

CITIZENS SERVICES

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

A State on Wheels—More vehicles than ever before in history rolled along the highways of Delaware in 1960. For the Motor Vehicle Department, this increased activity meant a big jump in its business of inspecting and licensing the vehicle and the driver. Once again the number of accidents on Delaware Highway jumped to a new high. In 1960 there were 8,069 accidents reported to the Safety Responsibility Section. These accidents involved a new high of 2,182 out-of-state motorists. The accidents resulted in over \$3 million worth of property damage. There were 2,623 injuries.

Business transactions increased over the previous year by 5.5%. Income to the State was \$4,381,928.46, an increase of \$182,722.41 over the previous year. Under the Driver Improvement program, which is designed to remove the problem driver from Delaware Highways, the bureau processed 13,024 cases which resulted in 3,277 suspensions and 5,591 warning letters.

Other facts:

Driver license examinations: 24,329

Vehicles inspected: 176,624 (9% rejected)

New Car titles issued: 24,506 (up 11.6%)

Used Car titles issued: 79,793 (up 6.5%)

Another busy year, indicative of what the future holds for Delaware's Highways.

BEACHLANDS

On the Ocean-front—Almost one-half million vacationers used Delaware's ocean-front public lands in 1960. The peak-load periods almost doubled those of the previous year and the over-all increase for the season was 35 per cent.

The Bridge Division, which now supervises the area, accomplished the following:

- Campsites were increased from 280 to 425
- A new shower house was constructed
- A deep well was dug
- A new picnic pavilion was built south of Indian River Inlet
- Fresh drinking water was hauled in by tank truck and dispensed through faucets and a fountain
- Life guards were added at Tower Road, Key Box Road and Indian River Inlet beaches

Despite the added facilities, the campsite areas were at times overloaded and new additions must be made for the future.

Sand fencing continued to be an effective deterrent to the continuing erosion. The beach erosion work by contract was awarded late in this fiscal year and actual progress has only just begun.

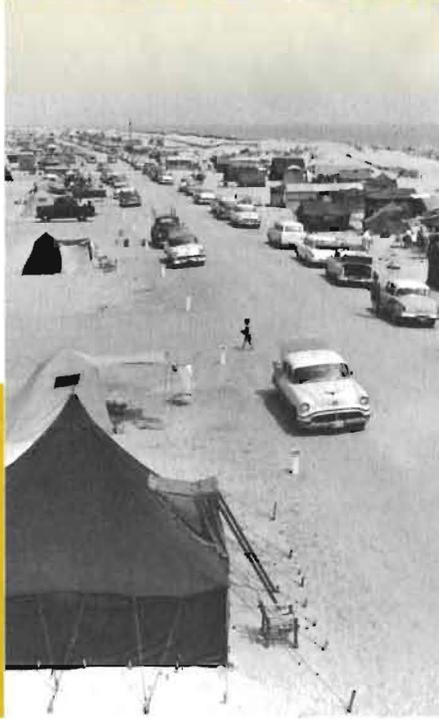
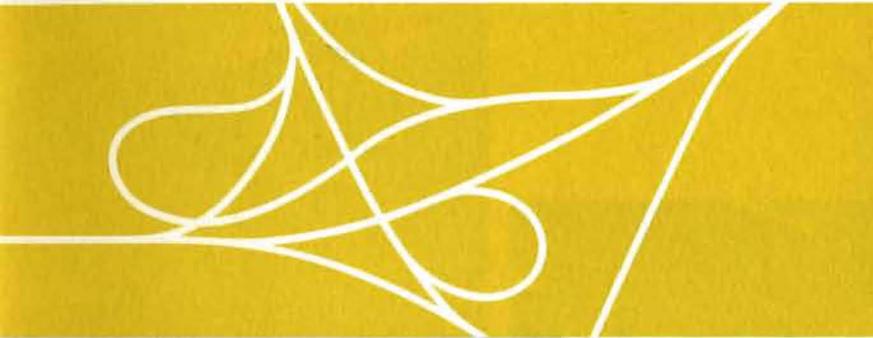
PUBLICITY SECTION

Passing the Word—The term publicity section is probably a misnomer; it should more accurately be called an information section. Seldom does the Department feel that it must seek publicity for itself. Most of its information effort is channeled into providing the citizen of the State through local newspapers and radio stations, with information about the work of the Department which affects him.

News stories have been regularly provided for 4 daily papers, 15 weekly papers, 10 radio stations and at times to 4 metropolitan papers. In addition copy has been furnished to three magazines devoted to the highway construction field.

Photographs were furnished to the news outlets on an average of 40 to 7 times monthly in addition to specially requested photos.

Cooperation extended to us has been good in time of an emergency, such as heavy snowfall, highway damage requiring the closing of a highway or damage to bridges.



Delaware's beachlands get increasing use.



Motor Vehicle has vital job.

