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EDWARD J. HICKEY,  
Commissioner

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## Seasons Greetings

### To a Fellow Officer

*Sometimes* THE GOING IS EASY, SOMETIMES IT'S TOUGH; BUT TOUGH OR EASY, YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, HOT OR COLD, WET OR DRY, ALL YEAR LONG. YOU HAVE HAD YOUR SHARE OF THE GOOD LUCK, AS WELL AS OF THE BAD, THAT GOES WITH THE GRAND OLD JOB OF BEING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

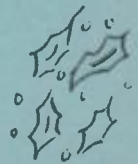
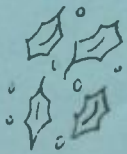
AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, AND YOU LOOK BACK ON THE CLOSING YEAR, I KNOW THAT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS LINGER IN YOUR MIND. AND YOU HAVE DETERMINED TO PROFIT FROM THE LESSONS OF THE PAST, AND PRESS ON TO GREATER HEIGHTS IN THE NEW YEAR.

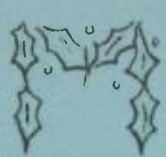
WHEN I THINK OF THE PART YOU AND YOUR FELLOW OFFICERS HAVE PLAYED, AND ARE PLAYING, IN THE INTEREST OF LAW AND ORDER, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EXPRESS ADEQUATELY MY FEELINGS. YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND I AM MIGHTY THANKFUL FOR THE LOYALTY OF MEN LIKE YOU.

SO, I SAY, THANK YOU FOR THE HARD LICKS YOU HAVE PUT IN DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND MORE POWER TO YOU IN THE FUTURE. I WISH YOU AND ALL THOSE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Edward J. Hickey*

COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE





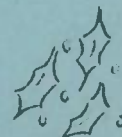
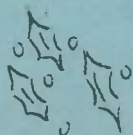
# Merry Christmas

TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE FIGHTING FORCES

All members of the Connecticut Department of State Police join in wishing those who are temporarily absent from home in our country's defense, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We miss you all and hope for your safe and speedy return to your home and the Department.

## In The Services

Abel, Walter J.	Konopaske, Roy D.
Ahern, Thomas F.	Linnik, Alexander
Allyn, Byron E.	Malloy, Charles
Angell, Ernest	Massey, William J.
Beauregard, Laurent E.	Mathews, William J.
Bohman, Robert W.	McMahon, Edward F.
Bonuomo, Guy	McNamara, William
Bowes, Frank J.	Murphy, Michael J.
Bresault, Helen	Nagri, Natale D.
Brown, Robert E.	O'Brien, Edward B.
Buckley, Ralph J.	O'Brien, Vincent J.
Butler, John L.	Oczkowski, Edward
Carlson, John G.	O'Grady, Robert J.
Carpenter, William	Olson, Russell J.
Chatkin, Milton L.	Perkins, Walter E.
Cohen, Irving	Puzone, Peter G. Jr.
Condren, Raymond J.	Ray, Robert H.
Davis, Timothy	Schrader, Ernest K.
Dick, James W.	Sheeler, Edward
Donovan, Joseph W.	Simon, Marcel L.
Dowling, Edward M.	Small, John T.
Durand, Julian	Starks, Russell N.
Durand, Oliver	Stephenson, William
Dzialo, Peter A.	Strouse, Charles
Ferris, George H.	Sullivan, Joseph F.
Formeister, Edward	Sweet, Robert E.
Glynn, Joseph F.	Tasker, Norman
Hafersat, Otto W.	Tetre, Wendle H.
Hayes, Howard	Terhune, Sidney
Herr, Robert M.	Travaglino, Louis
Hickey, Paul J.	Tripp, William
Johnson, Marcus E.	Virelli, Frank Jr.
Kamenski, Joseph	Winn, John W.
Kielty, Victor J.	Winslow, Norman E.
Kiernan, Charles	Young, William
Knight, Charles	Ziegler, Richard P.
	Zurowski, Joseph J.



CONNECTICUT CHIEFS OF POLICE

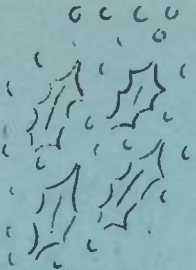
CHRISTMAS 1943

Ansonia, John J. Mahoney  
Bethel, Morris Britto, Jr.  
Branford, Christian G. Woehrle  
Bridgeport, John Lyddy  
Bristol, Edmund S. Crowley  
Chester, J. Albert Berg  
Clinton, Robert York  
Danbury, William Henry  
Danielson, George L. Gardner  
Darien, Edward A. Tinker  
Derby, Thomas Van Etten  
East Hartford, Timothy Kelleher  
East Haven, Hugh J. Farrell  
Easton, Edward Knight  
Enfield, William J. Fleming  
Fairfield, Arthur Bennett  
Farmington, Milton Shaw  
Glastonbury, George Hall  
Greenwich, John Gleason  
Groton, Bernard Chapman  
Guilford, Alfred H. Supernor  
Hamden, Harry H. Barrows  
Hartford, Charles J. Hallissey  
Madison, Jacob Rickert, Jr.  
Manchester, Samuel G. Gordon  
Meriden, Michael B. Carroll  
Middletown, Charles A. Anderson  
Milford, M. B. Fowler  
Monroe, William Chacho  
Naugatuck, John J. Gormley  
New Britain, William C. Hart  
New Canaan, Otto Schmidt  
New Haven, Henry Clark  
New London, Capt. John J. Courtney  
New Milford, Andrew Nearing  
Norfolk, Alton Smith  
Norwalk, Jeremiah Dorney  
North Haven, Joseph V. Castiglioni  
Norwich, Thomas P. Murphy  
Orange, Carl Peterson

Plainville, Rev. L.E. Frye  
Plymouth, George Rohe  
Putnam, Harry Wallen  
Ridgefield, Horace Walker  
Rockville, Peter Dowgiewicz  
Rocky Hill, Elmer Edwards  
Seymour, Harry Manweiller  
Shelton, W. S. Donovan  
Simsbury, David Austin  
Southington, Edward Geary  
Stamford, John B. Brennan  
Stonington, Jay Travis  
Stratford, William B. Nichols  
Suffield, Harold G. Hill  
Thomaston, James Ryan  
Torrington, Hugh E. Meade  
Trumbull, Raymond Beckwith  
Wellingford, Clarence D. Lane  
Waterbury, Supt. Daniel Carson  
Waterford, Chester Brigham  
Watertown, Warren Parker  
West Hartford, Walter Sandstrom  
West Haven, Harry Tuttle  
Westport, John A. Dolan  
Wethersfield, William G. Simpson  
Willimantic, Grant Bombria  
Windsor, Paul Rustic  
Windsor Locks, Henry McMahon  
Winsted, William E. Mulcahy  
Woodbridge, Kenneth Howland

ON-MILITARY LEAVE

New London, Capt. William T. Babcock  
Danbury, Chief George Schoen  
Waterbury, Supt. William Roach



# Christmas Greetings

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (INCORPORATED)

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Robert E. Raleigh  
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# Seasons Greetings

## STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT 1943

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Charles J. Halessey

Michael J. Godfrey

Jeremiah Dorney

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## CONNECTICUT CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION 1943

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First Vice President  
Charles J. Halessey

Recording Secretary  
John A. Lyddy

Second Vice President  
Hugh Meade

Sergeant at Arms  
Thomas Murphy

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## CONNECTICUT CHAPTER NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATES 1943

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Vice President  
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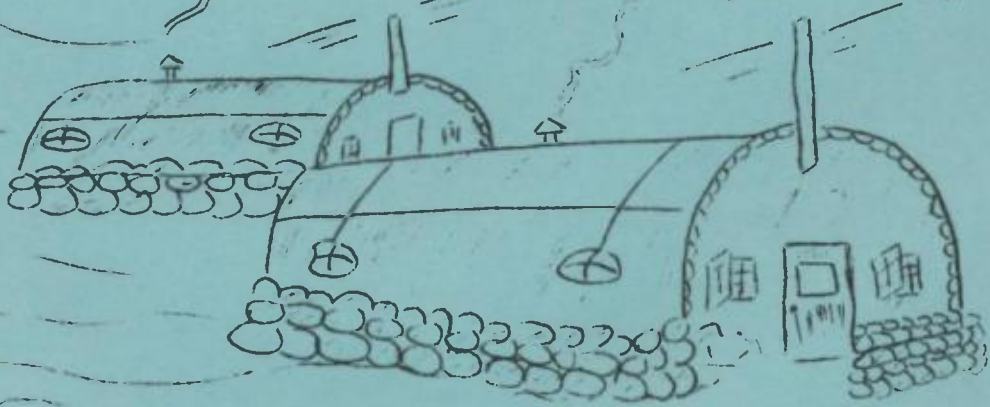


To  
Comm. EDW. J. Hickey  
% STATE POLICE HQTRS  
100 WASHINGTON ST.  
HARTFORD, CONN.

From  
GEORGE H. FERRIS SP2/C  
(Sender's Name)  
N.C.B. NAVY # 101  
(Sender's Address)  
% FLEET P.O. N.Y.C.  
3<sup>RD</sup> Nov. 1943  
(Date)



Merry Christmas  
Happy  
New Year



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FARSALT NIJAR

V.-MAIL

OUR FRIENDS

December 9, 1943

Hon. R. B. O'Sullivan, Chairman  
Law & Order Committee  
State Department  
American Legion  
Orange, Connecticut

Dear Judge:

On behalf of the members of the Connecticut State Police Department, I want to thank you for the splendid tribute you paid our officers at the recent F.B.I. quarterly meetings in Bridgeport and New Haven.

We deeply appreciate your kindness.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE

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December 9, 1943

Hon. Leo J. Dowling  
Alternate National Executive  
Committeeman  
American Legion  
410 Asylum Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Leo:

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We deeply appreciate your kindness.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE

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FROM DISTANT LADS

Capt. Ralph J. Buckley  
North Africa

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William V. Brook  
American Red Cross  
South Pacific

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P.F.C. William J. McNamara  
Great Britain

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Capt. R. A. Konopaska  
Great Britain

November 22, 1943

Dear Friends:

Received my first two copies of the Monthly State Police Publication and want to thank you for sending them to me. They were rather late in arriving and according to the post marks have been following me for some time.

I have read them both several times and find them most interesting. It sort of makes one feel that we are still in touch with old friends and comrades. I will admit that it makes me just a little homesick.

I'm sure that the men on the Department are equally appreciative for the news concerning their brother officers and are grateful for the opportunity of benefiting from the experience of others.

If it isn't asking too much, I would appreciate a copy of each publication when it comes from the Press.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Konopaska



## THE POLICEMAN'S PRAYER

Give me unflinching courage at all times and under all conditions. Let me look into the face of death with unblinking eyes and with no sense of fear.

Teach me to realize that there are prowling human wolves ever ready to devour the innocent, that there are depraved creatures, cast in the comely human mould, to whom murder is but an incident and crime in all its hideous phases only an occupation.

Grant that I may live my life simply and keep my mind clean.

Let me acquire superlatively, the art of self-defense against the cunning wiles of mine own and the people's enemies.

Steel me against the machinations of those who would corrupt me.

May I never disgrace my uniform nor think too lightly of those who, by long service and faithfulness to duty have earned the right to rank above me.

Let me possess the virtues of a soldier on the battlefield.

Let me traverse my beat as the Roman Emperors of old trod the forum, but preserve me from personal vanity and the arrogance which too often goes with power.

Save me from all pettiness in my dealings with those less fortunately placed in life. Aid me in understanding that my calling is a truly noble one, that it involves self-sacrifice, the maintenance of a robust body and a cool head, and that, first and last, I must be a man among men.

Help me to be lightning-quick in determining the right thing to do in grave emergencies.

Help me to cultivate a warm heart and a ready hand for the needy and the weak.

May I be greatly feared by the law-breaker and greatly loved by my friends.

When, in the course of duty, it becomes necessary to grapple with thugs bent upon my destruction, let my gun aim be true and my fist blow devastating.

Cause me to do my work with cheerful mien and honest zeal.

Teach me to bear myself, in storm and sunshine, in congenial or distasteful locations, always as the blue-clad symbol of civilization's law without which there would be but little happiness on this earth and no reason whatsoever for human progress.

B.C.I. Bulletin, N.Y. State Police

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New Haven, Conn.

Dear Commissioner:

May I express to you, and through you to your men, the thanks and appreciation of myself and family for the fine job you did relative to my father's funeral.

The fine appearance and military carriage of the State Police reflects much credit on you, their leader.

I couldn't let the occasion pass without saying thank you most sincerely.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 1, '43

Frances R. Smith

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"Chief Philip T. Smith was taken ill at the Executive meeting of the State Police Association of Connecticut held in New Haven Nov. 16, and passed away 2 days later. Chief Smith was known as an able police official, a good father and a kind husband. We shall miss him too."

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CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 1943

Commissioner, Edward J. Hickey, Major, Frank M. Nichols; Captains, Walter F. Stiles, John C. Kelly; Lieutenant, Ross V. Urquhart; assistants, Plant Protection Division, Officers Thomas E. Abbotts, John Casey, William Sullivan, Harold G. Washburn; Night Executive Officer, Lieutenant Irving T. Schubert; Special Service, Connecticut War Council, Lieutenant Carroll E. Shaw, Officer Lester Mercier; Deputy Fire Marshal, Lieutenant Frank Sterkel; Weights and Measures Division, Lieutenant Carlton L. Klocker; civilian assistants, Francis J. Delaney, Clarence F. Roberts, John L. Sanford; Identification Bureau, Lieutenant Frank V. Chameroy; assistant, Officer William Menser; Photographic Division, Lieutenant Frank W. Shaw; Motion Picture Inspectors, Earl R. Morin, Thomas S. Wilson; Explosives and Special Hazards Division, Lieutenant Frank A. Sterkel; Communications Division and Radio Maintenance Supervisor, Lieutenant Walter J. Boos; assistants, Officers Fred B. Feegel, Frank R. Foley, civilians, Henry Petry, Walter D. McKenzie, Frank A. Bramley, Elmer Weyh, Wilbur Richards; Special Service Division, Captain John C. Kelly, Lieutenant Paul Lavin, Lieutenant Henry M. Mayo, Lieutenant Leo J. Mulcahy, Sergeants Adolph N. Pastore, Robert N. Rundle, Detectives Albin W. Backiel, John J. Doyle, Edmund Flanagan, Officers James J. Finnegan, James Parrott, John J. Pomfret, James Reardon, Samuel S. Rome, John Sugrue, State Policewomen, Mrs. Evelyn Briggs, Mrs. Kathryn Haggerty; Training School Instructor, Lieutenant Leo J. Mulcahy; Traffic Division, Lieutenant William E. Mackenzie, Officer Harry Taylor; Shooting Instructor, Property Custodian, Lieutenant Willard E. Bushy; Ballistics Expert, J. Henry FitzGerald.

Secretary to the Commissioner, Catherine V. Collins; Executive Assistant to Commissioner, James S. Forbes.

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Bethany Station

Western District Captain, William L. Schatzman  
Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Michael D. Smith

Sergeant Theodore H. Strand

Russell T. Burton	Jesse F. Foley	Donald Paige
Carl E. Carlson	Henry G. Greifzu	Dimitro P. Pawchyk
Edward F. Christian	John Hartnett	Albert H. Pethick
James B. Conlon	Edward A. Higney	Edwin Puester
Ralph R. DeRienz	James P. Lenihan	Michael J. Santy
Thomas J. Duma	Thomas C. Leonard	Jerome F. Smith
David Dunn	Anton M. Nelson	Thomas P. Smith
John F. Dunphy	John F. O'Brien	Anthony P. Zemetis

Hartford Station

Governors Office, Lieutenant John T. Hanusovsky  
Property Custodian, Lieutenant Willard E. Bushy

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Gené S. Lenzi  
Sergeant Norman E. Lowery                      Sergeant Elton T. Nolan  
Detective John J. Zekas

William W. Breithwaite	Loren C. Larson	Roy B. Paige
Frank J. Chmielecki	John C. Lawrence	George Panciera
Harvey C. Coleman	Harry M. Leavitt	John F. Ring
Salvatore B. Esposito	Philip L. Massicotte	Harry Ritchie
Edward A. Faith	Edward Matus	Hubert B. Spencer
Timothy J. Foley	Arthur E. Mayer	Edward C. Steele
William C. Gaiser	Joseph McAuliffe	John F. Sweeney
William A. Gruber	Wallace C. Nelson	Francis J. Whelan
Edward Hadfield	J. Francis O'Brien	

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Litchfield Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant George H. Remer

Angelo Buffa	Edward J. Dooling	William A. Towne
Wilbur E. Calkins	James H. Finnegan	John J. Wilcox
William T. Casey	Edward F. Mesgher	
Norman N. Davis	John G. Swiklas	

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Ridgefield Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Harry T. Tucker

Adam P. Besudry	Edward F. Giardina	Leon M. Merritt
Thomas J. Deeley	Charles Gorman	Robert J. Murphy
Thomas V. Dunn	John T. Jones	George A. Noxon
Walter W. Foley	William McNamara	Robert L. Waltz

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Stafford Springs Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Harris J. Hulburt

James A. Buckley	Albert Kimball	Walter Smiegel
Robert M. Erdin	Arthur A. Koss	Arthur Whitmarsh
Henry W. Gowdy	Peter M. J. Laumark	John Yaskulka
John E. Kearney	James McCormick	

Canaan Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Frederick W. Brandt

Sergeant Albert E. Rivers  
Lawrence S. Beizer      Donald C. Frost      Edwin F. Pequignot  
John E. Foley          John E. Gunning  
Samuel E. Freeman      Claude J. Morris

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Colchester Station

Eastern District Captain, Leo F. Carroll  
Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Philip Schwartz

Ralph C. Boyington      Frank D. LaForge      Charles W. Pritchard  
William Conlon          Kevin L. McDonald      Edward Shedroff  
James W. Duane          Daniel B. McKenzie  
John F. Forsch          Thomas M. O'Brien

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Danielson Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Victor J. Clarke

Sergeant Royal V. Scranton  
Joseph G. Guilbeault      John B. Murphy      Eugene I. Wanat  
Charles Heckler          John T. Murphy      Leslie W. Williams  
Leo J. Marion          Albert A. Powell  
Henry J. Marikle          John F. Reardon

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Groton Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Kenneth W. Stevens  
Sergeant James L. Dygert      Sergeant William Farrow

Special Service Division of Station E

Sergeant Frederick Johnson  
Detective Francis J. Mangan      Detective Eric R. Swanson

Station Detail

Arthur P. Andreoli      Frank D. Leighton      Stanley G. Stason  
Osmus H. Avery          Darence W. Mielke      William A. Surprenant  
Donald C. Browne      Harry A. Myers          Raymond W. Tierney  
Robert B. Donohue      Michael J. Shegda  
John R. Fitzgerald      John S. Skelly  
Arthur P. Kathe          John H. Smith  
Joseph F. LaFramboise      Jonas J. Soltis, Jr.

Westbrook Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Henry C. Heinold

Sergeant Edward P. Tierney

Lloyd D. Babcock	Leroy F. Ernertel	James P. McNally
Francis A. Bozentka	Edward Engstrom	Leonard J. Menard
Charles W. Casciengo	Edward P. Gayer	William R. Murphy
William H. Connolly	Vernon C. Godney	George H. Roche
George M. Dunn	Roy W. Goodale	Howard W. Sternberg
John H. Ehlert	Carmelo Ippolito	Joseph A. Suchanek

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Westport Station

Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Henry Palsu

Sergeant Charles E. Hartley                      Sergeant Maurice F. Purtell  
Detective George J. Mitchell

James F. Angeski	George A. Fogarty	Charles F. McCarthy
Frank E. Baylis	George S. Frey	Robert John Murphy
Frank J. Bennett	Warren A. French	Vincent J. Searles
George A. Boston	Stephen Howell	Stanley C. Sobolewski
Richard P. Carroll	Louis W. Jackman	Emil T. Struzik
Benjamin A. Davis	Alexander Kostok	Fred Virelli
Leo H. Dynkoski	Clifford E. Lyon	
Charles L. Flanagan	Louis D. Marchese	

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Training School

Following is a list of recruits now in training at the Connecticut State Police Academy.

Vincent B. Brescia	Thomas D. McGrath
Alfred Carozza	Thomas J. Nichol
Edward A. Davanzo	Joseph Oliwa
Leonard L. Davis	Ernest L. Olson
Frank S. P. Duren	Charles Sedar
Neil M. Hurley	Alden Thompson
James Ferguson	Earl Woodworth

Andrew J. Yurtin

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Departmental Chaplains. Rt. Rev. Leo M. Finn, Bridgeport  
Rev. Douglas W. Kennedy, Hartford  
(Military Leave)

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Administrators of Connecticut State Police Department  
Established July 1, 1903

1901-1921 Supt. Thomas F. Egan                      1921-1931 Comm. Robert T. Hurley  
1931-1939 Comm. Anthony Sunderland              1939-1943 Comm. Edward J. Hickey

DIMOUT GONE, WARDEN  
THROWS AWAY HELMET

Walter Capwell, superintendent of a city incinerator and sewage treatment plant, revealed today that at least one air raid warden has taken the lifting of the dim-out to mean that the war is over so far as he is concerned.

He reported collectors found an air raid warden's white helmet and "clapper," or ratchet noisemaker, in the refuse. The wardens' helmets are government property so Mr. Capwell salvaged it and will turn it over to J. Lawrence Peters chief air raid warden.

POLICE LIP FOLIAGE  
TRIMMED IN ARGENTINE

Mendoza, Argentine (AP)—The well-dressed policeman of this western Argentine city will keep a stiff upper lip—whether or not he likes it.

The police department has issued a set of rules for trimming the moustaches of all its employees, regardless of rank. Moustaches, says the decree, shall be "short and low." Haircuts shall be "American style," with sideburns of one centimeter.

Barbers have been notified that they "are liable to disciplinary sanction" if they fail to snip according to the required dimensions.

The department explained that "it had been noticeable that the police personnel had not maintained uniformity" in haircut and moustache styles.

POLICE FAILURE

(Christian Science Monitor)

The failure to suppress anti-Semitic violence and the vicious propaganda which lies behind that violence is only the latest count in a mounting series of police failures.

PROBATIONER PACT  
SIGNED BY BALDWIN

Provides Interstate Mutual Supervision; Cited as Example of States Cooperation -

Governor Baldwin recently signed in interstate compact providing for reciprocal supervision across state lines of parolees and probationers. Under the terms of the compact, to which 38 states are now signatories, parolees and probationers permitted to come to Connecticut during their parole period will be supervised by local officials, and Connecticut parolees and probationers in other states will be supervised by officials there.

In signing the compact, Governor Baldwin said that "this compact is one more example of how states by mutual agreement among themselves can work together without the necessity of expanding Federal bureaus to handle a particular and important job."

The Governor was authorized to sign the compact and enter into its reciprocal terms by the 1943 Legislature..

COP STUMPED BUT  
SOLDIER GETS SUMMONS

Miami, Florida (AP) — The Army private drove his clanky tank past a parked school bus, was promptly flagged down by Motorcycle Patrolman George Campbell.

Bewildered, the private explained that tanks have no brakes, can only be stopped by cutting the engine. If he stopped he would be obstructing traffic which is also against the law.

Officer Campbell didn't know the answer either, so he gave the soldier a summons.

## A LOCAL JOB

(New Haven Register)

Announcement has been made in Hartford of the allocation of money to enable the employment of a number of state policewomen, to be detailed in particular to the curbing of juvenile delinquency. Some such detail of roving policewomen, operating in plain clothes and concentrating on an assignment like this, may and probably will be helpful in combatting an evil situation.

Figures issued from time to time on juvenile delinquency lend themselves to exaggeration, and many doubt that this country's boys and girls are anywhere near so far along on the road to Hades as some of the statistics-quoters intimate. The conditions nevertheless are bad enough and worse than they need be. Action is gratifying.

It might be pointed out, though, that half a dozen state policewomen, or twice that many, will not be able to do a fraction as much toward curbing the delinquency of the type they are meant to deal with as the established local police organizations could if they and their directing authorities felt so inclined. The police in the localities know as well as the next persons what and where the establishments are which tolerate or invite the presence of young girls on the loose, and who the operators are and what is allowed to go on. It is hard to see why state police officers have to be sent in either to control the delinquents or to put the fear of the law into the joint operators.

So far as the liquor angle is concerned, no place can operate without state sanction. That permission can be taken up whenever an operator gets out of line on selling to minors. Maybe the state policewomen will help teach a few lessons in that respect. But other than that, any condition of extensive delinquency seems as

much an indictment of local policing as anything else.

It might help, to be sure, if energetic police officers had more assurance than some of them now have against their cases being thrown out of court if they do go after the offenders. Un-assuring prospects, however, do not excuse inaction.

There is much hearing and talking about states doing their own jobs acceptably so as to keep federal bureaus from butting in, and the principle is excellent. An equally good principle is for the localities to do their own jobs before the state has to come in.

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## PUBLIC IS TOLD HOW TO AID IF PLANES CRASH

(New Haven Register)

In case you see a plane crash, here is what to do. With the placing of the aircraft warning service on an alert basis, it becomes the duty of any citizen who sees an air accident or a plane crash of any kind to render immediate assistance. Prompt reporting of such an incident to the proper authorities may result in saving lives and property.

The following instructions are being issued to all members of the ground observer corps, aircraft warning service, by Major R. B. Cate, CSG, state liaison officer of the army air force:

"These instructions apply to any civilian as well as to members of the ground observer corps. If you see a plane crash or an air accident of any kind, go to the nearest telephone, call the operator, and say 'I want state police emergency.' You will be connected with the nearest state police barracks at once. When an officer answers, give your name and address, the telephone number from

which you are calling, the location of the accident as accurately as possible. When the officer says 'thank you' hang up, but do not hang up until you hear these words.

"Report promptly and as accurately as possible. By so doing, you will be performing a very worth-while and patriotic service!"

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### CRIME TECHNIQUE

(From New York Herald Tribune)

A recent news item in the Tribune cites the apprehension of a negro for murdering his girl friend in her apartment. He confessed, and his retreat from the scene was described as follows:

"Then, he said, he got dressed and went out, looping a thread around the handle of a bolt on the door and drawing the two ends of the thread through the diminishing crack as he closed the door. Then he said, he pulled on the double thread, sliding the bolt into its socket on the inner side of the door. By pulling on a single end of the thread he freed it of the bolt handle and drew it through the crack, leaving the door bolted on the inside."

VOX COP SAYS: "New York Herald Tribune is the policeman's finest medium of technique information."

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### DEFENDS CITY POLICE FOR CALLING IN STATE TROOPER

(Special to The Bulletin)

New London, Nov. 25.--- With the publication in The Bulletin this morning that detectives of the state police department had assisted the local police in somewhat clearing up the break and theft of liquor from the warehouse of A. Gordon and Sons, Tuesday evening, police officials and city officials

heard rumbles of criticism directed against the department for seeking the aid of the state police detectives. The Bulletin upon checking up on the matter was informed that the state police were called into the picture when it was found necessary to seek evidence in another town in the vicinity and that the state police kept on the case because of possible clues on several other matters that the state police were engaged in checking.

As a result of the criticism that had been directed against the local department, Councilor James A. May after a consultation with Captain of Police John J. Courtney issued the following statement to The Bulletin late this afternoon:

"Co-operation is not rationed between the state police department and the New London police department. Let me first caution those that are purported to be criticizing the fact that the co-operation of the state police department in investigating the recent theft of liquor in the city, that if these rumors are found to be real truths it shall be sufficient evidence to warrant an investigation as to the interests the purported individual or individuals had in offering an obstacle that would result in encouragement to crime."

"The state police department under the leadership of Commissioner Edward Hickey and the New London police department under the direction of Police Captain John J. Courtney are and have been working with the greatest co-operation that can be obtained. Both the commissioner and the captain are to be congratulated on their splendid performance and record in their departments."

"All law enforcement agencies, including the federal bureau of investigation, the navy intelligence; the army intelligence, the navy patrol, the coast guard patrol, the army military police, the maritime patrol, the auxiliary police and others have worked with close co-operation with the New



London police department under Captain John J. Courtney as well as the state police department throughout this period of war."

"It is because of such cooperation that the records of the state police department and the New London police department, as well as those of other departments have been so excellent. It is not permissible for me to record the different accomplishments in this statement because such a prerogative is only the right of the different law enforcement agencies. But I may add that the different ones in the direction of their departments have done and still are doing an excellent job in their stewardship.

"Let me caution those who have set out to destroy the morale and obstruct justice that they had better proceed cautiously lest by their acts of comedy they are now staging turns into a Samson tragedy."

"and Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and the other with his left."

"And he bowed himself with all his might and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein."

"I might also add in closing that all that poor old Samson got out of the whole vengeful affair was a pretty decent burial somewhere between Zorah and Estanol."

"Unfortunately, in these trying days there are some misguided persons who, at the expense of good public service, would like to further the doctrine of "Divide and conquer." Hijackers are again on the loose, and unless the law enforcement officers of national, state, and local agencies work in harmony and shoulder-to-shoulder, gangsters will again rule in our

localities with force and violence. No honest police officer or loyal citizen wants that to happen again in any community of this state." ---- Vox Cop ----

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## POLICEWOMEN

(The Bridgeport Sunday Post)

The State Commissioner has taken cognizance of the pressing current problem, juvenile delinquency. For the first time in its history, two policewomen, now on duty a year, have been at work, and twelve more are to be hired.

The two women, Mrs. Kathryn Haggerty and Mrs. Evelyn Briggs, are doing excellent work in crime prevention among youth and young women. They are trained in state police work and social service, and give the force a chance to tackle certain types of criminal cases which men cannot approach and can do work in defense areas, aiming to clear up conditions which foster juvenile delinquency.

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## WARTIME ACTIVITIES

(The Bridgeport Sunday Post)

Because of the war and abnormal conditions engendered by the war, the work of state police in the rural districts has been increased. Such minor crimes as stealing chickens and poultry is prevalent.

The dimout has demanded a more intensive campaign for highway safety, which is now somewhat relaxed. State police convoy trucks with wartime emergency materials from one end of the state to the other. They also protect the 18 vital bridges in the state.

"INITIATIVE IS DOING THE RIGHT THING WITHOUT BEING TOLD."--Vox-Cop

Chief Fleming of Thompsonville urges curfew for Young

(Thompsonville Press)

A curfew, to be imposed at 9 P.M., evenings, is one method of attack on the problem of Juvenile Delinquency here which is favored by Chief of Police William J. Fleming. Chief Fleming would have the curfew at 9 P.M. each evening, and make it applicable to both young men and women who are under sixteen years of age. He points out that Longmeadow has a curfew on young persons which is set at 7:30 P.M., which Chief Fleming believes is entirely too early in the evening. He favors the 9 o'clock hour, and the 16-year age and points out that it would probably be necessary to hold a special Town Meeting to enact an Ordinance, if the curfew here would be handled valid legally.

Several local Clergymen have become interested in the juvenile problem here, and have conferred, independently, with Chief Fleming. Conditions may also receive study by the Enfield Youth Movement, as a part of the problems which the Youth Movement is designed to curb.

#### BLACK MARKET LIQUOR

Black Market liquor, produced by bootleggers, has made its appearance here. It is being sold in one local liquor institution which sells liquor by the glass.

It is apparently of a cheap variety, since it is sold at the price of One Dollar per pint. The bottle contains no label, and has no Government stamps. Those who have drunk it state that it is fairly palatable, but strong.

#### MINORS

Minors are still being sold drinks in some liquor establishments. Since the campaign against this practice has been underway, the technique of sale and purchase in the case of minors has been changed. The current practice is for an older person to order the drink for the minor and then pass the drink on to the minor.

#### PEOPLE INTERESTED

Since the beginning of this series of articles in The Press, Chief William J. Fleming has been visited by a large number of local people, many of them parents, to discuss the problems of the youth with him. Chief Fleming, who has had long experience in handling the problem of juvenile delinquency, has counseled all of his callers on the correct precautions to take, with respect to young persons and their families, and in each case has emphasized the importance of home conditions and control, and the value of the Church.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

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December 5, 1943

Head of State Police  
Hartford  
Conn.

Dear Sir:

Early last evening, I slowed down to pass a disabled car on the Merritt Parkway just above North Street. A State Trooper asked me to help three Waves, who had broken down, to get to New York. I offered to take them as far as Larchmont but just then another New York car came along and kindly helped the girls on their way.

Just a short distance ahead I saw another disabled car with tire trouble, again a State Trooper was helping the Sailor change his tires.

I want to express my sincere reactions to the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of your force.

Incidentally a short distance beyond I too was able to help two Air Corps men and their families who were likewise disabled.

Respectfully yours,

• HERMAN G. RIEHL

## CONDUCT AT THE DESK

An officer on duty at the desk should maintain a pleasant and courteous attitude. Many requests may be received that seem trivial and unnecessary, but they should be treated with the same courtesy as more important ones. If the request is for something that cannot be granted or that does not come under the jurisdiction of the police, it can be politely explained or refused by saying "I am sorry, but your request is beyond the authority of the police," or "We would be glad to help you, but it does not come under our jurisdiction." Never, under any circumstances, resort to such remarks as "This is no collection agency" or "You can write, why don't you find out for yourself?"

Give immediate attention to the person calling at the office. If you are in conversation with an earlier caller, excuse yourself long enough to greet the newcomer and assure him his wants will be looked after as quickly as possible. Offer him a chair if one is available.

A pleasant salutation such as "Good morning" or "How do you do," followed by an offer of service such as "What may I do for you," gives the visitor a feeling of welcome.

Never allow a caller to wait indefinitely without an acknowledgment of his presence.

Ascertain the name of the person to whom you are speaking--it is not out of place to ask him his name if he does not volunteer it--and then call him by his name.

If the caller happens to be a very young person or a very old person, do not assume a patronizing attitude.

Never act as if the caller had invaded your private room.

When receiving a complaint, give your undivided attention to the person making the complaint. He will feel more at ease, and your apparent interest will inspire confidence. If he is a bit rambling and vague, be tolerant. If you find it necessary to dismiss him, do it politely by saying you have another engagement, or in whatever way courteously fits the occasion.

Keep your desk neat and orderly. Have pencils and pad and necessary blank forms at your fingertips.

Don't perch your cap on the back of your head, hang a cigarette between your lips and park your feet on top of the desk while you read the morning paper or your favorite magazine. The stranger greeted with such a picture upon entering the office instinctively registers an impression that will be unfavorable to you and to your organization.

Police Courtesy  
Commissioner Oscar G. Olander  
Michigan State Police

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"Day in and day out our men perform many kind deeds that are not within the strict scope of police duties. Far too often their assistance is regarded as routine and all in the day's work. Our men really do try to please as well as police and to lend a helping hand in each and every instance."--Vox Cop

# STATE POLICE ACADEMY

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Refresher  
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


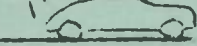


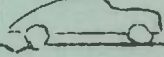
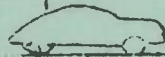
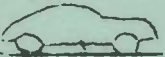


"Now, class... Repeat AFTER me with clear  
Enunciation and Emphasis."

"PULL OVER TO DE COIB, YOUSE !!!!"

ONE FOOT ON THE BRAKE IS WORTH TWO IN THE GRAVE

# BRAKING DISTANCES AT 20MPH

		DRY CONCRETE  21 FT.		ON CONCRETE PAVEMENT							
		WET CONCRETE  26 FT.									
NO CHAINS 		69 FT.		ON PACKED SNOW							
CHAINS ON REAR WHEELS 		40 FT.									
		NO CHAINS OR SAND 		169 FT.		ON GLARE ICE					
CHAINS ON REAR WHEELS 		88 FT.									
SAND ON ICE 		86 FT.									
25		50		75		100		125		150	

Police and war production authorities are concerned with minimizing traffic tie-up and destruction of vital, irreplaceable vehicles this wartime winter. Above National Safety Council chart shows average braking distances on various road conditions. Actual stopping distances are 22 ft. more, however, because it takes average driver 3/4 of a second to react and apply brakes after seeing reason to stop. This means 22 ft. at 20 m.p.h.

## SAFETY FIRST

## POST-WAR PLANNING

### A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF CERTAIN FIREARMS

WHEREAS, Military necessity has brought about the production of vast quantities of automatic and semi-automatic firearms in the United States and many foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, There is grave danger that after the present war such firearms will become available, legally or otherwise, to criminals and irresponsible persons, thereby endangering the lives of the people and greatly increasing the difficulties of suppressing crime; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Government of the United States and the government of the several states, territories and possessions of the United States be and they are hereby urged to take all effective measures to control and safeguard such firearms, and to prevent the purchase, sale, gift, importation, transfer, and possession of such firearms, by or to any persons or organizations except duly authorized and officially recognized military and law enforcement organizations; and








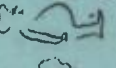
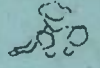




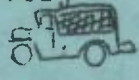
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the International Association of Chiefs of Police through its Board of Officers shall make every effort to secure the cooperation and assistance of all organizations and associations of public officials, directly or indirectly interested in this matter, to secure its favorable consideration by legislative bodies of the United States and the several states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the appropriate committees of Congress, the Secretary of State of the United States, and to the Secretary of State of each state, territory and possession of the United States.

(Adopted by the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, 918 F Street, N.W., Washington 4, D.C. November 1943.)

SEMPER PARATUS

(This might sound like a fairy tale but it really happened)

One night while  Adjuster Beattie was waiting for the traffic officer to turn the  he noticed a  colored girl approach the  and after a few minutes proceed across the street. Very shortly a  colored man approached the  and after a few words, the man struck  resulting in . By this time, a large crowd had gathered. Seeing that the  was getting the worst of the fray, "Superman Beattie," blowing his horn, drove like mad to the center of the attraction, and pointing his finger to the , yelled, "That's a terrible offense, resisting an  you'd better go along with him." No sooner had he said this, than the bewildered  very meekly accompanied the  to the curb where the  picked them up.

(Ed. Note - Mr. Beattie's ability to take immediate command of such a situation is undoubtedly due to his training as a member of the Connecticut Auxiliary State Police)

The Recording Meter, October, 1943.

Character is the result of two things--mental attitude and the way we spend our time.

-Vox Cop-



## AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### STATION "A"

A \$15,000 Jewelry Theft at Wilsons Jewelry Store, Danbury, which occurred on October 22, 1943, was cleaned up on December 10th by the arrest of a suspect, who has also confessed to 17 similar jobs in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

In an effort to slow up juvenile delinquency, especially among young high school girls, a squad of State and Local Policemen visited the questionable night spots of Danbury on Friday night December 3 and secured on the spot evidence of sale of liquor to minors which resulted in the arrest of four permittees, three of whom have already forfeited cash bonds of \$225.00.

On the early morning of December 3, a tip was received that several negroes were attempting to dispose of cars in Danbury under suspicious circumstances. They were apprehended and questioned by Officers Charles Gorman, Walter Foley and William McNamara resulting in the arrest of seven negroes the recovery of two stolen cars and the solution of many other car thefts in New York City.

On December 4 Local and State Police officers apprehended and arrested a man at Danbury for rape of a fifteen year old girl who had been enticed to intoxication and then violated. He is being held in default of \$5000.00 bail.

C. O. Ridgefield Station

### STATION "B"

On November 29 at about 1:00 A.M., Officer Donald C. Frost, while eating at the Canaan Lunch Room,

observed two strange men, a negro and a white man who apparently were traveling together. Their appearance and general conduct aroused the interest of Officer Frost. He questioned them and took them to the Canaan station. It was soon found that the negro was wanted for murder at Boston. He had stabbed an Army Sergeant. The other man was a parole violator wanted by New York State. This is another good job done by Officer Frost.

Officer Samuel Freeman, recently transferred to this station, is learning a few lessons about driving on ice and snow. His car has already tangled with an eight point buck deer and he is keeping the antlers as a reminder of Canaan wild life.

We are now burning coal. That hopper is a source of joy to the boys who would otherwise have to shovel. The ash pile in the back yard gets larger daily and all are wondering how far they will have to carry the ashes when the yard is filled.

C. O. Canaan Station

### STATION "C"

Potatoes and Policemen

How many of the City "slickers" or Country "bumpkins" in the Connecticut State Police Department really know the part being played by the Stafford Springs Barracks in producing potatoes and protecting them from the time planted until delivered to the market? Those who have struggled with a little Victory Garden during the past summer, resulting in a few quarts of marbles as your potato harvest should take a trip to the Stafford Springs Territory and see the potatoes raised in the

broad open fields of the Towns of Somers, Ellington, Vernon and Stafford. Down thru the years, the troopers of Aroostook County, Maine, have had a tough time telling potato stories to the troopers of Tolland County, Connecticut.

The War Emergency has brought to the potato raisers a new problem of manpower shortage, or should we say womenpower shortage, for great numbers of men and women have been recruited from other States and brought to the Stafford Springs area where they work from early in the Spring until late in the Fall, in the potato fields.

The troopers have had to take care of many police problems resulting from the importation of extra help. Perhaps the Kentucky group and the Jamaicans were in the majority, but there were also groups from many other parts of the country. The experience of the Stafford troopers would indicate that hard work and long hours are a positive crime preventative as a review of the behavior of this imported help for the past Season reflects very good behavior among the workers.

While on assignment on the Potato Patrol, Officer James McCormick came upon a car occupied by a man and his wife on a lonely back road in Somers, and in checking the car, discovered to his astonishment that the back of the car was filled with freshly dug potatoes in burlap bags. The occupants lived in East Haven and needing potatoes for the winter, they came to Somers to get them. They left home early in the evening, drove to Rockville, attended a theater, and when they thought it was late enough, they left the theater and drove to these large potato fields in Somers. They helped themselves to what potatoes they thought they would need and were headed towards home when apprehended by Officer McCormick.

Potato farmers in this region are grateful for the protection given to them. Officer McCormick's

arrest means much to the Department and such good work should be followed up in all parts of the State. The farmers are our friends. It would seem that even good potatoes require the protection of good troopers to insure their arrival in a good market.

"Flash"  
Special Stafford Reporter

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#### STATION "D"

Following Officer John Reardon's clean-up of wholesale breaks in Brooklyn during the latter part of October, he moved into the Town of Chaplin, cleaning up five more breaks in vacant summer homes through the confessions of four juveniles. Good Work.

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The Auxiliary Activity report for this station includes an item on the murder of one of our Auxiliaries. This matter has taken much time and effort but has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion through the arrest and confession of the killer. Danielson officers worked diligently and long and are to be commended for their fine work in this case.

C. O. Danielson Station

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#### STATION "E"

During the last two weeks of November, Officers of Station "E" were called upon to donate blood to Father D. A. O'Brien of St. Joseph's Church, New London, who was critically ill at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. The following responded; Sergeant W. E. Farrow, Officers Frank D. Leighton, Arthur P. Kathe, Stanley Stason and William Surprenant. We are pleased to report that Father O'Brien's condition at this time is considerably improved.

Illness has struck the rank and file of our personnel, the two most serious casualties being Lieut. K. W. Stevens who is confined at the Rocky Hill Hospital and Officer John H. Smith who is at the Newington Hospital. Their early return in good health is looked for by all.

C. O. Groton Station

#### STATION "F"

While patrolling in East Haven Officer L. J. Menard stopped a car with one headlight. A bulb needed replacement and it was Sunday night with all garages closed. It was learned that the operator was the New York consul for the South American Republic of Bolivia. Friendly relations with our South American neighbors was considered by the officer as was the thought of the consul being repeatedly stopped by policemen if he continued with one light. He forthwith borrowed a bulb from another car and fitted it to the consul's car and sent him on his way. Perhaps as much was accomplished in this act as would be through a good will tour by one of our dignitaries.

On November 29, a voice over the phone exclaimed to the desk officer, "This is --- of, ---. I have just shot and killed my wife. You had better come over here quickly." Six minutes later our officers arrived at the scene and found the dead wife. The caller had shot himself and was mortally wounded but was given first aid by Officers Roy Goodale and Vernon Geiney and then removed to a hospital in the station ambulance.

On December 9 at 3:30 o'clock in the morning, Officer John H. Ehlert responded to a doctor's call for an ambulance to the home of an Essex lady who had become sudden-

ly expectant and needed hospitalization. The officer arrived at her home in short order, however, as time and tide waits for no man, Mary Lou was born on the stretcher before her mother left her home. Officer Ehlert attended and is proud that both mother and Mary are doing well.

C. O. Westbrook Station

The personnel of the Westbrook Barracks was pleased to hear of the promotion of Henry C. Heinold to Lieutenant. It was also welcome news to the natives of the Westbrook Barracks area to learn of this popular sergeant's promotion.

Sergt. Michael J. Murphy, having served at various times as an enlisted man in the Army and Navy and more recently as a Captain in the present war will, as of December 1, be a member of the U. S. Maritime Service. The personnel of Station "F" wish him lots of luck.

Officer Edward Engstrom demonstrated his vigilance recently when he captured two insane escapees while on his way home from a long tour of duty under the insane hospital escape plan.

Officer Barney Bozentka makes a bid to swap off his safety factor duty on Tuesday nights so that he may be free, come midnight, to listen to the Polish National Anthem by radio.

Officer Leroy Emmerthal is seeking information on how to obtain a priority on cigars. He fears his present consumption of some 20 or so a day will have to be reduced unless he gets a good rating.

"Scoop"

Special Westbrook Reporter

## STATION "G"

Officer James Angeski, while patrolling the Merritt Parkway in New Canaan, noticed a car being operated in an erratic manner. He overtook the car and questioned the two young men occupants. The operator gave the suspicious explanation that his erratic driving was due to an overheated motor. They were therefore taken to the station by the officer. It was found that they had stolen the car at Hartford, had committed two recent burglaries and were wanted for questioning regarding an armed robbery at Hartford. The car had not been reported stolen when recovered and it was found that the registration plates had been stolen from another car which plates had not been reported stolen. The apprehension of these men resulted in the solution of several crimes in the Hartford area and Officer Angeski is to be commended for this fine job.

While on patrol of the Merritt Parkway on November 10, Officer Alex Kostok stopped a car containing four boys who appeared to be suspiciously young. The operator could not produce an operator's license or the car's registration, so the officer drove them all to the Westport station. Each boy was found to be carrying a revolver and another loaded revolver and a rifle were found in the car, together with over 300 rounds of ammunition for their arsenal. It was then found that these boys, fifteen and sixteen years of age, lived near Boston, had stolen the car they were using and had committed five hold-ups in and around Boston during the past month, using the guns on several occasions and shooting one of their victims in the leg. Officer Kostok's observations and initiative in halting these youngsters in their crime rampage certainly resulted in a notable public service.

C. O. Westport Station

## STATION "H"

On November 22, a restaurant in Berlin was broken into and a quantity of liquor stolen. Our officers and the New Britain Police arrested three suspects from New Britain on the charge of breaking, entering and theft. Most of the liquor was recovered.

Officer Frank Chmielecki, while on patrol with Auxiliary John Kane came upon an accident in Windsor. A truck involved in the accident had been abandoned but diligent inquiries led to the information that four boys had been seen leaving the scene. The officers pursued and shortly thereafter apprehended the youths who admitted having stolen the truck at Hartford. They were turned over to the Hartford Police for prosecution.

Officer George Penciara, continually on the alert, was somewhat surprised recently when he saw a car which was listed on his daily bulletins as stolen, being operated by a woman. Gender made no impression with the officer and a car was halted. The lady insisted that she was the wife of the owner; that the car had been stolen but was recovered and returned to her. She also claimed that she had notified another police department of its recovery. By radio the officer was assured that the car was still on report as stolen so he accompanied the lady to the station where it was definitely ascertained that she was telling a good story. (Morale) Be certain your car is removed from the daily bulletin when it has been recovered.

C. O. Hartford Station

## STATION "K"

A most appropriate time was chosen by the Commissioner to award Offi-

cers Vernon Gedney and Ralph Boyington for services performed. It came about in a very unexpected manner. On the morning of December 1, the personnel at this Station, with the addition of Officer Gedney and Officer George Dunn, were lined up for inspection in the barracks yard. We were given the "once-over" by the Commandant of the Department and his staff. It was during this time we all had the pleasure of seeing Officer Gedney awarded the Meritorious Service bars and receive Honorable Mention in another case.

The first award resulted from the spectacular apprehension by this Officer of an armed bandit wanted for burglary and theft of a motor vehicle, as well as for carrying concealed weapons. This person with a long criminal record had served time at various penitentiaries throughout the country and was considered dangerous. He was armed with a fully loaded automatic pistol at the time. With the skill and determination which he always displays, Officer Gedney took this man into custody. The Officer's ingenuity prevented the man from getting away and also prevented a possible shooting affair.

The second award was earned for restoring a large amount of money to its rightful owner. Having arrested two drunken men engaged in a brawl, he brought them to the Middletown police station. One of the men claimed the other had robbed him. This story was not believed by those who heard it but Officer Gedney searched the person of the suspected robber with minute care and finally found the stolen money hidden in the lining of his hat. It was a comparatively large sum, about \$500. Much credit is due him for his persistence in this case.

Officer Ralph Boyington was awarded a medal for having obtained the highest score in the New England Revolver League Shoot. This goes to prove that there is a whole lot to the BOYINGTON

SHOOTING THEORY. The boys at "K" are indebted to him for his patience and time in expounding this shooting theory to them. We hope he will earn bigger and better awards.

As long as we are on the subject of outstanding policemen, it would be fitting and proper to name Officer John Fersch and Thomas O'Brien. These two Officers were engaged in the investigation of an accident at Cobalt. They were busily engaged with their duties on this assignment. However, they were not too busy to detect and apprehend an insane escapee from Massachusetts. This unfortunate person had a stolen car and was armed with a loaded rifle and a long, nasty-looking knife. Less tactful officers might have experienced a good deal of trouble.

C. O. Colchester Station

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#### STATION "L"

Officers William Casey and Angelo Buffa are getting their snow shoes and skis in condition for the Litchfield County Famous Winter. The boys from Station "L" suggest that fur hats be issued for the winter months now that the severe weather has taken a foothold.

C. O. Litchfield Station

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#### HEADQUARTERS

Our senior lieutenant, Willard E. Bushy, is confined to his home with illness. We miss him a lot at Headquarters and all hope for his speedy return to good health.

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We were advised on December 15 that Ralph J. Buckley has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Military Police Division of the United States Army and is in service in North Africa. Congratulations, Major, and lots of luck.

Headquarters Reporter

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES  
At Stations

STATION "A"

The State Police Auxiliaries of our station who have been uniformed for some time are now pretty well outfitted with the Navy Peajacket type of reefers, recently approved by Commissioner, and they sure look natty and comfortable these winter days.

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The Auxiliaries did a nice job of assisting in keeping the crowd back and guarding the four motor Army bomber which made a forced landing at the Danbury Airport on November 17 and was tied up two days pending repairs.

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These men turned out in force and furnished valuable assistance in searching for a Danbury hunter, who disappeared in the heavily wooded section of Thomas Mountain on Thanksgiving Day. After many long hard hours of climbing the body was found on the side of a steep ridge, the victim of a heart attack.

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The splendid cooperation between the Regulars and the Auxiliaries bears gratifying results.

Officer George A. Noxon  
Personnel Officer

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STATION "B"

Physical Training at the Torrington Y.M.C.A. under a competent director is keeping the boys in fine shape. They have the use of the swimming pool, bowling alleys and many other privileges. Many have become regular members of the Y.M.C.A. and I find that many of these boys are to be seen on the floor of the gymnasium during the week enjoying the floor workouts and keeping in good condition.

Two Auxiliaries, John Magyar and Louis Eithier, former top sergeants in World War #1, drill the boys in military tactics, marching etc., and are doing a grand job. Those who have uniforms have appeared in them on the gym floor and have made a splendid showing. The meetings are diversified and interesting and are well attended.

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The response to blackout duties and air-raid practice has been very gratifying. Men are also engaged in patrol work with regular assigned officers.

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The tour of duty will average about 4 hours each night and during that tour the Auxiliary is often called upon to assist in an investigation. One of the Auxiliaries, wearing his new Auxiliary uniform, was on desk duty practically all day on November 11. He was very courteous and had a strut that would put a peacock to shame.

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Gasoline and tire rationing often prevents us from acquiring the assistance of the Auxiliaries living in Torrington and other distant towns unless we furnish the transportation which is sometimes difficult with our depleted personnel.

Sergt. Albert E. Rivers  
Personnel Officer

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STATION "C"

There was some discussion in our Auxiliary unit about obtaining uniforms and a number of the men are interested. These Auxiliaries accompany regulars on traffic patrol, vacant house patrol and on investigations. Two have obtained Radio Licenses and appear at the barracks and assist in dispatching.

On December 3, a fire was reported in a two tenement house. This was one of several dwellings located close together and it was feared that other homes would catch fire. Officers were dispatched immediately and upon their arrival found flames pouring from the windows of the house. They also found that the State Police Auxiliary of that locality had the traffic situation well in hand, and were also assisting the firemen in checking the blaze. Damage was confined to the building and considerable praise was given to both the State Police Auxiliary and the Somers Fire Department.

Officer John J. Yaskulka  
Personnel Officer

#### STATION "D"

Norman Amidon, an Auxiliary State Policeman living in Abington, where he had a poultry farm, was brutally murdered during the afternoon of December 4. The crime was discovered about 9:30 P.M. when his body was found in a trench near one of his chicken-houses. The murderer was the object of a wide-spread search by this Department and during the investigation, regular members of this Department were assisted greatly by Auxiliaries who relieved Officers on certain posts for more essential activities elsewhere. Wooded areas, shacks, barns, and vacant premises were looked into. In each assignment the Auxiliaries showed their eagerness to participate and continued their efforts until an accused was taken into custody. Again they turned out in numbers to look for the knife used in the murder, searching in the wooded area through which the accused had fled and the buildings where he had been in hiding.

Auxiliaries at Station "D" have engaged in patrol duty on a regular schedule. They have also assisted in radio dispatching and office duty.

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Military service and war jobs have reduced the number of our Auxiliaries to 56 active members. Of this number, 47 are uniformed.

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During the early hours of December 12, one of our regular officers, accompanied by Auxiliary William Mansfield, attempted to check a parked car in the Town of Brooklyn. When the operator saw that he was about to be checked he attempted to escape with the car, traveling at a fast rate of speed. The police car gave chase. Aux. Mansfield, who is a licensed radio dispatcher, immediately assisted the regular by maintaining radio contact with the station. The chase ended when the car ran into a gas pump at Danielson and the driver was taken into custody. A check of the car revealed that it had been stolen in Rhode Island but was recovered before the owner knew of his loss.

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#### STATION "E"

On December 2, the State Police Auxiliary of station "E" met in the town hall at Groton with the East Lyme Auxiliaries as their guests. Wives and friends of all were also present. The Guest speaker of the evening was Lt. Commander Brockman, of the U. S. Navy who spoke of his experiences while in command of a submarine during the battle of Makin. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Martin Branner, noted cartoonist and creator of the Perry-Winkle Comic Strip, who made sketches of his characters.

Mr. Brenner was assisted by Don Fraser, well known ventriloquist who did his act with Elmer. The Auxiliaries were pleased to also have as their guest Commissioner Edward J. Hickey who spoke briefly in commendation of the Auxiliaries service.

Officer John R. Fitzgerald  
Personnel Officer

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#### STATION "F"

The Auxiliary schedule for the month included the usual routine patrols and a session of Military Drilling. On the occasion of a fatal car-pedestrian accident, two Auxiliaries, living nearby, voluntarily directed traffic at the scene pending the arrival of regular officers from this station and then assisted until the scene was cleared up, in spite of a pouring rain.

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On November 7, a detail of Auxiliaries assisted in handling traffic during an Armistice Church Service at Higgenum while a detail of twenty Auxiliaries marched in the parade in Branford that afternoon and made a good showing.

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On November 14, another detail handled traffic in Deep River during the dedication of an Honor Roll attended by Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, and did an excellent job. Pictures taken there appeared in a New York newspaper the following day and one of the Auxiliaries was quite elated to recognize himself in the group of people shown. That same evening a detail of Auxiliaries assisted regular officers in guarding the Congregational Church in Essex during the appearance there of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Although the night was cold, no Auxiliary envied the other, for those stationed inside roasted while the men outside froze during the course of the evening.

Several Auxiliaries spend long hours in November vigilantly watching for an alleged prowler in one section of "F" territory. Although they were not responsible for his eventual capture, there is some satisfaction in knowing he did not show up while they were on duty.

Officer Howard W. Sternberg  
Personnel Officer

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#### STATION "G"

The Auxiliary revolver team reports regularly at the station for instruction and target practice. They are making a very good showing. The assigned patrols with regulars is being continued as usual.

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On November 7, the Auxiliary emergency truck crew took the truck to Weston on the Saugatuck River and practiced hooking up the fire hose and running the pump, taking water from the river. They were also instructed in the use of asbestos suits and several members tried them in a brush fire made at the scene. The members were also refreshed in the operation of the lighting plant. It was a very instructive and interesting afternoon.

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At the November 29th meeting, Mr. Richard Roberts of the Juvenile Court spoke on the functions of his office. It has been decided that the emergency truck crew and other members interested would start a course in First Aid on December 9.

Officer George A. Boston  
Personnel Officer

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#### STATION "H"

Twenty Auxiliary licensed radio operators released regular offi-



cers for field duty. Many Auxiliary officers not licensed have requested an opportunity to take the examination. Uniformed Auxiliaries have also filled in as bridge guards.

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Patrol duty is the most popular type of assignment. Practically every member likes to "look for trouble". Auxiliaries and regulars have become well acquainted and work well together. Classroom instruction in accident and criminal investigation has made for a better general usefulness of the Auxiliary officers.

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Sixteen members of this unit who have been studying first aid will receive their sleeve insignia this week as holders of advanced cards. They have been taught by a brother Auxie who is an accredited A.R.C. First Aid Instructor. One other member will receive his standard card. We have secured the use of the State Trade School Auditorium for future meetings and drill.

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The following men have resigned to enter the armed service and merchant marine: Lawrence Mangan, Douglas Donsbough, Peter Baron and Hessel Savard. Earle Getting of Windsor has resigned to become a regular member of the Windsor Police Department. Best wishes and a safe return go with the "Boys of the service" and congratulations to the "new cop".

Officer W. A. Gruber  
Personnel Officer

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#### STATION "I"

The Auxiliary State Police at Bethany have been confined to routine training and patrol duty for the past few weeks. No emergency situation has arisen in this territory where the services of the Auxiliary has been required.

Training has included Military Drills under the direction of Auxiliary Officer Thomas Netowich at the Ansonia Armory. A class of Standard and Advanced First Aid has been inaugurated under the direction of Auxiliary Officer Leonard Brauneis, a qualified instructor of the Red Cross. A class in pistol shooting is being conducted at the Ansonia Armory under the direction of Auxiliary Officer Henry Frazer, a member of the National Rifle Association.

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A First Aid Team and a Pistol Team are being formed from these groups to bring honors to the Auxiliary of Station I, as did our Drill Team during the past summer.

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Auxiliary Officer Charles Bollard has been commended and awarded a \$25 War Bond by the United Illuminating Company at Bridgeport for his attempt to save the life of a lineman of that company who was electrocuted in an explosion of a generator at Bridgeport. Officer Bollard, without regard for his own safety, removed the man from the tanglement of live wires and applied a tourniquet to the man's arm which had been shattered by the explosion. The lineman, however, succumbed and an autopsy showed that vital organs had been burned by the electric shock.

Officer Henry G. Greifzu  
Personnel Officer

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#### STATION "K"

On Armistice Day several Auxiliary Officers did traffic duty during the Middletown parade. The weather was uncomfortable but we heard no complaints from them.

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One of our men has received his radio license and is often on duty as dispatcher at the station. Others are interested and hope to have their licenses soon.

During the past few weeks several of our Auxiliaries have been on bridge guard duty.

Officer Ralph C. Boyington  
Personnel Officer

#### STATION "L"

The State Police Auxiliary attached to Station "L" now number 105 active members. During the month of November, 97 of these members participated in patrol and office duty. Each day four members are assigned to duty with the regular officers on night patrol, while one other member is assigned to office duty. Each of these members reports to the station or is picked up in his home town promptly at 7:30 each night and carried out his assigned duty until mid-

night when he is relieved unless something unusual occurs that might require their further assistance.

Although the month of November was rather quiet and there were no emergencies which required additional use of the Auxiliaries, five members of this group put in 21 hours of service in criminal investigation. This was in addition to the regular patrol duty for the month.

This group of Auxiliary Policemen stand ready for any emergency that might arise and cheerfully accept any assignment.

Officer Norman N. Davis  
Personnel Officer

### STATE POLICE AUXILIARIES

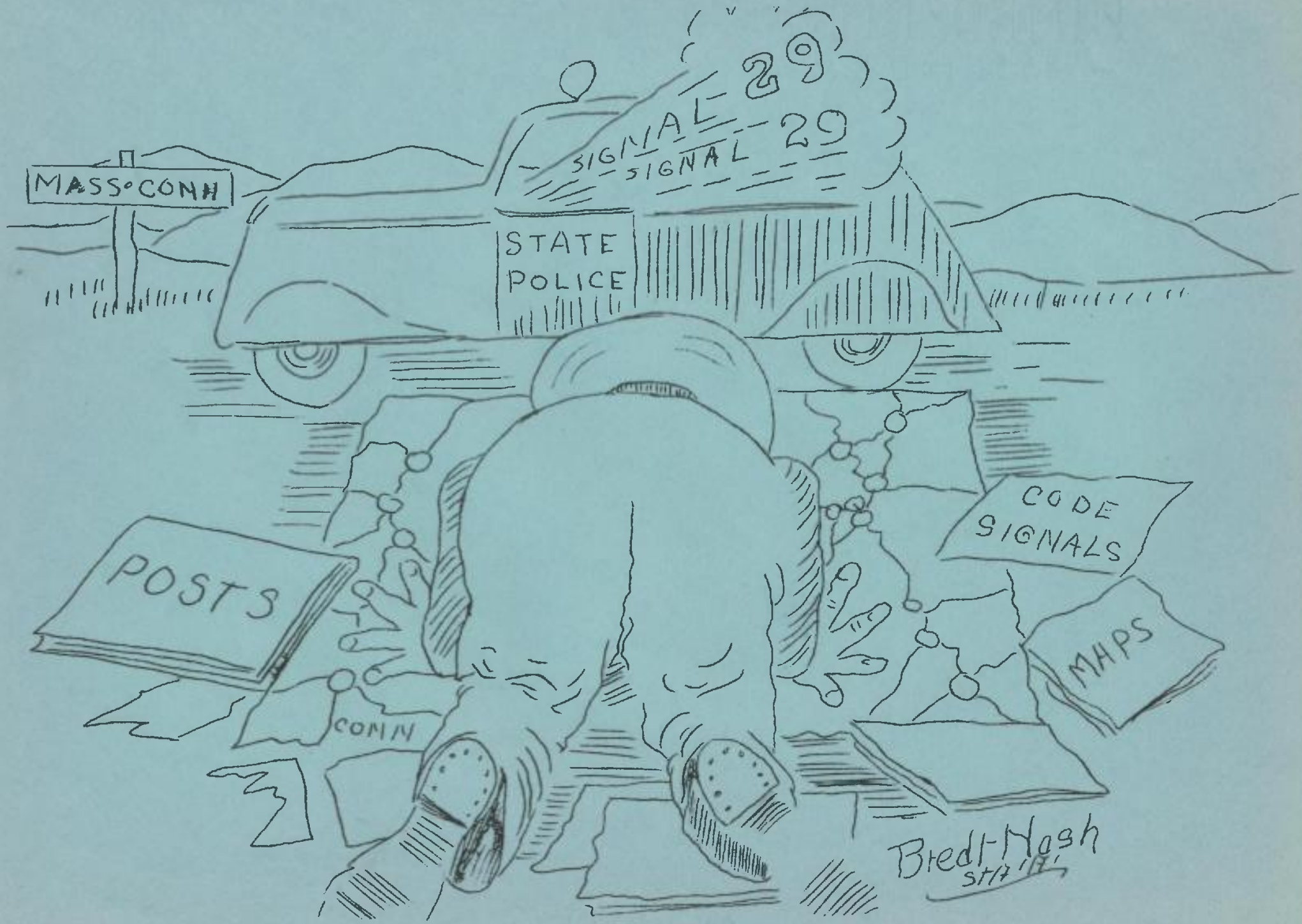
(Bridgeport Sunday Post)

The Civilian Defense Auxiliary system is divided into two classes, sides under local police departments as in Bridgeport and other municipalities which have police systems, and the auxiliary state police "I become enthusiastic about these men," said Commissioner Hickey, in discussing their work. "They have become our right arm. They are so distributed that each of the eleven state police barracks commanders can reach them by day or night, for aid."

During the month of September these men put in a total of 12,667 hours of volunteer work, all without pay. In October the total hours was 11,480.

These auxiliary state police perform all duties of a state policeman, patrol, office duty, bridge guarding, traffic duty, river patrol. More than 40 have qualified as radio dispatchers and groups are trained as motorcycle squadrons.

It is through the rural sections where police forces are small that the auxiliaries have done their most telling work. In the severe ice storm in Litchfield, last winter, an emergency power unit, built by the auxiliaries was operated, making it possible for the Litchfield Hospital to have uninterrupted service while power lines were being repaired.





# Joe Trooper Builds Jr. a Wagon

"Hope I get my raise"



Commissioner Hickey visits Joe.



"Good day —  
Oops!"



"You're  
Fitted"



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# Joe Trooper AND The Window Peep



Merry Christmas to All  
Trooper C.A.S.S.  
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# A REAL CHRISTMAS!

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