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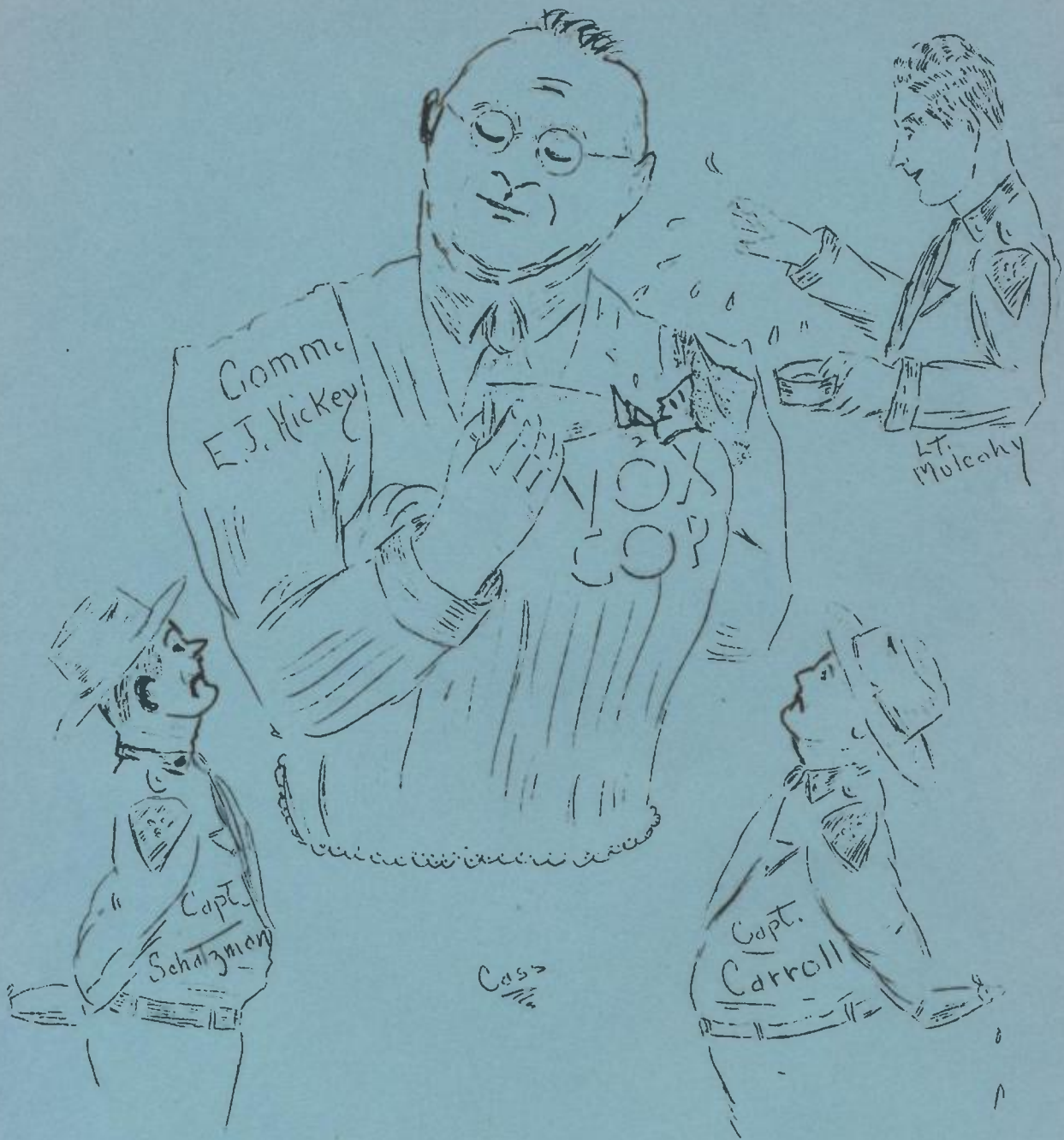
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EDWARD J. HICKEY,
Commissioner

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FOUNDLING
FATHERS

(EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK WRITTEN BY PROF. PERKINS)

Reprinted by Capt. J. A. Lyddy, Bridgeport Police Dept.

"Every profession even the ministry itself has at times entered embarrassment from within its own ranks. It has discovered some members to be entirely unworthy, or have seen some worth-while respectable member "forget himself" on some particular occasion. Every such instance has its harmful effect, although (quite fortunately) most people have learned not to measure an entire profession by an occasional discreditable act of one member. The Peace Officer's profession, like every other, has had to contend with an occasional handicap of this nature. Unfortunately, moreover, every unprofessional act by a Peace Officer is likely to be brought forcibly to the attention of someone or more of the general public. This fact should never escape the attention of the officer, no matter how sorely he may be tempted. On the other hand, the general public should not permit any individual incident to obscure the fact that the vast majority of officers are serving the community honestly and honorably, to the best of their ability and at the frequent risk of life itself. The officer and the law-abiding citizen must be firm allies in war on crime if there is to be real efficiency in the enforcement of law."

THE TROOPER

By Col. T. P. Brady, Director

Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol

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I tell of a man you may have met
Whose life begins, when in camp, a cadet
Inspired by a hope he longs to see
One day soon become a reality.
From early morn to setting sun
He strives to do tasks as they should be done;
The weaklings fail, but he braves the storm
And one day he receives a uniform.
A uniform of cherished hue,
Allegiance to which he must always be true,
For that uniform will make him see
The officer that he is sworn to be.
Forget he has "days off" to be spent,
Instill in him love for law enforcement,
Teach to aid the injured and weak,
Train him to smile, tell him when to speak.
Making him be courteous, and then
Aiding when he deals with dangerous men.
Force him to patrol in sun or snow,
Starve, lose sleep, lead where few men would go.
Prevent any dishonorable act
And impede those deeds which would not attract
Respect for law and order, the way
That man has decreed shall govern today.
The lights wink out all along his run
But he travels on, his day is not done,
For he must watch for that fleeing car
That bears the bandits now speeding afar,
Fearing the place where they robbed, and then
Hoping by night to escape to their den.

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He sees, gives chase -- not afraid to die,
As sparks, on the curves, from his crash guards fly.
Rain turned to ice on his monkey suit
And hot lead whines by as the Scofflaws shoot.
He fires, and the car is stopped at last
And the rest of their lives at Parchman pass.
Tired and weary he crawls into bed
His eyes closed in sleep as though he were dead.
Exhaustion has put its mark on him
And makes him suffer in spirit and limb.
A sickening crash--as cars collide,
A little child lies quiet by the roadside--
Signal "44" blares on the air,
He knows someone's life may hang by a hair;
And though his body be racked with pain,
Determined, his feet hit the floor again.
This, of all tasks, he must never shun,
The road must be cleared, the job must be done.
All hope for injured child seems dead,
The angel of death awaits by its bed;
But blood from his arm he gladly gives,
The flame of life flares up and the child lives.
Noble profession that makes one sweat
To fulfill his duty--a worthy debt.
Protect his fellow man, and derive
Honor therefrom though barely alive.
Long forgotten, pecuniary gain,
His obligation he now pays in pain,
Shot through, fever flushed--brain in a stupor,
Carry on, you must, for you're a Trooper.

TOREADOR THROWS BULL

While en route to Station F on the morning of June 20, Sergt. Wm. Mackenzie sighted a yearling bull in the center of the road headed in the direction of the Westbrook barracks. Ten miles an hour, then 15 and 20 went the bull with the energetic Mackenzie in pursuit. A new police problem presented itself Mac's Spanish blood overruled his appetite (steaks). Seeing the necessity of making a quick "kill" due to the fact two saronged natives were approaching, loquacious Bill slipped his car along the starboard side of the animal and moved its bow over to an adjoining field.

"SAVOIR-FAIRE"

SPEED

On June 16, the following happened:

Stolen car teletype alarm received from Hartford Police Department at 12:11 A.M. Sent out over State Police radio at 12:12 A.M. At 12:17 A.M. the operator and car were picked up by Officer Rome and Detective Flanagan. (5 minutes)

On June 17 (the next day) Private Booker T. Washington was sentenced to one year in jail for car theft.

Officers Rome and Flanagan enjoying a day off.

THE MAY ACT

"Until May 15, 1945, it shall be unlawful within reasonable distance of any military or naval camp, post, etc. to engage in, aid, or abet prostitution. Any person violating shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisoned not more than one year."

Under this act, Uncle Sam can step into any community where the vice conditions are not being controlled by the police and impose

(The May Act - continued)

this act. Should this be done, we will be outside looking in.

Prostitution and vice can be controlled as proven by the present conditions around the air base at Windsor Locks, where Hartford members of the Special Service Squad made 85 arrests since July 1, 1942.

In and around New London, Special Service members, working out of Station "E" made 150 arrests in one month!!!!

These arrests have done much to help control the wayward boys and girls around our largest military bases and needless to say, our State Police women played an important part in these investigations.

HARD WORK

Continually U. S. Army authorities have expressed appreciation for our assistance in plane mishaps.

On June 21, two planes crashed in mid air over Lyme. The pilot parachuted to safety but the other flyer plunged to earth. The plane buried itself in a swamp and exploded.

Stripped to shorts, Officers Smith, and Mayer of Station "K" and Buck Ehler of Station "E" struggled in water, mud, and debris that reached up to their arm pits in an attempt to locate the pilot. Only after four hours of hard work did they succeed in opening the cockpit and recovering the body.

STATE POLICE NAVY

On June 15, at 8:00 A.M. our two speed boats officially opened the season by being launched at the mouth of the Connecticut River.

At 11:15 A.M. same date, Skipper Jesmonth assisted in the rescue of a pilot whose plane crashed one mile from Hackett Point.

OUR GANG

Former Sergt. Bill Visokay now Superintendent of Plant Protection at Bridgeport Brass Company.....

Congratulations to Instructor Lieut. Bushy, for bringing our pistol team into national limelight.

Captain Stiles celebrated his birthday in usual manner--open house to all of his friends.

Manual (Hartford Barracks cook) took himself a wife. Two \$25.00 war bonds were Hartford's donation.....

Large victory garden, two pigs, comprise Station "C"'s effort to defeat food shortage. Despatcher Schwartz is chief gardener.....

Cheers for Officers Jim Reardon and John Casey for breaking a nice fire case in Ansonia. As a result of their work, a dangerous pyromanic is now restrained.....

Minute Man Art Koss had his picture taken mounted on a tractor. Judge Joel Reed's steed was stuck. Koss on patrol saw the difficulty and went to the Judge's assistance. While astride the tractor in uniform a Boston News photographer happened by.....?

Lieut. Brandt's responsibility was materially increased with construction of magnesium plant in Canaan. 450 men are employed there.....

Lieut. Lavin tending victory garden during vacation.....

Lieut. Tucker inaugurated new's clipping service. All items of police interest are placed in bulletin form and mailed weekly to headquarters.....

New York Journal-American featured Officer Bill Suprenant's baby.....

Officer Jessie Foley's brother, Capt. on Jimmy Doolittle's staff back from Africa....Speaking to students at Academy gave this interesting fact: that U. S. engineers found water so plentiful just 60 feet below the surface of Sahara desert that they are using it for irrigation purposes.....

Lieut. Lenzi and Officer Gruber keeping auxiliaries active with nightly patrol and weekly meetings.....

Capt. Ralph Buckley is executive officer in charge of a prison camp at Casablanca. Write him a letter:

Captain Ralph Buckley
Base Headquarters
P.M.-A.P.O. 759
% Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Capt. Royden Konopaska, former trooper . Station K -enroute to Russia via Africa.....

Bob Herr and Bob Bowman transferred to Intelligence Division, Coast Guard, New York City.

Ed "Red" O'Brien, Coast Guardsman is being transferred from Manhattan Beach, N Y. to Puerto Rico.

Lieut. Russell Olson is training colored troops in New Jersey.

Former Sergt. Ferris holds rating of CPO and is doing shore patrol work in NYC.

Coast guardsman Perkins visited Headquarters the other day. Is stationed at the Captain of Ports office in New London.

Former Officer Jack Donovan is attached to Gene Tunney's staff as physical ed. instructor. Rating CPO.

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How about some news? We can only print that which we receive - so please contribute'!!!!'

BLOODHOUNDS LOCATE MAN'S BODY

The fully clothed body of Richard Myers, age 35, former star athlete at Rutgers, was found about 25 feet off shore, at Hollywyle Park, Lake Candlewood.

Bloodhounds from our Ridgefield Barracks were used in the search and led the posse to the water's edge. At this spot, dragging took place and after several hours, the body was found.

Station A's auxiliaries and emergency equipment played a prominent part in this investigation - the new portable lighting unit illuminating the location while the officers searched and dragged the lake.

This is the second time these dogs were successfully used in the past few months, the previous occasion being the locating of a Newtown inmate, John Koches. Incidentally this made his 17th escape from this institution and the boys claim they are so familiar with his "scent" they can follow it without bloodhounds.

Much doubt has been expressed about the use of bloodhounds, but after the last two cases, we feel that our dogs have reached the stage where they can render invaluable assistance. They have been especially trained by Off. Beaudry of Station "A" and are ready to respond to any emergency.

"ZEITGEIST"

Residents of a seaboard town who recently saw a destroyer flying the skull and crossbones besieged libraries and Navy information offices for an explanation; the answer was that the crew of the U.S.S. Kidd (named for the late Admiral Kidd) flew it as a prank.

War-time summer problem for the Connecticut male seems to be trying to decide whether the gals' legs are bare and tanned, really stockinged, or daubed with artificial stocking lotion.

AUXILIARIES IN ANOTHER "ASSIST"

At 2:00 A.M., on June 15th, a call was received at Station "A" reporting someone attempting to break into Corbett and Cloud's Drug Store in Sandy Hook.

Officer Bob Waltz responded to the radio and covered the premises until assistance arrived. Officers from Station A, aided by Auxiliaries Emmons and Campbell, located William Ingram, age 20, and Richard Hanlon, 19, making the second time this pair were arrested within the month on felony charges.

We wish to favorably comment on the alacrity with which the Auxiliaries arrived to offer their assistance and the manner in which Officer Waltz handled the situation.

"YEUX DOUX"

While patrolling route 136 on a hot afternoon last week, Officer DeRienz of Station I noticed a woman walking along the road.

On questioning her, the officer learned that she was seeking bus transportation to New Haven. After showing her the bus stop, he proceeded on his way. Observing that the woman made no attempt to flag the next bus, Officer DeRienz picked her up and questioning revealed a situation in New Haven which demanded immediate police action.

The local detective bureau was notified and the resultant raid netted 18 men and women who are now being held on vice charges.

Inspectors for the OPA who dashed about the State for several days reporting their fellow men whom they suspected of pleasure driving when the ban was shifted from the honor system to enforcement, were given a short vacation in the wake of their first widespread chase for violators last month. No one said so, but we can't help but suspect that they ran out of gas.

Conditions Which Invalidate

In the case of Ward vs Texas, 62 Superior Court Report 1139 (1942), a negro, convicted in a Texas court for murder, appealed to the United States Supreme Court on the ground that he had been denied due process by coercion and duress. The defendant alleged that after the crime was committed, he was questioned on several different occasions, but not arrested. Three days later while the accused attended a church social, he was arrested and brought to an adjoining county and spent the night in jail in still another county. The next morning he was placed in custody of a Highway Patrolman in Smith County and transported to Henderson County 110 miles from his home where the confession in question was signed. Immediately thereafter the defendant was brought back to his home county. The several officers with whom he came in contact, denied the accusations that the defendant was whipped, beaten and burned, and they claimed the reason for moving the accused from his home county was to protect him from mob violence.

The United States Supreme Court stated in substance that when a suspect is unable to exercise his free will in admitting or denying an accusation, he may be compelled by prolonged and persistent questioning to make any statement the officers wanted him to make. The court further declared that when a suspect is threatened with mob violence; or when an ignorant person is unlawfully held incommunicado; or when he is taken secretly to lonely and isolated places for interrogation, the resultant confessions are nullified. Each of these situations alone would be sufficient to set aside a conviction based upon a coerced confession, and therefore since the defendant was subjected to all of them, he was denied due process of law under the Fourteenth Amendment.

James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, last month protested the use of Bradley Field (Army) band at a baseball game in Bristol, played for the benefit of the United War Fund. Somehow, considering all his numerous protests, we can't help but feel that Mr. Petrillo is a trifle jealous of Mr. John L. Lewis.

Local police and fire personnel and apparatus cannot be sent out of the State in event of a war emergency in another state, Attorney General Frank Pallotti ruled last month when the regional war administrator was laying plans for interstate cooperation. Too bad. We know one rural fire department consisting of volunteers well beyond draft age that would have been tickled pink at the chance to ride their one piece of apparatus to New York, put out the fire and then take in the girl shows.

New State's Attorneys

To fill vacancies which developed as of the first of this month, the judges of the Superior Court, meeting in Hartford last month, named J. Howard Roberts of Thomaston, prosecutor of the Court of Common Pleas for Litchfield County to succeed William H. Blodgett, resigned as State's Attorney for that county, and Donald C. Fisk of Rockville to succeed Michael D. O'Connell, retired in the Tolland County prosecutorship. The judges of the Court of Common Pleas named Jonathan Ells of Winsted, son of Supreme Court Justice Arthur F. Ells, as coroner for Litchfield County, succeeding Lester W. Schaefer who was appointed prosecutor for the Court of Common Pleas of that county. Miles F. McNiff, Jr., son of the Common Pleas judge, was named coroner for the Judicial District of Waterbury.

THE QUESTION BOX

GOOD POLICE WORK

Answers to questions in last issue:

- (1) False (2) True (3) True
(4) False (5) False

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

1. Is a confession gained through the lie detector test admissable as evidence? *no*
2. Defendant is arrested and charged with murder of second husband. Could the fact that her first husband died under similar circumstances and that she collected his insurance be shown in court as a means of supporting the murder charge? *no*
3. Is it lawful for a State Policeman to stop a motorist on the highway and demand his operator's license when there has been no indication of a violation of law? *yes*
4. What does a person have to do to be guilty of resisting arrest?
5. Can an officer shoot at the tires of a speeder in order to prevent his escape? *no*
6. An officer pursues a drunken driver who hops out of his car and darts into a U.S. Post Office. Inside he denies the right of the officer to arrest him on Federal property. Can the arrest be made? *yes*
7. The defendant, John Doe, buys some candy in Providence, Rhode Island, purchases a package of poison in Boston, Massachusetts puts the poison in the candy in Springfield, mails the poisoned candy to Smith in Hartford, Conn. Somewhere between Hartford and New York, Smith eats the candy, becomes ill and was rushed to a hospital in Philadelphia, Penn. where he died. Which jurisdiction would have the right to prosecute. *no*
8. Does the issue of an arrest ticket constitute an arrest? *yes*

Answers in next issue.

While patrolling route 80, Officer Monard noticed a wrecked car just off the shoulder of the road. The radiator was still warm and there was no sign of life about. These two facts caused the officer to become suspicious and four miles away he picked up several boys who subsequently confessed to theft of this car, another from New Haven, plus several burglaries.

The bulletin board displays a letter from the Commissioner complimenting both Officer Menard and Officer Ehlert, Ehlert for his assistance in helping to secure the necessary confessions.

PENSIONERS

Lt. Howard Williams now custodian at the Barrington School, Great Barrington, Mass.

Lt. Frank Virelli has made Florida his home. His address, 3728 20th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Latest reports indicate both enjoying the best of health.

ANOTHER DAY OFF

At 6:42 PM, radio report received from Boston to effect Mass. registered car stolen in Springfield.

At 7:50 P.M. same date, Officer Braithwaite arrested Byron C. Wheeldea of Bangor, Maine

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It is hard to judge whether or not this bulletin meets with your approval because only two barracks have responded. We seek constructive criticism, news, and views.

The Editor

OUR WIVES

Should a State Policeman's wife make out a routine report, listing the roles she plays in a day, it would probably look like this:

- 7:30 A.M. Cook and waitress
- 8:00 A.M. Coffee pourer and conversationalist
- 8:30 A.M. Dishwasher and scullery maid
- 9:00 A.M. Chambermaid and cleaner
- 9:30 A.M. Marketer and expert mathematician
- 10:00 A.M. Civilian Defense executive
- 1:00 P.M. Luncheon hostess or guest
- 1:30 P.M. Family purchasing agent
- 2:00 P.M. Board member of charitable organization
- 3:00 P.M. Church worker
- 4:00 P.M. Judge of family juvenile court
- 4:30 P.M. Baker and confectioner
- 5:00 P.M. Gardener
- 6:00 P.M. Typist and secretary
- 6:30 P.M. Cook
- 7:00 P.M. Dinner hostess
- 8:00 P.M. Seamstress
- 9:00 P.M. Student of current affairs
- 9:30 P.M. Music critic (radio) and patron of literature
- 10:00 P.M. House watchman, dog fancier, light extinguisher
- 10:30 P.M. Beautician
- 11:00 P.M. Lifeless corpse

And through it all a woman is supposed to display the attractions of a professional beauty and the delicate grace of a woodland nymph while performing a variety of duties that would tax the physical strength of a professional wrestler or fighter.

The Morning Chuckle
Christopher Billopp

"CAUSE CELEBRE"

For allegedly placing a bet on a horse race, a New Britain police sergeant was last month suspended from the force for 45 days with loss of pay, fined \$50 and placed on probation for a period of three months. He pleaded guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, and then probably went home to contemplate the folly of "playing the dogs". The sergeant was hardly compensated for the loss of pay and the fine by the \$16.80 which his horse netted him on a \$2 ticket.

THE WOODPECKER

"It knocks but it saves the tree".

In many cases, a Signal 1 could be avoided if dispatchers would exercise common courtesy. One can hardly fail to know that an event of some importance is occurring at another station when the air is crowded with messages concerning it, yet frequently unnecessary interference is caused by other stations answering calls of comparatively little importance. Wait until the air is clear and particularly until the station handling the emergency has completed its transmission.

When replying to a Signal 14 during a Signal 1 or Signal 1000 or 2000 don't use a tone of voice that implies, "Shut, up you dope, don't you know there's a signal 1 on the air?" But rather a tone that implies this, "Thanks officer, glad to know where you are because the there's a signal 1 on.

Maybe you never knew or perhaps you have forgotten that there are two radio receivers located in the transmitter house and that one is tuned to pick up the cars and the other to pick up the other main stations. Normally you hear whatever is picked up by either

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receiver but the moment you pick up the handset at the barracks the main station receiver is automatically disconnected. This allows you to hear a car without interference from any other station. Many dispatchers and officers have the very bad habit of holding the hook down while listening to a car. This practice is the cause of 99% of all the howls of interference with cars. Interference is practically impossible if you operate properly because a car in your own barracks area will usually drown out any other car. This same feature makes it necessary to hold the hook down to hear the answer from another main station. This fact is frequently forgotten with the result that station to station messages have to be unnecessarily repeated.

STORK MORE ACTIVE IN 1917

William C. Welling, director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health, last month announced the final and official figures on various health items for 1942. Last year Connecticut had a birth rate of 20.8 per 1,000 population. The total number of births during the first year of the war was 36,009. But it didn't beat the first year of World War I. In 1917 Connecticut had 37,704 births.

"LETTER OF THE MONTH"

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from the Holland Transportation Company, Mr. Russell R. Goddard, Traffic Manager, I thought you could read it yourself and pass it along to the boys who have been doing the work, with my heartiest commendations.

R. B.
Governor

HOLLAND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY INC.
BOSTON OFFICE NEW YORK OFFICE
1236 Mass. Ave. 424 E. 23rd St.

June 30, 1943

Governor Raymond E. Baldwin
State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut

Sir:

For the past eighteen months this company has been engaged in hauling explosives and military impedimenta for the United States Army and Navy between various points in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Metropolitan New York, and New Jersey. Of course, this necessitated traversing your state at all hours of the day and night and we want to express to you our appreciation of the very high and efficient cooperation we have received from Commissioner Hickey and the personnel of the entire Connecticut State Police.

Recently we have had some outlaw labor trouble with our road drivers and as often happens in such cases, drivers of other companies have made threats of bodily harm and sabotage against the chauffeurs driving our trucks. We have brought this to the attention of Commissioner Hickey and have his promise that he will cooperate in every way to protect our men, shipments, and equipment.

Our past experience with the efficiency of Commissioner Hickey and his associates leaves no doubt in our mind that everything humanly possible will be done to protect the public, the Government, and our interests.

Yours most respectfully,

HOLLAND TRANSPORTATION CO., INC.

By Russell R. Goddard
Russell R. Goddard
New York Traffic Manager