as an officer prior to his appointment, except as Justice of Peace at Tererro.

THE UNITED STATE FLAG ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Chief E. J. House, Jr.
New Mexico Motor Patrol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

My dear Chief House:

By direction of our Executive Board I have the honor to inform you that upon the recommendation of a Jury of Award consisting of the Honorable E. K. Neumann, Chairman; the Honorable M. P. Baca; and the Honorable E. Dana Johnson; you have been awarded the LAV-ENFORCEMENT MEDAL of the United States Flag Association with the following CITATION:

E. J. House, Jr.: Fearless, able and energetic, as Chief of the New Mexico Motor Patrol, through skill and diplomacy, he organized the Motor Patrol in a sound and scientific way, and has commanded it in a masterful way that has brought marvelous results. The admirable system of radio broadcasts of Police News and Bulletins which he instituted has been most effective in coordinating all the police elements in the State into one coherent force. His courage and coolness in the face of danger and under the stress of emergency and his ability and determination to enforce the law under any and all circumstances have been demonstrated on a number of occasions. Thus has he faithfully, fearlessly, ably and determinedly upheld the majesty of the law, contributing to the security of society, and doing more than anyone else during the year 1933 to advance and encourage the enforcement of the law in the State of New Mexico.

With hearty congratulations, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

Signed Jas. A. Moss

Colonel, U. S. Army, Retired
PRESIDENT GENERAL

K. O. B. BROADCASTING STATION

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

Exerpt from our letter to K. O. B. Broadcasting Station:

"During the year 1934 we have been able to recover twenty nine cars, locate seven missing people, and locate eight different parties traveling through the State; also we have apprehended three persons wanted in other states.

There were twenty three persons who lost cars in the State and reported to our patrolmen that they appreciated our joint help through the use of your station; also people who were missing in the State have called our office stating how much they appreciated our Broadcasting for them."

K. G. F. L. Broadcasting Station

ROSWELL, N. M.

K. G. F. L. Broadcasting Station has been of great service to the Patrol in the Southwestern part of the State.

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The New Mexico Motor Patrol is deeply indebted to both K. O. B. and K. G. F. L. for the splended cooperation that they have given us during the past year. This service was extended to us without cost to the State.

We have received letters from people all over the State who have heard our broadcasts through these stations; also received one letter from Tacupeto, Sonora, Mexico. This certainly speaks for itself in regards to the efficiency of Broadcasting.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
San Francisco, Calif.

Chief of State Highway Patrol,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your assistants for the very fine work which you accomplished at the recent celebration at White Sands National Monument.

Our engineer, Mr. Attwell, has told me of the very fine supervision which you exercised, and the very orderly way in which all of the cars were routed in and out.

We know what an undertaking this is, and appreciate your assistance very much. We have gotten the same reaction from Tom Charles' articles on the celebration. He would have written us about your handling of the matter, I am sure, if he had thought that we were interested.

With kindest regards and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Signed F. A. Kittredge,
Chief Engineer.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
of the
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
SACRAMENTO

Dear Mr. House:

With 1934 about to end it is natural for us to recall the pleasant incidents and valued friendships enjoyed throughout the year.

The recollection of our association stands out vividly in mind as I attempt to express to you my appreciation of your cooperation and encouragement. These have been a source of inspiration to me in my endeavors.

May 1935 bring to you and your department, happiness and continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Signed E. Raymond Cato, Chief,
California Highway Patrol.

CITY OF SIOUX FALLS
Department of Streets
Department of Sewers
ELLIS O. SMITH
Commissioner

Chief
N. Mex. State Highway Police
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

My Dear Sir:

You will recall an incident of about three weeks ago when you were asked to locate the undersigned.

I am well aware of the tremendous effort you put forth to find me. Needless to say, I deeply appreciate the splendid service of your department and I wish I could thank each and every one of your organization in a really substantial manner. Your boys are certainly on their toes and are a credit to the State.

If any of you should ever happen to come through our city, please make yourself known.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Signed. Ellis O. Smith.

THE CITY OF CLOVIS

Mr. E. J. House Jr., Chief
New Mexico Motor Patrol,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Sir:

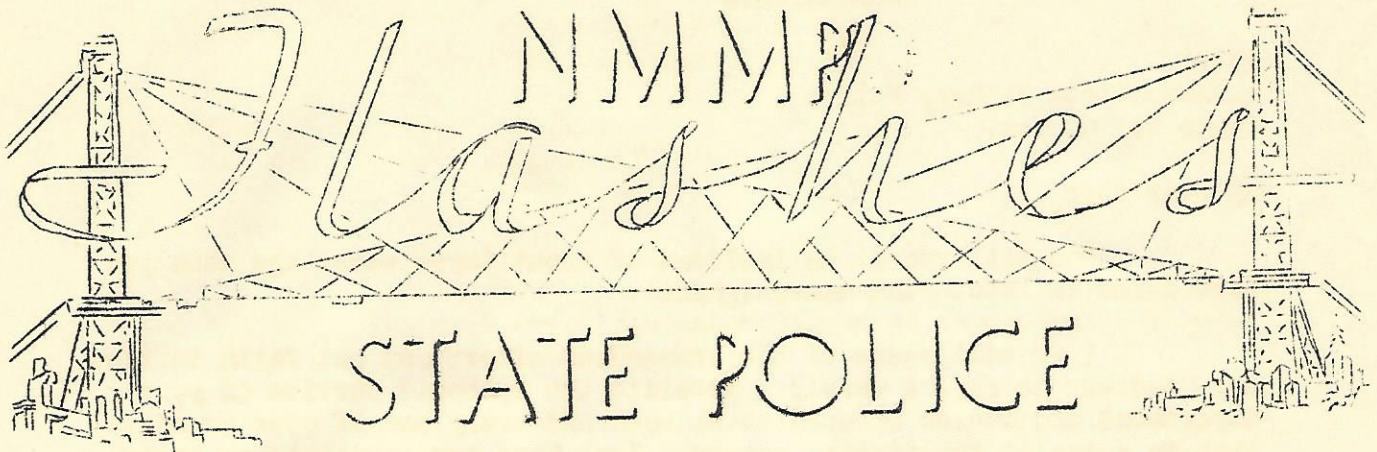
I want to express to you by this letter my appreciation and that of our City Commission and Police Department for the fine work done by the two Patrolmen you sent over here to give us assistance with our traffic.

The two Patrolmen made about fifty arrests and lots of other corrections. They handled the people in a gentleman like way and were very courteous. They showed no favors treating all alike. The traffic situation in our City has improved 100 per cent. They were ready to leave Friday but when we asked them to stay over Saturday to help us they very gratefully granted us their time and assistance. You could not have sent two more efficient or capable patrolmen.

I also want you to know how we appreciate your department through the assistance you have given us and from the very fact that politics nor any other matter enters into the enforcement of the law from your department which is greatly appreciated and the only way to enforce the law is by being equal and fair to one and all alike which you do. This department means much to our State and has only to be tried to be appreciated.

Yours Truly

Signed L. J. Stone, Mayor,
Clovis, N. Mex.



STATE MOTOR PATROL TRAP GANG

State Patrolmen Break Up Robber Gang
At Las Vegas, Get Loot.

State Motor Patrolmen who have just returned to Raton after a several weeks tour of duty in their district report the breaking up of an organized band of robbers and auto thieves at Las Vegas.

Jim Renick, and a man named Miller both ex-convicts from Oklahoma, Carlos Green of Near Clayton, and H. B. Taylor, garage proprietor of Las Vegas were all swept into the officers' clutches. Renick, Miller and Green are in jail at Estancia; Taylor is out under heavy bond.

Several thousand dollars worth of loot including two stolen cars, parts of a car recently stripped, fourteen guns, 700 rounds of ammunition, five saddles, \$500 worth of tools, \$300 in cash, part of which was in quarters and nickels, typewriters, adding machines and other miscellaneous loot obtained from robberies in Clayton, Roy, Tucumcari, Estancia and other places, were taken by the officers.

Business men of Estancia identified the men. One of the gang is still on the loose but the state policemen are on his trail and in hopes of nabbing him soon.

18 SLOT MACHINES SEIZED IN SANTA FE

Santa Fe, Dec. 14 (AP)—

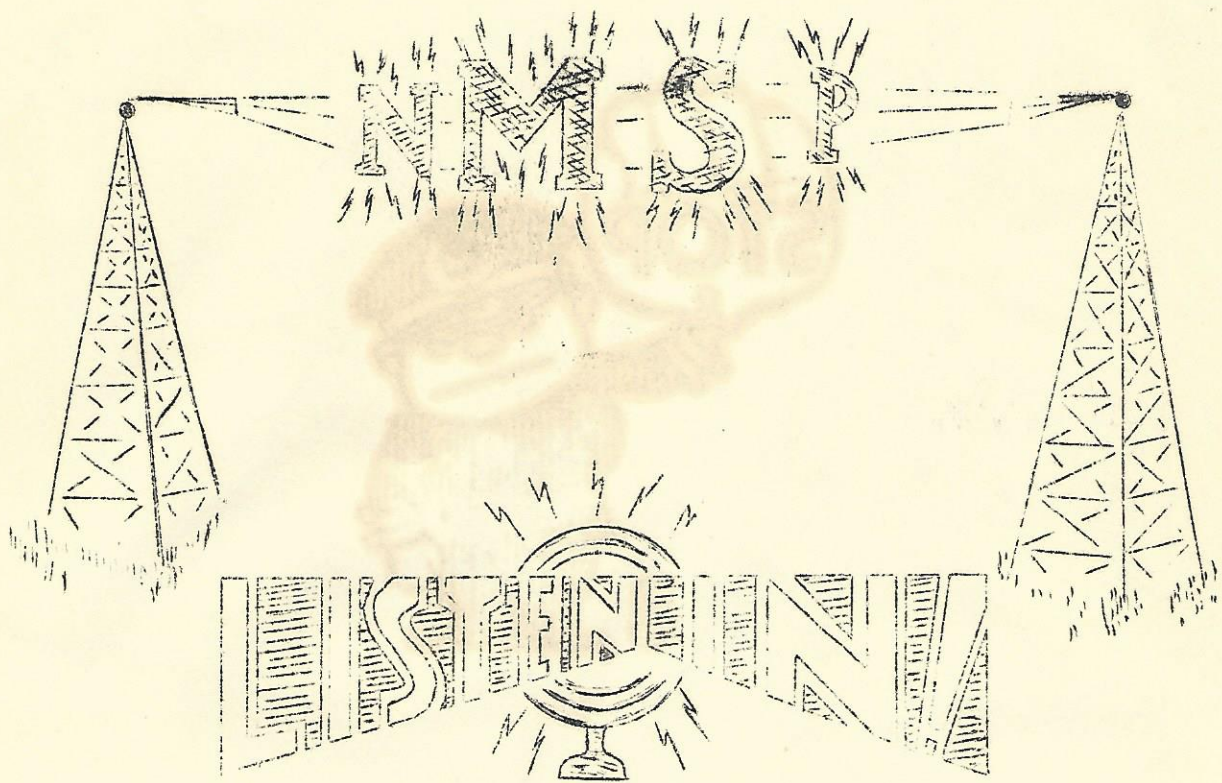
Eighteen slot machines were seized in raids on ten Santa Fe establishments Friday afternoon by C. R. McIntosh, assistant district attorney, and State Motor Patrol.

McIntosh said the machines were taken from pool halls, restaurants and drug stores. He said the officers also seized two dice table covers, two poker tables and two "black-jack" tables.

HOT SPRINGS GAMBLING DEVICES CLOSED DOWN

State Motor Patrol closed several alleged gambling devices here early Saturday and issued warnings that no more gambling will be tolerated. No arrests were made.

The officers said they would arrest any persons involved in the operation of gambling devices the next time unless the warnings were heeded. They said many complaints had been received about gambling and a close watch will be kept in the future to put a stop to the evil.



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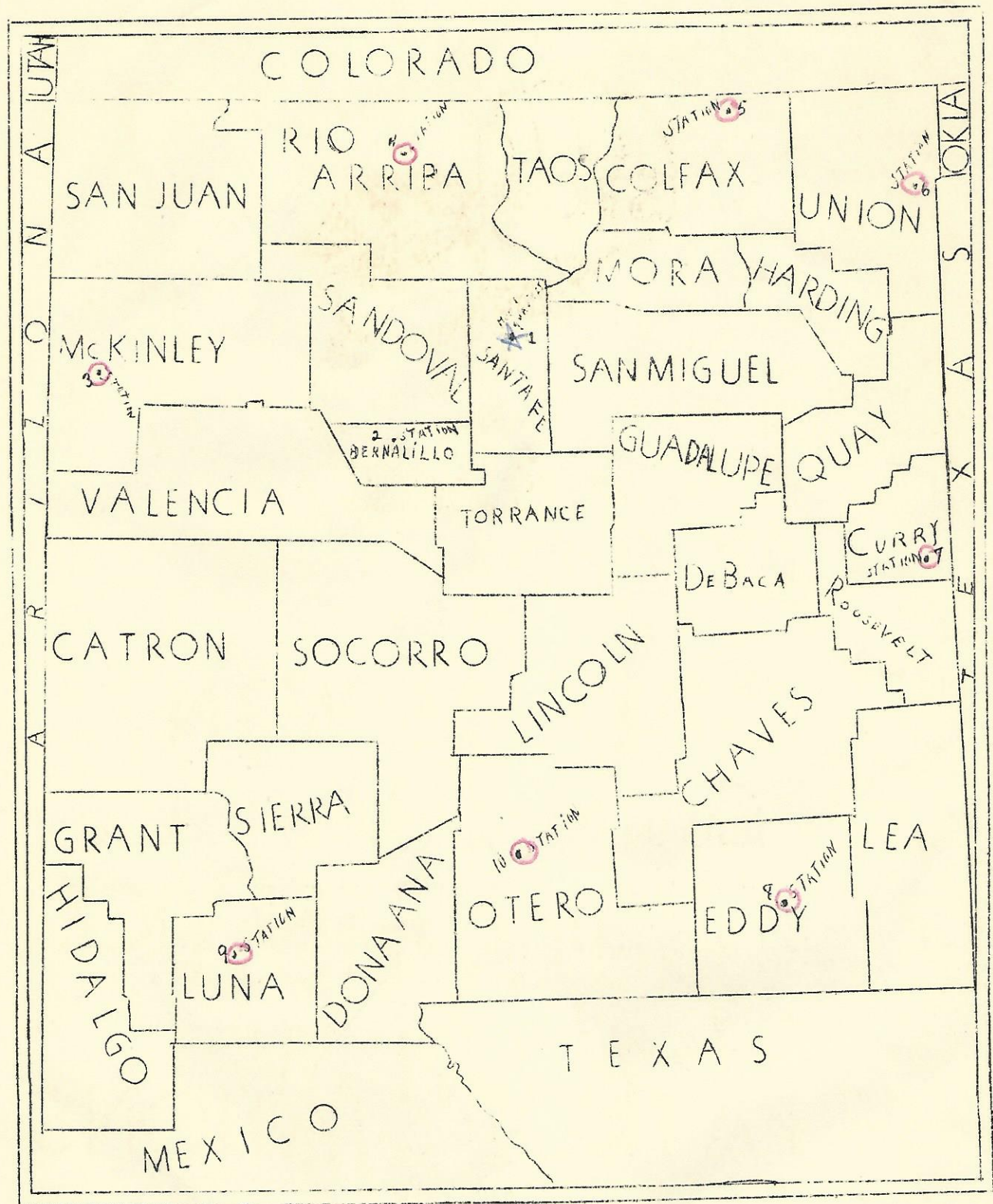
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COULD GIVE MORE
EFFICIENT SERVICE
WITH THE FOLLOWING
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| 2. ALBUQUERQUE | 6. CLAYTON | 10. ALAMOGOR-DO |
| 3. GALLUP | 7. CLOVIS | |
| 4. TIERRA AMARILLA | 8. CARLSBAD | |