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goes through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia before entering Florida. This is a well-traveled route.

When I stopped at the welcome station on I-75, I picked up a number of pamphlets on camping, plus an excellent pamphlet put out by the Florida Association of Camping and Trailing Parks (address P. O. Drawer 278, Alachua, Florida 32615). This association pamphlet lists 73 privately operated campgrounds in the state and also has a map showing their general location.

Also at the welcome station, I was given free a booklet called "Good Camping in Florida" and this was most helpful. This booklet lists state parks along with those operated by the national forests, counties and other agencies.

On this trip, I again stopped and camped near St. Petersburg at Fort DeSoto Park, which I consider one of the state's finest areas. Here you can park a trailer or motor home and be just 20 feet from the beach and water. The camping area is on a number of islands, making it a total water park. You also can find numerous places to fish.

Some people consider this to be one of the finest campgrounds in the nation, and I have to go along with this. This campground was developed by Pinellas County. Fee for a trailer is \$3 for overnight.

You will find that camping rates are getting higher as you travel Florida, and this is a trend I deplore. Some places charge up to \$8 a night. State parks usually charge \$2.50 plus tax.

Information on state park camping is available by writing Florida Recreation and Parks Division, Room 560, Larson Building, Tallahassee, Florida.

If you plan to camp in Florida in the summer, be forewarned that it

can get brutally hot in many areas. This is a region for air-conditioned units in the summer.

New Campers Are Beauties

Many of the 1971 model camping units now are being displayed by dealers in your neighborhood. And, believe me, you'll really see some deluxe features in the 1971 models.

I noted this when I attended the national recreation vehicle show in Louisville last December. At this show, the 1971 units were shown.

One of the biggest surprises to me was to find that you now get such things as automatic dishwashers in camping trailers. Also, many now come through with automatic defrosting of refrigerators.

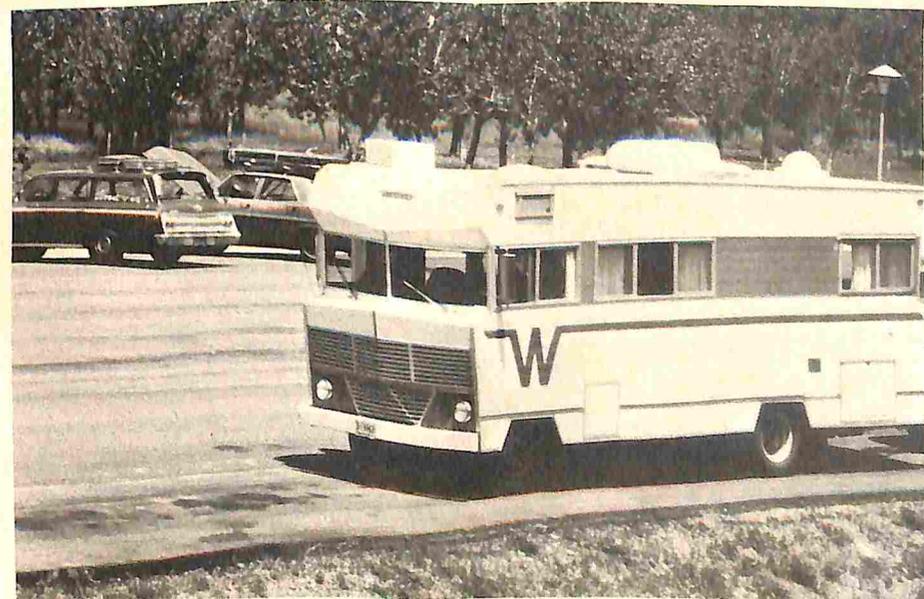
Winnebago Industries Inc. of Forest City, Iowa, has come up with a series of motor homes that range in price from \$5995 up.

This \$5995 price is quite low for a motor home and it should create considerable interest among prospective buyers because this price comes close to what a truck camper with a slide-in unit costs.

At the Louisville show, Dreamer displayed a 23-foot travel trailer with the automatic dishwasher. This particular unit also has a 110-gallon water storage tank.

Another motor home that you should see is the Rectrans Discoverer, which is new and is being produced by Rectrans of Brighton, Michigan. It is ultra modern in design and its manufacturers call it "a new concept on wheels."

Behind Rectrans are four men who were prominent in the auto industry. They are Semon E. Knudsen, who is board chairman of Rectrans; James Musser, formerly assistant chief engineer at Chevrolet; Lawrence Shinoda,



The author toured Florida in a Winnebago unit as he checked out camping in the Sunshine State.

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