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EDWARD J. HICKEY,  
Commssioner

JUNE 1944



LIEUT. KENNETH W. STEVENS

"He is not dead, my friends, not dead,  
"But on the path we mortals tread  
"Got some few trifling steps ahead  
"And nearer to the end....."

Training School, July 20, 1927  
Appointed September 6, 1927 and assigned  
to Stafford Springs Barracks  
August 1, 1939 appointed Sergeant and  
transferred to Hartford  
June 1, 1940, transferred to Stafford  
Springs.  
October 1, 1941, promoted to Lieutenant  
and assigned to Station "E" - Groton

## IN MEMORIAM

Lieut. Kenneth W. Stevens

Died June 9, 1944

It is with profound regret that we carry this notice of the passing of Lieut. Kenneth W. Stevens, Commanding Officer of our Groton Station.

He died suddenly on June 9, near Deep River, when a police patrol boat in which he was riding with other officers of the department, collided with an obscure pile of an old pier and sank.

Lieutenant Stevens was born at Chester, Connecticut on May 5, 1897, the son of William H. and Bertha Stevens. His survivors are his wife, a son, Richard, his mother and father and a brother, Samuel, of Torrington.

After graduation from Rockland Military Academy of West Lebanon, New Hampshire and Hartford Business College he became an employee of the American Railway Express Company at Thompsonville until July 20, 1927 when he joined the State Police Department. For 13 years he was assigned to Stafford Springs and for one year to Hartford before being promoted to Lieutenant as Commanding Officer of the Groton station.

During World War I, as one of the few who fought on the front line from April to November, 1918, he took part in all of the major decisive battles. He wore five stars on his service bars, but he never mentioned that renowned phase of his career.

His pleasing personality caused him to be admired by a host of friends. Though a position as commanding officer of our naval base station during these years of war has been a trying and an important one, Lieutenant Stevens fulfilled his trust so efficiently and with such diplomacy as to win the admiration of his public and all officials with whom he dealt.

The State Police Department is grateful for the services of Lieutenant Stevens and mourns his loss. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife and son and other members of his family.

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CHARACTER - AN ASSET

Chosen for reprint from "The Shield - Indiana State Police" as truly depicting the distinguished character of Lieut. Kenneth W. Stevens. (Vox-Cop)

The strongest part of any State Police Department is not its fine equipment, its splendid stations, but is to be found in the character of its men.

A man's character or the peculiar qualities usually impressed by habit on an individual, that distinguish him from others, is not due to chance. Character is acquired the hard way. There are no short cuts. It is a combination of the qualities of fairness and honesty, self sacrifice, courage, courtesy, loyalty and dignity, all of which are developed in a man through years of conscientious living. Good character is good personal conduct. The man who learns this lesson early in life and retains it, possesses the qualities that stamp him as an outstanding and useful citizen.

## A MESSAGE

We, safe here at home from bombs and bullets, welcome this opportunity to send a message through "VOX COP" to all members of the Connecticut State Police Department who are now serving their country as members of the Armed Services.

We have a feeling that each of our members in the armed forces are thinking these days - How long will it be before I am back home again and on the job? Will I get my old assignment with a radio equipped car? Yes.

Since Pearl Harbor it has been a difficult task to keep the Department intact. To maintain efficiency and uphold the traditions of the Department, sacrifices have been made by your loyal associates who have remained in the service of the State. By July 1, 1944, the Department will have 47 policemen, 22 radio dispatchers and 12 civilian employees, including one young woman, with the armed forces in every theater of war and in all branches of the service. All are on a leave of absence status. Fortunately, enlistments and inductions have been gradual. If all, policemen especially, had enlisted immediately following the declaration of war, there would have been no department for them to return to following the cessation of hostilities. True, we have been able to obtain some durational replacements but nevertheless we have operated with a skeleton force. All positions in effect on December 7, 1941 are still in force. No permanent promotions or appointments have been recommended for approval. We are awaiting your return.

We trust that you in the country's service appreciate that the task at home has not been easy or the most pleasant. We, too, have worked long hours and have been confronted with many problems. The press headlines on the following pages give you some indication of our efforts to hold the fort until your return. Yes, some of us have been asked "Why aren't you in the Army?" We have offered no apologies. WE ARE CARRYING ON.

We, at home, know and appreciate that you are making a great sacrifice, enduring untold hardships away from your families and friends. To us, both services - battlefront and homefront - are equally important in this period of crisis.

We are endeavoring, all of us, to keep the department functioning as efficiently as possible in order that you can return to your position without delay. We will continue to do so at any cost. We pray that every member of the department, now on military leave, will be back with us before Christmas, in good health and with victory.

WE PRAY ALMIGHTY GOD BESTOW UPON YOU HIS DIVINE BLESSING

Your Fellow Officers and Associates.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Edward J. Hickey*

Commissioner

# State Police Start Drive Against Boys With Rifles

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## STATE POLICE MAKE 21 ARRESTS IN DRIVE

State police today chalked up 21 arrests for the opening day of an intensive drive against

# State And Putnam Police "Crack" Case Of 25 Burglaries

Arrests Of Six Juveniles Climaxing Inquiry Directed By Lieut. Clarke And Relieved Solution

# State Award For Safety Accepted

Galanos Located Six Youth

# THEFTS ARE CLEARED UP

Hold Three Connecticut

THE BRIDGEPORT POST, SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1944.

### Real Police Work

Ten days ago a gruesome "piece of news" came to light in Danbury with the finding of a young girl's body in the ruins of a summer cottage at Lake Candlewood. There was a "perfect crime" setting. The cottage had been burned to the ground; a gun was found nearby.

Because of the unusual nature of the case the State Police department with its numerous facilities for crime detection was called in to take charge. Commissioner Edward J. Hickey took personal charge. Connecticut has been singularly and happily free from murder mysteries for a long time. The commissioner's natural tendency to "get his man" must have bristled within him when the early reports of this killing were made to him.

One missing girl's name was linked to that of the victim. Efficient dental examinations were made and various clues were followed. In a few days the girl was positively identified, though the public knew nothing of that, and one clue after another led directly to the youthful murderer who confessed the crime. All of which goes to show, once again, that there is no "perfect crime"—especially in Connecticut.

The amount of under-cover work in this case required patient, intelligent police work. We are sometimes apt to think that police work is linked solely to apprehension of motor vehicle and traffic law violators. This is because such infractions are so frequent and because almost all other crime is linked somehow or other to the use of an automobile.

Work performed in this case, by every policeman connected with it should reassure the public of Connecticut that our State policemen are policemen first, and guardians of our safety on the highways, second. Each element of their work is important, but skill in crime detection is the paramount duty of every man invested with police powers.

The commissioner himself deserves high praise for his work. He has justly awarded departmental credit to those who aided. His public tribute to the press is his reward for a job well done. The press is also grateful to Commissioner Hickey for his cooperation with the newspapermen, who also are keenly aware of their duty toward the public in presenting the details of a tragedy at a lonely lake.

# STATE TROOPERS WILL USE DOGS IN POLICE

Hartford, May note of the use have made of

# DRIVERS' CASE FLOOD COURT IN WEST HAVEN

State Troopers' Results in March for Violations

Due to the record

# HICKEY OUTLINE PLAN TO INSPECT POST ROAD TRAFFIC

State police will conduct thorough stop-and-search of all commercial traffic

# Don't Look Now, Boys, Bootlegging Is Back

State Cops Blast Rum-Runners Operating from N. Y. Headquarters

# STARTS NEW PATROL

Officer R. J. Murphy signed by State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey has been assigned to

# Three Sudden Deaths Keep Coroner Busy

State Police and County Authorities Investigate Tragedy at Moosup

Coroner Louis A. Wolsard and state police officers from the Danielson barracks have had more than their share

# State Police Officers Gunning Beizer Have Plenty of Excitement In 20 Minutes in Salisbury Arrest

SUNDAY HERALD,

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1944

## ED HICKEY SCORES AGAIN

As the confessed slayer in Candlewood Lake's teen-age American Tragedy is locked in the county jail in Bridgeport, it's time to congratulate State Police Commr. Edward J. Hickey.

He personally took charge when the mystery case was a stone wall. He stayed at Ridgefield barracks and with the rest of the troopers, worked night and day.

The intelligent, swift, modern line followed by Hickey, aided by Lieut. Harry Tucker, scored one of the most difficult successes in the annals of Connecticut crime.

## POLICE SEIZE MANY RIFLES

State Troopers Open Campaign Against Juveniles with Weapons

## State Police Arrest 38 In 12 Raids

Gambling Paraphernalia Seized in Torrington Winsted, Willimantic and Norwich

## BANKER IS MISSING

State Police Asked to Search for Montclair Man

with Superior Court in warrants of Liberty New London on Thursday stores

## TROOPER MARKLE QUICKLY SOLVES JEWETT CITY BREAK

Connecticut state been asked to aid for Bertram I. D... venue, Montclair, summer home in Jewett City and who has been

# The Hartford Courant

Established 1764

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 1944.

## OUR STATE POLICE

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey has by this time grown used to the well-deserved encomiums showered upon him for the fine work done by his Department. Scarcely a week passes without some notable achievement due to the intelligent work of the State Police. In a seemingly effortless manner safety records are made, traffic controls established, murders solved.

Further evidence of the ingenuity frequently displayed was the use this week of the amplifying system on a State Police cruiser to locate a woman who had been lost all day in a heavily wooded section of New Hartford. By the simple device of driving through the area calling the woman's name, with loud-speakers turned on full blast, the missing woman was soon located. Nothing world-shaking about it, of course; just a bit of smart thinking, that's all.

Mr. Hickey doesn't accomplish all these things personally, but where intelligence and initiative are used as a matter of routine one may assume that these things don't "just happen." We have said before that any police department is made or broken by the kind of leadership it has. In the Connecticut State Police we have an affirmative demonstration of that truism.

## STATE POLICE IN CLEAR SERIES OF ANSONIA BREAKS

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# The Elm City Clarion

NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTER,

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1944

State Police \* \* \* entitled to great credit in solving that Candlewood slaying so quickly. Connecticut troopers among best in US, as we've always claimed.

Commissioner \* \* \* Ed Hickey has every right to be proud of his men. They're always on the job and they're not afraid to work.

## WILL TRAIN DOGMASTERS

State Police Will Expand Use of Canines in All Kinds of Criminal Work.

Taking note of the use the armed forces have made of dogs in combat and on guard duty, State

## ESCAPED TRIO CAPTURED BY CONN. POLICE

X-Soldiers, Wanted in New York Taken at point In New...

## State Police Auxiliaries Hear 2 Navy Fighters

Officers Hear Pilot And Submarine Officer April 3rd  
Two officers of the United States Navy, one an air fighter, the other an undersea fighter, told of their

# Nip Counterfeit Plot in Meriden

Arrests Pending as State Police Sweeping Probe

## State Police Capture 3 Who Fled Federal Prison

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## STAMFORD ADVOCATE

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1944

### CREDIT TO THE STATE POLICE

Deserved credit goes to the State Police for their handling of the Candlewood Lake murder mystery. They had the mystery solved and had obtained a confession from the criminal within ten days from the discovery of the body. When we realize that the murder had been committed early last Fall, and that attempts had been made to burn the body so as to make identification difficult, the quick success of the solution is all the more remarkable.

When the fact of the murder was first discovered at the end of May, there were so few clues to work upon that it seemed as if the case would be another of those unsolved, unsolvable mysteries. At first it seemed as if the victim might have been a Connecticut girl from Salisbury but that clue had to be abandoned when it was discovered that the dentistry work on the teeth excluded the Connecticut girl from the picture. It was the dentistry work on the teeth which finally brought a young girl missing from the Bronx into the possibilities.

Our State Police pushed their investigation along very fast and were able to arrest the young lad who later confessed having committed the crime. The boy who has confessed to the crime is only seventeen years of age and was a classmate of the girl's in the public schools of the Bronx. Apparently he had been following the case in the papers, for he had returned of his own will to the scene of his crime and our police were able to arrest him in Candlewood.

While State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey gives full credit to the men of his department for the solution of the crime, it was he who directed the investigation and it was he who laid the pattern of training for the alert, intelligent manner followed by the State Police in the investigation.

Stamford joins with Connecticut in saluting Commissioner Hickey and his men.

## The Hartford Times

Established 1817

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1944

### Good Police Work

Identification of the victim of the murder at Candlewood Lake is an exceptionally good bit of police work, for which State Police Commissioner Hickey and his men deserve praise. Once the girl's identity was determined it was a relatively simple matter to find out who her companions were, and arrest of a young man charged with the crime inevitably followed.

The State Police had only the dental work and evidence of a mastoid operation as substantial clues. They knew the approximate age of the murder victim. They plowed through the list of persons reported missing in New York since last August. Assisted by the New York City police, the task of checking dentists' records followed. Eventually the dentist who worked on the girl's teeth was found, and through his records identification was determined.

This case demonstrates once more that good police work usually is a matter of persistent attention to details. A good deal of police activity is drudgery—it lacks the romance popular fiction associates with it. Nevertheless it is intensely interesting to men and women of inquiring mind and genuine devotion to public service. Modern record-keeping by dentists, physicians, employers, fingerprint bureaus and institutions of many kinds makes it less easy for a victim of crime to remain unidentified than was the case some years ago. The modern police expert is far more dependent on science and persistent inquiry than on hunches. All of which makes for more certain punishment of malefactors.

State Cops Win Hickey's Praise

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Col. E. J. Hickey R President; Disc bury-Murder

Colonel Edward Connecticut

STATE POLICE STOP, CHECK TRUCKS AND CARS ON POST RD

Several Arrests  
STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING LAX MORALS SITUATION  
DANIELSON. April 10—A thorough investigation of moral crimes in this area is being carried on by Station D. Lieut.

State Trooper Donald Page Cleans Up Case In Jig Time

OUR SERVICE BOYS'  
MAILING LIST

VOX-COP IS MAILED MONTHLY TO ALL OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE. PLEASE ADVISE US OF ALL CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND LET US KNOW IF VOX-COP IS NOT RECEIVED.

# UNCLE SAM'S NEPHEWS

WE ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO HEAR FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE AND ARE CONTINUALLY WISHING FOR THEIR GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS AND A SPEEDY RETURN TO US FROM A VICTORIOUS MISSION. WE ARE PROUD OF THEM.

VOX-COP

PAGE I

JUNE 1944

Somewhere in New Guinea  
13 May 1944

Dear Ed:

Deep perusal of the pages of your very fine magazine would indicate that "the bridges were covered". Have been very neglectful in not writing you long ago to thank you for having my name on the mailing list. Was particularly interested in the article on Mike Smith. Tell him for me that if he could only bowl a fraction as well as he can shoot that when I get back I'd have him on my team again.

How are you doing with the Red Head and the portly banker on the corner. Hope they aren't causing you too much trouble. You seem to get involved in and out of your work with some of the darndest people. Of course you always have a bodyguard to extricate you from difficult places and situations and then the medics do have handy remedies to add to the coffee. So I guess I shouldn't worry.

Am now in my fifteenth month away from that section of the world which by observation, I still claim to be God's country. Frankly, in spite of the fact that I hear there have been many changes, I am damned anxious to return. There is however a big job to do over here and I'll keep at it for a few months more at least. In order to help the soldiers morale we have to keep our own up and at times it gets pret-

ty difficult. However they are a swell bunch to work for and show plenty of appreciation for our efforts. It helps in this God forsaken part of the world.

Have met quite a number of boys from Hartford and vicinity and Art McGinley's column, which is sent to me regularly gets plenty of reading. Home town news means more than any other. Also have three girls from home at this base, it is a small world at times.

At the moment I have the responsibilities of two field offices, four recreation huts, two truckmobiles, a canteen, besides a few hospital units and two warehouses to keep me out of trouble. By working seven days and nights I manage to keep track of what is going on in all of them. Previously I was one of two over in the Hebrides at Espiritu Santo so that this is quite a change. After four months from a personal standpoint I prefer the other setup for I had more individual contact with the boys. Someone has to do these jobs so if they feel they need me here, I'll do the best I can with it. Again many thanks for the magazine. Remember me to Mrs Hickey and any of the repro-bates you see, best regards,

Sincerely

Charles B. Rice  
American Red Cross



Somewhere in South Pacific

My dear Commissioner:

It is an established fact that 2/3 of the earth's surface is water and believe you me I'm practically through my second third, however, it is not my intention to engross you with geographical facts, but for the lack of a better beginning to this letter, I felt this ought to be a reminder of your school days.

Quite sometime ago, ages it seems to me, I spent a pleasant and later proven profitable visit with your office personnel renewing old acquaintances, etc. and little knowing that it was my last visit for quite sometime. My only regret was that I had not the pleasure of your presence, and I keep my fingers crossed that the opportunity will again present itself for me to go into detail about this voyage.

You of course, by this time are well aware that I am in the enlisted medical transport and it is a far cry from jostling a teletype machine to bandaging a patient and giving him such first aid as the Army feels it has taught me. With no deference to my instructors in this respect, who am I to question my superiors as to what position I am best fitted for in the service. But in the Army I have learned that whatever you don't know it is pounded into your head and I have been reeling from all of this pounding since the beginning of this trip. Confidentially, though, it is my only hope that the occasion never presents itself when I have to administer first aid to you, for outside of a good stiff enema, I couldn't even give you an aspirin when told to do so in medical terms.

There is not much I can say about happenings, but as space in this correspondence is limited, my desire is that you are enjoying the best of health, my regards to everyone in the depart-

ment and as for myself, I am basking in that sunshine that you spend so much lucre for at the beach and outside of the intermittent worrisome headaches which guard against under the sea (and I don't mean fish) I have never felt better.

Altho I have never had aspirations of ever becoming an explorer and I selected the Army to get away from the boats of the Navy, I now consider myself a cross between a Merchant Marine and a member of a Ship's crew. Mind you that this is being done against what I consider my better judgment, but until such time as I am able, because of my rank, to sit at council with the staff that so far has dictated my destiny, who am I to utter any displeasure.

In closing may I ask you and the staff to say a prayer for the boys over there.

With hopes that I shall soon see you again,

Sincerely,

Frank Virelli, Jr.

Italy

Hello Mul:

Have been transferred again and now I'm at a Prisoner of War Camp in Italy. Have had plenty of experience in this kind of work. Would like to be able to tell more about but that will have to wait. I met former Officer George Smith the other day. He is a major now. The weather here is fine and there is a lot of interesting historical places to see.

I see you boys are starting to swing back to traffic. It will save the department some day so bear down. Sure could use Rose or Bianca over here. Its a tough language. Be sure to note the new address so I'll get Vox Cop. They're coming fine.

As Ever, "Buck"  
Major Ralph Buckley

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Mr. Edward J. Hickey  
Commissioner of State Police  
West Hartford, Connecticut

May 27, 1944

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Back in Washington after the visit of Latin American delegates to Connecticut, I want to pay to you my most enthusiastic tribute for the really remarkably smooth and efficient way in which your organization operated during the entire trip. Such things don't happen without an immense amount of careful preparation and without a basically first rate organization to carry it out. It was a great job which made a real impression on me and I know made an even deeper impression on the delegates. It is always a joy to me when an organization in the United States performs with the efficiency which we like to think we Americans have. You and your organization certainly met the test.

With deep appreciation for the opportunity to travel with the group and so to see and share in the fine and enormously successful tour,

Yours sincerely,

John E. Lockwood, General Counsel

Commissioner of State Police  
Hartford, Connecticut

June 16, 1944

Dear Sir:

During the early morning hours of June 16 the writer had occasion to be present at an incident which took place at Compo Beach, Westport, Connecticut.

Two children were supposed to have gone out into the Sound in a small open boat, and failed to return. Fortunately, however, this was not the case; and they turned up safely on dry land.

My reason for writing this letter is to take the occasion of expressing my admiration for the way your men conducted themselves and handled the entire matter. It was not just a case of law-enforcement--which, of course, I would assume, is hard enough to handle, but one that meant helping people who were in trouble.

Your men were efficient, courteous, and tactful in every sense of the words, as well as being extremely alert to take every precaution necessary to locate the children, had they been drifting out on the Sound.

Very truly yours,

Roderick G. Luttgen

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

May 31, 1944

Dear Ed:

It probably isn't necessary for me to tell you how pleased we all are with the splendid cooperation and complete understanding which we have continually received from you and your Department in this most trying and difficult task of breaking Black Market operations.

The carefully planned and organized raids on Monday merely highlights the continued efficiency and understanding which this office has received from you and your men. I cannot fail to give special mention to Captain Schatzman and Lieutenant Mulcahy, not only for their expert advice and assistance but the kind hospitality which was extended to our staff.

As a plain citizen of the State of Connecticut, as well as State Director of the Office of Price Administration, may I say what pride and comfort I take in you and the Department of State Police.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony F. Arpaia, State Director

Mr. Edward J. Hickey  
Commissioner of State Police  
Hartford, Conn.

May 31, 1944

Dear Commissioner:

On Sunday, May 28th, Lieutenant Harry Tucker with several State Troopers, were on duty at Candlewood Lake where the aeroplane of the Grumman Aircraft Mfg. Co. crashed into our wires which cross the Lake, causing an interruption of electric service.,

They made available to us the services of their radio communication system by means of which communication was established between the isolated location and our office in New Milford and also remained to furnish lighting from their portable generating set to assist in repairs which were not completed until after darkness had fallen.

The fine cooperation of your department was very helpful in the restoration of electric service to the several hundred families affected and I want to take this opportunity of telling you that we are very grateful for the help which your department gave us.

Yours very truly,

E. H. Keeler, Manager

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

May 25, 1944

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

On the night of May 11, 1944 two prisoners escaped from our city jail. They were apprehended after an all night search by your officers, and I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to you and your officers for your speedy cooperation in apprehending the two escaped prisoners.

We especially commend the cooperation that we received from Captain Carroll, Lieutenant Schwartz and Sergt. Tierney of the Colchester Barracks. We are also grateful to Officers Roy Paige, William Conlon and Chas. Casalengo who actually caught the fugitives. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to all other officers who assisted in the search during the night.

It has always been a great satisfaction to me and to the City of Middletown to know that we have such a splendid Law Enforcement body as the Connecticut State Police, who are always ready to assist us.

I can honestly say that as Chief of Police of the City of Middletown for the past 21 years that I have always received 100 per cent cooperation from the State Police.

Again thanking you for your assistance,

I am, Sincerely Yours,

Charles A. Anderson  
Chief of Police, Middletown

Commissioner Hickey,  
State Police Department,  
100 Washington Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut

June 19, 1944

Dear Sir:

I would like to commend the work done by the officers in finding my son, Robert, who was lost in Batterson Park.

They all worked speedily and efficiently. Officer Ritchie was especially kind and I thank everyone again.

Yours very sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Beatrice Terase

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

June 3, 1944

Dear Supt. Hickey:

I wish to express my personal appreciation, and also a word of commendation, to the Connecticut State Police for their great assistance in aiding our department in the quick solution of a serious assault and daylight robbery at a cafe in this city on May 26th. The men involved were two escaped prisoners from the Haddam Conn., County Jail, one of whom has already been apprehended by your officers.

I desire to commend 1st. Lieut. Shaw and Officer George Dunn of the Connecticut State Police, stationed at Westbrook, Conn., for their good work. These officers, with Officer John Sugrue from the District Attorney's office, Middletown, came to Holyoke within a short time after the crime, and through photographs in their possession, we were able to identify the hold-up men. We did not have a thing to work on until they came to our assistance with the photos and descriptions.

I feel that the work of these officers merits official recognition, as well as our personal thanks and appreciation.

Yours very truly,  
David F. Allyn, City Marshal.

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

Norwich, Conn.  
May 24, 1944

Dear Sir:

State Policeman, Ray Tierney, stationed at the Groton Police Barracks came along at 2:30 A.M. on the morning of May 11th and found me in my car asleep on the New London-Norwich road. Instead of bawling me out, as some officers might have done, he asked me courteously why I was on the highway at that time asleep in my car. When I told him that I was there due to a flat tire and could not get help or a jack that would work he took his own jack and helped me change the tire.

For his courtesy and help at 2:30 to 3:00 A.M. in the morning, I am most grateful.

This letter is written to you as one that I hope will be different in that it is one of praise for one of your men who is doing his work in a courteous, considerate and efficient manner.

Very truly yours,

S/Calvin Stanley  
President of the Connecticut  
State Teachers Association

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Colonel Edward J. Hickey  
Commissioner of State Police  
Hartford, Conn.

May 24, 1944

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that I am very much pleased with the splendid work which has just been performed by your Officer Freeman of the Colchester barracks in solving the robbery which occurred at the garage known as "Nelson Auto Parts" located on Route 6, in the town of Columbia.

As Administrator of the Estate of Mr. Alvin Nelson who died on August 4, 1943 and whose place of business had been closed for a short time prior to his death, I was notified of the robbery by the caretaker and immediately called the Colchester barracks to report same and Officer Freeman was assigned to the case on May 9, 1944. Since that date he has uncovered and solved two breaks at the garage and has apprehended three young men on the above charge and has had convicted in the Willimantic court three men for receiving and concealing stolen goods, much of which has been recovered. He has also solved a previous break which had taken place in August of 1943 which had not been reported at that time.

This I believe is an enviable record, worthy of comment and I assure you that I am very thankful to you and your department for the fine cooperation in solving the above case.

Very truly yours

Alexis Caisse, Jr.  
Superintendent of Streets

Dear Commissioner Hickey: New Hartford, Connecticut  
June 16, 1944

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the aid given us by the State Police last Sunday--their efficiency was surpassed only by their courtesy and kindness.

Please express our most sincere thanks to all the Men that aided us.

Very Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ludlam

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BY THE  
YANKEE CLIPPER



OUR STATE POLICE

(The Hartford Daily  
Courant)

June 14, 1944

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey has by this time grown used to the well-deserved encomiums showered upon him for the fine work done by his Department. Scarcely a week passes without some notable achievement due to the intelligent work of the State Police. In a seemingly effortless manner safety records are made, traffic controls established, murders solved.

Further evidence of the ingenuity frequently displayed was the use this week of the amplifying system on a State Police cruiser to locate a woman who had been lost all day in a heavily wooded section of New Hartford. By the simple device of driving through the area calling the woman's name with loud-speakers turned on full blast, the missing woman was soon located. Nothing world-shaking about it, of course; just a bit of smart thinking, that's all.

Mr. Hickey doesn't accomplish all these things personally, but where intelligence and initiative are used as a matter of routine one may assume that these things don't "just happen". We have said before that any police department is made or broken by the kind of leadership it has. In the Connecticut State Police we have an affirmative demonstration of that truism.

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CRIME A YOUNG MAN'S "RACKET"

(Waterbury American)

Crime continues to be a young man's business. We gain new evidence of this in the annual report of Police Comsr. Lewis J. Valentine of New York City. It is revealed that in 1943, youths in the age group from 16 to 20 years were responsible for 51.9 per cent of all the burglaries and 43.8 per cent of all cases of assault and battery. Not only that, but all crime, in the same age group, increased from 27.3 per cent to 34 per cent--this in a year when there was a notable decrease in all kinds of major offenses against the law. This is a picture of a very small percentage of the residents of New York being responsible for more than its share of bad behavior.

It has always been more or less that way, even though the much talked of juvenile delinquency of today has contributed to the condition. This commentator well remembers a number of years ago when he made personal investigation of crime statistics in Waterbury and was amazed to find that men over 30 are rarely arrested for acts of violence committed for monetary gain. Of course, men of all ages are guilty of crimes that may be attributed to uncontrolled emotions. But youth it was then, and youth it is now, that adopts a career of crime to pay the butcher and baker. Further investigation revealed that there were some old criminals still alive, but that most of them had fallen into the clutches of the law and were being supported by the state in prison.

Of course, crime is a young man's business, but youth has not had years enough to learn that crime does not pay. The young man who decides that it would be easy enough to hold up a bank messenger doesn't credit the police with having had much experience in just this sort of thing. One error on the part of the adventurer puts him behind the bars. Very often the I.Q. of the would-be hold-up man is lower than the nether part of a tortoise that raced with the hare, and about as fast in operation.

## THE POLICEMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

Excerpts from opinion by  
Judge Max Boyer  
New London Police Court

"A policeman holds a position of a public officer and one of trust, charged with the duty of preserving the public peace. A city is not liable in damages for his acts and his misconduct establishes a personal responsibility. He is the servant of the public for all practical purposes and never its master.

"In the execution of his trust, he must be honest, loyal and faithful and as a creature of the law he, above all others, should obey the law. Never should he allow himself to be placed in a position of conflicting duties nor allow personal interest to intervene, adverse to the public good. If possible, he should

protect a person under arrest and not subject him to abuse, nor use more force than is reasonably necessary. To do otherwise, makes his breach of trust subject to close scrutiny by the proper authorities.

"A club and a revolver are dangerous instrumentalities if not used with proper discretion. A hasty temper leads to lack of discretion and when blended with a club, may result in a violent and disastrous situation.

"In the present case the policeman's conduct is before this court as an important incident to a crime but not for personal misconduct.

"A breach of the peace can be committed within the confines of a cell, just as much as anywhere else, as our law does not make it necessary to be committed in public. Similar statutes in other states, have been so construed.

## LIEUT. FRANK VIRELLI

From the St. Petersburg, Fla. "Times" of June 4 we have an interesting clipping relative to this old-timer who retired from our organization after 35 years of service and took up his home in that city of sunshine and delights.

Born in Italy and a long time resident of Bridgeport, the Lieutenant always had a keen insight into human nature, and a particularly keen insight into the mental processes of his countrymen who chose to violate the law. Along with these attributes he also had a degree of perseverance that was "bad news" for evildoers. During his long period of

service to the State of Connecticut his work in the apprehension of felons was outstanding. Among these cases were many of statewide and nationwide importance, cases that went to build up the reputation of the Department as an efficient and effective organization.

The Lieutenant is now reaping the benefits of his long service, and of the liberal retirement policy of the state. He is comfortably domiciled in his new home, but has not forgotten his friends in Connecticut, as evidenced by the fact that he continues his membership in the Connecticut State Police Association.



STATE POLICE ALWAYS ON THE JOB

(Connecticut Western News)  
 When our State Police start action, they really "go to town." This was plainly shown last week when the Canaan troop, in conjunction with troopers from other barracks in the state, raided gambling places throughout Litchfield County.

Due to the usual secrecy, the raids were very successful. The culprits were arrested and the "joints" were denuded of the gambling paraphernalia. In one building a large truck load of gambling devices was carted away for evidence.

The people of this state of Connecticut should feel proud of the records of achievement of our state police. We, in this section know of the honest and efficient work that the troopers perform under the direction of Lieut Fred Brandt.

Being a police officer is no easy task. These men are on call at all hours of the day and night yet perform their duties whenever called.

A doctor makes a mistake and buries it.

A clergyman makes a mistake and it is only discovered in the next world.

A lawyer makes a mistake and he is paid for it as highly as if he had not.

BUT

If a policeman makes a mistake he is condemned.

ORCHIDS and ORCHIDS

To Lieut. Leo M. Mulcahy of the Connecticut State Police Department for his lecture last Tuesday on CONFESSIONS which was a humdinger! Those fortunate in attending the lecture were privileged to hear a practical 'copper' talking on a subject fraught with difficulties.

The police practice of taking confessions and statements is one seriously limited by legal barriers. Lt. Mulcahy in showing how well he was acquainted with the difficulties in this field proved himself to be a kindred soul time and again in stating a real copper's opinion of some of the hocus-pocus we're subjected to under existing law.

Common talk of those who attended the lecture was, "This guy knows his stuff." The State Police can well be proud to have such a man among their number.

Thanks for the 'short-cuts', Leo!

THE SPOTLIGHT - Bridgeport P. D.  
 May 27, 1944

CONGRATULATIONS "SPOTLIGHT"

"Vox-Cop" extends hearty congratulations to Bridgeport's splendid weekly edition, "The Spotlight".

Supt. John A. Lyddy and the Bridgeport Police Department may well be proud of their self-edited publication. More power to you Bridgeport. Keep them coming.  
 (Vox-Cop)

MASTER MINDS AT WORK

(The New Milford Times)

Listening to detective tales by way of the radio gives one a false idea of master minds in action, as we discovered on a visit to Cornwall last Saturday to carry out a commission for a New York paper. Saturday, we went to the home of the lady so brutally assaulted on Thursday night of last week, expecting that a local resident or perhaps a policeman in charge would answer a few simple questions that had no relation to the criminal or which would interfere with the investigation being made.

Instead of one or two policemen we found several, and with them a lot of men dressed up in some sort of Boy Scout regalia, who, we later learned, were not Boy Scouts but auxiliary policemen from various parts of the county. Our mission was bootless sorry to say, even though we had a card signed by Commissioner Hickey which purportedly instructed State troopers to render whatever assistance might be possible implying that non-committal ques-

tions could be answered without fear of upsetting theology.

But nary a question, no matter how simple, would be answered. The master minds were engrossed in their problem, and the stereotyped reply was "Don't know" The master detective was on the scene, booted, armed and spurred as if he belonged to the heavy cavalry, accompanied by his secretary and a staff of photographers.

We foolishly have always believed that such jobs are done quietly and unostentatiously. Now we know differently. The modern ways are to have a small army corps on hand, each member of which must be mum and dumb, with the ordinary amenities forgotten for the time being.

We had a good time anyway, especially since the mission caused us to look over a part of the county that had almost been forgotten. Then too we had many a chuckle over the show as we proceeded on our way to complete our errand at Canaan.

VOX COP adds  
"Some Folks Never Learn"

INSIDE ABOUT POCKETS

(St. Louis Post Dispatch)

Pickpockets report business is simply terrible. One of their fraternity recently itemized by the law carried not a single wallet, not a fold of currency, but, instead, three draft cards, a package of hairpins, a season's opera pass, six coat checks and a floor plan of a bowling alley. People, it was said, no longer carry cash worth the mention or the plucking. Investment in war bonds has made the well-lined

American pocket just a memory.

Or so the theory goes. Perhaps, also, a reason for the decline of pocket money is that after the civilian has properly equipped himself with his draft card, social security card, state drivers license, city driver's license, automobile registration, tire inspection record, food ration books, gasoline ration coupons, union card, hunting and fishing license, and notice of delinquent income tax payment, there's no room left for money.

CONNECTICUT MAN PRAISES SEATTLE  
FOR ITS CLEAN STREETS

That Edward J. Hickey, Commissioner of Connecticut State Police and General Chairman of the traffic division of the International Association of Sheriff's and Police, was impressed by Seattle when here for a conference recently is shown in an article just published.

The article, in the Connecticut State Police magazine, reads in part:

"The streets are noticeably clean. The lawns are as green as though April showers had refreshed them. We had not been in Seattle an hour before observing prompt compliance by pedestrians with the traffic signals at intersections. Traffic lights are aided by the ringing of a bell - no "jaywalking" here.

"Another outstanding factor pertaining to traffic control quickly attracted our attention. Operators are strictly observing the posted speed limit. Neither within the city nor on the outskirts did we witness any speeding."

SOLDIERS WITHOUT UNIFORM

By CHESTER BOWLES, Administrator,  
Office of Price Administration

The other day someone sent me a clipping from a paper which told this story. It seems a worker in a Milwaukee war plant gave a tip to state and federal enforcement officers which led to the arrest of two men and was a factor in breaking up a huge gasoline black market.

Said Thomas Gorak, Jr., The war worker: "I thought I was just doing what anyone should do."

But instead of getting the thanks of his neighbors and fellow workers for protecting them from black market racketeers, which he deserves, Gorak is getting the cold shoulder.

The realization that such an attitude exists even in one part of one American community is shocking. It would be like condemning a soldier for reporting the position of enemy snipers. Because these gasoline blacketeers are enemies of our entire rationing system.

When they peddle their counterfeit or stolen coupons they are sniping at our entire home front war effort by stealing gasoline away from essential transportation.

When people buy these illegal coupons they let the racketeers make personal profit at the public's expense.

Let us be thankful that there are Goraks, and plenty of them in America, "soldiers without uniform" who have the courage to do what anyone should do."

WILLIAM F. SILK IS SELECTED AS  
CHIEF OF BOROUGH POLICE

William F. Silk, for 12 years a member of the Stafford Springs Police Department, for six years Night Patrolman, who resigned a year ago over a wage dispute with the Court of Burgesses, returns to the employ of the Borough on June 15th as Chief.

Chief Silk won the appointment by taking first place in a competitive Civil Service examination administered by out of town police officials at Stafford High School last Friday.

On the Board of Police Examiners were William F. Finneran, Deputy Police Chief of Worcester, Chairman; Chief of Police Joseph T. Owens of Rome, New York; and Captain William L. Schatzman of the Connecticut State Police.

# STOP LOOK LISTEN

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

P.F. BUCKLE, Supt. of Safety, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad:

"Safety work could be carried on more militantly. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport in the world." What can be more worth fighting for than the conservation of human life and limb, especially during days such as these?

The problem of the loss of the worker to industry, of great importance at any time, but which is of such significance now, cannot be ignored.

The real reason for safety work is our desire to do something for our fellow man."

COLONEL HOMER GARRISON, Director, Department of Public Safety - Texas:

"The gruff, blustering police officer is either a coward trying to appear tough, an egotist taking advantage of his authority or an inexperienced man laboring under the misapprehension that it is his duty to reform human nature."

"Courtesy works both ways."

"A Police Department which embarks upon a program of Selective Traffic Enforcement performs a most valuable service in the saving of lives and the prevention of injury and property damage."

BURTON W. MARSH, American Automobile Association:

"There is no doubt that unless we stop the present increases in Traffic Accidents, we face the greatest highway slaughter in history during the post-war period."

DR. ARTHUR J. TODD, Chairman Emeritus of the Sociology Department, Northwestern University:

"The ace in the whole game of sound public relations is the move toward making police work in general and traffic work in particular a profession."

SIDNEY J. WILLIAMS, General Manager, National Safety Council:

"If we handle Traffic wisely, we shall handle it safely; for Safety is not a thing in itself, to be added or withheld at will; it is a by-product of efficiency, of doing the right thing the right way."

BRADY GENTRY, Ex-President, American Association of State Highway Officials

"Highways are the means by which the manifold activities of our daily lives are carried on. They are, in reality, the means by which we live."

ROBERT E. SPOONER, Engineer, The Travelers Standard:

"Accidents are caused, they don't "Just happen", so there must be a WHY. Experience is a great teacher but it can teach only those who take time to wonder - WHY."

DR. KARL MENNINGER, Chief of Staff, The Menninger Clinic, Topeka, Kansas:

"A Policeman's duty is not to arrest people; it is, as much as possible, to avoid arresting people, to enable people to avoid the necessity of being arrested."

JOHN DOE, Cab Driver, Aberdeen, South Dakota:

"I'll get you to the Station, Mister, but I'm not going thru any red lights or break any speed laws to do it. We've got a swell safety record in Aberdeen - five years without a traffic death. And we intend to keep it."

Well, that's what people "in the know" have to say about the importance of Traffic, Accident Prevention, and Officer attitude.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

## MARKSMEN AND SHARPSHOOTERS

Lieut. Willard E. Bushy reports the officers here listed as having qualified as Marksmen or Sharpshooters during the 1944 indoor shoot with 22 calibre revolver.

\*\* Sharpshooter                      \* Marksmen

Station "A"	Station "E"	Station "H"
** Walter W. Foley	* Lt. K. W. Stevens	** Lt. G. S. Lenzi
* Edward G. Giardina	* Arthur P. Anderson	* W. Braithwaite
* John T. Jones	** Alfred Carazza	* C. W. Casalengo
* Robert J. Murphy	* Neil Hurley	** Harvey C. Coleman
* Edward Flanagan	* J. F. LaFramboise	* S. Esposito
** Edward F. Meagher	* Thomas Nichol	** W. A. Gruber
	* Stanley Stason	* P. L. Massicotte
	* Michael Shegda	** George Panciera
	* John S. Skelly	* Edward Steele
	* Raymond Tierney	
	* Andrew Yurtin	Station "I"
Station "B"		* Russell T. Burton
** Lawrence S. Beizer		** Carl E. Carlson
** Leonard L. Davis		* David Dunn
** Frank Duren		* Ralph DeRienz
** Donald C. Frost		* John Hartnett
	Station "F"	** Albert H. Pethick
	** John H. Ehlert	* Edwin Puester
	* James Ferguson	* Dimitro Pawchyk
* Robert M. Erdin	* Edward F. Gayer	** Tom Smith
** John E. Kearney	** Carmelo Ippolito	* Michael J. Santy
** Walter Smiegel	* James P. McNally	
* Alden Thompson	* Leonard J. Menard	Station "K"
	** Joseph L. Oliwa	** John F. Fersch
	** George H. Roche	* Samuel E. Freeman
	* Joseph A. Suchanek	** Kevin L. McDonald
* Vincent Brescia	* William A. Surprenant	** Thomas M. O'Brien
** Joseph Guilbeault		** Charles Pritchard
* Henry Marikle		
* John T. Murphy	Station "G"	Station "L"
* Earl H. Woodworth	** George A. Boston	** Wilbur E. Calkins
* Eugene I. Wanat	** Leo H. Dymkoski	** James B. Conlon
	** Benjamin A. Davis	** James H. Finnigan
Special Service	** George S. Fray	** John G. Swicklas
* Ruth Ashley	* George A. Fogarty	** John J. Wilcox
* Evelyn Briggs	* Alexander Kostok	
** L. J. Mercier	** Clifford E. Lyon	
* Frank Whalen	* Louis D. Marchese	
* Anthony P. Zemetis	* David Mackenzie, Jr.	
	** Vincent J. Searles	
	** John J. Soltis, Jr.	
	* S. Sobolewski	

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## ALL GROTON TROOPERS ATTEND FUNERAL OF LIEUTENANT STEVENS

The full complement of the Groton state police barracks turned out yesterday to pay final tribute to its commanding officer Lieut. Kenneth W. Stevens, 47, who went to his death last Friday in the Connecticut River.

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey headed a delegation of state policemen, including representatives from all departments and barracks, in attendance at the funeral services for Lieutenant Stevens at Thompsonville, and, so that every trooper and detective from the Groton barracks could be present, the Commissioner assigned men from the Danielson, Colchester and Westbrook Stations to fill in at Groton.

The funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. at the Leete funeral home, with the Rev. Francis R. Belden, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church of Thompsonville officiating, and Rev. Clarence Wagner of New London, State Police Chaplain. Interment in Enfield Street cemetery followed. Bearers were Lieuts. Irving Schubert and William E. Mackenzie of headquarters barracks; and the following barracks' commanders: Lieuts. Philip Schwartz, Colchester; Michael D. Smith, Bethany; Harris J. Hulburt, Stafford Springs, and Frederick W. Brandt, Canaan.

Army Service Forces  
First Service Command  
16 June 1944

My dear Commissioner Hickey;

Your very nice letter of 14 June has reached me, and your very kind expressions contained therein are sincerely appreciated.

Colonel Paul and I in our numerous contacts with Lt. Stevens had been extended such exceptional cooperation by him in the manner in which he went to any end possible to assure to us the maximum of cooperation and always with such graciousness regardless of inconvenience to him, that we considered him not only one of our truest friends in Connecticut but practically a member of our staff.

I was looking forward with pleasant anticipation to a continuation of my friendship with Lt. Stevens down through those years after this war is over, and you may be sure that his passing was to me a very sad one.

In losing Lt. Stevens I know that you have not only lost a fine and true friend but also an officer who will be extremely difficult if at all possible to replace.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin E. Foss  
Lt. Colonel, Infantry

June 10, 1944

Dear Commissioner:

I was shocked to read in this morning's paper the sudden death of Lieutenant Stevens. He was one of the many men in the State Police Department who always extended the most cordial hospitality and cooperation to us in the numerous activities that we have carried on together.

His death must be a serious loss to you, and for me, I can assure you. His absence will seem to cut out a corner where one was always warmly received.

Very sincerely

Austin Purves

## EASTERN TERRITORY

"D" DAY BECOMES "DOOMSDAY"  
FOR "DOUBLEDAY"

Almon Doubleday lived in Lebanon and is now 32 years of age. Recently he appeared at the Colchester Barracks for a conference and frankly stated that he had no use for the State Police officers and that he did not want any police visiting him or trespassing on his property, unless they were in possession of proper warrants. Doubleday, some six or eight years ago, won an acquittal in the Superior Court in New London County on a "breaking and entering in the nite season" charge. His acquittal made his ego the more pronounced and he associated with a Max Rankle of Hebron and together they laid plans for a profitable criminal career. They acquired the services of two other men and carried on uninterrupted until.....

Acting on the very definite information obtained by Officer Edward Faith, concerning a stolen log chain from the forests of Marlboro, Lieut. Schwartz assigned Sergt. Ed Tierney to prepare for the "Invasion" of the Doubleday and Rankle property, regardless of the weather or the risk. Armed with search warrants and arrest warrants, Sergt. Tierney with Officers Conlon, Faith, and O'Brien, searched the Doubleday and Rankle property and seized them personally as well as thousands of dollars worth of property stolen from our good residents.

There were crowbars, cultivators, chisels, pickaxes, plows, and pulleys, shovels, shingles, swords, a lighting plant, swayer plant, tomato plants, block and falls, chain falls, guns, gimmicks, and garage doors, tools, tools, tools, and many mechani-

cal and farm implements were recovered and returned to the original owners. Ninety-six hours and not another minute was used by the intrepid squad headed by Sergt. Tierney in this major criminal investigation, to capture, convict and finally confine Doubleday and Rankle in our States Prison at Wethersfield.

Commissioner Hickey loaned Lieut. Schwartz an officer or two from Stations H, I, and E, and the S.S. Squad to carry on the routine work for Station "K". In addition to their regular work this special group did much hand shaking for their pride at the performance of the Colchester squad knew no bounds.

COOPERATION AND CONCENTRATION  
SPELLS APPREHENSION

On May 24th, 1944, Arthur A. Northam was found to be a fugitive from the Middlesex County jail where he was awaiting Superior Court trial for theft of an automobile. His elopment from the jail is another story. His continued absence from custody created much enthusiasm on Memorial Day, 1944, when Jane Doe advised that a man resembling Northam was prowling around Parnassus Mountain in East Haddam. Twenty minutes later, twenty-two prowl cars of the Connecticut State Police were prowling around this same mountain under the very able and positive Radio guidance of our Thomas "Graham McNamee" O'Brien. At just 5:12 P.M. -- one hour and twenty minutes in back of the information, Northam was WITHOUT the Parnassus Mt., and WITHIN the State Police car of the energetic Lieut. Shaw, and en route to Station "F".

Moral -- When the AITCHES AND the KAYS, and the EFFS and the EEZE with the JAYS get together, there is sure to be a crime solved promptly.

## DO YOU REMEMBER

Patrolling in those Model T roadsters with the top down in the rain... When we used to lock up the front door, put the night bell on, and retire at 9:30 P.M. Sergt. Carroll running four miles every morning with the students at the Ridgefield Training School where he was assistant instructor "Mike" Smith's fur coat and derby hat at all the raids..Ted Strands curley hair... Those liquor raids during prohibition every Saturday night..When Harry Leavitt wheeled all those Governors...When R.V.U. trotted up the hills at Stafford at the First Aid Refresher school When Lt. Willard Edgar B. had a handle-bar mustache.. When we all wore numbers instead of badges.. those high military collars on the blouses... When E.J.H. took Off. L.F.C. for a motorcycle ride at the first training school.....

WELL I DO.

Erin's Skipper

## STATION "D" DANIELSON

At about the time when the officers at Station "D" were convinced that there was little or no real juvenile problem in our area, things began to happen that brought about a change of mind.

On May 20, 1944 two teen aged boys were surprised in a summer cottage at Alexander's Lake near Danielson. The boys fled from the scene. Shortly thereafter Lieut. V. J. Clarke succeeded in apprehending one of the boys.

Officers Tom McGrath and John B. Murphy began questioning the boy and he told an amazing tale. Before the investigation was completed 27 breaks had been marked as solved and 7 juveniles were implicated. The breaks extended over a period of six months or more and included breaks in

stores and other business establishments as well as summer homes.

An interesting side light on the case developed shortly afterwards when the mother of one of the boys was arrested. Evidence in that case proved that the mother was seldom home and was not interested in the welfare of her son.

The mother of one of the other boys stated she was never worried about her son as she was sure that he could take care of himself.

The day following his visit to the barracks - with one of the other boys involved - he skipped school and broke into a closed mansion. They had selected a lot of sterling silver objects to take from the house but were caught by the caretaker as they were about to depart. They got away from this man in Putnam and took to the woods. Another day was spent in searching for them before they were located.

This case served to illustrate the statement, heard so often of late, that there are very few delinquent children but there are many delinquent parents.

Off. Joseph Guilbeault kept up his record of recovering stolen cars when on June 2, 1944 he apprehended a juvenile (the one-whose mother was sure he could take care of himself) after an attempted theft of a car in Scotland. Nearby was parked a car stolen in Hartford. The boy admitted his part in the theft of the car and indicated that a companion was the driver of that car and had fled toward Baltic. Off. Guilbeault started in pursuit with the prisoner. The second boy, an old offender, was finally cornered in Baltic by the officer and when help arrived he was picked up by Off. Thomas McGrath.



STATION "D" (as cont.)

In a letter received this week from Major Roy Konopaska he expressed surprise at the number of unfamiliar names he finds in "Vox Cop". Roy left us two years ago, to march with Uncle Sam, and we must admit that there have been many changes in that time. He reports himself in the best of health and is enjoying his work as a "desk soldier". Roy closed with "Cheerio" - It must be that English influence.

By the time this edition appears Officer Vincent Brescia will have left to answer the call to arms. We will all miss his pleasant smile and sunny disposition as well as his quiet efficient workmanship. Good Luck in your Army adventures, Vinc!

The civilian staff at Station "D" has a new addition in the person of Miss Millicent Maloney of Putnam, radio dispatcher. Station "D" now will match its radio team of Maloney and Brennan with that of any other station in the state for good looks (as well as efficiency). Drop in and see for yourself, don't take our word for it.

#### STATION "I" BETHANY

Added to the personnel of Station "I" on May 22nd, was William Schatzman Jr., weighing almost 9½ pounds. Congratulations Captain.

"Jolly Jerry" otherwise known as "Spotlight Smith", one of our former co-workers is now convalescing following an abdominal operation. The best of luck and a quick comeback is wished for you Jerry, by all your Bethany Buddies.

If L.J.M. claims that is a Florida tan he's sporting don't you believe him. Instead he got it on his day off while working on his boat. "Don" wants to know why the S.S. Mulcahy is called a sailboat when he knows a motor is to be attached.

Bethany Boulevard, when completed will be the pride and joy of our station. Lt. M. Smith is director of the project and is proudly displaying his engineering powers. When is the dedication day, Lieutenant?

Spring is in the air and love blossoms forth. Officer "Mike" Santy didn't feel like cupid and nipped romance in the budding stage when he found a gal and her boy-friend living together without benefit of clergy. Ed Porter and Bessie Cox realize however that Mike was only doing his job and have asked him to be their best man when they are released and Ed's current wife obtains a divorce. That shows that you can arrest people and make them like it!!!

The world will go to rack and ruin this week. Imagine "Monk" and "Gabby" having the same week off for vacation. What will happen to S<sup>t</sup>a. I while these two are having fun?

Officer T. Duma of this station had an enthusiastic audience while giving a talk on safety at the Woodbridge School. He has that certain something that is needed in getting an idea across to the youngsters. Good work Tom and when you get to be Speaker of the House we'll all be there to applaud.

The two Johns, O'Brien and Dunphy, have had a bad case of golfitis cured by injections of long hours and lots of work.

STATION "I" (as cont.)

Summer visitors at "Quassie" can be sure of boating this season since Officer T. Smith recovered three row boats and a canoe that had been stolen from that lake.

If Edwin Puester is missing one of these fine days don't think he's playing hookey. Instead it will be his day off for his speedy recovery of a stolen 1941 Buick Sedan on May 27th. The occupants, all boys in their teens, were found hiding in the woods nearby where they had run when Officer Puester halted their car.

Peeved Phoney Pony Prankster Profits Pulling Public's Pocketbooks Prior to Policemen's Padlocks.

Spec. Service Officers Foley and Santy got around a trick plate glass in the door of the apartment of Louis Maturio in Shelton. Maturio could look out to see who was in the hall but callers could not see through the one-way glass. But our boys, just like the Mounties, always get their man. Judge H. A. Thompson fined Maturio \$500.00 and suspended his sentence of a year in jail. By order of the Court, Maturio's costly short-wave radio has been given to Laurel Heights Sanatorium and more than 200 pencils and many pads used for taking horse-racing bets were turned over to the Shelton Board of Education.

At this time and through this medium the entire personnel of Station "I" wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Lieut. Kenneth Stevens and to Captain Kelly upon the loss of his mother.

THE DAILEY REPORTER

STATION "K" COLCHESTER

Officer Charlie (Whirlwind typist) Pritchard is in the market for a small farm. He recently purchased a book "Five Acres and Independence" and is seriously studying it.

Recently when Sergt. Tierney and Off. Edward Faith were traveling from Station "I" to Station "K" carrying five of the "BUY BONDS" signs designed by Lt. M.D. Smith, they met with a slight mishap in the center of New Haven, when the top sign became loosened and sailed out into the street. When they were carrying the sign back to the truck, traffic stopped, horns sounded and a crowd gathered. The mob clamored to buy bonds as they waved their money in the air. The emergency squad of the New Haven Police Department arrived and rescued the officers and they proceeded on their way.

"SAHIB"  
Colchester Special Reporter

TRAINING OUTPOST

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

May 25, 1944

Dear Commissioner;

I received your letter of the 18th and I want to thank you for the inspiring contents.

I have been getting along rather well and have been accorded the finest hospitality here at the training depot. The course is a strenuous one and requires a maximum of good hard work and concentration. Our day begins at 6:30 a.m., at which time we arise and head for the showers and  
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mess is served from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Returning to quarters, the barrack room is cleaned and made ready for daily inspection and we report to training sections at 8:30 a.m. to begin work for the day.

Until the Department shepard dog arrived, I had been assigned to a Doberman Pinscher, called Perky and I worked with this dog in group training, in the open field section along the banks of the Ottawa river. This Doberman is famous for liquor work, which consists of letting him run loose in areas in which there are illicit stills and he sure does recognize the scent of liquor. Bottles containing liquor are planted in shrubbery and are buried in the ground and this dog makes a sweeping search and invariably finds the object. He has had seven years of training in this specialty. Another R.C.M.P. dog, a shepard has been especially trained in jumping and from a running start of ten feet will climb fourteen feet up the side of a tree to either attack or to recover an object.

Tracking of course is the fundamental work of these dogs and all sorts of tracks are laid, straight tracks, cross tracks and pavement tracks and this work is the hardest both on the dog and dogmaster. There are so many disadvantages under which a dog must work at the scene of a crime, the trail being covered up by many people crossing it or being too old that the scent is lost or in it ending up on a main road and the scent being destroyed by traffic. I have come to the conclusion as the result of this course so far, that a dog is only as good as the scent left by the person being tracked and that

he must not be blamed for failure. It is surprising how quickly the spirit and reaction of the handler is felt by the dog and care must be taken to always praise him even though the search has been a futile one.

I have come to feel a genuine affection for our shepard and he for me and in the two weeks training he has had, I feel that he is responding very well. He has learned to come to heel position and to sit when I stop walking and to down on all fours and is now being trained in guard work. It is a slow process to train a new dog, for he must not be allowed to do too much in one day, as he would tire of it all too quickly..

I have been informed by Special Constable Abfalter, in charge of training that it will take a minimum of three months to properly train our shepard and even after that period, I will have to carry out at home, what I have learned here, as a matter of daily routine, to further his training and to keep him at peak. The R.C.M.P. has invested a lot of time and money in the training and maintenance of the Dogmasters section and has been repaid in the solving of many difficult cases and I shall try to hold up my end when I return home.

The dog very quickly becomes a one man animal and twice this week I have had occasion to really believe it, on Monday a Doberman came too close to a Dogmaster and his shepard and it resulted in a fight, in which the Doberman lost an ear and today a shepard came too close to another one and he also lost an ear. The fighting is swift and savage and the intention is to kill and it

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takes swift action to part them before too much damage is done. In the obedience work, the dog is taught to disregard everyone but his master and is coaxed to come away from a "stay" position and after enough of training he will not obey anyone else but his master. The dogs are lined up and each dogmaster throws his leash in front of his dog and commands him to watch it and then the dogmasters change positions and endeavor to pick up the other fellow's leash and if you are not quick, it means a slashed hand or arm.

The weather here has been very warm and spring is here in full blossom, the grounds here at the Training Depot are beautiful and green and the surrounding country side would make one think of the rolling hills of Connecticut.

The home of our American ambassador is situated about one mile from the Training Depot and is on the same side of the Ottawa River. It is a beautiful place and every day as I pass it, I always look for Old Glory, flying from the flagpole atop the main house.

I very quickly earned a nickname, I am called "Connecticut", by most of the Mounties and they are a lot like us, they like to kid each other about the section of the country they come from.

I have attended some lectures at the Police College and one was given by Corporal Peter MacGregor, subject, Police training and dogs and it was good.

Respectfully submitted  
Officer Walter W. Foley

## HEADQUARTERS

We were delighted, but not surprised, to learn that our own Helen is now Corp. Helen F. Breault, U.S.M.C.W.R. Hearty Congratulations, Helen!! (Helen's address is Bldg. 17 Camp Elliott, San Diego (44) California. We know that she would like to hear from the Vox-Cop readers.

Sadness entered the homes of three of our Headquarters' members during the month. We express our sincere sympathy to Sally Morrow in the loss of her Mother; to Captain John Kelly who also suffered the loss of his Mother; and to Officer John Pomfret in the passing of his Father.

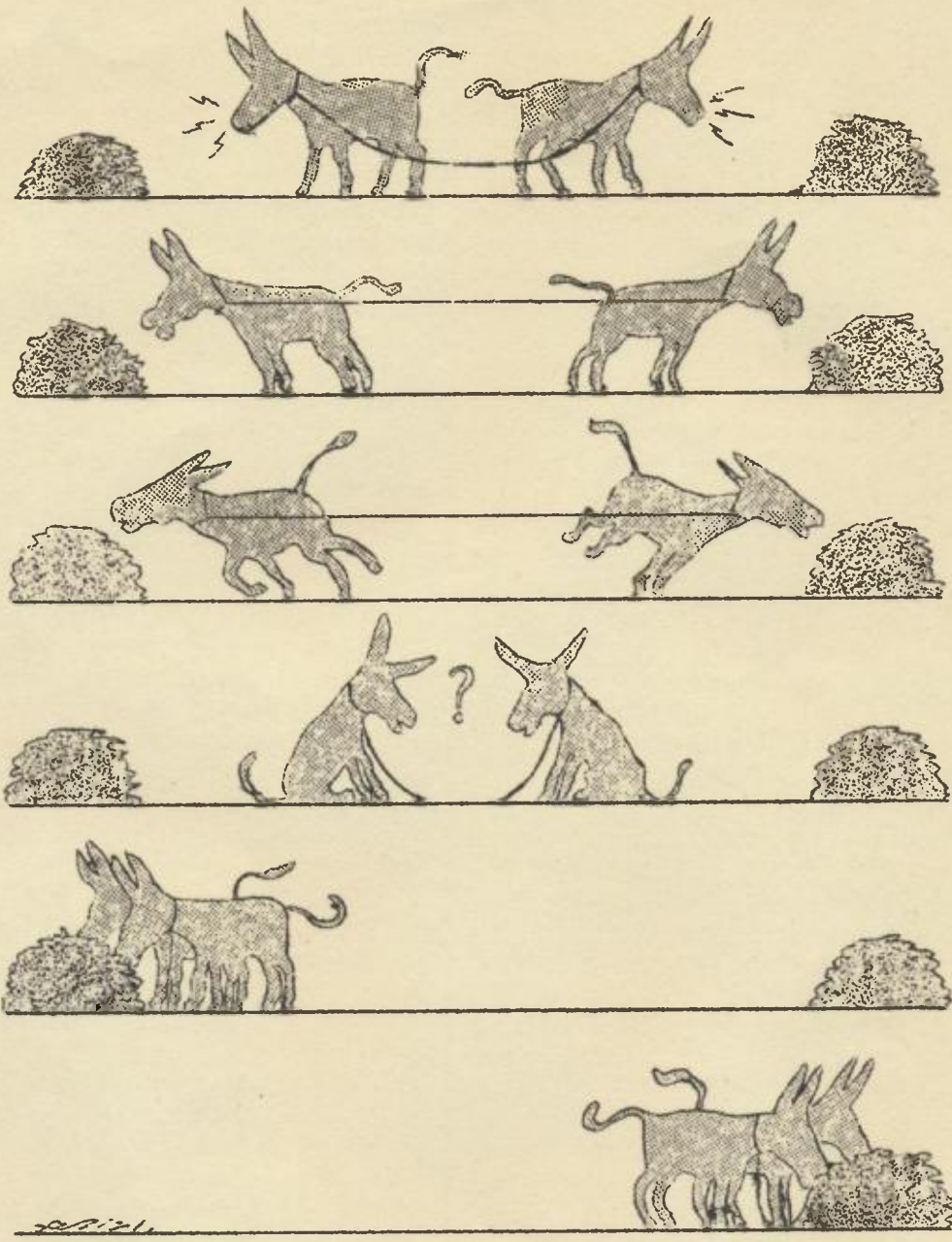
Two of our "gals" are about to return to the fold with brand new names. Now it is Mrs. George S. Welles (nee Rose Bernstengle) and Mrs. John Godfrey (nee Mildred Christiana). Best wishes to the newlyweds from Vox-Cop!!

Captain Stiles celebrated another birthday anniversary early this month. Many happy returns of the day, Captain.

This "Scribe" (apologies to those who are) has read all the latest on "how to make friends" and "influence" people but she still has a lot of bonds for sale!! (Not a "Pd. Adv.")... Just a hint!!)

"The Smithie"  
Headquarters Special Reporter

We are proud to report that Lieutenant Stevens lost no time in going to the front on War Bond sales. He had purchased his bonds and had arranged the sale of \$20,000.00 worth before his tragic demise.



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