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A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes last forever. None of us is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

- Mutual Moments -

DID YOU KNOW THAT

"SS" on a warrant is derived from Latin "scilicet" and means "to wit?"

Under Sec. 1702C of 1935 Supplement, any person who shall be charged with nonsupport can be prosecuted before any court in this State regardless of territorial jurisdiction of crime?

A person can be charged twice with the same crime in apparent violation of "double jeopardy?" Sec. 6536 reads "No conviction for any criminal offense had upon any complaint issued by the procurement or at the solicitation of the person committing it shall be a bar to another complaint or information for the same offense."

Under Sec. 801, of the General Statutes, active members of organized military and naval militia and National Guard are exempt from arrest while "under orders" except for treason, felonies, and breach of the peace?

The last legislature finally defined misdemeanor and felony? Chap. 250, H.B. 670 states, "only crimes punishable by death or imprisonment for more than one year shall be deemed a felony and any other crime, unless designated a felony by statute shall be deemed a misdemeanor."

Under "tacit confession" rule, once a man is arrested, he does not have to deny any accusation. Silence cannot be used against him in court.

CRIME DOES PAY

Accurate statistics in this field show that in U.S., particularly in New York, out of every 100 crimes committed, only 15% of the perpetrators are ever brought to trial and

that 2% are ever convicted. In other words, the criminal has a 98% chance of escaping ultimate punishment and an 85% chance of escaping arrest.

ANOTHER FIRST

Our pistol team, comprised of Lt. Clark, Officer Powell, Station "D" Boyington of "K", Yaskulka from "C" and Wm. Casey of "L", won first place in the recent New England Police Revolver match, scoring 4537 points out of a possible 6000.

Boyington was the highest man with a score of 1153 points out of a possible 1200.

Fourteen police teams, representing the New England states, competed.

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

An excellent 32 page booklet on handling of traffic -- Co-editor Officer Jerry O'Connell of this department, now serving with Northwestern University -- is "Point Control of Traffic" -- Free.

"Accident Investigation Manual" \$2.00. This book handles all types of traffic problems..Easy reading.

The Evidence Handbook for Police \$2.00. Explanation in simple terms of different types of evidence. Well worth the money.

Criminal Investigation and Detection \$.35. This booklet contains useful information in systematic investigation and recording of crime.

All the above can be secured by writing

Safety Division IACP
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Evanston, Illinois

ON THE JOB

Bridge Guard William Belliveau reporting for duty at the Bulkeley Bridge Hartford on May 18, 1943, at 7:50 A.M. was informed by a woman passerby that a girl had just jumped off the north side of the bridge into the water.

Belliveau immediately ran to the side of the bridge and saw the girl floating or swimming south with the swift current under the bridge.

As she was near the west bank of the river, he raced to the cement dike, climbed to the top and jumped 20 feet or more to the rocky slope below. He waded into the river to his waist, grasped the girl, and with the assistance of another man, a civilian by the name of Louis Baillargeon, of Hartford, pulled the girl to safety. The girl is fully recovered with no ill effects from her experience.

At the time, Belliveau was suffering from the effects of a recently broken ankle and had been returned to duty a short time before. He still limped and any action such as he went through would have made a lesser man hesitate before making an attempt that would almost certainly break his ankle once more. Fortunately, his injury was affected not too seriously.

This is the second rescue of this kind that Belliveau has made. His record as a bridge guard is an enviable one, of which anyone could be proud.

CONFESSIONS

During the last two or three years the United States Supreme Court has taken an increasing interest in criminal cases in which the defendants were convicted in State courts upon confessions obtained by prolonged interrogations or by various forms of "indirect force."

Sec. 9, of the Connecticut Constitution states in part, "No person shall be compelled to give evidence against himself." This is known as a 'Constitutional Right.' Therefore, in taking a confession, to protect yourself and cover this angle, it is necessary that you identify yourself and warn the accused that he "doesn't have to talk." Identity can be established by wearing uniform, or if in civies, stating "I am a police officer." You can warn by saying, "You don't have to make any statement to me; anything said will be used against you. This information can be imparted to the accused during interview and satisfies legal requirements.

If the defense counsel asks officer if he explained 'constitutional rights' answer that you 'told prisoner he didn't have to talk, etc.' and don't try to give definition of 'constitutional rights'. (All 'constitutional rights' and incidentally our criminal law procedure, can be found in the State Manual under 'Constitution of Connecticut', Art. 1st, Sec. 4 to 21 inclusive). This is easy reading and is self-explanatory.

CONFESSION (continued)

LOOK THIS OVER

The best confession is one that is written in the accused's own handwriting.

The following is three months activities for Officer Whitmarsh of Station "C":

Use typical words of subject, such as errors in grammar, etc.

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Have subject read confession, and then read it to him. Make sure he understands it. Don't use two-meaning words.

March	70	2	41
April	112	1	59
May	<u>41</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
	223	4	114

Have all corrections made by subject in his own handwriting. This is good evidence that he read it and understood it.

THE QUESTION BOX

Have subject initial or sign each page and on the last page, have him place signature after this, "I have read the above and it has been read to me and it is true and correct." Do not add, "to the best of my knowledge and belief," because this affords defense attorney opportunity to question memory of his client.

The following are "True-False" statements. Write "T" or "F" after each statement.

If accused won't sign it, read it again to him in presence of a witness or witnesses, after each portion saying, "Isn't that what you said" or "That's true, isn't it?" etc. Officer and witnesses present sign the confession and officer adds, "Statement obtained from accused is true, read by him and admitted as true in presence of witnesses, but he refused to sign it." Then both should again sign as witnesses to this statement.

1. A grand jury commonly refuses to admit or pay attention to hearsay evidence. ()
2. If an officer stops a speeding car and the driver locks the door and refuses to accompany the officer, he may lawfully use force to open the door. ()
3. Intoxication is never a defense but always an excuse. ()
4. If mortal wound is inflicted in State A, and the party dies in State B, the slayer may be tried in either state. ()
5. Confessions, to be admissible in court, must be signed, sworn to or witnessed. ()

Common errors in confession-taking:

Answers in next issue.

1. Putting in criminal record
2. Other crimes committed by the accused but not before the court

These are inadmissible.

State Police and Towns

With new residents in virtually all parts of the State, the work of the State Police is increasing in many a small town where the local police force errs on the side of economy.

As only a portion of the workers of big war industries can be accommodated within the cities of their location, new housing projects have been scattered over wide areas, reaching into towns which before the war were distinguished chiefly for their rural atmosphere.

But the spread of population brings with it law infractions, from minor misdemeanors to more serious matters. Many of the smaller towns dislike exceedingly to go to additional expense of any kind, being good penny pinchers, accounting in part for the uniformly low tax rates.

So the State Police, being called upon to help, have done so with alacrity, asking town residents to telephone the nearest State Police barracks in cases of need. Communication between all parts of the State Police, both barracks and cars, is instantaneous; and the small towns are finding that they can rely on this arm of the state government with the assurance of efficient cooperation. Letting the State attend to local police matters saves money.

New Britain Herald June 7, 1943

OUR GANG

Officer Sweeney resigning from the department to enter private industry.

Capt Carroll says to all competitors: "Lay on MacDuff and damned be he that first cries, 'Hold enough'."

Lieut. Smith's Auxiliaries in new uniforms and rifles, really something to look at.....

Lieut. Clarke's fortunate in having Judo expert Officer Snell assigned to his station. Snell had 1 1/2 years experience with Honolulu Police Department.

Capt. Schatzman is in demand as a result of his recent talk before the Darien Police Department on "Public Relations."

Hats off to Lt. Boas and his men for the excellent performance during communications emergencies.

Former Officer Bill Flynn is now safety engineer for Bridgeport bus company.....

Cordial welcome is extended to our new "radio queens." Station "K" had the pleasure of employing the first female operator, Betty Smith.

Lieut. Stevens peps up his Auxiliary Police meetings by securing celebrities as speakers.. an 'ace' a sub commander, just back from the war zone, were among the many.

Captain and Mrs. Kelly celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary with dinner at Hartford's Spinning Wheel.

Milford Christiana in accounting division is showing picture of Tom Raftery.

Helen Breault - same division - joining Marines..Rita's reducing. Turk's trying - lost 4 inches.

SOMETHING NEW

An inspiring and dramatic exhibition of emergency equipment in action under "just bombed" conditions was demonstrated Monday night June 14, at Simsbury High School.

The incident was an unexploded bomb that suddenly went off causing casualties, property damage and fire. Smoke candles, red flares, dynamite, screaming sirens, etc., all made the incident look amazingly real.

Prior to this, O. P. Case, First Selectman and Commissioner Hickey addressed the audience which numbered approximately 1000.

The outstanding feature was the Auxiliary State Police drill team from Bethany. Lieut. Smith and his assistants are to be highly complimented on their appearance and performance.

The "show" was under the direction of Lieut. Shaw, ably assisted by Officers Mercier and Gruber.

To the regular and auxiliary members of the State Police, who in any way contributed to this exhibition, Commissioner Hickey wants to extend his deepest thanks and appreciation.

The consensus of opinion among the spectators was that this was the most realistic presentation they ever witnessed and they left the scene feeling secure in the thought that the Connecticut State Police are equipped to render yeoman service during any emergency.

THANKS

Many thanks to Auxiliary State Police Officer Fred Edmons of our Hartford Barracks, ably assisted by Auxiliary Officer Ken Allen. He "invented" the new "Auxiliary Control Filing System" now in use in all of our barracks.

Also thanks to Officer Schenarts, who contributed to the printing of this paper -- To Jack Kane for the fine painting now at S. P. Academy.

NEW LAWS

Twenty-six new measures affecting motor vehicle traffic were enacted by the 1943 Conn. General Assembly. Make sure you get a copy of these as same have been put in bulletin form by the Motor Vehicle Department.

MILITARY POLICE

Captain Arthur Pinell, Troop "A", Military Police, reports loss of twenty-eight men in the past sixteen months - twenty-four to the armed service and four appointed to this department for the duration.

This unit was formerly commanded by Roy E. Collins, now a Major in the communication section of the State Guard.

Since its origin on December 8, 1941 this group has acted under the direction of the Commissioner and has engaged in all types of mounted maneuvers throughout the State.

An American soldier in England was giving some illustrations of the size of his country. "You can board a train in the state of Texas at dawn," he said impressively, "and twenty-four hours later, you'll still be in Texas."

"Yes," said one of his English listeners with feeling, "we've got trains like that here too."

VOX-COP

Editor - Lieut. Leo J. Mulcahy

The title, "Vox-Cop" means the "voice of the cop".

Through the medium of this paper, we hope to express your ideas -- to portray interesting cases, citations, law questions, etc.

We welcome suggestions and news and feel that this paper and particularly "Our Gang" column, will be of personal interest to all only if all contribute.

Please send items to Editor, Lieut. Leo J. Mulcahy.

PUBLICITY

Many thanks to Joe Mulvaney for the fine spread his paper, the New York Journal American, gave this department in celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

Three pages of fine action pictures were shown in the June 6th issue and two more pages in the June 13, sheet.

Read the Commissioner's Annual Report to the Governor. Copies will be distributed in the very near future. This document really does this department justice.

SPREADING RUMORS HELPS HITLER.

IN MEMORIAM

We were deeply shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of Bill Clare on May 7, 1943. He had been ill since Christmas, but his death was unexpected.

Bill joined the State Police Department on December 1, 1930, as an assistant clerk and typist. For several years he ran the Teletype Division unassisted, working all night and rendering yeoman service. On May 1, 1942, at his own request, he was assigned to the Bureau of Identification.

He is survived by a darling nine year old daughter, Nancy Rose, to whom many of us have lost our hearts. To her, we extend deep sympathy and say, "They are not dead who live in the hearts of those they leave behind!"

To this, fate has added the name of Harry Carpenter. Only 31 years of age, he passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 29.

Harry was with this department for sometime, being employed as a radio technician. He leaves his wife, Alice Rainey, a sister, Mrs. C. H. Sove and one brother, William.

His death was a shock to the personnel and his loss will be keenly felt.

"THE LETTER OF THE MONTH"

THE ENSIGN-BICKFORD COMPANY

June 15, 1943

Commissioner Edward J. Hickey
Department of State Police
100 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

I was so greatly impressed by the demonstration given by the State Police in Simsbury last evening that I wish to write and congratulate you on the marvelous organization and facilities which you have built up for service in the State of Connecticut. I was particularly impressed with the evidence of training shown by all units and could not believe that the Motor Cycle Corps were volunteers until you explained to me that this was so.

The whole show was beautifully carried out in all details and was tremendously inspirational to all of us in Simsbury, especially those on the War Council as an example of what organization, thorough training and good discipline can accomplish. It makes me realize only too keenly that in my own job of responsibility for the protection of this plant much work still lies ahead perfecting my organization; but, at the same time, as Mr. Ellsworth so aptly put it, it is a very comforting thought that so much splendid help is available on short notice, to us in case of a disaster.

Very sincerely,

THE ENSIGN-BICKFORD COMPANY

S/Robert E. Darling
Vice President and Secretary

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