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SUMMONS

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VIOLATIONS

- I AM AN AMERICAN
- I BUY WAR BONDS
- I'M BACKING THE ATTACK
- I HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH
- I HAVE FREEDOM OF RELIGION
- I HAVE FREEDOM FROM WANT
- I HAVE FREEDOM FROM FEAR

Auf Befehl des Meisters der Meister Rasse

(SIGNED) *Adolph Hitler*

(COUNTERSIGNED) *Hirohito*

OVER

IMPORTANT

This tag is a reminder of the Fourth War Loan. It is a reminder that thousands of Connecticut men and women are risking their lives on the battlefronts so that we may live. All of us cannot fight at the battlefront. **BUT** all of us can **FIGHT** in this war by **SAVING** our money by **BUYING WAR BONDS**.

Note the summons on the reverse side of the tag. It could be serious. We Americans, however, can laugh at any order given by Hitler or Hirohito.

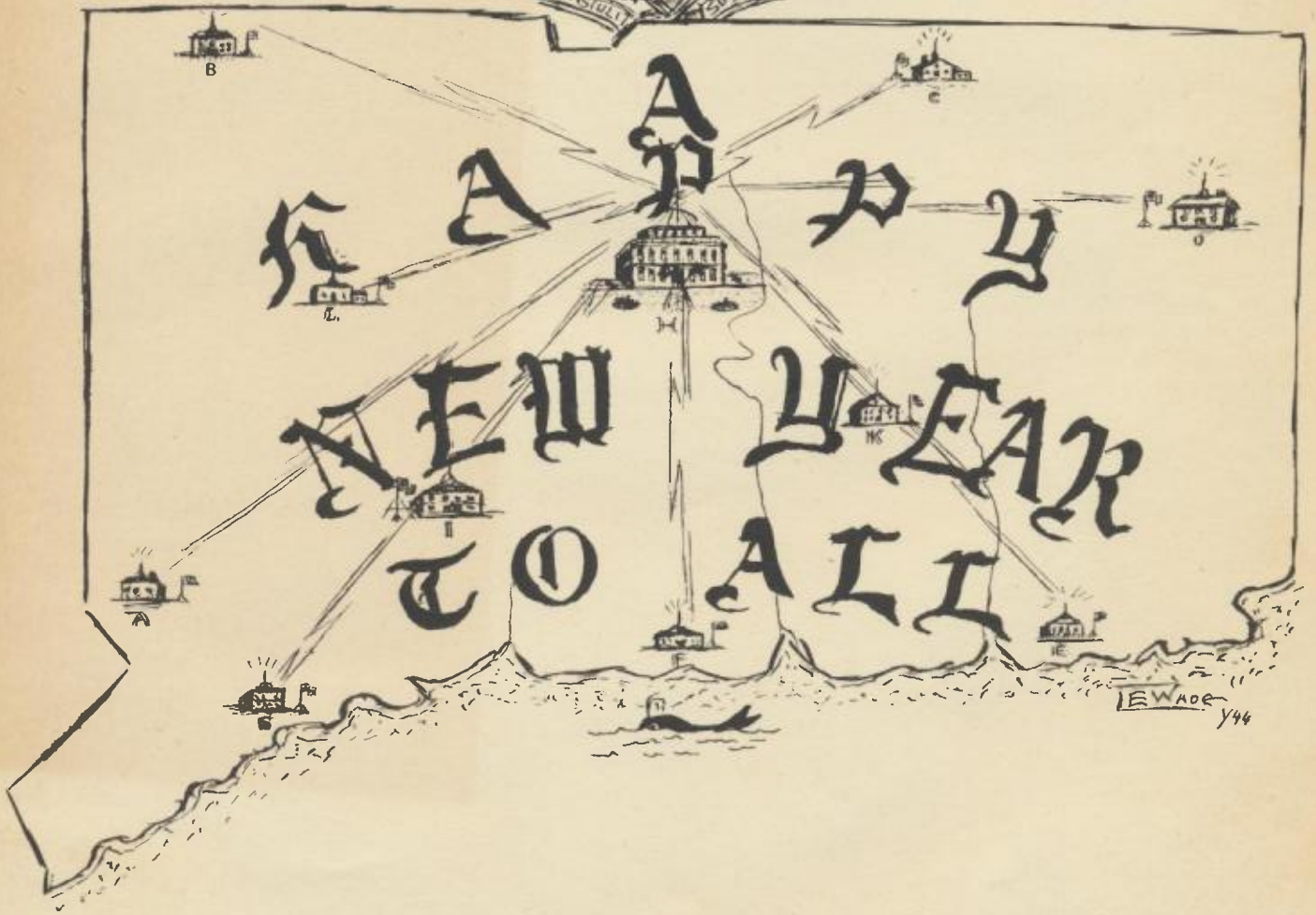
But don't forget for a minute that the Axis is a relentless foe. The best favor you can do for our enemy is to shirk your duty as an American and fail to do your part in buying **WAR BONDS**.

The **BEST** way to **ANSWER** this **SUMMONS** is to **SURRENDER** it to the undersigned or his representative and **BUY** a **WAR BOND** today.

LET'S ALL BACK THE ATTACK.

Signed

**CHIEF OF POLICE
U. S. A.**



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

File No. 552

Substitute for House Bill No. 247

House of Representatives, May 19, 1903. The Committee on the Judiciary reported through Mr. Banks of Fairfield, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the Bill ought to pass.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN

A STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

General Assembly
January Session, A.D. 1903

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. There is hereby established a state police department, which shall be under the management of a board of five commissioners, to be known as the commissioners of state police. Said commissioners shall be appointed by the judges of the superior court at a meeting in June, 1903, and biennially thereafter, and shall hold office for a term of two years from and after the first day of July next succeeding their appointment and until their successors are appointed. Should a vacancy occur in said board, the governor shall have power to fill said vacancy until the next annual meeting of the judges of the superior court. Said commissioners shall serve without pay, but their necessary expenses while in the performance of their official duties shall be paid by the state as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. On July 1, 1903, said commissioners shall meet at the capitol at Hartford, and shall organize by the selection, from among their own number, of a president, who shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the board, and a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all proceedings of the board and to transmit to parties entitled to receive the same the orders and conclusions of said board. At said meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and biennially thereafter, said board shall elect, by a majority vote of the members thereof, a superintendent and an assistant superintendent of said department. Upon the recommendation of said superintendent, said board shall appoint not less than five men, and, in its discretion, as necessity may require, may, upon the recommendation of said superintendent, appoint not more than ten men in all, who shall be known as state policemen. Said superintendent and assistant superintendent, unless sooner removed for cause as hereinafter provided, shall hold office for a term of two years from and after the date of their appointment, and said state policemen shall hold office during the pleasure of the commissioners; provided, however, that the superintendent of said department shall have power to discharge any such policemen in excess of five as in his judgement the efficiency or needs of said department shall require. Said commissioners shall have power, by a majority vote, upon good and sufficient cause shown, and after due notice and hearing, to suspend or remove from office the superintendent

or assistant superintendent, and to make other appointments in their stead. Said commissioners may fill any vacancy occurring among said appointees as in their discretion they may deem wise, and shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations for the proper government, discipline, and efficiency of said department, to define the duties of the superintendent and assistant superintendent, except as imposed by this act, to administer oaths, to summon witnesses, and, as provided by law for the attendance of witnesses at court, to compel their attendance.

Sec.3. The general office of said police department shall be in the city of Hartford, and the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable rooms for the purpose of said department, to furnish said rooms, and, upon request of the superintendent, from time to time, supply the same with necessary books, stationary, and appliances, as the reasonable needs of said department shall require, at the expense of the state. The superintendent of said department may engage office assistance and clerical help, to be paid by the state, at a cost not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum.

Sec.4. Said department, when requested by the governor, any state attorney, coroner, or any other legally appointed prosecuting officer in the state, shall, whenever practicable, and in all reasonable ways, assist in the investigation, detection, and prosecution of all criminal matters within the jurisdiction of the officer making such request; and the superintendent and assistant superintendent of said department and any state policemen shall have and may exercise, in any part of the state, the same power with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the laws relating to intoxicating liquors and gaming, as sheriffs, police, or constables now exercise in their respective jurisdictions. Said department shall also render assistance, when requested, if practicable, to any sheriff or chief or superintendent of police in any part of the state. Whenever said state policemen shall not be engaged in any specific work as provided for in this section, they shall, under such rules as may be made by said commissioners, and under the direction of said superintendent, use their best endeavors to prevent crime, preserve the peace of the state, and secure the detection, arrest, and conviction of offenders.

Sec.5. On and after July 1, 1905, the fire marshal of every city or borough having such an officer, the chief of the fire department of every city borough, or fire district having a fire department and not having a local fire marshal, the warden of every borough, and the first selectman of every town having no local fire marshal or chief of a fire department, shall make all reports concerning the origin and character of fires, now required by law to be made to the state fire marshal, to the department of state police, and on and after said date the superintendent of said department shall have and exercise all the powers and be subject to the same duties theretofore incumbent upon said state fire marshal; provided, however, that any state policeman, under the direction of the superintendent of said department, and for the purpose of ascertaining the origin or character of any fire, shall have power, at any time, to enter into and upon the premises of any building where a fire has occurred, or the premises or buildings adjacent thereto, and to perform such other duties in regard thereto as said superintendent shall direct.

Sec.6. No appointment of a state fire marshal to hold office after July 1, 1905, shall hereafter be made, and upon said date sections 170, 171, 172, 176, 177, and 178, and so much of sections

173, 174, 175, and 4811 of the general statutes as are inconsistent herewith, shall be null and of no effect.

Sec.7. Any member of said state police department may request any sheriff or deputy sheriff in any county, any policeman of any city, or any constable of any town, to assist in the investigation, detection, and prosecution of criminal offenses within his jurisdiction, and such officer shall, when so requested, render all reasonable assistance, and shall be paid as hereinafter provided. Any sheriff or constable may, and any deputy sheriff or policeman, with the consent of the authority to which he is subject, shall, go to any part of the state when required by the superintendent of the state police, and, while acting under the authority of said superintendent, shall have all the powers conferred upon state policemen under the provisions of this act.

Sec.8. The salary of the superintendent of state police shall be three thousand dollars, of the assistant superintendent of state police, two thousand dollars, to be paid by the state; and the compensation of each state policeman shall be fixed by the commissioners of state police at a rate not to exceed four dollars per day. The said officers shall be reimbursed for all legitimate expenses while in the performance of official duty and shall render to the superintendent an itemized account of said expenses when required.

Sec.9. Each officer and policeman of said state police department shall, before entering upon his duties, be sworn to a faithful performance thereof, and shall give to the state and file with the treasurer thereof a bond, with sureties, approved by the commissioners of said department, as follows: The bond of the superintendent of state police shall be ten thousand dollars: The bond of the assistant superintendent of state police shall be five thousand dollars. The bond of each state policeman shall be fixed by the commissioners. Said commissioners may require a renewal of any bond whenever they may deem proper. Unless the oath of office be taken and a bond filed within ten days after an appointment, said appointment shall be void and the commissioners shall, as hereinbefore provided, fill the vacancy so caused.

Sec.10. Any state police officer, appointed as provided in section two of this act, who directly or indirectly receives a reward, gift, or gratuity on account of his official services, except as approved by the commissioners, or to influence his behavior in office, shall, upon conviction therefor, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and shall be dishonorably discharged from said department.

Sec. 11. The superintendent of state police shall render a report to the commissioners of state police giving in detail the work of the department under its control whenever required. Said commissioners shall, on or before the first day of October in each year, file with the governor a report setting forth in detail the work of the state police department for the year ending the thirtieth day of June next preceding. Said report shall be printed by the comptroller at the expense of the state and shall be distributed in such manner and form as the commissioners may determine.

Sec. 12. Whenever, pursuant to the provisions of this act, any state policeman or officer shall appear as a witness in any case, the court before which the case is tried shall tax such sum to be paid as costs as, in its judgement, may seem reasonable for time and expense, and said policeman shall duly receipt for all sums so received and immediately pay them over to the superintendent of state police. Whenever any sheriff, deputy sheriff, policeman, or

constable shall do any service under the direction of the superintendent of state police, or at the request of any member of said department, he shall receive therefore such sum as may be agreed upon, not exceeding five dollars per day and expenses, to be paid by the superintendent of state police, and, whenever such sheriff, deputy sheriff, policeman, or constable shall be required as witness, the court before which the case is tried shall tax such sum to be paid as costs as, in its judgement, may seem reasonable for the services so rendered, and such officer shall duly receipt for all sums so received and immediately pay them over to the superintendent of state police. Said superintendent shall render a monthly account to the comptroller of all sums received by him under the provisions of this act and pay the same to the treasurer of the state.

Sec. 13. The superintendent of state police shall, with the direction and advice of the commissioners, have immediate and direct charge of said state police department, and may suspend for cause any officer under his control pending a hearing and decision by the commissioners. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of said department, and submit his books to the comptroller for inspection whenever required. The said superintendent shall pay all expenses of said department, except as otherwise provided in this act, shall pay all state policemen, and, whenever he shall require funds for such purposes, or for necessary advances for emergencies, he may draw an order on the state treasurer for such an amount as may be required, such order to state specifically the purposes for which the money is to be used, and, when said order shall be countersigned by the comptroller, it shall be paid by the state treasurer.

Sec. 14. During the absence or disability of the superintendent of state police, or, as occasion may require, under his direction, any and all the powers and duties conferred upon the superintendent under this act may be exercised and performed by the assistant superintendent.

Sec. 15. The fines and forfeited bonds in all cases in which any evidence has been furnished by said state police department or any officer thereof before any justice of the peace or before any court in this state, other than the superior court, the courts of common pleas, and the district court of Waterbury, shall be divided equally between the state and the towns in which such fines are imposed or such bonds forfeited; and it shall be the duty of the superintendent of state police to collect one-half of all such fines and forfeitures and to render each month an account of the same to the comptroller.

Sec. 16. Section four of the resolution incorporating the Law and Order League of Connecticut, approved May 10, 1895, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 17. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Compliments of the Author, signed with the pen with which the Governor signed the bill.

(Signed) S. P. Thrasher

Officer James Tatro, now on military leave, presented a photostatic copy of the original bill to Commissioner Hickey, Christmas Dec. 25, 1939. Officer Tatro was formerly employed at the State Library Photographic Division.

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE PERSONNEL

Authorized Strength 275 Policemen & 2 Policewomen
 Present Strength 234 " 2 "

On Military Leave 40

Recruits in Training 14

AUTHORIZED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FOR HDQ. DIVISIONS & STATIONS

	Number Authorized	Present Staff
Radio Dispatchers	36	24
Clerks and Stenographers	52	49
Mechanics and Helpers	16	16
Housemen and Cooks	31	30
Other Civilian Specialists	12	11
Total	147	130

Commissioner's Desk
 Jan. 8, 1944 - 8 A.M.

HIGHWAY PATROL ACTIVITIES

Stations	M. V. Arrests	Other Arrests	M. V. Warnings	Accidents	Men On Patrol
A					4
B			5		3
C			2	1	3
D	1	1	12		4
E	1	1	27	1	15
F	1		2		9
G	2		3		14
H	2		10	1	14
I	1		4		5
K				1	4
L			2		6
Totals	8	2	67	4	81

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 Jan. 8, 1944 - 8 A.M.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

New London, Connecticut
January 5, 1944

Dear Lieutenant Stevens:

On behalf of the family of the late Rev. Denis A. O'Brien, I want to thank you and your officers for all the kindness and assistance extended during his late illness and funeral.

Father O'Brien was very grateful for the blood donations made by Sergeant Farrow and Officers Leighton, Kathe, Surprenant, and Stason. Those invaluable contributions improved his condition very much and for a time fanned our faint hopes of his ultimate recovery. On several occasions he expressed his deep appreciation and the hope that the Master would suitably reward the donors - the Master who has promised to reward those who give even a cup of cold water in His name.

As a token of our sincere appreciation, I enclose check for One Hundred Dollars to be added to the Groton Barracks Emergency Fund or to serve as the nucleus of such a fund if one does not exist at present. This amount to be sure, is far from commensurate with our gratitude, but undoubtedly it can be used to good advantage.

May the New Year bring a wealth of spiritual and material prosperity to the personnel of Groton Barracks.

Yours very truly

Margaret M. O'Brien

GOOD CONNECTICUT SERVICE

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing in reference to the kind cooperation of both you and Lt. Boas also the other State Police in connection with sending a teletype message to my brother, Arthur Daly, in Hemet, California on December 19.

He was informed by the Sheriff out there to call his home in Stamford, within 1½ hours after the message left Stamford. He called home within 4 hours after the message left and was informed of our mother's death.

I wish to thank everyone in connection with sending the message. We will never forget the kindness of the Connecticut State Police.

Sincerely

Elonse Daly Miller

PLANT PROTECTION

The Fafnir Bearing Company
New Britain, Conn.

Dear Commissioner:

I wish, in the name of the Fafnir Guard Force, to thank you for the thoughtfulness in sending your fine expressions in the form of Season's Greetings. It was deeply appreciated by all members of our force, who through me want you to feel that during the coming year they will all endeavor to merit your approval and confidence.

The cooperation extended to us by your men at various times during the past year was very helpful. I have found every officer you sent here for different reasons very much appreciated.

Again thanking you and wishing you and your organization continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. McGauley
Chief of Guard Force

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT
50 Church Street
New York, N.Y.

16 December 1943

Dear Commissioner:

I want to take this opportunity, upon my detachment from duty as District Intelligence Officer of the Third Naval District, to express my sincere appreciation of the very fine cooperation and assistance which you and your organization have given me and my staff during my tour of duty here.

The close cooperation existing between us has borne excellent results and I know that my successor will continue to receive the same fine support from you.

With my personal regards and sincere good wishes.

Roscoe C. MacFall,
Captain, USN (Ret.)

December 22; 1943

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

Major Nichols, Captains Stiles, Kelly, Carroll, and Schatzman, and Mr. Forbes have just presented me with the beautiful badge so thoughtfully chosen by your committee as an expression of your good will.

When Major Nichols gave me your message, words failed me for once in my life, fellow officers. I am grateful to you and assure you that it has been a privilege and an honor to serve with you.

I hope that the coming years will bring to each and every one of you the measure of happiness that you gave me today.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Hickey
COMMISSIONER

THE ELM CITY CLARION

(December 31, 1943)

And just when our Pollyannas who are never downtown after 7 at night, chuckle away any thoughts of growing juvenile delinquency, comes alert Officer Vernon Gedney of our State Police and his arrest at Saybrook.

They may get away with almost everything everywhere else but when evil-doers get within Connecticut boundaries our State troopers do the rest.

Northwest Mounted Police, Pennsylvania constabulary, Michigan Mounted, we'll take Ed Hickey's men every time!

That's why we feel so sure the Christmas eve murder in Old-Lyme will be cracked shortly and completely.

Another 13-year-old boy, this time in Cromwell, has been killed by a rifle while hunting. The formula seems still the same, viz, rifle, boy, death.

Supervision of youth is still one of the principles of parental responsibility.

ACCIDENTS WILL MULTIPLY

(New Haven Journal Courier)

Justice Arthur F. Ells, chairman of the state safety commission has predicted that as soon as the war is over we are in for a desperate condition on our highways. Dilapidated cars, worn tires, and inexperienced drivers will add up to produce a shocking casualty list. Are these the dear old days for which we long and to which we shall one day return? Unless a miracle happens, they are indeed!

DEWEY CONTINUES
POLICE RESHUFFLE

(New York Times)

Albany, Jan. 2 ----Extensive re-organization of the State Police under Governor Dewey continued today with the naming of a new acting chief inspector and a new acting commander for Troop G in Troy.

Appointment of Capt. F. S. McGarvey of Troop G, Sidney, as acting chief inspector and Capt. W. F. Riley of Troop K, Hawthorne, as acting commander at the Troy barracks was announced by Superintendent John A. Gaffney less than a week after the retirement applications of two veteran captains and transfer of six other troopers.

McGarvey replaces Chief Inspector Albert B. Moore, who applied for retirement last month after twenty-six years with the State Police and seven years as head of the Bureau of Criminal Identification. Riley will succeed Capt. Stephen McGrath, who asked to be retired only last week.

McGarvey, a native of New York, joined the State Police in 1917. Transferred to the Troy Barracks in July, 1928, McGarvey, then a lieutenant, commanded a squad of troopers who aided in ridding the Catskills of the remnants of the Jack "Legs" Diamond gang, and also took an active part in the investigation of the kidnapping of John J. O'Connell.

Riley, who was born in Albany, enlisted in the State Police in 1919. Named a lieutenant in 1933, he was in command of the Latham Barracks for several years. In 1932 he and another trooper, with two New York City detectives, smoked out Edward "Fats" McCarthy in a hide-out on the Fuller Road in Colonie. McCarthy, sought for some time for the slaying of a

New York City patrolman and other crimes, was killed in the gun battle which followed.

Lieut. H. A. Gay of Troop G and Lieut. D. F. Glasheen of Troop K were named acting commanders to replace McGarvey and Riley, respectively. All appointments are effective on Jan. 10, Gaffney said.

Retirement applications of McGrath and Capt. John M. Keeley of Troop D, in Onida, on Dec. 28, raised to nine the number of top-ranking members of the department who retired during 1943.

The day before, Inspector J. J. King was named acting commander of Troop L in Babylon, L. I., and five lieutenants were transferred.

BIDDLE OPPOSES POLICE INCLUSION

(Bridgeport Post)

Washington, Dec. 20.-----Attorney General Francis Biddle declared today he is opposed to extended protection of Federal criminal law to the Army's auxiliary military police.

Biddle appeared before the Senate Judiciary committee, which is studying proposed legislation giving such protection to regular personnel of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, and also including approximately 200,000 plant guards who are members of the auxiliary police.

The attorney general said that he has no objection to the bill, so far as the regular service personnel is concerned, but asserted that the situation "is materially different in the case of the auxiliary police."

They are private employees, selected, compensated, and for the most part controlled, by private industrial concerns, he pointed out.

Biddle cited the Navy's recent experiences with the strike

of plant guards at the Brewster Aeronautical company's Johnsville, Pa., plant as typical of "some of the problems which may arise."

The proposed legislation would give the service personnel the same protection under federal law as now applies to all federal law enforcement officials, including prosecution in federal courts of any person who attacks them in the performance of their duties.

TEEN-AGE HYSTERIA

(Christian Science Monitor)

A year or two ago Frank Sinatra was a crooner among thousands of other crooners that no one knew much about. Today his name is synonymous with screaming 'teen-age girls who are said to swoon at the sound of his voice.

Lately America has become Sinatra-conscious. Not that the young singer is the musical discovery of the age but because his career has been cleverly managed by a professional promoter playing upon the emotionalism of young girls.

The public has permitted itself to be taken in by an obvious employment of deliberate suggestion. What is needed is more of the attitude of the 1,400 Waves who remained fully conscious throughout a Sinatra performance, applauded politely at the end, and left with the situation well in hand.

POLICE CAN'T SEIZE YOUR GAS COUPONS

Police officers are authorized to "receive the surrender" of gasoline ration coupons from motorists but in no case is the officer empowered to "seize" such coupons, the Office of Price Administration recently announced.

NEW POLICE CHANGES

(New Haven Journal-Courier)

We are glad to note that Police Chief Clark has asked for and has received permission from the Board of Finance to install one-way radios on the motorcycles operated by the local police. During the spring-to-autumn season 10 motorcycles are used in patrolling the streets of the city, and these have lacked the advantage of radio contact with Police headquarters. The receiving sets to be installed in the present 10 machines and on two new ones to be purchased will remedy this lack of communication. To send messages into headquarters, the patrolling officers still will have to dismount and use the telephone or make use of the two-way radio on passing squad cars. Presumably after the war, sending apparatus may also be installed on the motorcycles.

Chief Clark has also asked for permission to make a number of other changes around the police building.

Undoubtedly there are still further changes which Chief Clark is weighing in his own mind. Many of these will take time: months, a year, perhaps several years. Citizens who have for some time been looking forward to overdue changes in the Police Department will do well to be patient with the Chief and allow him his own time and method in accomplishing the desired ends. At the same time those people who are affected by the changes--principally the members of the police force, but also the public--should not be surprised as the changes come and should not attempt to resist them. It is safe to say that Chief Clark will not make any innovation unless it has been carefully thought out ahead of time and unless it is for the good of the department and the city. All having those same interests at heart will be expected to co-operate.

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HONORED IN PLAINVILLE

(Hartford Courant)

Plainville, Jan. 4.---(Special.)- More than 200 men and women honored Rev. Lincoln E. Frye, who recently retired as police chief and chairman of the War Council here, at a testimonial dinner in Wright's Tavern Tuesday night. In behalf of the organizations he had served, Selectman Louis Benezio gave him a purse containing \$100, and Officer Louis Datoli in behalf of the Police-men's Association gave him a gold badge.

Speakers at the event included former Governor John H. Trumbull, who was toastmaster, Police Commissioners E. J. Millerick and Ralph Minella and Pierce Clark and Mrs. Howard Smith. The principal address of the evening was by State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey.

STARTLING LIE DETECTOR TEST

(Waterbury Republican)

When religion had the power of superstition among the people of simpler ages, it used to offer the test of credibility in courts of law. Practice among the ancient Britons, for instance, was to swear each contending party to a mighty oath and then to scan the heavens and surrounding nature for a sign as to whether he lied. And it is interesting to note that in this age of science we have also our special test of credibility. It is a needle scratching its ink line across a graph. And more and more our police and our courts are coming to put a firm reliance in lie detector devices. Not from portents of earth or sky but from the tattling of the false witness's own shaky nerves is he condemned, under a modern, expert technique that, in its official use, suggests court procedures as old as courts of law themselves. (Continued)

The latest use of the lie detector has been a startling one. A man in New York was found guilty of attempted rape, but before Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz pronounced the sentence of 10 years in Sing Sing for which the crime would call, certain doubts raised during and after the trial prompted an exacting lie detector test of the convicted man in the presence of judge, prosecutor and defense attorney. And the result has been so convincing that the judge has no hesitation in calling the complaining witness's testimony perjured and ordering a police hunt that will bring her to justice.

It is an odd thing that with a straight face, level gaze and every outward show of conviction man or woman can utter the most monstrous of falsehoods, only to have inner, hidden nervous tensions give him or her away. Or, as in this case, man or woman can protest innocence with all the vehemence in the world yet be at the mercy of empty accusations and damaging circumstances, but for this same clue to inner thought.

Liars can't fool themselves any more than, recalling ancient religious tests, they can fool the Author of all things. But otherwise separating the genuine from the fraudulent is a chance

ANOTHER USE FOR JEEP IS DISCLOSED

Another "purpose" for the all-purpose American Army jeep has been discovered. Converted from road to rail by changing to steel-flanged wheels, the jeep is being used in Australia as a switch engine in shuttling cars around the railroad yards.

VETERAN MEMBER OF IACP

(Police Chiefs' News Letter)

George M. Beach, retired superintendent of police, Waterbury, Connecticut, now residing in Watertown, Connecticut, is believed to be the oldest living member of the Association. He will shortly reach his 87th birthday.

Joining the International Association of Chiefs of Police in 1905, Chief Beach was a member of the Executive Committee in 1916-18, was elected a life member in 1925, and named honorary vice-president in 1935. The fingerprint bureau which he installed in the Waterbury department was the first in the state of Connecticut.

At the present time but five active members of the Association appear on the roster who were also members in 1905. In addition to Chief Beach, they are: W. W. Weinhardt, former chief of Lafayette, Indiana, now operator of a detective bureau; Former Special Agent Mark A. Shipley, St. Louis, Missouri; Chief Inspector Charles F. Hummel, Sheriff's Office, Newark, New Jersey; and R. A. Pinkerton, Pinkerton's Detective Agency, New York City.

STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION

(Stamford News)

The executive committee of the Connecticut State Police Association met at Stamford on January 12, 1944 and elected the following officers to serve until the next annual meeting.

President - Chief John B. Brennan
of Stamford
First Vice President - Supt. Wm.
J. Roach of Waterbury
Executive Committee Member - Chief
Henry P. Clark of New Haven

"CLEVERNESS FOLLOWING A TIP"
(Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 8.---In an Eighth Avenue movie house featuring a mystery drama, two Norfolk, Va., men were seized today as the bantering, song-humming abductors of two persons in Washington, D. C., and a cab driver in Brooklyn.

Detectives, who entered the theater on a tip, executed the arrest so swiftly and quietly that many of the 200 patrons, half of them children, were unaware of the real-life drama taking place in the darkened orchestra section.

At the detectives' request a matron who had accompanied some of the children went up and down aisles, flashing a light into shadow-shrouded rows, until she spotted a pair of riding boots. Then the detectives moved in and at pistol point hustled the prisoners outside with hands held above their heads.

"When better Detectives are made N.Y. P.D. will build them."
Vox Cop

MAN ACCUSED OF ATTEMPT
TO CHEAT STREETO'S KIN

East Haven, Jan. 13. - (AP) - Peter Leonardi, 29, of New Haven, was arrested last night by state, town and New Haven police as he kept a rendezvous to collect what State Police Captain Leo F. Carroll termed a large sum of money from Mrs. Mary Streeto, for his claimed knowledge of the identities of the slayers of her brother-in-law, James Streeto.

Streeto, 50-year-old caretaker of Boxwood Manor, fashionable Old Lyme summer hotel, was found slain in his cottage on the hotel grounds Christmas Eve.

Leonardi, served with bench warrants charging him with obstructing justice at common law and attempting to obtain money under false pretenses, was brought before Clerk Daniel J. Bailey of Superior Court who set bail at \$10,000. He will be arraigned

tomorrow before Judge Robert L. Munger.

Leonardi's arrest was made possible, Captain Carroll said largely through the courage of Mrs. Streeto, who kept a rendezvous with the man on High Street bridge here. "She had more guts than most men," Carroll declared.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

The State of Pennsylvania was not long in following the example of Connecticut in establishing a State Police Department. According to an item in their periodical "Radio", entitled "Historical Sketch", The Pennsylvania Legislature authorized the creation of a State Police Force in 1905 and Colonel John C. Groome of Philadelphia was appointed to organize and administer the Department.

Apparently the writer of this article did not know that Connecticut pioneered in the police field and had an organized department in 1905, for he writes, "At that time, the forces most resembling a State Police Force were the Royal Irish Constabulary and the Royal Northwest Mounted Police of Canada - the latter itself modeled after the Royal Irish Constabulary."

The Pennsylvania State Police have done much for the progress of law enforcement by State agency. Much credit is given to Colonel Groome for their successful career for, as quoted from the "Historical Sketch" Colonel Groome inaugurated the policy that personnel must be made up of the best available material; that the standard of discipline must be high; that promotion must be through merit, and that all operations must be conducted fairly, efficiently, and impartially. He pronounced to his officers that he expected honor, courtesy, truth, precision, and thoroughness to be listed among the virtues of the Force, individually and collectively. This policy of Colonel Groome has since constantly been the standard of the Force.

"FROM UNCLE SAM'S NEPHEWS"

1st Lt. Robert L. Eddy
O-1042552
Btry B 166th AAA Gun BN
APO 922
c/o P.M. San Francisco
December 11, 1943

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

Along about last March I was so fortunate as to be able to obtain a .45 automatic through Lieutenant Bushy of the State Police and I am taking this opportunity to express my gratitude.

Our anti-aircraft out-fit has been over here for some little time now. As you no doubt know Australia is a pretty large country about the size of the U.S., although its population is centered along the coast and in the cities of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

The difference in animal life is quite noticeable however. For example kangaroos, koala bears and ant-hills sometimes twelve feet high.

Who knows - perhaps soon now we'll see some fun.

Sincerely
Robert L. Eddy

Comm. Edward J. Hickey
(from)
Capt. Thomas Lyden, Jr.
Hq. 11th P/E, A.P.O. 516
November 11, 1943

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Tommy Lyden

Comdr. Albert F. Rice,
Officer-in-Charge
Naval Auxiliary Air Station,
Fallon, Nevada

Arrived here just in time to wish a very Happy New York to Vox Cop.

Edward J. Hickey, Esq.

Maj. C. E. Robinson
O-176758
Hdqts. Adv. Echolon
Fifth Air Force
A.P.O. 929
San Francisco
December 9, 1943

Christmas Greetings to you and my friends in the Connecticut State Police from New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific. Weather and climate 100% contrast to what you are now having. Mud here really is Mud, etc. See familiar faces around here nearly every day, people that you and I worked with back in the States.

Will always be glad to hear from any of you and with warm personal regards am

Faithfully yours,
Robinson (Bradley Field)

For Uncle Sam's Nephews

SUMMONS

Check These
VIOLATIONS

I am an American

I Buy War Bonds

I'm Backing The Attack

I Have Freedom of Speech

I Have Freedom of Religion

I Have Freedom From Want

I Have Freedom From Fear

Auf Befehl des Meisters der
Meister Rasse

(Signed) *Adolph Hitler*
(Countersigned) *Hirohito*

George H. Ferris SP 2/c
N. O. B. Navy #101
c/o Fleet P. O. N.Y.C.
24th November, 1943

Dear Commissioner:

I am taking this means to thank you and those interested, for the copy of "Vox-Cop" October issue, recently received. It is enjoyed immensely, not only by me (in turn) but the other fellows here in my "hut". So you may be assured that the fame of the Conn. State Police, through the medium of Vox-Cop and yours truly, has reached this remote part of the World. It was a matter of interest to me, and perhaps you'll be interested, to learn, that the Police system here in this country, consists of a Sheriff, who is more than the name implies. He is first, a policeman, second, an investigator, third, a Grand Juror, fourth, Coroner, and last but not least, a Judge and exercises all these powers. He, if the case warrants it, calls in six or seven citizens to act as a Jury, something like a Coroner's Jury or a Pettit Jury and the suspect is questioned by all. If however, no confession is forthcoming, the suspect is remanded to jail and left with his thoughts. Apparently upon him rests the burden of proof to establish his innocence. Time passes on, and if there isn't any further evidence uncovered, the suspect is at last released and hasn't any recourse against the Gov't. or the sheriff. In the one large city here, there is a uniformed force to patrol the city streets. They have two motorcycles and two patrol wagons and also have a C. I. D. for investigations. It is required by law here that whenever a citizen changes his address, he must register the new address with the Police Dept. All cars are registered also with the Police Dept. Most of the "cops" speak English too. They are all big fellows and handle prisoners without "kid gloves". Firearms are not carried

by them, but they do carry long "night sticks" which are comparable with "baseball bats", and do not hesitate to use them if the occasion arises. These fellows ride 'cycles on the icy streets and don't seem to mind it either. They do not ride them however on patrol but only on "calls". With the advent of the "armed forces", new ideas have been born and now you see "school signs", a picture of a little girl carrying books, placed on school streets with a big American M. P. doing traffic duty. Brings a little American atmosphere into the scene. "Jeeps" patrol for speeders over 25 MPH, of Military personnel. Usually after visiting the "city" the "boys" usually decide to stay within their respective camp areas. One or two visits is enough. A hot springs water system is almost complete for heating the houses. Quite an idea. About 40 years ago, the entire Island was destroyed by volcanic eruptions, which now still smolder and provide the hot springs. We have very little daylight now that winter has set in and its quite cold here, 15 above zero the lowest.

I'll have to close now, hoping this finds you and yours in the best of health and spirits.

As ever
"Sergt" George

"Roy" Konopaska
Promoted to Major

Word was received on January 13 that "Roy" Konopaska has been promoted to Major in the Inspector Generals Department. He writes from overseas and sends his regards to all his friends. He says in part "I will be just plain glad to get back to civilization and if all goes well I will be wishing you a Merry Christmas in 1944, in person".

Major Ralph J. Buckley
6618th P.W. Adm. Co.
A.P.O. 759 c/o P.M.NYC

North Africa
Dec.5th,1943

Dear Commissioner:

The gift of a pad of writing paper from home made me aware of the fact that I had written very few letters except to my family so I'm going to try and catch up. I'm still doing the same line of work and it has been a great experience.

Every now and then I find a Hartford Courant and my wife sends me all the clippings about the State Police so I keep up with the news fairly well. Lately I've had the monthly magazine that Lieut. Mulcahy gets out and find it very interesting. Have all the lights been turned on in Connecticut now?

On Nov.21st,I had the good fortune to be promoted to rank of Major. My job and company remain the same and the pay increase is more than welcome. The war news continues good and I look for the end in Europe by late spring. Have been away over a year now and hope I don't make it two.

The rainy season has started and the mud gets deeper by the day. Oranges and lemons are just getting ripe and the farmers are now harvesting their second vegetable crop. So much for now. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and Mrs Hickey.

Sincerely,
Major Ralph J. Buckley

"Drop him a line" - Vox-Cop

Fort Eustis, Virginia

December 31, 1943

Dear Commissioner:

We are about ready to wind up our training here in about four weeks and believe me it has been somewhat of a grind. I expect to have a furlough some time with in the next five or six weeks and if I am this fortunate I would like to drop in and pay my respects, and knowing how busy you are these trying days I surely hope to be lucky enough to find you in.

I have been receiving Vox-Cop regularly and it sure is swell to hear about the activities of the good old Conn. State Police Department.

I have had the occasion to meet a few Virginia policemen and when I tell them that I was a Conn. state policeman they are all ears and eager to know all about the function of the Conn. State Police Dept. They also asked about the equipment and I merely stated that it is the best equipped and the men are the best trained in the country. However, I did not have to mention this because they have heard all about the reputation of the Department.

Well, Commissioner,here's hoping this war will end soon for the good of all concerned. May God bless you and watch over you.

Yours truly

Jimmie Tatro

I might mention that I am in a searchlight unit and that I am a specialized power plant operator. I sure hope I can be lucky enough to be transferred somewhere in Connecticut with a searchlight unit there.

RADIO SYSTEMS

(Connecticut State Police State-wide Two-way System)

Established October 1940

MASSACHUSETTS COMPLETES NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

A new high-frequency radio transmitter in Andover recently completed the link in the state-wide inter-state communications network of the Massachusetts State Police, according to a report from Commissioner John E. Stokes, Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. (Oct. 1943)

The network is comprised of nine broadcasting stations, located to give coverage to each region of the state. Eliminating all dead spots in cruiser-to-cruiser, (30 mile radius), cruiser-to-station, station-to-cruiser, and station-to-station broadcasts, the new set-up is a great improvement over the old one which had but one transmitter and failed to give full state coverage. The old equipment is being turned over to the State Guard.

Tying in with local police and fire departments, medical examiners, the Metropolitan Police of Boston, offices of other public officials, and adjacent states, the system provides maximum coordination of police effort throughout the state. Privacy is given to state police broadcasts, since receiving equipment must have crystals ground to the correct wave length. ----- POLICE CHIEF'S NEWS LETTER

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE BAY STATE. -Vox Cop-

ALABAMA PERFECTS COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

An expenditure of approximately \$100,000 is bringing to the Alabama state highway patrol one of the largest police radio networks in the country, Director Van Buren Gilbert of the State Department of Public Safety has announced. When in operation, the system will raise the war-time and peacetime efficiency of the patrol to the highest possible level.

Twelve two-way radio stations of the most modern type have been planned, with the 400 foot towered main station, located near Montgomery, shortly to be put in operation. The other stations will be strategically located throughout the state and completed as rapidly as possible. Heretofore, the patrol has used the broadcasting facilities of municipal police departments in five cities.

All highway patrol cars will be equipped with two-way radio equipment and will be in constant communication with headquarters and district stations. The Federal Communications Commission and the War Production Board approved the installation of the equipment as necessary to the war effort. -----POLICE CHIEF'S NEWS LETTER ----- October 1943

GOOD WISHES AND SUCCESS

-Vox Cop-

TRAFFIC DIVISION

STOP-LOOK-LISTEN

How'd you like to tear open that pretty envelope you just received and have a DEMAND for \$7.60 from your State Treasurer come tumbling out?

Sure, you're making more money right now than you ever made in your life---BUT---you're spending more, too!

And besides, you're buying War Bonds, Defense Bonds, Offense Bonds and bon-bons. You're asked to donate to the Red Cross, Green Cross, White Cross, and the Double Cross; the War Chest, Community Chest, Treasure Chest; and Aunt Minnie's Hope Chest; the Army Relief, Navy Relief, China Relief, and the Russian Relief; the Salvation Army and the Starvation Army.

You go into a store to try and buy something and you're assaulted and insulted, but never consulted about how you're going to spend your money.

You're taxed for everything from toothpicks to tommy guns; you pay your food tax, drink tax, smoke tax, town tax, school tax, water tax, income tax, outgo tax, surtax, old age tax and a hundred other kind of attacks-and NOW-your State Treasurer wants \$7.60 more from the little you have left. What for? you ask--but INDIGNANT! Now, don't get up on your ear-it's a perfectly legitimate demand. Why shouldn't you pay YOUR share for the sorrow and tears, the heartaches and headaches, to say nothing of the mountainous economic loss in material, in Dollars and Cents, and in potential Man Power suffered by your State in TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS!

Yes, mister, that's what it would cost you---IF---you had to pay---and that's based on the 1942 figure. How do we get the figure? It's all very simple. In 1942 the good people of the

State of Connecticut managed to kill 289 of their neighbors and friends thru the medium of the automobile. In this operation they built up the very unattractive total of \$13,005,000.00 economic loss. According to the latest census there were 1,709,242 residents in this quiet little corner of the country---Well, compute it yourself if you don't believe us!

STARTLING ISN'T IT!

Oh yes, I almost forgot you want to know where the 13 Million came from? Next Month's Vox Cop will have the answer.

SPEAKING FIGURATIVELY:

There are some things in the English language that sound all right when spoken--BUT--try writing them, for instance:

"There are 3 - 2's in the English language."

Rewrite this sentence without using numerals!

WINTER RULES FOR SAFE DRIVING

Following are some rules that Vox Cop has drawn up for safe driving under adverse road and weather conditions:

1. Adjust speed to conditions.
2. Slow down well in advance of intersections and curves.
3. Follow other vehicles at safe distances, about three vehicle lengths for every 10 m. p.h. on slippery roads.
4. Put on tire chains when roads are slippery with snow or ice.
5. Signal intentions of turning or stopping.
6. Apply brakes lightly and intermittently.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

STATION "A"

Just before Christmas we were called upon to investigate the theft of some chickens and a prize-winning rooster from a coop in Monroe. The owner was most anxious to recover his rooster as it had won several prizes at Madison Square Garden. The thieves were soon apprehended but too late to save the rooster from the axe. He had been eaten the day before---and was reported as being a very tough bird! ????

"Oh what a beautiful morning". At 1:40 A.M., recently, while patrolling in Newtown, Officer John Jones had to turn about to apprehend a speeder going in the opposite direction. Before he had apprehended his man he was wishing he had an airplane as he had to drive 95 miles per hour.

Congratulations to Detective Edmund Flanagan, Officers Robert Waltz and William McNamara on their citations. Photos of these officers were carried in all the State's papers and we understand that they are avoiding the auto-graph hunters.

Officer Robert Waltz is passing the cigars. He reported for work the other day with a "Joe E. Brown" grin, announcing the arrival of an eight pound daughter. Congratulations Officer Waltz. We trust she will make a good policewoman in her time.

Officer and Mrs Edward Giardina, are also being congratulated. Another boy, the third, was recently born to them. Two more and they will have a basketball team.

Dispatcher Al Corbett has been substituting for Officer Adam Beaudry in caring for and feeding the bloodhounds. He is now willing to enter the kennels without carrying a shot gun under one arm

"Robert Jay"
Special Ridgefield Reporter

STATION "B"

Miss Angie Mezzafalco, housewoman at this station, is leaving us to be married and manage her own housework. She is being replaced by a man. More help to fill the coal hopper.

Officers Samuel Freeman and John Foley are now studying at our Academy with the rookies. Sam hopes to lose 30 pounds while in training, or that was his idea when he left us for school. Time will tell.

Officer Claude Morris has earned two extra days off duty during the past month by having recovered two stolen cars and apprehending the thieves. Neither job was simple for one car was found abandoned and Officer Morris had to do some sleuthing but he found his man in a Winsted tavern. The other car had to be chased and ditched before capture.

C.O. Canaan Station

STATION "C"

Miss Mabel Ward now has her radio license and is regularly engaged as a dispatcher. She is identified on the air by her pleasant voice and number 413.

While on night patrol at 4:00 A. M. recently, Officer John Kearney apprehended a motorist traveling from 80 to 85 miles per hour. He was amazed at the explanation offered by the operator, a young lady on her way to California to meet her sailor husband. She had the hand throttle out and was changing her shoes so did not realize she was going so fast.

Officer Peter Laumark, an observing fellow, stopped a car one night bearing two young lads. He noted that the rear seat cushion was missing and proceeded to search the floor of the car with his glass. He was rewarded by finding microscopic evidence of poultry feathers. The boys were therefore taken to the station where they confessed to several turkey and chicken thefts through out three counties. Much of their booty was recovered and held temporarily at the station providing much cackling and some strictly fresh breakfast food. Good work Officer Laumark.

Chief Pharmacist Mate, 1st Class, Walter Whitmarsh, son of Officer Arthur Whitmarsh, who was wounded in the South Pacific but is now recovered, has been transferred to the Marines from the Navy and with the same rating has returned to the service. He spent a short furlough with the Whitmarsh family before taking leave for duty. We all wish him smooth sailing and a safe return.

Our congenial cook, Miss Agnes Etienne, was much disturbed one morning recently when the cooking gas gave out as she was preparing breakfast for Governor Raymond E. Baldwin, an overnight guest at the station. The gas trouble was corrected in short order and a good breakfast was served without much delay. His Excellency promised more frequent visits to the Stafford hostel.

Recently Lieut. Hulburt decided to have the coal bin filled from the reserve in the garage. Officers Walter Smiegel and Arthur Whitmarsh with Student Officers James Ferguson and Andrew Yurtin were detailed to that delicate task. Officer Smiegel took his post inside the coal bin and at noon he came out looking like a southern ducky, covered all over with-----coal dust. Everything went along fine until supper-time when Brother Smiegel could not be located. The lieutenant deliberated on the situation and finally decided to place him in File 6, (missing persons) until Spring. These boys had filled that coal bin holding from 15 to 20 tons.

C. O. Stafford Station

STATION "D"

Officer Henry J. Marikle spent a week's vacation becoming better acquainted with his 10 month old daughter. Just ask Henry about Mary Ann and he is all prepared, pictures and all.

Station WJTD added its feminine voice to the air-waves when Dispatcher, Mrs Katherine Brennan, received her radio license on December 17th.

C. O. Danielson Station

STATION "E"

A disastrous fire spread through the government housing project at Poquonock recently, several dwellings being burned to the ground, among which was the home of our Sergeant "Bob" Herr, now of the Coast Guard. The sergeant and his family fortunately escaped injury although most of their personal belongings were destroyed. They now reside at New London. (Cont.)

The fire originated in an overheated, poorly insulated chimney and it was necessary to maintain a State Police patrol of the village until all other homes in the project were equipped with better chimney insulation.

Radio dispatcher, Henry Ladd, has entered the service as a member of Uncle Sam's Navy. He has been sent to Sampson, New York, for training. We all wish him the best of luck.

"Fitz"
Special Groton Reporter

STATION "F"

Officer Vernon Gedney put an end to the crime wave of two young men and an 18 year old girl which started at Indianapolis early in December. They had stolen six late model cars and committed several robberies en route to Old Saybrook where Officer Gedney apprehended them early on the morning of Dec. 29 and found they were packing a very wicked looking .45 cal. Colt revolver with a long barrel.

Boxwood Manor Inn, better known in State Police circles as the 'First Training School,' from which graduated such famous policemen as Commissioner E. J. Hickey, Captain John C. Kelly and Captain Leo Carroll, was visited Christmas Eve, not by St. Nicholas, but Old Nick himself. Murder stalked the grounds there and in its wake was found the body of the caretaker, shot, stabbed, and clubbed to death. An involuntary reunion of the famous alumni took place pronto. On a table near the body lay a detective story magazine, its back cover facing up and reading, "Can You Solve This Crime?" The challenge was taken and may the next issue carry the answer.

Officer Carl Ippolito maintains his reputation for alertness. He has nabbed two more stolen cars since the last issue of Vox Cop.

"ANOTHER EARNED DAY"

Gerald Stokes, 18, of Argyle, Ga. and Ernest Seabolt, 21, of Washington, D. C., were today in custody of Federal agents following their apprehension late Friday night by State Policeman Leroy Emmerthal of the Westbrook Barracks.

The state trooper on patrol in East Haven, picked up the pair as they drove through in a large touring sedan bearing Carolina registration. Unable to produce license or registration certificates, the pair was taken to the Westbrook headquarters, where state police claim they confessed theft of the car in Washington. Seabolt, police claim, has a long police record in Virginia and Washington.

"Old Nick sure has alerted the boys. Some great catches on Route 1 since Xmas." -Vox-Cop-

C. O. Westbrook Station

STATION "G"

The Nut BEHIND the Wheel. The Norwalk Peedee that sure the driver of the car that careened crazily down Bouton Street was temporarily deranged at least; and when he took to the woods outside the City Limits, they called Station "G". The contest shortly became Bennett VS. Bennett-for Off. Frank discovered he was chasing Leon Bennett-unrelated! Law and Order won the Race and Frank put Leon in durance vile. Leon will Sunday at Police Hque for the next two months, from 9:AM to 9:PM. The Court says he can work week-days!

STATION "H"

Governor Raymond E. Baldwin is likely the busiest man in this part of the country but he always finds time for personal attention to matters of humane interest. He was advised of a local home without fuel for heat when two sick people were being cared for. We were called by him to provide fuel for this home and without delay bags of coal were taken there by our patrol officers.

Two days before Christmas our Auxiliary Personnel Officer, William Gruber, was pleasantly surprised when he was presented with a wrist watch with the seasons greetings by the entire Auxiliary personnel of this station. Officer Gruber is doing a good job as Personnel Officer and the Auxiliaries have evidenced their appreciation of his efforts.

C. O. Hartford Station

STATION "I"

Bethany is doing well in the "Babies of the Month Club." Sergt. H. Theodore Strand and Officers Thomas Leonard and Dimitro Pawchyk all joined the club this past month. All newcomers are prospective policewomen.

The personnel of Station I extend their sympathies to Officer Russell Burton upon the recent loss of his father.

It's now Officer John ("Jigsaw") Swiklas at this Station--Cashing in on his natural patience, persistence and keen eye, he finally fitted a small piece of fender into a hole in the car of the man who got away with a hit and run. And this after looking them over from Sept. 26 to Dec. 26, 1943.

Officer "Terry" Zemetis is now home after being confined to the Stamford Hospital where he underwent successful operations for hernia and a leg injury sustained in a motorcycle accident a year ago. Lieut. Smith and Officer Dunphy, when they last called upon him at the hospital, were surprised to find him reading "Undercover" with a Nurse's Aid.

Officer "Al" Pethick and "Eddie" Higney were both given extra days off this month for apprehending car thieves. Good work, boys.

Officer Thomas Leonard thinks that the cry about juvenile delinquency is much understated. He recently cleaned up ten house breaks, four thefts and several cases of vandalism in one neighborhood and of the ten persons involved only three had reached the ripe old age of 15, the rest ranging from 8 to 14 years.

"The Shadow"

Special Bethany Reporter

STATION "K"

Lieut. Philip Schwartz and Acting Sergt. Edward Shedroff were both on the sick list during the Christmas holidays. Nevertheless although they should have been home in bed, they offered to work and actually did work on Christmas Day so that other officers at the station could spend all possible time at home with their families. Lieutenant Schwartz and Acting Sergeant Shedroff are worthy of warm commendation for their thoughtfulness and consideration. VOX COP is deeply appreciative of their unselfishness and, in behalf of the entire State Police Department, wants to thank them for their splendid motives and disregard of personal considerations.

-VOX COP-

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

STATION "D"

Our auxiliaries continue faithfully their scheduled patrol assignments with our regular officers.

During the past month these men have been of great service to us in various ways. After a bad dwelling fire at Pomfret, they assisted in searching the ruins for trace of a missing man. Auxiliary Officer Russell Hilton, also a Pomfret volunteer fireman, uncovered a lantern which subsequently led to the finding of the remains of the man sought for.

Officer Charles Heckler
Personnel Officer

STATION "E"

Our Auxiliaries are repeatedly demonstrating the value of their training. Recently, a two-year-old child was badly burned when its crib took fire. Auxiliary Officer Walter Paige was right on the job. He informed the station about the accident, requesting the assistance of officers and the inhalator. Then he immediately applied first aid. As the baby's face was badly burned by the fire, the inhalator mask could not be applied. The hose was held near its face, however, with some benefit as the baby recovered consciousness. It died the next day, however, Auxiliary Officer Paige and our regular officers who attended this child were commended by the attending physician for their efficient handling of this situation.

"Fitz"
Groton Special Reporter

STATION "G"

A First Aid class of Auxiliaries is meeting once a week and are doing well under the able tutorship of Officer Charles McCarthy.

Our Auxiliaries are assisting in the operation of the "Truck Control Station". In addition to their regular control duties they have been checking lights and licenses and in a two hour period issued fifteen warnings.

Officer George A. Boston
Personnel Officer

STATION "H"

We are now entering our third year of existence and a check of the record shows that but 50% of the roster is composed of Charter Members. Most of those "departed" are now in the service of their country in another manner.

Seventy-five percent of the organization is now completely un-informed and present a fine appearance.

Auxiliary Officer Leon Greski of Suffield is still talking about an interesting autopsy he witnessed in Middletown the other day. He knows all the technical words too. He says that the "worst part" was the first stroke of the "knife." He and Charles Eastman of East Hartford are both charter members and neither has ever missed an assignment of any kind.

Officer Wm. A. Gruber
Personnel Officer

STATION "L"

Auxiliary Officers Floyd Thoms, John Doyle and Philip Staats have passed their Federal Communication examinations for restricted radio operation. Thoms is now heard over our station network as operator #543. The others will soon follow.

C. O. Litchfield Station

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE ACADEMY
Subjects for Recruit Class, January, 1944

State Police organization and law on same	Confessions; how taken, methods used in securing same.
General orders of State Police	Ante-mortem statements
Geography of state	Interrogating witnesses and method of taking their statements.
Courts; their forms and jurisdiction.	Method of taking fingerprints and preservation of prints at scenes of crimes, Classification.
Motor vehicle laws	Extradition procedure; fugitive from justice.
Motor vehicle accidents; standard form of report, Sketch maps etc.	Criminal investigation. Qualities of a good investigator.
Method of stopping cars and manner of approaching motorists.	Evidence, elements necessary to prove different crimes, systematic searching for same.
General patrolling	Criminal investigation. Observation of details at scene of crime.
Observation on the highway, Inspection of cars, etc.	Riots and mobs and how to handle
Operating under the influence of liquor. Evidence necessary and how obtained. Method of testifying, etc.	Arson investigation
Proper procedure and importance of keeping notes	Arson in time of war
Law of Arrest: (a) With warrant:	Posting bonds for appearance in Court. Issuing of motor vehicle summons, etc.
(b) Speedy information:	Field practice on auto investigation of accidents and reporting of same
(c) Cases citing legality of arrests under various circumstances.	Self-defense. Safety in handling criminals. Jui-Jitsu and disarming; use of handcuffs, night stick and blackjacks.
Customs and courtesies of the Department. Relations toward superiors; toward courts and public.	Different law enforcement agencies and the cooperation and coordination of same
Requirements of good reports and proper method of making same	Record forms used in the Department. Method of making record of complaints received, etc.
Justice of Peace and Grand Juror System; form of warrants.	Use of Laboratory
Detection of deception	Study and use of Colt revolver, shot gun, rifle, machine gun, gas, gas gun, gas projectile, gas candle and gas mask.
Criminal law and procedure	Shooting at bandits; out of cars
Coroners and Medical Examiners	Tracing the fugitive
Preservation of evidence. Court exhibits, marking of evidence, etc.	Bombs; incendiary and others; proper handling
Warrants for search and seizure: liquor, gaming and stolen property.	Police photography
A policeman on the witness stand: his attitude, conduct and appearance.	Scientific investigation
Preparation of bound over and appealed cases. Department regulations relative to same.	Use of ultra ray
First Aid to the injured	Use of moulage
Care of Department transportation and other state equipment	Use of plaster of paris
Teletypewriter system	Test for nitrate
Grand Jury system	Bringing out obliterated numbers
Offenses for which indictments are necessary	Glass fractures
Modus operandi file	Secret writing

THE JANUARY 1944 RECRUITS

There is a spirit of fair play among members of the student body at the State Police Academy that augurs well for a successful future. The new class comprises men from all walks of life. There are city policemen, factory guards, auxiliary policemen, bus drivers, truck drivers, a drug-gist, an insurance agent, a paper hanger, a bricklayer, an ex-soldier and two ex-marines. Despite the fact that their civilian interests were so varied, they readily adapted themselves, and in no time at all were working together in harmonious unity. We hope that this team work will continue, and we have every reason to believe it will.

The fact that so many of these rookies left well paying positions in order to become durational troopers, leads naturally-enough, to the inquiry "Are they intelligent?" You can bet your life they are. Individually and collectively the class compares very favorably with any group that has ever gone through the school. Without the advantage of the three months course of study and with dozens of subjects crowded into a shortened curriculum, they have, nevertheless, done very well. They don't know it all, and they admit it. But they're willing to learn and we are depending on the old timers to give them a helping hand. We assure you that there isn't one among them who will be content to carry anything less than his full share of the load.

Meet the boys. There's Vinny Brescia of New Britain - One of Captain Pinell's rough riders in Troop "A" motorized. There's Al

Carazza of the West Hartford Police and lately of the U.S. Marine Corps, who, with Len Davis of Westport, also of the United-States Marines, puts on a ballistics and small arms demonstration and lecture that has the town talking. Ed Davanzo was a New Britain policeman for two years. Frank Duren of Waterbury was a lieutenant of plant guards at the Waterbury Tool Company and worked with guards Mike Hurley and Al Thompson, also of Waterbury. Troopers Jack Foley of Station "B" and Jim Ferguson of Station "C" are at the school for their basic training. Tom McGrath of Rocky Hill was a Hartford barracks auxiliary and comes to us from the Burns Detective Agency. Tom Nichols of New Haven was a Bethany barracks auxiliary and had been working at Winchester's, testing rifles. Joe Oliwas drove that big bus between Derby and Ansonia that was always getting into your way. Woody Woodworth of Willimantic was a guard both at the Aircraft and at Colt's and is also a first class bricklayer in his spare time. Andy Yurtin of Thomaston, one of the first men in the State to be drafted, comes to us from the U. S. Army and is sporting an honorable discharge button. He is in fine shape, having trained for this job by operating bulldozers, derricks and heavy construction machinery. Charlie Sedar is the Windsor Locks farm boy, just turned twenty one, who has been working at Bradley Field protecting those flying fortresses, and he can really tell you all about them.

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE ACADEMY
January, 1944

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

(a) All Things Leave Traces (b) Nature Never Repeats

Factors in Gross' Formula

1 Who 2 What 3 Where 4 When 5 Why 6 How 7 By Whom

General Steps

6 Observe and Collect Facts 2 Classify Facts 3 Preserve Facts
4 Interpret Facts

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION

Plaster casts of Footprints and
Tire Tracks

In mixing plaster of paris, the plaster, finest grade, is sifted onto the surface of the water being used. Water is never added to plaster. The mixture should be made up to a consistency of heavy whipping cream. It should not be stirred until all of the plaster has been added. Sufficient plaster has been added when it no longer sinks to the bottom of the water, but stays on top when further additions are made. Approximately one quart of water should be used for a footprint of average size. This will provide enough extra plaster to satisfactorily reinforce the print by forming a thicker back layer. A small hill or ridge of dirt may be carefully scraped up around the print before casting to act as a retaining wall, preventing the plaster from flowing out over too large an area. The failure to use enough of the plaster mixture is most common. Too much is far better than too little. The thinnest place in the finished cast should not be under one-fourth of an inch, preferably not less than one half, and should be made so that surrounding areas are thicker--even up to an inch in thickness.

Plaster should be poured with in two or three minutes after it has been mixed, otherwise it may harden in the container. It should all be poured at one time. If this is not done layers of the plaster may form in the print and separate when the mass hardens, or "sets". A small stick of wood may be used to break the fall of the plaster in pouring so that a depression will not be made at the point where pouring is begun.

In order to provide a satisfactory foundation or backing for a cast, in addition to using sufficient plaster, reinforce-

ment may be added in the form of wire screen, small sticks of wood, coiled lengths of wire, and cloth, burlap preferred.

Before adding reinforcement of this nature, the plaster should be allowed to set for a couple of minutes and become thick enough to prevent the reinforcing materials from sinking down into the plaster and later appearing as flaws in the front surface of the cast. Experience will indicate the proper time for adding reinforcement.

It is stated above that cloth or burlap may be used as a reinforcing agent. This is true only if such cloth is soaked in a thin mixture of plaster before it is so used. At least it should be thoroughly soaked in hot water first, wrung out fairly dry and then dipped into the plaster mixture to be used in casting. If one of these procedures is not followed the cloth will absorb water from the plaster cast without absorbing the plaster itself and instead of acting as a reinforcing medium, will only weaken the cast. It will serve as a separating agent and cause the cast to break up into layers.

When the reinforcement has been added, provided the original plaster is still quite liquid, it may be pushed just under the surface of the plaster or plaster may be added to that already present to just cover the reinforcing materials and hold them in place more firmly.

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