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By His Excellency RAYMOND E. BALDWIN, Governor: a

P R O C L A M A T I O N

As the sun swings in an ever-lessening arc in the southern sky and the nights grow longer and the cold comes we know that we have been the recipients of the rich bounty of another harvest season and we are once more reminded of the infinite greatness and goodness of Almighty God. In the spirit of humble thanksgiving and hearty praise that moved our forefathers and which impels us, and in accordance with an act of our General Assembly establishing a worthy and ancient custom, I appoint Thursday, November twenty-fifth, next, as a day of

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING

On that day let us all gather in our accustomed places of worship and there offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the goodness and loving kindness of Our Heavenly Father. And may we humbly beseech him to help us to be worthy of His bounty, to comfort and support our loved ones whom the exigencies of war have put in places of danger and far from home, to continue His favor towards us and to guide our footsteps into the paths of Peace.

(SEAL)

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and sixty-eighth.

RAYMOND E. BALDWIN

By His Excellency's Command:

Frances Burke Redick
Secretary

EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS OF POLICE SERVICE

Since the last issue of VOX-COP, five sergeants have been promoted for the duration, to the rank of lieutenant. These promotions were richly deserved and well received by our personnel. The group as a unit represents some 87 years of police experience - practical experience achieved the hard way. The service record is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BARRACKS</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SERVICE</u>
Henry Palau	Westport	8-16-22	21 years
Henry C. Heinold	Westbrook	10-18-23	20 "
Harry T. Tucker	Ridgefield	8-10-25	18 "
William E. Mackenzie	Headquarters (Traffic Division)	4-23-28	15 "
Philip Schwartz	Colchester	11-5-30	13 "

Twenty-one sergeants took the examinations and the consensus was that they were more than fair. Only the highest praise has been given to the members of the Oral Board. All candidates asserted that they were given ample opportunity to show their ability as administrator and investigator. Prior to the interrogation they were immediately put at ease by the examiners, and taken to the crime scene only after the first "shock" had worn off. Needless to say, examinations of this type go a long way toward making all participants feel that "the best man won." (Editor - Vox-Cop)

The entire department offers our new commanding officers hearty congratulations and best wishes.

TEN POINTS OF CONDUCT FOR THE OFFICER ON THE WITNESS STAND.

1. **TELL THE TRUTH.** This is the oath which an officer takes before giving testimony. The officer is not an interested party. He is a representative of the State. His ultimate aim should always be to do justice in procuring a conviction of the guilty and also to do justice for the protection of the innocent. These duties are equal to the law enforcing officer. To tell the facts as they are is the sole function of the officer on the witness stand.

2. **DO NOT BE AFRAID.** The fact that you are before the jury, court and court room has a tendency to make you self-conscious and timid. There is no need for fear. Make yourself poised. Look the lawyer and the jury square in the face and tell them fearlessly the facts which you know. The truth gives confidence. Take time to answer questions that are involved. Giving a thoughtful answer directs your attention to the subject in inquiry and eliminates both fear and self-consciousness. An effort to tell the whole truth as it is solves the fears of direct and cross-examination.

3. **BE PREPARED.** Refresh your recollection as to all facts relevant to the case. Visualize your testimony as a chain of events in the order in which they occur. Do not attempt to remember notes. Use notes to awaken your present memory of past events. The constant references to your notebook causes the jury to lose confidence in your knowledge of the case.

The best preparation for giving testimony is to think over just what happened and tell the story in the order of its occurrence. You will then remember better and the jury will understand. Make the events of your testimony stand out as living facts.

4. **LISTEN TO THE QUESTION ASKED.** A question understood may be easily answered if you know the facts. If you do not know them, your statement should be that you do not know. The failure to get the precise meaning of questions asked is a constant source of embarrassment to the officer on the witness stand. Listen to opposing counsel's objections also. If they are overruled, they may help you to understand what is called for by the questions which you may then answer.

5. **BE FRANK, MODEST AND NATURAL.** It is seldom that every fact you know will favor your side of the case. Nearly all litigated trials are controversial and there will be some adverse testimony to the winning as well as the losing side. If a fact is true do not hesitate to admit it because you think it may hurt you. If a question is asked, and ruled proper by the court, it is your duty to give a candid answer. This also makes your other testimony in support of your position stand out with much more force. Nothing impresses a jury more than modesty. The temporary joy of feeling important on the witness stand will soon be forgotten when the bubble bursts. Sincerity and modesty are qualities which all people like particularly in the court room. The witness stand is no place to put on airs or to be affected. Nor is it a place to fawn or become intimidated. For some reason taking the witness stand often produces artificial attitudes by the witness. The witness should always be himself, speaking with a steady, clear conversational expression. The witness will be at his best if he acts naturally.

6. **DO NOT BE A VOLUNTEER.** A witness is not called upon to express his views about the case, nor to tell what he has heard others say about it, nor to make

(Ten Points of Conduct for the
Officer on the Witness Stand
Continued)

6. a speech. His only duty is to answer the questions as they are asked, giving information upon facts rather than ideas about them. This requires close attention to the questions as they are asked and care in answering them. Do not attempt to be an advocate on the witness stand. An argumentative witness loses the force of the evidence which he knows as clear statements of fact. A cardinal rule is to state facts, not to argue about them or draw conclusions.

7. DO NOT LOSE YOUR TEMPER. Ignore insults and any attempts of badgering by the cross-examiner. Retain your poise, conserve your mental resources for answering the questions in a dignified manner. The contrast will result in your favor.

8. BE COURTEOUS. However ridiculous or absurd a question may appear to be, answer it without facetiousness and without a demonstration of contempt toward the examiner or the court if the judge permits the question to stand. Some examinations are trying upon the witness. It is as important to be a gentleman on the witness stand and to be courteous under adverse circumstances as it is in the other affairs of life. A courteous answer to an ignoble question always results in favor of the witness.

9. SPEAK LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD. No testimony produces results unless it has been heard by the jury. There is a definite tendency of many witnesses to talk so low that they appear to be whispering. This is

perhaps due to the excitement and tensivity of the trial. Officers who regularly take the witness stand should develop their conversational voice so that it may be heard with ease by all of the jury. Practice your speaking voice for giving testimony upon the witness stand.

10. SIT ERECT ON THE WITNESS
STAND

Slouching or sprawling all over the witness chair creates a bad impression with the jury. Also do not lean forward with your elbows on your knees in a position of excited tension. Neither is conducive to the best mental activity or alertness. Such positions indicate fear, nervousness, doubt and uncertainty. Sit erect, make yourself comfortable, testify in a business-like, matter-of-fact way. After you are through, leave the court room unless retained by court or counsel. Staying in the court room after the work of testifying is over and visiting with other officers creates the impression that you are over-zealous and too much concerned with the outcome of the case. Dress neatly, in uniform or plain clothes as may be most convenient. In your dress when on the witness stand show your general carefulness, precision and habits of living. It all counts in creating the right attitude toward you as an officer of the law.

Handbook of Iowa Peace Officers

PASSING COMMENTS ON THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS OF THE POST-WAR WORLD

While we are yet deeply engaged in fighting our enemies in far-flung parts of the world, we are at the same time wisely and seriously thinking of how peace will be maintained after being bought at such great price.

When the day of victory comes, we must be prepared to know what our next moves will be. For the same reason, post-war planning in all phases of our activity must be made now for the transition from a war-time to a peace-time economy.

Transportation officials must plan now on how to handle the traffic problems of the post-war era. It remains for us to consider now the future use of every possible aid in the prevention of street and highway accidents.

The day "when Johnny comes marching home" has been viewed by some traffic experts as cause for great alarm. Imagine a truck driven by a former jeep-operator meeting a car driven by a former tank-man. Picture a combat flier zooming around a highway curve on two wheels in his private roadster. See a dispatch-rider who raised plenty of dust on Guadalcanal stepping his motorcycle up to speeds approaching the 100 mile-an-hour mark.

If all returning servicemen, or even a large share, were to act in this manner, the results would be tragic indeed. But the majority, we assume, will be anxious to get back to leading normal lives as useful citizens, willing to take their part in making the world a better and safer place in which to live. We hope that a return to normalcy won't necessarily mean that we'll again see 40,000 persons killed annually on our streets and highways.

On the home front in this war civilians have felt the pinch in transportation at many points. They have been limited in the number and quality of tires. They have been urged to share rides with others. With new cars not available, used cars have been at

a premium. Jalopies which in ordinary times would have been junked are still being licensed. Spare parts for all types of vehicles are getting scarcer with each passing month.

When war is ended, civilians will want to return to pre-war travel freedom as quickly as possible. With new cars on the market and citizens flush with money earned in a period of war prosperity, highways will attract heavy tourist traffic. Thousands will go to Mexico and Alaska by car to spend their vacations.

In lifting war-time speed restrictions, will lower speed limits than those of pre-war days be advisable? Will we hold on to the gains made during war-time? When hostilities cease, what will be our battle cry to replace the pleas, "Save manpower for war-power" and "Accidents help the Axis." How can we best attain freedom from fear of continued peril on our roadways?

In looking ahead, we cannot seek any magic solution that will erase all trouble spots, nor should we expect any radical departures from the problems that faced us before the war. But if accidents continue to plague us in ever-increasing intensity as we return to peace-time pursuits, people will want more and more "safety devices" on their cars - headlights that automatically dim, better safety glass, blow-out-proof tires on every vehicle and sturdier body structures. And the pedestrian will demand more sidewalks along rural highways, foot bridges and underpasses, more police officers at busy intersections and more signal lights stopping all motor traffic at intervals.

Our present accident prevention program - in education, enforcement, engineering and legislation - must be continued and expanded. There must be no letdown in the promotion of a sane, sensible program.

Wisconsin Traffic Safety Bulletin

CO-OPERATION

What is the meaning of co-operation? Literally it means -- to act jointly with one another -- to conduce -- to combine -- to act concurrently for the benefit of a common cause. It seems to me the first requisite of co-operation is sincerity. Second -- unselfishness. Oftentimes a cause is lost because the individual's ego is the stronger. Egotism is self-conceit, self-praise; therefore, it is impossible for the individual who is self-conceited to honestly co-operate toward any common cause. He is blinded through ignorance because the very fundamentals of our social structure are founded upon unity of purpose, and the individual cannot derive any benefit unless and until he is benefited through his class of associates. Petty jealousies and personal aggrandizement is the personification of ignorance, and the possessor is an arch enemy of corporate unity because no man is greater than those who make him. We are just as dependent upon the acts of our fellow man, as vegetation is upon the elements that are conducive to its growth. So co-operation, my friends, must be in spirit as well as in name. With the modern methods of transportation and communication, criminals do not respect the boundaries of any city, county or state line. Likewise, these same tools may be applied effectively by the law enforcement officer in his work.

The value of a police officer is conditioned by the extent and character of his experience and training. Unless the best police experience we now possess is systematized and summarized, it will be lost and the succeeding police officers will have to start without lessons from their predecessors. While experience is an effective teacher, it is also a most costly teacher. Police practice has long felt the inadequacy of mere experience and is now reaching out for all the help that can be obtained from all the growing sciences. Prevention of crime and detection, and apprehension of criminals, is rapidly becoming a technical process. Students and authorities have now summarized the most significant lessons of the physical and biological science for police practices, selected the most vital experience and made them available to the student today.

New Mexico - State Trooper

IN OUR COUNTRY'S SERVICE

Donald L. Schubert, son of Lieut. I. T. Schubert, has now been sworn in to the Aviation Cadet Corps after successfully meeting the physical and mental requirements. At present he attends Morgan High School in Chester but will be called to active duty two weeks after his 18th birthday, January 19, 1944.

Thelma Schubert, daughter of Lieutenant Schubert, is now a full-fledged WAVE, having just completed a six weeks' training course at Hunter College. She will be assigned to Sampson New York for an indefinite period. Inasmuch as there were no radio positions vacant, she chose a position dealing with U. S. mails.

Rex, Officer Harry Leavitt's Doberman Pinscher, is now "doing his bit" in the Army. A few weeks ago Rex was taken to Darien to join several other dogs leaving for training. It goes without saying that Rex will serve as faithfully and well in World WAR II as his master did in World War I.

"AROUND THE STATE"

THE BRIDGEPORT POST,
35-Mile Speed Limit

The State Traffic Commission has voted a top speed limit of 35 miles an hour for all Connecticut highways and has instructed State Highway Commissioner William J. Cox to have signs erected accordingly. Basis for the decision is the fact that aside from all ordinary considerations governing speeds we now have the extraordinary one that most tires in use today are either approaching the bare-tread stage or have re-treads on them. In either case, any speed exceeding 35 miles an hour is dangerous to the occupants of the car not to mention other users of the highway.

An exception is the Merritt parkway which is under the control of the Parkway commission which must act separately. But the parkway is already posted with signs denoting 35 miles an hour as the speed limit.

Both on the Parkway and elsewhere the new speed limit is scantily honored, if at all. One reason for general lack of observance is the fact that so many state policemen are engaged on other tasks connected with the war that there aren't enough available highway patrolmen. Furthermore the exceptions are so numerous and flagrant that it is hard to get motorists to obey the law voluntarily.

The speeding passenger buses, especially the interstate buses and in many cases the speeding motor trucks, set a bad example to all the non-professional drivers. Genuine enforcement of a 35-mile speed limit would save lives, save gasoline, and save tires. We should like to see Connecticut be the one state to enforce this law even if it is the only state.

HARTFORD COURANT
IN ACCIDENT CASES

Call State Police, if Local Medical Help is not Available.

To the Editor of the Courant:

In these days when so many civilians have mastered first aid courses, it is disheartening to realize that many regular policemen, particularly in small towns, haven't the faintest notion of how to handle the victims of motor vehicle accident cases.

I arrived at the scene of a fatal accident in a small town near Hartford a short time ago. The victim, a veteran of the last war, was lying at the side of the highway with a fractured skull and a broken leg. The few people there, including the two motorists involved in the accident, were naturally upset and so bewildered that they had failed to call an ambulance or a doctor, although they had called the town's chief of police. Fifteen minutes or more were lost, the principal concern of most of the spectators being to identify the injured man, instead of calling the nearest State Police barracks and summoning expert assistance.

Everyone proceeded on the assumption that the man was already dead, although it was apparent that he was still breathing. When the town's police chief arrived, he too first sought to identify the victim, who was lying on his left side, his head resting on his arm. Over my protests the chief insisted on rolling the man over on his back. The injured man's head struck the road with a thud. Then the policeman went to his automobile and came back with a large white cloth with which he started to

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wipe the blood on the injured man's face. I protested that he might cause the wounds to become infected, and he stopped. The injured man died a minute or two later. The policeman had all good intentions, but obviously he was untrained or had forgotten what had been taught him.

Our State Police are all trained in care of the injured and the Department is equipped with fast, comfortable ambulances.

It is suggested that anyone who comes upon a highway accident or any other accident for that matter, call immediately to the nearest State Police barracks and give the officer in charge an outline of what has happened. You may be sure that a patrol car will arrive within a very few minutes, followed shortly by an ambulance and a doctor. Accident victims should be left untouched, in most cases, until trained medical or first aid assistance arrives. To move a man whose bones have been shattered may cause unnecessary suffering and even death.

CITIZEN

Middletown

TAPS

MAN WHO LOST LIFE REMOVING MINES
HONORED

Harwinton Soldier's Mother Given
Silver Star at Rocky Hill

Edmond G. Wilcox of Harwinton, technician, fifth grade, in the Army who made a name for himself as a remover of land mines in Sicily before one of them finally got him, was honored in death at retreat exercises by the Military Police battalion at the Veterans Home in

Rocky Hill Friday when his posthumous award of a Silver Star was presented to his mother.

Accompanying the award was a citation which graphically described the kind of hero Technician Wilcox had been. When land mines in an area well sowed with these seeds of death had killed some other soldiers, it was Wilcox who went into that stretch of land, solved the pattern of the mine sowing, found and removed other mines so that the dead soldiers could be retrieved and buried.

On another such occasion he worked on mine hunting with a chaplain. Wilcox had only a limited knowledge of land mines, was not an expert on them, yet kept on with such work until one day a mine buried on a beach made him its victim.

On July 11, said the citation he removed nine such mines by hand. On July 12 he removed seven more, having volunteered for the dangerous duty on each occasion.

"On August 3 he was killed by a German "S" mine while again working with a clearing detail. The courage and selflessness displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Wilcox reflects great credit upon himself and his unit and is deserving of highest praise."

Five sons and daughters accompanied Mrs Wilcox to Rocky Hill to share with her in the tribute paid to their brother.

The presentation was made by Lieutenant Colonel Eugene B. Floyd, commanding officer of the 708th Military Police Battalion.

This hero, one of the "Wilcox Twins," was the brother of Officer John J. Wilcox, of our Litchfield Barracks. To the Wilcox family the Department extends its deepest sympathy. "They are not dead who live in the hearts of those they leave behind."

GENUINE APPRECIATION

October 27, 1943

Lieut. K. W. Stevens
State Police Barracks
Groton, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

On Friday, October 1, Dr. Taylor asked you for the use of the State Police Ambulance to take my son to the New Haven Hospital. You graciously consented and I am deeply thankful to you for it.

Officer Fitzgerald, who drove the ambulance, was so kind and courteous to me in my hour of sadness. Tell him for me that I shall be ever grateful and that the boy is doing quite well. There is hope he might regain his vision.

Everyone has been splendid. Your kindness will always be deeply remembered. My wife and I do thank you so much.

May God bless you all and guide you!

Sincerely,

(signed) Thomas E. Carroll
Uncasville, Connecticut

SICK OF RATIONING?

A SOLDIER'S ANSWER

So you're sick of the way the country's run,
And you're sick of the way the rationing is done,
And you're sick of standing around in line,
You're sick, you say - WELL THAT'S JUST FINE.

So am I sick of the sun and the heat,
And I'm sick of the feel of my own aching feet,
And I'm sick of the mud and the jungle flies,
I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise.

And I'm sick of the siren's wailing shriek,
And I'm sick of the groans of the wounded and weak.
I'm sick of the sound of the bombers' dive,
And I'm sick of seeing the dead alive.

I'm sick of the jungle, the noise and the din,
And I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin,
I'm sick of the slaughter, I'm sick to my soul,
And I'm sick of playing the killer's role.

I'm sick of the blood and the death and the hell,
And I'm even sick of myself as well;
But I'm sicker of the tyrant's rule,
In conquered lands where the wild beasts drool.

And I'm cured damn quick as I think of the day,
When all this hell will be out of the way;
Then none of this mess will have been in vain,
And the lights of the world will go on again.

Then freedom will ring from shore to shore,
And the kids will laugh in the streets once more,
And the Axis flag will be dipped and furled,
And GOD will look down on a peaceful world.

CORPORAL EDWARD T. DOYLE

Torrington

ENTRE NOUS

Officers Al Boston and Leo Dymkoski spent the first week of their annual vacation at the airport in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. These two licensed pilots whiled away most of their holidays in "the wild blue yonder."

Frank Virelli, Jr., clerk and radio dispatcher of Station "G" and son of former Fire Marshal Lieut. Frank Virelli, is certainly going to be missed. He reported to Camp Devens on November 3. Frank was very congenial and always willing to lend a helping hand under any and all circumstances. He has been well-nigh indispensable to Westport Barracks and its personnel.

Heard around the Westport Barracks - "Why can't they just put me on the midnight trick and leave me there? The fish out in the sound are biting swell these days!" (Guess who?????????)

Also heard at Station G -

"How are you, Luigi?"

Answer: "Watch that stuff! !
Watch that stuff! ! "

It seems that Officer Timothy J. Foley, of Station H, is getting pretty interested in certain ads re latest reformers. Waist reformers, we mean.

One night, while on patrol, shy and bashful Officer Edward J. Dooling came upon three car thieves stripping a car they had just stolen in Waterbury. Before the officer could get out of his car, the thieves ran into the woods. Dooling then radioed for help. In no time the woods were full of policemen and auxiliaries beating the bush for the stray thieves. It lasted most of the night and finally "Tex" Calkins clamped onto one of them.

Officer Victor J. Keilty is now far from Station L. He is Private Victor J. Keilty, Div. Trains, HQ Co. 16th AD. A.P.O. 412, M.P. Platoon, Champ Chaffee, Arkansas.

He recently wrote that he enjoys receiving VOX-COP. Drop Victor a line when you get the chance.

Officer John T. Jones has left Station L and is now in Ridgefield. Officers James Finnegan and Edward Meagher (pronounced Marr) are now stationed at L.

Officer John Wilcox, of Station L; had a pretty good score one workday not so long ago - three warnings, one arrest, and two pheasants. Now that the hunting season is open, the usual stories are in full bloom. Wilcox has a dog that hunts coons, fox, deer, rabbits, and squirrels. When he sees Johnny pick up his fish pole, he even starts to dig worms! (Note - Litchfield is not very far away from Winsted.)

Former Dispatcher John Winn, now of the Army Ferry Command at Wilmington, Delaware, was a visitor at Station B recently. He has been flying new ships from the factory to the various airfields in the United States. Now he has completed enough flying hours so that he makes only foreign flights.

Station H is wondering why Sal (Muscles) Esposito has stopped narrating his feats of strength to his brothers-in-arms. Perhaps the 100-lb. bell at H could tell a story?????????

Former Station B. Houseman Natale Negri, now of the U. S. Navy, is back from South American waters.

All officers at Station K were on hand to greet Eddie McKee, popular janitor, on his return from vacation.

Reports indicate that Officer Charley Pritchard of Station K, has been kept rather busy in the office. He is said to be the best and fastest office man in the circuit. Wouldn't be a bit surprised if this were gospel truth!

Dispatcher Sanford Simmons, of Station B, has an honorable discharge from the Army because of his health. Nevertheless he wants another fling at Hitler. This time he would like to try in the blue uniform of the Navy. "Slim" has been taking various examinations and will soon know whether Uncle Sam will take him on again.

Officer Jim Conlon, of Station I, is supposed to get through with his shift at 1:00 A.M., but he likes his work so much that he usually carries on for an hour or two longer. He has had 30 criminal investigations in as many days and recently convicted a forger.

But the most important news about Jim comes now. Jim is now a papa for the first time! The newcomer is an eight-pound girl. Congratulations from all of us!

Sid Warner, of our Radio Division, now at Columbia University, is back at work after a short stay in the hospital. You just can't keep a good man down!

Officer Sam Freeman has started in B territory with a BANG. Only there a day when he bagged three deer-jackers. Good hunting, Sam!

Genial Captain Carroll is still keeping things rolling fast at "Whirling K". Recently he started the boys there on a painting spree. There is something artistic about the Captain's painting. Soon Station "K" should look like new.

Acting Sergt. Ralph Boyington, of "K", has written a very interesting and informative treatise on the proper way to grip and use a

target pistol. (This may appear in VOX-COP at a later date.) Officer John Fersch, station photographer at K, has taken several pictures of Ralph gripping a target pistol. These illustrations will assist the reader in working out the BOYINGTON SHOOTING THEORY.

(Editor's note - his theory must be darned good, judging from the results he achieves.)

Mrs K. E. Flad, age 82, mother of Mrs Mabel Query, night teletype operator at Headquarters, passed away recently. The State Police personnel extend deepest sympathy to Mrs Query.

Station B recently converted from oil to coal. Morning scene: Lieutenant Brandt detailing officers to the fire room for the removal of ashes and the refilling of the hopper.

Lieut. Philip Schwartz was warmly welcomed at Station K. Congratulations and lots of luck to him!

Acting Sergt. Donald Cale Frost, on desk duty at 5:30 A.M., received a call from the Canaan telephone operator to the effect that some person in a local market had evidently knocked the phone off the hook in the dark and someone was walking around. She hooked Frost up on the phone and he heard the unmistakable sound of footsteps. Without ado he left the barracks and dashed to the market. On the desk, with the phone off the hook, was a large gray cat!!!!!!!

A speedy recovery is hoped for Al Peichert of Station I, who has been confined to St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven with a siege of pneumonia. Al is the chap who does the lettering extraordinaire around the barracks. Why not drop Al a line or a card? He sure would be pleased to hear from everyone.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR FINE WORKING CONDITIONS AROUND STATION I.

That very critical but constructive criticism of Captain Schatzman; that genial but firm manner of Lieutenant Smith; that always even disposition of Sergeant Strand and that team of Dunphy and Leonard that makes a dull moment do a rapid turn-about and become a gay moment.

On November 1, after an absence of a month and a half, Chef Earl C. Capron, of Station D, reported for duty. During his absence Earl underwent two surgical operations at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Newport, R.I. He says that he is feeling much better. The personnel of Station D were glad to see him back, as the facilities for eating out are few.

On November 8, Mrs Katherine G. Brennan reported to Station D for duty as a radio dispatcher.

BIG GAME HUNT

Officer T. C. Leonard of Station I, believes in keeping in shape the hard way. How is that? The story follows:

The other day a call came in from one of the local residents of the fair town of Bethany. This person seemed very excited. She stated that there was a hog in her hen-coop and as she had a plentiful supply of meat she would like to have the animal returned to its rightful owner.

Officer Leonard was sent post-haste to the scene and immediately made a plan to capture the hog. Using his best cavalry tactics (without the horse, of course) he just about had the hog cornered when the huge animal changed its mind and decided not to be taken so easily. With much gusto the dainty little 700-lb. beast, which

doubtless had been toughened by running, crashed through the boards with Officer Leonard and a farmer or two in hot pursuit. All Tom can show for his "Bethany Boar Hunt" is a few scratches and a couple of million briars in his trousers.

Yup, the last we heard, Tom was still chasing the boar. But we also were told that that is his way of keeping trim and lean - or is it the boar that is keeping lean?

Responding to a call from the prosecutor of one of the towns south of Hartford, Officer Sal Esposito and Auxiliary Officer Paul Thiery of Station H, bent on quelling a breach of the peace had an opportunity to test their courage and powers of endurance.

Arriving at the scene, they found not the expected inebriate but a man violently insane, armed with a shotgun and hunting knife. Then followed a terrific struggle in which the officers humanely overcame resistance, handcuffed and tied their prisoner and brought him to the barracks.

Upon arrival they learned that the man had been brought in on a previous occasion by eight officers and at that time committed to the State Hospital at Middletown.

This feat, together with the modesty of the two officers in relating their experience, has earned for them the respect and admiration of their brother officers.

Note: Before leaving for patrol, Auxiliary Officer Thiery was heard to remark, "Gosh, I hope we have some excitement tonight."

NEWS OF CAPT. RALPH J. BUCKLEY

Sergt. Henry Guy, of Shelton, Connecticut, formerly attached to Captain Buckley's division, was our guest at Headquarters recently.

The sergeant was wounded during landing operations at Salerno, and while recuperating is visiting factories about the States.

He reports that Captain Buckley has a job of major importance, inasmuch as he is not only in charge of a large prison camp in Africa but also follows the invasion forces, setting up temporary blockades for prisoners and later having them transported back to the main camp in Africa.

This unit has seen plenty of action. They serve as a part of the invading force until the objective is taken, and then take charge of prisoners during the "mopping up."

The sergeant was brought to Capt. Buckley's home in Portland and, needless to say, Mrs Buckley was overjoyed at getting first-hand information on Ralph's activities.

GOOD IDEA

(Suggested by Station "K")

Deer-jackers are one of our chief sources of complaint at the present time. It may well be that these complaints will increase as we get into the hunting season.

Would setting up an active file on these game violators help the officers in the apprehension of guilty parties? This file would include the names of persons arrested or suspected, their addresses, type of guns and car used, and other pertinent information.

IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE

A good example of speedy and effective response to request for assistance was demonstrated on November 1 when a call came in to Station I from Beacon Falls, where a 4-1/2-year-old boy had been missing since noon that day.

The call came in at 4:45 P.M. At 5:00 P.M. Officers Christian and Hartnett notified the barracks that they had found the boy on one of the back roads between Bethany and Beacon Falls and brought him home. The officers admitted they were sorry it took them so long to find the boy. They promised to try and do better in the future.

About two days later, Officer T. (Spotlight) Smith, while on patrol, noticed two lads rather oddly dressed in ten-gallon hats, fancy silk shirts, etc. walking on Wilbur Cross Parkway. He stopped and asked them where they were going. He soon learned that they hailed from Davisville, Rhode Island. Destination, New Mexico; purpose, to buy a spotted cow pony; ages, 13 and 15; disposition of case, back home safe after parents had been notified of the whereabouts of the wandering potential cowhands. That's finding them before they are missed!

CURRENT CRIME

A compilation of nation-wide statistics reveals that bootlegging is definitely on the increase. The current high tax of \$22.50 on one 12-quart case of 100% proof whiskey has been an incentive. Also, the present war emergency has opened a high market inasmuch as no legal alcohol has been distilled for public consumption since October 8, 1942. All manufactured since that date has gone to the Armed Forces.

Bootleggers don't bother to buy revenue stamps; hence they pay no tax. Securing alcohol from distributors, who buy from moonshiners, who, in turn buy from stills hiding behind false business fronts, they can sell at a huge profit. By a simple process that removes methyl, denatured alcohol can be made palatable.

Because of the corruption and other related crimes that bootlegging creates, it is up to us to recognize the rebirth of this evil and attack before it can too deeply root itself.

OUR CRIME LABORATORY

Examination of evidence by ultra-violet ray light constitutes a powerful weapon in combating crime. Blood stains on a washed garment, also stains of other kinds on fabrics that are invisible in ordinary light often show clearly when exposed to ultra-violet rays. Erasures on documents are revealed. Laundry marks are brought out. Partly faded writing and writing made with invisible ink becomes visible. Sealing wax and adhesive such as gum on documents that have been tampered with, may often be differentiated from those used originally. Different papers fluoresce differently - forged checks, banknotes, and postage stamps may all be detected. Glass fragments may sometimes be identified.

In the recent Bonello murder case in Thompsonville, DiCaro's clothing was sent to the laboratory for blood analysis. There it was quickly learned that the questioned spots were blood. This information in the hands of the interrogators played a very important part in causing the suspect to confess.

Our laboratory has the equipment to handle these matters, including a portable ultra-violet ray that can be taken to the scene.

When the cops with Ph.D's
Are as thick as holes in cheese,
And demands for sheepskins raise
the price of mutton,
"Whereya' going, to a fire?"
Will not rouse the driver's ire,
But: "Sir, may I inquire if per-
chance the destination of
your journey is a com-
bustible body in a state
of ignition?"

Will sock him on the button.

Nevermore will coppers say,
"Oh, and so youse won't talk, eh?"
When on the suspect's face a
snarling sneer comes,
For his toughness will abate
And he'll haste to clean the slate
When: "Do you mean to state that
you decline to make an
oral declaration concern-
ing the antisocial depre-
dations perpetrated by you
and your associates?"

Beats on his eardrums.

When gregarious humans meet
At the corners of the street
To discuss both things that do
and do not matter,
"C'mon, break it up, youse guys"
Will be dead as last year's flies,
And: "Men may I apprise you
that my duty compels me to
request that you disperse
with an irreducible minimum
of delay"

Will make them scatter.

When our cops with education
are congested
How cultural 'twill be to get
arrested!

Joseph Fulling Fishman
Saturday Evening Post

WEST VIRGINIA USES AUTO STICKERS

Small lithographed serial numbers stickers gummed for attachment to the windshield, are being used on West Virginia passenger automobiles in conjunction with old license plates for the fiscal year 1943-1944, which began on July 1.

AUXILIARIES

STATION B

Station B's auxiliaries are actively engaged in their fall and winter program, meeting every Wednesday night at the Torrington YMCA at 7:30 P.M. Paul Klampf, physical director, puts the boys through their paces with precision which, along with other activities, makes for pleasant evenings. The auxiliaries are allowed the use of the swimming pool, bowling alleys, assembly hall, and a 16 mm. moving picture machine with sound equipment.

As the management is very favorably disposed toward these meetings, an attractive offer to the boys to become year-round members has been made. Several auxiliaries have already accepted this offer.

Station B also announces that uniforms have been ordered and are in the making.

STATION G

The past month has been a busy one for the auxiliaries at Station G. A demonstration of the emergency truck at Door's Mill in Westport operation of the truck control station, regular patrols, office assignments, plus the monthly meeting rounded out a full schedule.

As this group is more than two-thirds uniformed, plans are going forward to organize a drill team which it is hoped will prevent the classy I team from running away with all the honors.

Three revolver teams have been started and these auxies are going to shoot a "round robin" at the barracks. The high scoring members from each team will be incorporated into one to compete with outside opposition; that is, if their luck in obtaining donations of ammunition holds out.

The emergency truck crew is going to lose two of its auxiliary members to the Armed Forces. One is being inducted into the Army the other has enlisted in the Sea Bees. Several new members are expected to join the auxiliary group in the near future.

STATION H

Auxiliary Officer Fred Kenall is doing an excellent job of instructing 25 H auxiliaries in an advanced First Aid course. Fred is an official Red Cross instructor. He is also an excellent photographer.

Twenty-one auxiliaries have been acting as radio dispatchers, doing a yeoman job and releasing regular officers for active duty.

Examinations - one a week - have been given to the auxiliaries on traffic control, assisting in accident investigation, mob and crowd control, and general police practices.

To Fred Edmonds goes the honor of being the oldest auxie. He "joined up" prior to the original recruiting.

Warm winter coats, long a problem for all auxiliaries have finally been secured for the boys at "H". Auxiliary Officer Harry Jordan, through his New York business connections, found just the thing wanted and at a really reasonable figure, too. His trip to New York and his phone calls finally brought results, including the heartfelt appreciation of his "mates"

Auxiliary Officer Joe Pilkin was recently one of the hunted instead of one of the hunters. The other day, Joe was on a hunting trip in the wilds of the upper Adirondacks in upper

Auxiliaries (continued)

STATION K

New York State when his wife called the barracks and in a worried voice asked if there was any way that she could contact her husband. She had tried by phone and telegram with no success. It seems that his company needed his services badly and at once. Giving good directions and a description of the "culprit" we sent a teletype to the New York State Police and inside of three hours "our man" had been located and was on his way back. All of which shows that the well-known spirit of cooperation sure does bring results!

"A good time was had by all," was the verdict of some 65 auxies who attended H's first social. The evening was highlighted by the popular radio comedian "Baptiste," who had the boys rolling with laughter. Captain Stiles said a few words and then selected Army pictures were shown. When the Commissioner arrived and made a few appropriate remarks, the boys "fell in" as refreshments were then ready.

Many thanks to the committee composed of Chairman Jack Kane, Al Bowman, Larry Fountain, Roy Falcott, Ken Allen, and Cal Aronson.

STATION I

Lieut. Michael D. Smith has made arrangements for his auxiliaries to qualify in the use of small arms. Aply assisted by Officer Henry Greifzu, ace diplomat, the lieutenant has divided the auxiliaries into two groups. One group will start a course in the art of correct shooting, while the other group will learn how to become competent First Aiders. Lieutenant Smith, himself, has quite a coveted array of medals won in shooting competitions; therefore his advice will be well heeded.

On Saturday, October 16, 1943, at the Two Hundred and Eightieth Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Lebanon and the dedication of the Major-General Abner Doubleday Baseball Field, a detail of nine State Police Auxiliary Officers reported to Personnel Officer Ralph C. Boyington in a cold, drizzling rain.

Two were assigned traffic posts while a third was drafted by the Modus Drum Corps to act for their tardy drum major. The remaining six led the parade, preceded only by the equestrienne Osborne standard. Despite weather conditions, these men made a fine appearance in their new uniforms and excited favorable comment from a sizable crowd. The personnel officer, very shiny for the occasion, was unable to refuse a pointed invitation to lead the detail. (Add to duties of a personnel officer - buffer between his men and a horse.) At the end of a two-mile march, the detail was soggy but still stepping high.

On the night of Tuesday, October 26, a live wire fell on the highway near Station K. Within five minutes after being called out by Lieutenant Schwartz Auxiliary Officers Cohen and Turetzky were on the scene, rendering valuable aid to the personnel officer and to Officer William Conlon.

On the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the City of Willimantic, 22 of the auxiliaries reported to Capt. Leo F. Carroll and Lieut. William E. Mackenzie at 12:00 noon at the Willimantic Police Station. Following roll call, inspection, and assignment of posts, the men had lunch. They reported on post at 1:00 P.M.

AUXILIARIES (continued)
Station K

19 assisting the regular State Police Officers and State Guardsmen in handling traffic, and three riding emergency equipment in the parade.

Governor Baldwin and other prominent persons attended this affair.

We are justly proud of our auxies.

STATION L

Station L's Auxiliary group, covering nine towns in Litchfield County, is 110 strong. Each day four members are assigned to duty with the regular officers on night patrol while one member does barracks office work. This type of detail has been in effect since last April and, in all probability, will continue for the duration.

A meeting is held about every month, at which various topics are discussed - police duties, blackouts, etc. The treasurer also reads the financial report of the Auxiliary Fund.

To date the auxiliaries have purchased a resuscitator, stretchers, and all types of First Aid supplies. A two-wheel trailer built by officers at L will house not only this equipment but also a 110-volt auxiliary gasoline electric light plant.

In this auxiliary group are Trial Grand Jurors, active Trial Justices of the Peace, an attorney, three bankers, factory workers, factory executives, and one opera singer.

Fifty-nine of the members are negotiating for the purchase of uniforms and it is hoped that the order can be placed shortly.

Thanks to the auxies, Station L now has an electric eye (photo-electro) which can be used for any number of purposes. It so happens that one

of the boys manufactures them.

Many of L's auxiliaries have left for the Armed Forces. More will soon be called. To them, "Lots of luck."

PRINCIPLES OF IDENTIFICATION

As this matter plays an important part in the ultimate successful or unsuccessful conclusion of crime cases, the following facts will be of interest.

Identification characteristics are divided into two classes - general and individual. Almost all reports give the general identification points of wanted men, cars, etc., but fail to give characteristics peculiar only to the person or thing so that they can be definitely identified by officers miles away from the scene. This is usually true of the description given by the first officer at the scene - a description that fits the average person or car so that it is practically useless.

In securing description at the scene immediately after the suspect has left, the most important thing to find out and get into Headquarters is the description of person; the medium through which he left scene, and the direction he took. Since persons wear the same type of clothing as a rule, include in your report (in addition to the color and type) the style of clothes - whether expensive or otherwise; well-kept or shoddy, etc. These details will help to make the person outstanding and also indicate the type of neighborhood in which suspect may be found.

Officers generally quit too soon in taking descriptions, because the average witness can recall only general characteristics. It is accordingly up to the officer to ask questions to bring

Principles of Identification
(continued)

out personal identification marks.

In having a person look over the rogues' gallery file, never show the victim a picture of the suspect alone. Hand him a group of pictures and let him pick out the suspect or allow him access to the file.

Should you have a line-up, place the accused with persons dressed and looking somewhat like him if at all possible. Have nothing on the accused that will make him stand out from the rest. Instruct victim to look over line-up, and if identification is made, point to person and say, "This is the man (woman)?" If he cannot identify suspect, he should not so indicate by a shake of the head or by any remark whatsoever, because statements re nonidentification can be used later during trial to the benefit of the accused.

HONOLULU POLICE DURING PEARL
HARBOR

When bombs burst at Pearl Harbor, Chief W. E. Gabrielson of the Honolulu Police Department became the first police administrator under the flag of the United States to direct his forces under actual combat conditions. Making the trip to Detroit for the express purpose of addressing the IACP conference, Chief Gabrielson gave a vivid account of the sudden bloody maelstrom in which mighty warships burned and sank and thousands were maimed and killed. Honolulu's police discovered then the burdens war put upon civilian authorities.

In addition to regular duties, police handled evacuations, coped with swollen traffic and preserved public morale against danger of hysteria. Police radio communications were kept open to civilians and did much to dispel rumors and allay hysteria.

The auxiliary police corp of 125 business and professional men, which had been organized in July 1941, proved invaluable to the police. Chief Gabrielson was high in his praise of the corps whose members have full police powers, wear distinctive uniforms, and are under the full-time direction of a retired British Army Major. The men, who drive their own cars, work one shift per week, plus one Sunday out of six. They handled 7,019 complaints last year, 22 per cent of Honolulu's total.

Chief Gabrielson stressed that in an emergency it is important to have police report at dispersed stations, to have major transportation arteries selected in advance for emergency movement, to have on hand a complete inventory of buses and trucks, and to utilize only well-trained men, whether regulars or auxiliaries.

Police Chief News Letter

Hartford, Connecticut

November 16, 1943

Edward J. Hickey, Commissioner
Connecticut State Police
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Your words of praise for the Auxiliary State Police, over Station WTIC tonight, were very welcome. I say this, not in the sense of personal gratification, but because it has seemed the efforts of the Auxiliaries have not been brought to the attention of the public as have those of other civilian organizations. This is probably the result of laxity of the press.

The number of men mentioned, 1200, also was interesting and perhaps enlightening. I recall there were many more, not long ago, and the figure you quoted seems to indicate those who enlisted for something more than glamour. You gave Lieuts. Shaw and MacKenzie considerable credit for building up the Auxiliaries and rightfully so, as both of these gentlemen have the personality which creates friendliness and have a sincere interest in the group.

As far as Station H is concerned, may I express thanks for the appointment of Officer "Bill" Gruber as Personnel Officer. There have been periods of inactivity and other phases conducive to a "let down" when all credit for holding our group together belongs to Officer Gruber. While it is true the Auxiliaries have given up considerable time, the fact remains, this has been done voluntarily. Officer Gruber engaged in his work as the result of orders - he could have been resentful of the extra duties but the fact that he accepted the work cheerfully and painstakingly has given us a very clear picture of a conscientious Trooper. His value as Personnel Officer was clearly indicated during a short period last winter when he was temporarily relieved of those duties. During this time our organization practically disintegrated, but only a short time after he took charge again, we were working together as a unit.

Of course, even our Personnel Officer could not be expected to be so attentive to our group if he wasn't aware of your interest and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) H. E. Jordan

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
100 Washington Street
Hartford, 1, Conn.

November 20, 1943

Auxiliary State Policeman Harry E. Jordan
State Police Barracks "H"
100 Washington Street (Rear)
Hartford 1, Connecticut

Dear Officer Jordan:

Thank you for your letter of November 16 commenting on the WTIC broadcast in which I participated and praised the Auxiliary State Police of Connecticut.

Your feelings are doubtless similar to those of every member of the auxiliary units. Time and time again each auxiliary officer has doubtless asked himself, "Is the game worth the candle? Are my efforts really appreciated?"

Please believe me when I say emphatically that the answer is YES to both these queries. Time and time again our auxiliaries have proved of inestimable assistance in emergencies. What is of even greater value, however, is their daily help in prosaic routine matters and their continuous, unflagging willingness to serve in every capacity. To quote your own words, our faithful auxiliaries "enlisted for something more than glamour."

The November 16th broadcast was under the auspices of the Connecticut War Council. Time did not permit me to say all I really wanted to say in praise of the entire State Police Auxiliary organization. I could have spoken volumes about the various personnel officers - I could have concurred whole-heartedly in your splendid evaluation of Personnel Officer William A. Gruber, who is in charge of your auxiliary unit. You may be sure that I shall take full advantage of the next opportunity afforded to tell a radio audience how I feel about Connecticut's Auxiliary State Policemen.

At this time I want to thank you sincerely for your personal efforts in behalf of Station "H" Auxiliaries. Your enthusiasm and cooperation are truly inspiring. It is my sincere hope that you will experience the keen personal satisfaction merited by your zeal and untiring efforts.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Edward J. Hickey
COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE

EJH/CVC

LIEUT. FRANK VIRELLI
3728 TWENTIETH STREET NORTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

November 18, 1943

Commissioner Edward J. Hickey
100 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Sir:

I want to thank you for your publication of Vox-Cop which is not only a fine publication as to up to date news on the work of the State enforcement agency, but also very enjoyable reading from a humorous and personal angle. Vox-Cop keeps me well informed on the activities of my former associates whom I know and worked with for so many years.

The fact that you head the Department no doubt accounts for its efficient progress and development. You are a hard worker and I, for one who also worked very hard for the department for thirty-six years, can well appreciate what efforts you must put forth to maintain the high standards you have set for yourself in the conduct of your agency. However, in my own case I am now reaping gratifying reward in retirement. I am now enjoying the fruits of my labor in St. Petersburg, Florida, the "Sunshine City" of the South. Here I have a comfortable little home which is ideal and I am very happy with Mrs Virelli. Perhaps, and it is a fond hope, some day I will have the pleasure of seeing others of the force down here, and when each in turn decide to retire there is certainly no other place in this country for rest, peace and quiet than this beautiful city of St. Petersburg.

I am now a member of The International Association of Retired Policemen and Firemen, and enclose pamphlet giving roster of officers and members. Perhaps you will recognize other names than my own. We meet twice a month and I have not yet failed to attend a meeting.

Wishing you continued Success, and with my best regards to all my good friends

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Lt. Frank Virelli

LETTER OF THE MONTH

1, November 1943

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

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the assistance which this headquarters has received from the members of the State Police under your command. It has been a great help in maintaining discipline of military personnel in this area.

Incidents of breach of the peace, disorderly conduct, or any other minor offense committed in a public place which reflects discredit upon the military service, have been handled by state police with good judgment and tact, and they have resorted to arrest only where other measures have not sufficed. In addition, this headquarters has received valuable assistance from your organization in cases where military personnel are involved in serious crimes, in accidents on public highways, and in aircraft accidents within your jurisdiction.

I am confident that your continued cooperation in these matters will result to our mutual advantage.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) CHARLES L. WRIGHT
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

Comsr. E.J.H. spot checks Capt. Carroll

