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Code of Honor
of the
Connecticut State Police

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The traditions and splendid reputation of the Connecticut State Police are incorporated in the following code of honor, to which all members of the Department subscribe by word and deed:

"I am a Connecticut State Policeman—a soldier of the law.
To me is entrusted the honor of the Department.

"I will serve the State of Connecticut honestly and faithfully
and, if need be, lay down my life as others have done rather
than swerve from the path of duty.

"I will be loyal to my superiors, obey the law and enforce
the law without discrimination as to class, color, creed or
condition, and without fear or favor.

"I will help those in danger or distress, and at all times con-
duct myself so as to uphold the honor of the Department."

Yankee ^{By The} Clipper



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Those Were The Days

STATE POLICE GET NEWS FAST

By John A. Gleason

I happened to be in the private office of State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey Wednesday afternoon of last week. Commissioner Hickey interrupted his talk with a visiting newsman, James L. McGovern, the veteran co-editor of The Bridgeport Post, to pick up the telephone receiver on his desk. It was apparent that the commissioner was paying the strictest attention to the information which was being given him. After a startled exclamation, he carefully restored the receiving apparatus to its cradle, looked at his visitors and said:

"An attempt has just been made to assassinate President Truman, by shooting up the Blair House where he was taking a nap. The President was not hurt but one of his guards is dead and at least one of his assailants. The details are a bit jumbled as yet, but this much seems to be certain."

The commissioner gave instructions to his secretary, Miss Catherine Collins, to pass on the news to Major Carroll and other members of his staff. His callers were impressed by the brisk routine manner in which the commissioner received news which would startle the entire nation and have ramifications on all parts of the communicable world.

Also it gave evidence that the head of the State Police had his own private sources of news events, whether these were or were not of immediate concern to his department. It was apparent how quickly his department could be alerted should action be called.

MOST PEOPLE of this state now appreciate the importance of the State Police Department to the maintenance of law and order and the safety of its people, but there was spirited opposition to the enactment of the law by the Legislature creating it.

It occurred to me during the campaign just ended when there were so many spirited claims by the rival parties of their respective accomplishments that the Republicans might have justifiably pointed to the splendid record of this department.

It was created by the GOP over vigorous opposition by the minority party in the General Assembly. Charges were repeatedly and heatedly made that it would be an extravagant encumbrance on the body politic, wholly unnecessary and a disguised scheme to provide jobs for the faithful followers of the party in the small town Republican strongholds of the state.

The splendid record made by the department, and the confidence with which it is now regarded by all the people of the state irrespective of politics is thoroughly established.

It may be a surprise to many people to learn that Commissioner Hickey has performed the period of service which qualifies him for retirement, but there would be general regret and a feeling of serious loss to the state should he avail himself of this in the foreseeable future.

---Hartford Times

**CRIME COMICS NOT
LINKED TO DELINQUENCY**

BY ROBERT D. BRYNES

Washington, Nov. 11.--"There is no reasonable foundation for supposing that juvenile delinquency would decrease if crime comic books were not readily available to children," according to Judge Thomas D. Gill of the Connecticut Juvenile Court.

His opinion was made public here Saturday by the Kefauver Crime Committee as part of a survey of juvenile delinquency and its causes.

Judge Gill said delinquency in Connecticut decreased at the rate of 10 per cent a year from 1945 through 1948, but increased in 1949 and has been running at the 1949 rate for the first six months of 1950.

No Causal Connection

"It is the opinion of this court," Judge Gill wrote, "that there is no definite causal connection between reading crime comic books and juvenile delinquency. We have never been presented with a case wherein it could be definitely stated that the act in question was the direct result of reading some crime comic book. There is no doubt that the overall impact of crime comic books on the cultural development of our children is poor, for comic books of all types represent a minimum cultural level. It is felt, therefore, that we should worry more about this aspect of the question, concerning which there seems to be a unanimity rather than about the very debatable question of whether comic books breed delinquency and crime."

**POLICEMAN'S NEW CAR PARKED
ON BEAT, HIT BY ANOTHER; WRECKED**

Naugatuck, Patrolman Howard Sagen-dorf no longer has a new automobile. It was totally wrecked in a crash early last week while parked on Bridge Street in the section he patrols.

Since Patrolman Sagen-dorf was a par-

ty of the first part, the matter was investigated by Motor Patrolman Michael Sharon. He, after questioning Robert L. Crosley of Bantam, driver of the other automobile involved, ordered Crosley to appear in Borough Court on a charge of violating the motor vehicle law.

A GUILTY CONSCIENCE COMES HIGH

Warren Mullett, 34, told New Haven police that he'd committed a crime 10 years ago, had since paid out \$10,000 in blackmail. The crime: theft of \$20 from a garage. As police nabbed the blackmailer, the garage owner refused to press charges against Mullett. "Let bygones," he said, "be bygones."

POLICE JOBS OPEN IN WASHINGTON

The Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Dept. announced this week that they will require 400 physically fit young men this year to fill vacancies in the department.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 31, and must be at least five feet, seven inches tall and weigh at least 145 pounds.

Recruits are started at a salary of \$3,077 a year.

Anyone wishing to be considered, may obtain further information and application forms from Edward C. Woods, Secretary, Civil Service Commission, U. S. Post Office, Fairfield, Conn.

An ex-GI, undergoing an examination for appointment to the New York police force, was asked, "If your beat was a lonely path in Central Park, and a beautiful young girl rushed up to you and declared that a strange man had suddenly grabbed her and hugged and kissed her, what would you do?"

The GI replied instantly, "I'd endeavor to reconstruct the crime."

---Bennett Cerf

THIS POLICEMAN'S LOT WAS A
HAPPY ONE

BY PAUL A. KELLY

Washington, Oct. 6 - Given a chance to start his life over again, Edward J. Kelly thinks he would want to grow up and be a cop.

The man who has been chief of police in Providence and superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, and who now is executive Secretary of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, has had plenty of time to make up his mind about that. He has completed 50 years in the police business.

On his way into the second 50, Kelly still likes his work. For one thing he says he has spent his life associating with some of the finest people in the world--policemen. And it kept him in touch with another fine group--the public.

Looks Back Fondly

As he sits comfortably in a Washington office now and directs the affairs of an association of chiefs scattered around the world, Kelly looks back fondly to those days half a century ago when he was giving the City of Providence 24 hours a day of his time.

He would do it all over again, but Kelly is rather glad he is not working that old schedule. A policeman was on duty all the time, slept in the station and had no days off. He might get home to his meals, but if he heard a fire alarm he had to get up from the table and run back to work.

After 12 years on the force, Kelly saw working conditions improve. He was one of a negotiating committee that finally won a day off a month for the force.

Those hours could explain why Kelly remained a bachelor. The work day left no time for courting.

Proud of Boxing Skill

One of the early talents on which he prides himself most was his skill with his fists. A cop might get into trouble that way now, but in the first part of the century the public had a high regard

for a policeman with tough knuckles and boxing skill.

"As long as you never used a club on anyone, you never had much trouble," he explains. "No matter how tough things were the spectators would never interfere when a cop was arresting someone as long as he used only his fists."

Kelly had pretty tough knuckles, but one time did come down with blood poisoning after bruising a hand in street combat. He says he only used his club once--during a street riot. And that didn't pay because someone hit him on the head with a flower pot for his trouble.

Joined Force in 1900

Kelly joined the Providence police in 1900 and was assigned to a beat out of the Plain Street station. In the years that followed he pounded pavements in every precinct but the second.

He was a patrolman for 15 years and then started moving up to the top. He became a sergeant in 1915, a lieutenant in 1921, a captain in 1925, deputy chief in 1930 and chief in 1932.

He resigned as Providence chief in 1934 to become state police superintendent. In 1939 he stepped out as state police head and took an assignment in Washington for two years with a national police chiefs committee. He went back as state police superintendent in 1941 and stayed until he resigned again in 1947 to take his present job.

---The Providence Journal-Bulletin

THE BIG WIND

The Big Wind hit Wallingford (Conn.) last month.

Police Chief Clarence Lane said he never had seen anything like it.

He reported that Willy Burns, a retired Post Office employee of Wallingford, came to the station to complain that his car had been stolen.

Lane found the car a block away, however, rammed into an elm tree.

"The wind blew it down the street," Lane swore.

THE COP'S REVENGE--
CUTE AND CONVINCING

BY GEORGE ROSS WELLS

The lady in question asserts that this story is true and I never question the veracity of young ladies. She was driving along a Hartford street and approaching a hill. She speeded up a little so as to take the hill easily.

A motorcycle policeman coming in the opposite direction called out something to her and she turned toward him, wrinkled up her nose and stuck out her tongue.

This was very rude, inexcusably so. But young ladies will be young ladies and not even motorcycle policemen can do much about it. But this one determined to teach her a lesson. And, in his own way, he did.

In her rear vision mirror she saw the policeman turn around and come after her. She speeded up. She didn't really expect to outdistance the cop but she was going to postpone the encounter just as long as she could. But in just a minute or two the motorcycle was at her rear left wheel and then came up beside her, two feet or so away.

The cop turned toward her. He didn't say a word. He wrinkled up his nose and stuck out his tongue much further than she had and then speeded away!

That was all. But it was quite enough. She slowed down and kept on at a reasonable speed. The cop's revenge had worked beautifully. Perhaps nothing else he could have done would have worked better, or as well. For the young lady was in a chastened mood but she wasn't angry. Much amused and just a little ashamed, she decided that cops, some cops anyway, were pretty nice people and from now on she wasn't going to do anything to give them any work.

As I have said, this story was told to me and I know the young lady. I don't know the cop. But I do know some cops and I wouldn't be in the least surprised if the story is true in every important detail.

But don't you think it is a nice story? And, somehow, doesn't it make you just a little proud of Hartford

cops?

---Hartford Times

SPEAKING OF CIVIL RIGHTS

EXCERPT FROM A NEWSPAPER COLUMN
BY J. P. MCEVOY

In 1944 Cecil B. De Mille refused to pay a \$1 assessment which his local of the American Federation of Radio Artists demanded. The money was to finance a campaign against a proposition on the California ballot that he was personally in favor of. As a result he was suspended by AFRA and, hence, prevented from appearing on a radio program which he had produced for more than eight years.

"It has cost me at least \$800,000 to date," he said to me, "because I refused to pay that \$1, and I am willing to spend every cent I've got until every American has the right to work when he pleases, where he pleases, for himself or whoever wants to hire him. Nobody denies that the right to strike is important. But what becomes of those inalienable rights of man--life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness--if you haven't the right to work?"

"It reminds me of a famous lawsuit years ago when the Mississippi steamboat people got an injunction to prevent the railroad from building a bridge across the Mississippi. Judge Wead, a famous orator, spoke for two hours for the river people. And when he sat down everyone cheered. Then the lawyer for the Rock Island Railroad spoke for just one minute: 'First, I want to congratulate my opponent upon his wonderful oration. I never heard a finer speech. But it had nothing to do with the main issue. The only question for you to decide, gentlemen of the jury, is whether a man has more right to travel up and down the river than he has to cross the river.' Then he sat down. It didn't take the jury long to decide in favor of this tall gawky country lawyer.

"His name was Abraham Lincoln."

---McNaught Syndicate

OUR ALLEGIANCES

THE TEST OF LOYALTY

By Carl Holmes

One of the primary requisites of good character is loyalty. We trust and admire those who have a deep and abiding sense of loyalty to their families, their friends, their communities, their business associates, their churches and schools and their country. Loyalty binds men together in common purposes and in mutual understanding and cooperation. No society can long remain if its members are at constant loggerheads with one another, ready to betray each other to gain their own personal advantages.

Loyalty is one of the foundation stones of organized society. Wherever it is wanting, there the seeds of dissolution have taken deep root and the consequence is easily to be foreseen.

An Acquisition

Loyalty does not just happen. It is a quality that we acquire through disciplining ourselves, and measuring up to our obligations. When we are loyal to our duties, our rights will take care of themselves. Disloyalty and irresponsibility start all kinds of troubles. Lack of loyalty is one of the major causes of failures in every walk of life. Everyone despises disloyalty.

The man who is loyal works with all the resources of his mind, body and spirit, for the achievement of the ideals set before him. We cannot do our best unless we are loyal to our business or our employer. To be loyal to our employer we must give him the full measure of our abilities, speak well of him, and stand by the institution he represents. Disloyalty starts when we find fault, criticize and condemn. It would be better for us to resign and then criticize to our hearts content on the outside. No one can be loyal and at the same time be continually finding fault.

Abraham Lincoln said, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he works. I like to see a man work, so that the place where he works is proud of him," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work, and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace."

Complete loyalty is more than lip service. Upon our loyalty to duty depends our success or lack of success in life. We must do our duty daily and hourly, patiently and thoroughly. We must do it at the moment it presents itself, and let it be its own reward. Never mind whether it is known and acknowledged or not. We must be loyal to our conscience and do that which it tells us is right.

Comes From the Heart

Loyalty is a strong spiritual quality. It is a matter of heart more than anything else. The leader who expects loyalty from his subordinates must demonstrate loyalty to them. It is useless to stress loyalty to others if we do not practice it ourselves. Loyalty cannot be bought by past actions. Continuous acts of fair play, tact, courtesy and consideration are the greatest aids to inspire confidence and loyalty. A wise executive once said "I believe in loyalty: If I am not true to others, I can not be true to myself." When we put our unlimited faith in those who serve us, or who are our friends, their loyalty becomes unbounded.

Personal allegiance should always be given intelligently and not blindly. Blind allegiance may lead to intellectual dishonesty and misplaced loyalties. Intelligent loyalty makes the little man big and the big man bigger. Loyalty to anything which makes life nobler is a step in the right direction. Loyalty to truth is vital because only truth lives and is worthwhile.

In all ages everywhere, men have been weighed by their loyalty to a just cause; faithfulness in the hour of great trial; adherence to principle, defense of what they felt to be right and just and important.

OF MANY THINGS

By Thomas E. Murphy

AFTERMATH OF THE BIG BANK JOB

When one police department gets a black eye because of corruption, every policeman everywhere feels it. Therefore it is nice to report some pleasanter doings that are in marked contrast to what is now going on in New York. Perhaps these details may give you an understanding of why the morale of the Connecticut State Police is high and their efficiency good.

Remember a couple of fellows named Dymkoski and Wallace? They're the two state troopers who pursued the Woodbury bank robbers in the face of a hail of bullets. Well, it's nice to report that as a result of that good work they're being rewarded. Officers Leo Dymkoski and William Wallace--together with Officer John Swicklas, who came to their assistance, and Officer George Bunnell, who was at the Sandy Hook bridge to intercept the bandits--have been rewarded. They have received gratuities for meritorious services, citations of merit, substantial increases in pay, and cash awards.

You think bonding companies are not generous? Well, in this case the bonding company kicked in \$500. Lieutenant George Remer of Bethany, who worked long hours on the Woodbury case, will also share in this. There will also be awards from a special Welfare Fund. None of the awards, except the pay increases, are derived from state funds.

At the next meeting of the State Savings Banks Association of Connecticut the guests of honor will be, guess who? Messrs. Dymkoski and Wallace. It is not stretching things too far to believe that bankers will look fondly on this pair and will listen avidly to the high spots of the chase. It will be a good chance for the officers to make suggestions for better relations between banks and the police.

There's no doubt that the Woodbury case had the effect of stimulating effort in another robbery--that of the Pola Brick Company in South Windsor.

The Pola robbers escaped and made their way to New York. Officer James McCormick of Hartford, with only a few meager clues, traced the culprits there. They were all brought to book.

Further to stimulate morale, other officers have been rewarded for outstanding service. If you'd looked sharp at the third World Series game, you might have seen Sergeant Edward Formeister of Stafford and Detective Ralph Boyington of Colchester. They are the top shooters in the department, having won first and second places at the Wakefield, Massachusetts, meet last summer. Officer James McCormick of Hartford, who solved the Pola Brick case was there, too, as was Officer Thomas Leonard of Bethany. He gave all his time, regular and extra, to combing the town of Woodbury for leads.

At the fourth game of the Series another group of State Police officers was rewarded for good service. Those attending the game were Detective Sergeant Frank Bowes of Special Service, who went to New York and established the identity of the Woodbury robbers even before they were captured; and Officer Philip Massicotte, who operates the emergency truck and handles the emergency equipment. Only a week ago Massicotte was on the job in Farmington when one of its residents was buried alive. Officer Roy Paige also went to the game. He is top instructor in First Aid and gives a lot of his own time to it. He rides the ambulance and has probably saved plenty of lives by his quick and timely aid. Officer William Connolly of Westbrook got his ticket for promoting a Youth Program. He coached and promoted the youth baseball team in Westbrook that won the championship in the Intermediate League last summer.

If there had been a fifth game Officers Edward Steele, Joseph Jasonis and Kenneth Tripp--all of Bethany--and Joseph Palin of Hartford would have gone because of their outstanding work during the year. No doubt Commissioner Hickey will make up for this later by ducats to a good football game.

The only reason I've gone into such detail is the fact that I think there is a lesson to be learned from all this.

A good police department, like a good football or baseball team, depends not only on the technical skill of its members. It also has to have good leadership at the top and good morale from top to bottom. A good policeman who knows that he works for a good department does a better job for that reason. It is one of the morale factors that you can't weigh because it's an imponderable. But it's the factor that makes the Yankees a perennial pennant contender and helped Notre Dame, until last week, win so many victories.

You can't blame members of the Connecticut State Police for having a little of the same feeling. And you can't help feeling that it pays off for the public, too, in better protection. If there is a better police department anywhere, I never heard of it. And you can lay a good portion of that success to morale. Others would do well to copy.
---(Hartford Courant)

An Editorial:

HONEST POLICE AND GRAFT

There are probably no men more anxious to see corrupt police removed and punished than honest officers and men of the Department who, although free from guilt, feel themselves companions in dishonor.

As the Brooklyn inquiry presses on and the stain spreads among the high and low, we who watch the proceedings should keep our indignation within the boundaries of the evidence.

Because some police officers and men have betrayed our trust we should not impute venality to all.

Among the more than 18,000 members of the Department there are many of integrity and courage.

You have only to leaf back through the N. Y. Journal-American Public Protector awards--given each month to a policeman and a fireman--to recognize this fact.

The August award, for example, went to Patrolman Robert C. Gaul, 24, of the 77th Precinct. A World War II Air

Corps corporal, he rescued five children and 10 adults from a blazing Brooklyn tenement.

The month before the award went posthumously to Patrolman Alfred Loreto, 45, of 1870 Hering Ave., Bronx, a veteran of 17 years, who, while on vacation, was shot and killed when he went to the aid of a neighbor being beaten by thugs.

While we wish District Attorney McDonald full success in his investigation, let us remember the Police Department includes men of the stamp of Gaul and Loreto.
---N. Y. News

We reprint our toast to the "Man in Blue" today in tribute to New York's Finest, the majority of whom are still "The Finest" in the country!

THE MAN IN BLUE

Here's to the man in blue
Dependable, tried and true;
He laughs at the guns of the murder
mob!
Risking his life in his daily job...
Danger is nothing new
To the copper who wears the blue!

Twenty-four hours a day--
No wonder his hair turns gray!
He has to forget his kids and the
wife
Because he has sworn to give up his
life
For you--and you--and you
The fellow who wears the blue!

Seven days in the week,
Every week in the year;
He is always there when the bullets
fly
And often his widow is left to cry
When his daily work is through...
God bless the man in blue!

HOW TRUE
Not till evening should you praise
the day.

OPENING THE DOOR TO GAMBLING

The Connecticut Legislative Council has decided to recommend passage of a bill to legalize raffles and other games of chance. At its next meeting the council should reconsider. The sensible course would be to return to a law that prohibits all gambling.

In May 1939 when the Connecticut General Assembly finally decided, by a narrow margin in the House to legalize bingo and make the first exception to its age-old statute that prohibited gambling of all kinds. The Republican declared that:

"As surely as night follows day, this opening of the door....will be followed ...by a steady and insistent pushing designed to widen the breach and permit other, more objectionable games of chance."

"The state was better off," we commented, "with a statute that said there shall be no gambling--period--than one which attempts to differentiate between gambling that is tolerable and gambling that is not. That line is a shadowy, poorly distinguished one that tempts transgression."

The accuracy of this prediction has been well borne out. Almost from the minute the General Assembly ended--stopped listening to those who warned that the bingo law would be "the entering wedge" there has been just such an "insistent pushing" as we forecast by those who want to "widen the breach."

Now, the pushing is beginning to get results. Last week the Legislative Council, the Assembly's fact-finding board voted to recommend to the next regular session that our gambling laws be further relaxed to permit the same non-profit, charitable organizations of the types now running bingo games to conduct other games of chance.

As we understand the proposal the Council will present as legislation next year, there would be the same local option clause that applies to bingo. The aldermen or a town meeting would have to approve before the community became subject to the easier regulations on gambling.

Again, as in bingo, the town would

issue licenses to the organizations which sought to conduct legalized gambling. For \$25 there would be a carnival permit good for a total of six days in any calendar year. For \$10 there would be a "raffle" permit good for 120 days in one year.

And like the bingo law, the carnival and raffle law would include a stipulation that the operators of these games of chance would have to be home-town folks and duly authorized members of the sponsoring organizations.

Raffle tickets, moreover, would be required to bear the name of the town in which the particular raffle was authorized and the number of the license issued by the town.

Both cash prizes and liquor prizes would be outlawed.

Like the bingo law, it sounds very nice in theory. But Connecticut's experience with bingo should be a tipoff on how it will almost certainly work out. The local option clause will by no means mean that a real majority in any community will be necessary to legalize. It will mean instead that unless a real majority can be found to fight legalization the gambling promoters will win by default. If the time limit on carnivals and raffles works out the way it has in bingo, the result will be permanent gambling institutions kept within the law by rotating sponsorship. Three "charitable" organizations, each contributing sponsorship for 120 days, for instance, would be enough to keep a year-round lottery in operation in a community.

If the proposed carnival and raffle law didn't turn out through some miracle to be vastly more enforceable than the bingo law, the rule prohibiting cash prizes could be circumvented rather easily.

And if the year-round raffles that

would be free to sell tickets on a statewide basis didn't prove to be run by full-time, professional gaming operators it would be one of the strangest departures in the history of the lottery business.

It would seem to us that the tale of bribery, corruption and racketeering that is unfolding with the investigations of national crime syndicates would be enough in itself to persuade Connecticut that this is not time to put out the "welcome" sign.

The state would still be better off with a "statute that said there shall be no gambling--period."

---The Wby. Sunday Republican

THOUGHTS IN A POLICE SCANDAL

There is the cop who takes his cut
 And serves the slimy crew,
 But far and wide the faithful stand--
 The guys who are true-blue;
 Remember as you read of crooks,
 Who stop at no disgrace,
 The hosts that watch and guard the
 while
 They look death in the face.

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There is the crooked bluecoat who
 Will take the evil way . . .
 The guy who for a little dough
 Will look the other way;
 But faithful day and night are those
 Who face the crime world's scum
 And have one phrase for their
 approach--
 A simple "SCRAM, YA BUM!" ---Bdpt. Post

Newmarket, Ont.--Controller Allan Lamport of Toronto, who made headlines recently by protesting the use of "plain clothes" police cars to nab speeders, was one of 106 motorists fined for speeding.

They paid a total of about \$2,500.

A town constable from Sutton said he clocked Controller Lamport's car at an excessive rate of speed in that town.

TROOPERS OF THE CRAGS

By Robert M. Ormes

Natives of the vicinity of Colorado Springs have become accustomed to the sight of helmeted human flies stuck to the sheer walls of nearby Cheyenne Canyon. They are not unnerved when one of the tiny figures steps off the brink of a cliff and glides across the gorge on a near-invisible high line. But many a tourist driving on the road along the canyon floor is startled at the sight.

The performers are daredevils of the U. S. Army, members of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of a mountain Regimental Combat Team. Their activities on the rocks are a part of their training as mountain fighters, put on as a general training program by the Army because a mountain trooper is handier on any terrain, and because mountains have always figured in warfare, whether it be ancient, modern, or atomic.

The men learn to make good progress up gravel, grass and broken rock slopes without kicking debris on the soldiers below and with a minimum of commotion. By learning balance climbing--walking up a steep smooth rock face with bodies erect and feet flat with the surface--the troopers can ascend dizzy inclines at a good pace.

As the climbing gets steeper, they learn how to bring hands into play, not to pull themselves upward, but to provide balance as the legs are called on for harder work.

With the way even more precipitous, the first piece of equipment is brought into use: a 120-foot length of nylon rope, tested for a pull of two tons. A pair of climbers attach themselves each to one end of the rope and move higher one at a time, their progress much like the crawl of a measuring worm. Thus the well braced, stationary man is a safeguard should the moving man slip and fall.

When the climb becomes vertical it doesn't stop. The rope is "sewed" to the cliff face with pitons, pointed steel stanchions which are driven firm-

ly into surface cracks. The man-ropes are secured by rings which snap into the heads of the pitons. Driving the pitons at intervals, the lead climbers inch steadily upward, providing sure footing for the fully equipped troops to follow.

Other seemingly impossible maneuvers are employed to move men and material up and down the rocks. A vertical hauling line, using a series of links, pulls troops and equipment past impassable bulges in the precipice; a spectacular air tramway known as a suspension traverse allows men in rope seats and wounded in baskets to dive for safety like hawks into a nest; a lightning vertical descent known as the "rappel" in which the climber slides down the rope, snubbing his drop at intervals by tightening on a half-turn of the line around his body; and free jumps of 30 feet or more which are brought to a cushioned stop by the high elasticity of the nylon fibers.

The show started purely as a training problem, but when the activity drew crowds of onlookers the publicity value was realized and a bi-weekly event was arranged. A lecturer explains proceedings over a loudspeaker to spectators who sit on 300 wooden seats built seven stories high between two cliffs. To date the act has been seen by more than 10,000 persons.

(Reprinted from Ford Times, 10-50)

FBI HONORS FR. LLOYD

The F. B. I. Service Award Key, emblematic of the appreciation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was recently presented to the Rev. Robert S. Lloyd. S. J., by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the law enforcement agency.

Father Lloyd, who is retreat director at Manresa-On-Severn, Annapolis, Md., the lay retreat house for the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington, delivered the invocation and benediction of the commencement exercises of the 45th F. B. I. National Academy.

It marked the fortieth consecutive commencement of the academy at which

Father Lloyd has given the prayer, and Mr. Hoover seized upon the occasion to honor him. It is the first time that the F. B. I. key has been awarded.

Mr. Hoover personally made the presentation, and referred to Father Lloyd as "our Chaplain of the F. B. I." Earlier this year, on the day that Father Lloyd celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Mr. Hoover presented him with a chalice and paten.

---(Washington, N. C.)

LONDON POLICEWOMEN

The Commissioner of Police, London, states in his Annual Report that their Policewomen's group has increased from 223 to 256. The newest recruits include 24 women between the ages of 20 and 22 and the work of these women has justified the lowering of the eligible age. "The standard of the new recruits is high and an excellent foundation for the future is being laid."

SOME "GUY"

Georges Delcourt, Paris, France, is 4 feet 10 inches in height and weighs 103 lbs. Last week, according to dispatches, he got a fifteen-day suspended jail sentence for knocking out three policemen.

Georges, riding the wrong way on a one-way street on his bicycle, passed a police station and was pursued by officers, one a six-footer. Before they knew what happened, three policemen were sprawled on the pavement.

Yes! You guessed it--Georges is a ju-jitsu expert.

When a man is inducted into military service he has 21 days in which to clear up his business and personal affairs. The 21 day period begins on the date the certificate of Acceptance is mailed by his local Selective Service Board.

POLICE CHIEFS' CONFERENCE

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HIGHLIGHTS AT POLICE CHIEFS' CONFERENCE COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO October 7-12, 1950



Excerpts from Assistant Director F.B.I. Hugh H. Clegg's address before 57th Annual Conference I A C P - at Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 9, 1950.

".....Helter Skelter! It looks like the world is on that slide - helter skelter! Is our thinking on that kind of ride? As individuals, as law enforcement officers, as a profession do we know our goal or are we going along - helter skelter?"

We can be lifted up with the thought that there can be no compromise with integrity. But when dishonesty occasionally raises its ugly head, isn't there too often an inclination to let it slide until, infrequent though it is in police ranks, it slides all around our professional ranks until the periphery about us is stained and our people lose respect for our professional structure. We must try not to let dishonesty come inside, but if it should, as it occasionally does creep inside most professions, let us be like policemen and purge it from our ranks just as we would

purge a burglar found in our house. Police executives must recognize that the public holds them responsible for the efficiency, the performance and the over-all honesty of the entire department. "Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?" "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks."

We all know that the overwhelming majority of police are honest, self-sacrificing and dependable. They regularly render service to their communities far in excess of their remuneration. Their service, their sacrifice, their readiness and their helpfulness are not excelled in any peace time pursuits. In time of war special emergency duties are added. Let's get the record straight. Misfeasance in police ranks is still so unusual that when found, it is news - it makes the head-

lines. It creeps stealthily into the ranks of all professions. But we of law enforcement must not let it slide, We must deal with it directly, ruthlessly, relentlessly, vigorously, continuously until its utter and complete destruction is assured. Let the profession of law enforcement set an example for all professions in this respect.

As to the legal profession, Shakespeare in his "Henry VI" expressed some current views when one of his characters exclaimed, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." Of Course, the ruthless, the oppressors, the dictators would have liked that. They, too, would like to liquidate all men of God and all for which they stand. Their program definitely calls for the swift elimination of present law enforcement officers and agencies and the prostitution of the police to serve their own nefarious purposes. Thus, we identify again their evil intent to destroy religion and the moral law, to destroy freedom under law and to destroy the instrumentalities which bring justice and security to the people.

We of law enforcement must see that this program and purpose is thwarted. We shall dedicate ourselves to the proposition that this doesn't happen in America. Mercy and Truth, Justice and Freedom must not forsake America. To law enforcement is given no small part of this responsibility. For our stock in trade is Truth and Security and our customers are Mercy and Freedom and Justice. We must be worthy of our product, worthy of those whom we serve and worthy of the institutions we represent. Nor shall we be helter skelter in our thinking or our actions to this end.

In the disequilibrium in which we find our world and its people and their thoughts today, the helter skelter is too appropriately a symbol of our times. It serves temporarily as an escape from reality. It substitutes fun for frankness. It is as a temple before which too many pause to worship at the shrine of activity, giving no thought to the direction in which their activity leads them. We recall that on the ride there was some fabric to absorb the heat as the passage led downward. Now let's

wake up. There is no fun-fair type of permanent escape from the world's realities. Direction is still a prerequisite to planned activity. You must take the heat personally and officially when you make mistakes or let things slide.

We need constantly to appraise and reappraise our goals and directions.

In the selection of police personnel you are limited to the types which will be attracted by the existing salaries. In most instances the salaries are too small to get desirable applicants. Do the people of your community know it? Have you brought this serious condition to the attention of your citizens? If so, unless they take corrective action they must share in the responsibility for the consequences. Let's look at the salaries paid to clergymen, teachers and policemen on one hand and those of entertainers, clowns and ball players on the other. Isn't something about your findings helter skelter?

In the training of police let's not forget that having skills in the use of the truncheon, the prowler car and the laboratory are essential and important but even more desirable are the qualities of loyalty, integrity, esprit de corps and cooperativeness.

In matters of discipline, too often confused with sadism or sentimentality, there is needed an inspection staff which really inspects the personnel and which the personnel really respects.

A police executive needs the methods and mechanics to eliminate promptly from the ranks those who are proven inefficient, unworthy or unfit. With careful selection, proper training and proper direction and control of police personnel, the basic opportunities for helter skelter police work are greatly reduced...."

"THE GOLDEN WEST"

Several letters and other favorable comments have been received this past month on Vox-Cop's September feature story "The Golden West." Did you miss it?



POLICEMAN WHO CAN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT LABELED MENACE

"Any police officer who accepts his pay and is not proficient with his pistol is taking money under false pretenses."

This is the firm opinion of Marvin Driver, an inspector of the Detroit Police department and the captain of his department's world-famed pistol team. He was a delegate to the convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Colorado Springs.

A veteran of 26 years on the force, 20 of which have been spent in various training phases, Driver, to use his own words, is "rabid" on the subject of pistol shooting.

"A police officer who is not a proficient marksman with his police revolver is not only no protection to himself, but is a menace to the lives of all citizens who may chance to be on the street if and when he is ever required to use his gun in the performance of his duty.

"And it behooves all citizens to demand the continued marksmanship training of their own police officers for their own protection."

PISTOL TRAINING SAVES LIVES OF OFFICERS

Driver said in his own department 15 years ago there was one police officer killed for every two thugs in gun battles.

"Today," he said, "as a result of our pistol training program, we have been able to cut that ratio to 1 to 12, or an improvement of 300 per cent."

The department as a whole, he said, has improved its shooting ability by 75 per cent over the past 10 years.

Driver thinks the war had a lot of

influence on the improvement of pistol shooting scores lately.

"Many men came out of the armed services with the interest in shooting firmly imbedded in them and they have kept up their interest," he says. "Many of them are now on police departments and the records of their departments show improvement because of it."

He said also that some of the improvement could be traced to the recognition of police officials for the need of more marksmanship practice by all police officers.

COLORADO HIGHWAY PATROL

Chief Carrel's Highway Patrolmen in 70 new 1950 cream-colored Fords equipped with special red markers, rear and front, identifying each car as to State and country representation, furnished transportation to the visiting Police Chiefs. Trips included points of interest in the area, also to and from hotels Antlers and Broodmoor when meetings were scheduled.

The cocktail party on Sunday evening, with the attendance about 600, at the palatial residence of Mr. Blevins Davis where Chief Bruce, Colorado Springs PD and Mr. Davis served as hosts taxed the auto service to the utmost. It went off smoothly and effectively. Chief after Chief commended the Colorado State Patrol.

One of the Colorado lads, Captain Earl Eyre, proved to be a native of New Haven, Connecticut, who went West and joined Colorado's Finest. Earl enjoyed touring with the Nutmeggers, especially with Chief Henry Clarke, New Haven. We are looking forward to Earl's early visit to Connecticut.

STATE AND PROVINCIAL SECTION



PRYDE NAMED SECTION HEAD--Gilbert Carrel, head of the Colorado State Patrol, congratulates his successor, James A. Pryde, chief of the Washington State Patrol, upon his election as chairman of the state and provincial section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police convention at the Antlers hotel. Other officers (from left) George Mingle, head of the Ohio Highway Patrol, vice chairman for the eastern section; Capt. C. J. Sanders, superintendent of the Nebraska Safety Patrol, secretary, and W. J. Elliott, chief of the Texas Highway Patrol, vice chairman for the western section.

---Photo, Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs

At the annual meeting of State and Provincial Section in Colorado James A. Pryde, Chief, Washington State Patrol, was elected Chairman of the State and Provincial Sections; Captain C. J. Sanders, Nebraska Safety Patrol, Secretary; Col. George Mingle, Superintendent, Ohio State Patrol, Vice Chairman, East; Chief Walter J. Elliott, Texas Highway Patrol, Vice Chairman, West.

Chairman Pryde appointed the following:

Col. Francis J. McCabe, Maine State Police, Chairman, Region I; Col. J. R. Smith, North Carolina Highway Patrol, Chairman, Region II; Comr. Guthrie

Crowe, Kentucky Highway Patrol, Chairman, Region III; Chief Earl Larrimer, Minnesota Highway Patrol, Chairman, Region IV; Capt. Earl Scroggins, Arkansas State Police, Chairman, Region V; Supt. H. G. Maison, Oregon State Police, Chairman, Region VI.

Under the leadership of Chairman James A. Pryde, the State and Provincial Sections look forward to an energetic and successful year, 1950-1951. Chief Pryde is well known throughout the Nation, having served as a liaison officer for the Traffic Institute for a period of two or more years prior to his second appointment as Chief of the Washington State Patrol.

Vox-Cop extends congratulations to him and his Board of Officers.

Bruce Smith, Public Administration, New York City, continues to act as adviser to the State and Provincial Section and attended the Colorado Convention. Also, in attendance, at every meeting, General Sessions, and the State Section, was Capt. Frances G. Lee, New Hampshire State Police. Mrs. Lee continues her active interest in crime prevention and under her guidance and leadership a tenth Seminar for State Police--Homicide Investigation--will be held at the Harvard School of Legal Medicine in Boston starting November 13.

Col. C. M. Wilhelm, Col. Beverly Ober, Commissioner of Police Baltimore and former Commissioner of the Maryland State Police, with Col. Carey Jarman, Maryland State Police were active, as usual, at the Colorado Convention in the State and General Sessions. The three Colonels can always be counted upon for counsel and guidance. Some of the boys affectionately refer to them as "The Three Musketeers" from below the "Mason-Dixon Line."

Comr. Don Leonard, as usual, rendered outstanding reports on communications and legislative matters.

Former President, IACP, Col. Homer Garrison, Texas Safety Director, on the scene daily was as smart and dapper as ever--A Great Guy, "Our Homer."

Col. Charles Woodson, Virginia State Police with Major W. C. Thomas were busy each day promoting the "Spirit" of Virginia.

Col. Francis McCabe of Maine State Police and Col. John T. Sheehan, Rhode Island State Police, with Comr. Edward J. Hickey represented the New England Branch of the State Section. Colonel McCabe as Regional Chairman for the Atlantic States Region I--1950-1951--was assured of wholehearted support.

Colonel Ray Cato, California Highway Patrol Chief, greeted Easterners with his usual California Smile.

A TRIBUTE

In our September, 1950 issue we re-

lated our visit in August to Will Rogers Shrine on Cheyenne Mountain overlooking Colorado Springs and the Broadmoor Hotel. We journeyed there again during the conference and we stood in front of Will's Statuary reading the epitaph "I never met a man I didn't like." One of the visiting chiefs from New England remarked, "He never made anyone unhappy till he went away." How true!

CANON CITY, COLORADO

THE ROYAL GORGE

And the World's Highest Bridge

Built in seven months without a casualty in 1929 at cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Length of Bridge, 1,260 ft.

Width of Bridge, 18 ft.

Height of Towers, 150 ft.

Cables weigh 300 tons; made up of 4200 strands of No. 9 galvanized wire. Wires if laid end to end would reach from Denver to New York City.

More than 1000 tons of steel in floor and supporting rods of bridge.

1300 planks in deck of bridge.

Structure could support in excess of 1000 tons.

Strength of cables 120,000 lbs. per square inch.

Height of bridge above Arkansas River, 1,053 ft.

Our host and guide on the visit to the Royal Gorge, Robert Lackaye, Colorado State Highway Patrol and resident officer at Canon City extended himself beyond the line of duty in making our trip to Canon City worthwhile. He knew every stone in the mountain, every town in the passes, and every wire in the suspension bridge, as well as the ties on the incline railroad.

A very interesting policeman well informed as to his area and fully aware as to the importance of his duties. When it comes to Public Relations in Police Service, Colorado Police officers are not found wanting. More power to them!

**NORTH CAROLINIAN ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF POLICE CHIEFS**

Colorado Springs--Walter F. Anderson, 47-year-old director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, headquarters at Raleigh, was elected the new president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police at the closing session of the conference here and in which Police Chief I. B. Bruce of this city was elected sixth vice president of the world-wide organization.

The session was also marked by the naming of Miami, Fla., as the 1951 conference site for the IACP. In behalf of the organization, Chief Bruce presented Chief John M. Gleason, Greenwich, Conn., retiring president, a handsome watch and tendered to the Connecticut officer his personal thanks for the work done by Gleason during the past year.

In a brief interview, Chief Bruce said he also wished to take the occasion on the last day of the conference to express to William Wardman of this city his thanks and the thanks of the IACP for the "excellent job done in providing perfect arrangement for the delegates to the conference." Wardman, financial counselor associated with the Harris, Upham and Company, as general chairman directed work of committees which started conference preparations months ago.

"Wardman sacrificed his own and some business time in getting ready for the conference and all of us are grateful to him," said Bruce, "as well as to Carl Chamberlin, his assistant, and all the committee members who worked so hard."

Others officers elected this morning included Emile E. Bugnon, Wood Ridge, N. J., first vice president; Charles J. Tierney, St. Paul, Minn., second vice president; Cyrille Leblanc, Gardner, Mass., third vice president; Carl F. Hansson, Dallas, Texas, fourth vice president; Roger Shanahan, Chicago, Ill., Park district, fifth vice president; Bruce, sixth vice president; John F. Murray, Perth Amboy, N. J., re-elected secretary; L. J. Benson, Chicago, Ill., re-elected treasurer; Edward J. Kelly, Washington, D. C., re-elected

Executive Secretary.

**CHIEFS' PRESIDENT ASSAILS
TV-RADIO VERSIONS OF COPS**

John M. Gleason, president of the International Chiefs of Police Association, presiding at the 57th Annual Banquet, drew a grim laugh from his audience of police chiefs with his criticism of radio and television shows which feature the detective work of everybody but policemen.

"You turn on your set and what do you hear about," he asked. "The Thin Man, the Fat Man, the Tall Man, the Short Man. . .everybody but the policeman."

"Kids are growing up with the idea that the only people who solve crimes are the 'private-eyes.'"

"Policemen are being held up for ridicule by the kids of the nation."

"You and I know that crimes are only solved by applying the hard, grim routine training for which you have trained yourselves for years."

"They are not solved by private-eyes."

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

President Gleason's presentation of the numerous delegates from various countries proved to be dramatic and timely. It has been many years since a large delegation from foreign countries answered the roll call. As the Committee on International Relations concluded its session, President Gleason called the following:

Sir Percy Sillitoe, Director General, British Security Service, London England.

Colonel Wilfrie Bovey, Ottawa, Canada, Counsel IACP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

Commissioner S. T. Wood, R.C.M.P., Ottawa, Canada.

Director George A. Shea, Dept. of Investigation, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, Canada.

Commissioner William H. Stringer, Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto, Canada.

Lt. Colonel Leon Lambert, Chairman, Deputy Director, Quebec Provincial Police, Quebec, Canada.

Other representatives were present from Denmark, Japan, Formosa, China, Belgium and Germany. One of the members from England drew a good laugh when speaking of his college years studying for the law he stated: "The relations of Cambridge undergraduates and the police were never those of bosom friends. I remember one little couplet which ran:

"If policeman K arrest you, let not your spirits damp, Break his head and shave his whiskers and suspend him to the lamp.

"Times have changed, and I find myself here, a barrister for forty-four years most of them spent in war or education, as counsel to this very distinguished and highly qualified police committee."

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The Crime Prevention Committee through Chairman Walter F. Anderson (new President) submitted its annual report in book form and distributed copies to all delegates.

Distinguished members of the committee included Chief U. E. Baughman, U. S. Secret Service; Chief John Chisholm, Toronto, Canada; Former Chief Charles W. Dullea, San Francisco, now a member Adult Authority, Department of Correction, State of California; Chief Raymond Gallagher, Springfield, Mass.; Captain Frances G. Lee, New Hampshire State Police; Chief Daniel S. C. Liv; Former Inspector John J. Sullivan, New York City; Chief John C. Prendergast, Chicago, Ill.; and Chief Frank A. Sweeney, Jenkintown, Penn.

The full report is added to CSP Lending Library and available upon request to all interested members of C.S.P.

NOT EVERYBODY IS OFF BEAM, PSYCHIATRIST ASSURES CHIEFS

Douglas McGlashan Kelley, Professor of Criminology, University of California. A.B., University of California, 1933; M.D., University of California, 1937; Med.Sc.D., Columbia University, 1940; Director, San Francisco County Psychopathic Hospital, 1941-1942; Consultant, Psychology, and Assistant Consultant Psychiatry, E.T.O., 1945-1946; Associate Professor and Director, Graylyn Psychopathic Hospital, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, 1946-1949; Police Psychiatrist, Berkeley Police Department 1950--; Psychiatrist San Quentin Prison 1950--; University of California 1950--.

Not all crooks are crazy, just part of them. Not all people are crazy by the same token, only part of them.

These more or less intriguing statements were part of an intriguing address made last month to the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Colorado by Dr. Douglas M. Kelley, psychiatrist from the School of Criminology, University of California, Berkeley.

For the benefit of those who may be

in the mental shadows it is pointed out in the first place that the "criminology school" is not conducted to educate people with aspirations to become polished crooks. The institution, quite diametrically to that belief, is rated one of the finest in the country in teaching the latest methods of crime prevention and detection.

Dr. Kelley, not above a bit of levity in the course of a very serious discussion of the part of psychiatry in po-

lice work, explained the attitude of some people toward his profession lies in the story of two psychiatrists riding in an elevator with a third party. The third party, an innocent citizen, mumbled a "good morning" and one of the psychiatrists said to the other, "I wonder what hidden meaning he indicated by that."

Or the silly one about the psychiatrist being introduced at a party is always corralled by the cute young thing who says: "Oh--a psychiatrist--do sit down and tell me all about myself."

In answer to the oft-posed question that psychiatrists are always asked if everyone isn't a little off the beam, Dr. Kelley said in one state where various criminals were referred for observation over an 88-year period "only eight defendants in murder cases were found not guilty by reason of insanity."

For the average run of human beings, Dr. Kelley said:

"Authorities ordinarily estimate about 20 per cent or one in five of our population, is under par intellectually. They appear to function fairly well, but under stress seem to fall apart and confuse us, if witnesses, or bewilder us if they suddenly become principals in a crime. Remember a mental age of 8-9 years is borderline."

To determine just who comes within the borderline scope, Dr. Kelley told of a simple test given to troops prior to the invasion of the Continent during World War II which eliminated troops on the basis that "you shouldn't fill up a land craft with say 175 pounds of meat that you can't even eat."

Included in the list of questions were such things as the name of the country in which the soldiers were stationed (England) and the name of its capital, what ocean was crossed to get to England, the name of another ocean, the names of five cities in the U. S. with populations over half a million each, and the like. Those who were found unable to answer the foregoing were given thoro checks before the doctors were satisfied they weren't playing dumb just so they would miss the big show.

Psychiatrist Said Valuable to Police

The type of people found in the tests "are in frequent trouble as a result of misunderstandings, lack of comprehension and the like. Police officers can be easily trained as part of routine interrogation to assay roughly the intellectual level of any citizen," said the speaker.

Dr. Kelley stressed the importance of police work in conjunction with a psychiatrist, saying: "The presence of a part time, regularly employed police psychiatrist encourages consultation and referrals as part of a functional educative process. Dangerous cases can be followed closely and preventive psychiatry such as family consultation, referral to clinics or actual commitment employed. Case histories of known 'cranks' or other deviants can be scientifically compiled based on the repetitious complaints common to these people until enough data for commitment is obtained.

The speaker indicated great admiration for the knowledge veteran officers gain during their years of work with the public. He said that officers sometimes approach him and say: "If I only knew what you know about people," whereupon the doctor said he replies: "But, if I only know what YOU know about people."

Vox-Cop readers will be pleased to note Chief of Police John D. Holstrom, Berkeley, California, our new Sergeant-at-Arms and Chairman, Civilian Defense Committee, IACP is closely associated with Dr. Kelly and serves on the University of California staff as Lecturer in Criminology.

A. B., University of California, 1930; Member, Board of Governors, California State Division of Criminal Identification and Investigation, 1948-1952; Secretary, Committee on Police, Enforcement Committee, The President's Highway Safety Conference, 1949-; Police Adviser, Office of Secretary of Defense 1948; Chief of Police, Berkeley, California, 1944-; Police Editor, Municipal Yearbook 1945-; University of California, 1946, 1947, 1949-.

SENTENCES BY THE JUDGES

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JUDGE OFFERS ADVICE TO SON OF EX-CONVICT

A 15-year-old boy, whose parents are involved in a divorce proceeding, stood before Hartford County Superior Court Judge Edward J. Quinlan. His father, seeking court permission to visit the boy, was on the witness stand.

The boy told Judge Quinlan he did not want to see his father because his father, who served a term in state prison for assault, "caused me embarrassment and ruined my reputation."

Judge Quinlan leaned forward and smiled.

"The world is a peculiar place and some of the embarrassment you experience is imaginary and not real," he said. "Most people who amount to anything are not going to take it out on you.

"You have a mother and a father and you should have affection for both of them. I'm not telling you to live with your father, but you should see him once in a while.

"What your father did was under the impulse of the moment. That doesn't mean he is any the less a father to you. I wouldn't think any the less of you if you told me your father had been down at Wethersfield."

The Judge then postponed making a ruling pending an investigation of the case by Probation Officer John P. Conlin.

BOOKIES! BOOKIES!

Brooklyn's bookie probe, and its demands on lawyer's time, received a verbal pasting last week when a Queens County judge blew his judicial wig because he had to adjourn a manslaughter case.

Informed that Leo Healy of Brooklyn, due to defend 22-year-old Steven Albert of Richmond Hill, in the slaying of Mrs. Teresa Maguire, could not appear Judge Downs stormed:

"I want to find out why this case

can't go on. I suppose we should throw our gowns away while Judge Leibowitz has his probe going on.

"I don't intend to have this court wait on any gambling investigation. Why, New York State is the biggest book-maker in the world. It collects \$30,000,000 a year. Apparently, if you gamble inside the track, it's okay. Outside you're a bum!"

LEIBOWITZ vs. REARDON

Last week, New York's former Patrolman James Reardon appeared before Judge Leibowitz and asked to be allowed to go to his home in Westport, Conn., for the week-end. He pleaded that his ten-year-old son was ill. Reardon is held in protective custody under the reciprocal witness act.

Judge Leibowitz was somewhat reluctant to allow it and asked Aaron Kota, special Assistant District Attorney, for his views. Mr. Kota said he was against it personally but that "the District Attorney's office officially does not object."

"You boys ought to get together," muttered the judge.

He explained that several weeks ago when Reardon was allowed out of custody he came back to Brooklyn, visited a safe deposit box he had opened years ago under a false name and extracted from it \$1,500 in cash and a number of papers. Reardon, regarded as one of the most important witnesses in the investigation, has admitted running Gross's gambling syndicate last year while the bookie was on vacation.

Judge Leibowitz finally allowed Reardon to go home in the company of Detective Girard Fletcher. When the thirty-three-year-old former patrolman protested that this might have a bad psychological effect on his son, the judge commented:

"You can introduce him as a long lost uncle from South America. He doesn't look like a flatfoot."

FINE SENTIMENTS

When Lucien J. Jovin, Central Falls, R. I., recently told the court he was only speeding to get to the bedside of his sick mother-in-law, Judge Guillaume Myette said: "That's one for the book."

If everybody had a mother-in-law as good as mine," said Jovin, "they'd feel just as I do about her."

"Those are fine sentiments you are expressing," said the judge. Whereupon he fined Jovin \$5 and costs.

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CORRECT COURT PROCEDURE

In Toronto, Canada recently Mr. Justice E.R.E. Chevrier, Ontario Supreme Court, at the opening of Fall Assizes informed lawyers to instruct their clients and witnesses in court procedure, especially in how to address presiding judges.

When a witness addressed him as "Your Honor", Mr. Justice Chevrier halted procedure to remind him that Supreme Court judges must be addressed as "Your Lordship". County Court judges are addressed as "Your Honor" and Magistrates as "Your Worship."

"There is not a difference in quality in the justices of this court, no matter how addressed," he said. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. But proper address must be maintained."

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CHILDREN ARE PEOPLE

In the recent issue of the Police Chiefs' News, Lou Smyth, Kansas City, Mo., P. D. refers to the personality who heads the juvenile and family court in Denver, Colo., Judge Philip B. Gilliam and commends an editorial written by His Honor, Judge Gilliam to the attention of all Police Chiefs. Space limits our reprinting the article in full. Those indicating a desire for complete reading will be forwarded the article.

We quote in part the Judge's comments:

"I should like to restate the well known assumption that there is no such thing as a child who is intentionally

bad. However, we all know that the child at birth has no behavior patterns other than those instincts that cause him to scream, kick and fight to get those things he wants. If we do not train him otherwise, he will continue to use this means of gaining what he wants as he develops through the different states to adult life. Even as an adult we sometimes find individuals that revert to this babyhood pattern of behavior to gain their objective.

"The boy or girl who is apparently intentionally bad, is an extreme rarity, and without exception, pathological. The only treatment indicated for him is the services of a trained psychopathic physician who is able to treat this pathological illness.

"If the world seems full of confused, unhappy and maladjusted boys and girls, is it not because their parents are confused, and because the world itself seems to have lost its sense of direction? We adults have failed to provide our children with a society that gives them security and otherwise meets their needs.

"Has the breakdown in home supervision contributed to this sense of insecurity on the part of the children? I believe it has. This point is substantiated by the great increase in the number of complaints filed by the parents themselves regarding their unmanageable children. The lack of proper supervision is the greatest single factor contributing to juvenile maladjustments. It has been the experience of the Denver Juvenile and Family Court that better than 90 per cent of delinquency could have been prevented by better parental supervision.

"The broken home presents one of the greatest difficulties in dealing with the problem of youth delinquency. What escapes many students of the problem is that a broken home may exist despite the physical presence of both parents in the home. No satisfactory substitute has ever been found to take the place of a good home. It is still the center of our present social order. There is, therefore, still much to be done in the field of training young people how to be worthwhile parents....."

COMPLIMENTS

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NEW BRITAIN SKI CLUB, INC.

NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT

October 27, 1950

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

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

Recently our Ski Club reported to your Connecticut State Police, the theft of a new Ford V8 industrial engine and transmission specially adapted for ski tow purposes. It had been skillfully removed from our premises at Norton Road, Kensington at some time in a two-week period prior to our discovery of the loss. This unit and sundry tools were valued at \$750.00 and represented not only a large portion of our Club's net worth but also many hours of volunteer labor and care.

In spite of the pressure of duty in connection with the Berlin Lions Club Fair, your Hartford Barracks notified Officer John D. Bonolo who hastened over to us a few minutes after our call for assistance. A thorough and courteous investigation involving much leg-work was conducted at our hill immediately.

Within two days Officers Joseph D. Palin and John D. Bonolo had not only located our motor but its abductors and much other loot as well, solving a series of thefts that had plagued this and surrounding towns recently.

From people in the Berlin area we later heard that the case had been worked on by the State Police night and day. We know that the prompt apprehension of the responsible criminals was a direct result of the alert action of your men.

I know that I speak for all 350 members of our Club when I say that we are deeply appreciative of the work of the Connecticut State Police and, in particular, Officers Bonolo and Palin and Detective Sergeant Anton M. Nelson.

Gratefully,

Horace B. Van Dorn

Horace B. Van Dorn, President
New Britain Ski Club, Inc.

25 Forest Street
New Britain, Connecticut

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C O M P L I M E N T S

The Eastern Airlines like all other Air transportation systems trains personnel in courtesy and efficiency. Accordingly "Eastern's" officials appreciate such services when grounded. Chief T. P. Gilroy, Traffic and Sales Manager representing Eastern in Connecticut found CSP responding to his wants when his car became disabled recently on the Merritt Parkway. Mr. Gilroy, with his wife and family were stranded near Milford as his family car "threw a rod." "Frankly" says Mr. Gilroy, "I told my wife not to worry as a state policeman would be along. I felt sure all would be well. I hardly had the words out of my mouth when an officer did stop. (I later found out his name to be Trooper Thomas Nichol, who took over).

"At a time when courtesy and efficiency is needed, courtesy and efficiency was displayed. Without going into all the details, I cannot commend too highly Officer Nichol and the supervisor on duty at the Milford Toll Station. I know many people think highly of Connecticut State Police and may I add my voice to the chorus."

To Officer Hurst, Westport from an Assistant Professor, Robert Glass, Social Work, University of Connecticut. Professor Glass writes:

"I want to thank Officer Hurst for the courtesy, efficiency shown me recently when I was involved in an accident on the Merritt Parkway. Many people are quick to gripe or complain but slow to acknowledge creditable conduct. I'm a new resident in Connecticut coming from Nebraska. On the evening of September 22 I had a very serious accident. I shall never forget and cannot find adequate words to express my appreciation for the help given to me by Officer Hurst. I say this despite the fact that he did give me a summons which it was his duty to issue. On this night while I was very much in a condition of shock, I could not but have real respect for Officer Hurst's efficiency in getting the facts, getting me to a hospital, letting me know who and where my car was being towed and cared for

and then taking me to the police station as well as the hospital. I'm sure when one of your officers do wrong people are quick to let you know. I feel the converse is or should be equally true. On this occasion, Officer Hurst presented to me the Connecticut State Police Department at its best. I couldn't help but feel he was reflecting credit to the whole force and I want to let you know that at least one human being appreciates the role he played. Of course, probably one might say that is part of his job, but in practice we know a man may carry through his daily assignments routinely and brusquely, without any decent human feeling. At a time when police generally throughout the country are badly pressed, I take a moment to pay my respects to an officer of the law whom I consider a very fine man, a gentleman and a very able representative of the State Police. This, of course, I know you will appreciate, is an unpaid and unsolicited testimonial:"

A Waterbury resident writes Headquarters relative to the finding of the Mastroianni child in Watertown. Station "L" in particular rendered outstanding services in this case and the writer indicates his appreciation as follows:

"A good job by your men and all the people are glad. We note in the papers that your organization has only 300 men. With the many demands the department ought to have 600. When a child is lost tell your men never to give up the search. It means much to all of us to know that our children are safe."

Off. Walter Foley, Westport, received a salute from a Plantsville resident because of outstanding service rendered recently in an unusual incident on the Merritt Parkway. Writes the Plantsville citizen:

"Because the public does not often get well acquainted with the State Police they perhaps often form their opinion from the cop that has stopped them with the remark, 'Where ya tink

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youise is goin, to a fire?' Last night while driving from New York City, it was my misfortune to be coming along just as a black horse wandered out of an open farm gate on to the Parkway. As a result I landed in the hospital at Bridgeport. When I came to, there was one of the nicest officers I ever met. Not only was he a most considerate gentleman, but very efficient and business like. When a man is a little dazed and bewildered by an accident in a strange place it is darn nice to have someone standing by that is really concerned in helping. Furthermore he saw to it that I got home. The gentlemen to whom I refer is Officer Walter Foley, Westport Station. May I take my hat off to you for selecting that type of man to represent you and the State of Connecticut.

Lieutenant Rivers of Danielson received, during the past month, a complimentary letter from the pupils of the Goodyear School, Goodyear. It pleases all to note that the youngsters appreciate the efforts that are being made by the boys in Danielson to promote highway safety and the good will of youth. Richard Golas, a student, writing for his associates states:

"Thank you very much for helping us to organize our Safety Patrol for the second year. For two years you have helped us to make a good patrol."

Congratulations, Station "D"!

Resident State Policemen--We have yet to learn of any criticisms being "broadcast" about our resident state policemen--"Jim" Parrott at New Hartford or "Roy" Goodale at Niantic. Both are a credit to the system as well as the department. Many towns have tried to obtain this service without resorting to the legal requirements of the Act--an officer for two or more towns.

Frequently we meet town officials at social functions in the metropolitan areas who inquire about these services and in all instances compliments are expressed about the way "Jim" Parrott operates, "Don't know what we would do

without him in our neck of the woods," is the usual tribute.

Down East, Roy Goodale's efforts receive the same appreciation. One of the amusement operators at Sound View recently sent a letter to Hdqts. commending Roy for his work this past summer.

Most of us are aware of the trying conditions there week ends when folks are on holidays and the "Spirit of Youth" prevails at this popular shore resort. Old Lyme's annual report 1949-1950 bears evidence of Roy's popularity.

Dr. Devitt, Health Officer, reports: "I wish to thank the State Police and especially Detective Sergeant Roy Goodale for their help." Again in this report appeared the following from Trial Justice Shirley Saunders: "Detective Sergeant Roy W. Goodale of the State Police is Officer in Residence and a Constabulary force of twenty is on duty during summer months in addition to the regular state police patrol of the highways."

Law and order prevails in these areas--local constables with resident police officers working in harmony and unity provide immediate and efficient police service in the territories distantly removed from State police stations and patrols.

First Selectman Walter Jones, East Hampton writes Headquarters:

"I wish to express my thanks and for the town people for the wonderful service we have received for policing and ambulance service during this past year. I realize you have been working short-handed for the past few years, and I hope the expenditure committee of next year will take into consideration that our small towns are growing.

For instance, we cannot afford a police department here. For the past five years our town has grown from 2900 to 5000. If all towns increase accordingly, there is little doubt your department will need more men. I will give my full support.

My thanks, Commissioner, also to Lt. Rundle and the boys at Station "K".

CONNECTICUT'S PICTURE ON CRIME

AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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State Police Annual Report

To Governor For

July 1, 1949 - June 30, 1950

The year that ended on June 30 was a busy one for the State Police force, according to Commissioner Hickey's annual report filed October 1, with Governor Bowles.

During the year the force handled 16,609 complaints, an increase of 1389 over the preceding 12-months period, and made 3,000 criminal arrests and 13,065 motor vehicle arrests. The number of motor vehicle arrests increased by 5,003 during the year and in addition to those motorists arrested, 50,274 others were given warnings for defective equipment or minor infractions.

Of 4584 automobile accidents investigated by State Policemen during the year, it was reported that 75 per cent resulted in arrests or warnings. A slight decrease in automobile accidents requiring investigation was recorded during the year.

Continued growth of the State Police Department's identification bureau was also noted during the year. During that time, the fingerprint file increased to 86,040 and the rogue's gallery of photographs of known criminals increased to 32,167. During the 12 months 16,278 fingerprint cards were received and processed and 7093 were found to belong to persons having previous police records. A total of 4247 identifications were made by fingerprint comparison.

The State Police communications divisions also put in a busy year.

A total of 146,315 teletype calls were handled, including 82,964 broadcasts from other states. The Connecti-

cut State Police Department has 11 main radio stations and towers and 360 mobile units.

Commissioner Hickey noted that the most important criminal case handled by the department during the year was the gun-point capture and subsequent conviction of the Rothermel brothers of New York who had robbed the Woodbury Savings Bank of \$11,000. In his report, Commissioner Hickey described the police action in this case in detail and praised highly several of the officers who participated in the final capture of the bandits.

It was also noted that money is still needed for the replacement of present rented barracks in Westbrook and it is expected the department's next budget will include funds for construction of necessary buildings.

As of June 30 the statutory strength of the State Police Department was 300 men, 12 women and 10 additional men to act as resident officers throughout the state. The actual strength on that date was 299 men, 10 women and two resident officers. In addition to these the department also employed 174 civilian workers including clerks, radio technicians, dispatchers, mechanics, cooks and maintenance men.

The department maintains 360 patrol cars, 22 trucks, 22 trailers, three ambulances, (5 other ambulances are privately owned and available for state police use) two jeeps and 20 motorcycles. Other equipment includes trailer-mounted rowboats and other emergency facilities.

A GOOD STATE POLICE YEAR

REPORT ON LAW AND ORDER

One Connecticut department where the thoughtful citizen will feel that he is getting a dollar--or more--in service for every dollar in taxes expended, is the State Police Department. If any member of the Legislature should be so unwise as to propose to reduce this department for economy's sake, he would be told at once, we think, that the state as a whole would rather see it expanded than contracted.

The annual report of State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey has just been filed. During the past year the department handled 16,609 complaints, made 3,000 criminal arrests and 13,065 motor vehicle arrests. In addition to the motorists actually arrested, 50,274 others were given warnings either for defective equipment or for minor infractions of the motor vehicle laws.

These figures are impressive enough to remind us that the whole problem of safety on Connecticut's fine state highways is largely a function of the State Police department. Without the restraining influence of state policemen on patrol, and the general respect for motor vehicle regulations brought about by their campaign of law enforcement, our state highways would be utterly unsafe for travel.

Yet all this responsibility for policing our state 365 days a year is carried out by a force consisting of only 300 men, 12 women and 10 resident officers. If the department's sole concern were the enforcement of the automobile laws, it would still be doing a good job. But as noted, it has played an important part in the enforcement of criminal laws as well, most importantly in those communities having no organized police forces of their own.

A good example of this kind of State Police activity was the capture and conviction of the Rothermel brothers who robbed the Woodbury Savings Bank of \$11,000. That was the most spectacular case perhaps, but there were many other criminal arrests of importance.

Congratulations then, to the Commissioner and his men, for their fine performance. ---The Bridgeport Sunday Post

Those are impressive statistics that State Police Commissioner Hickey has sprinkled through his annual report to Governor Bowles. They carry a message of reassurance and an implied admonition to all citizens of this State.

The reassurance is nothing new in that all of us long ago learned to associate the name of Commissioner Hickey with efficient enforcement of the law and unrelenting pursuit of those who get the foolish notion that crime can be made to pay in Connecticut. The State Police received and followed up a grand total of 16,600 complaints during the year, a gain of 1,389 as compared with the previous twelve months. To a slight extent this may be accounted for by population increase but chiefly it is because the public to a greater and greater degree looks on the State Police as a resourceful, helpful and cooperative organization to which it can turn in most any sort of emergency.

That this feeling is also shared by those who do not live in Connecticut is indicated by the fact that the Department handled some 83,000 teletype and radio calls from outside Connecticut. Its total teletype messages amounted to more than 400 a day for the entire year.

But there is one increasing burden carried by the State Police that can and should be lessened by the general public. The number of arrests in motor vehicle cases increased by 5,000 during the past year and the total was more than 13,000. Here is a field in which considerable tax-money can be saved, and a serious menace to safety removed, by the voluntary exercise of courtesy and common sense on our highways. No doubt a portion of these arrests may be attributed to crime in one form or another. But most of them arise from the necessity of protecting the law-abiding motorists from the reckless disregard of common rights on the part of a comparative few.

We note that, as of June 30, the statutory strength of the department was 300 men and the actual strength was 299. We trust that by this time the Commissioner has found someone with all

the necessary qualifications, that the ranks are full, and that each man will continue to give as good an account of himself as he has for the period covered by this 1949-1950 report.

---Hartford Times

CRIME UP IN RURAL AREAS

It's hard to believe, but the facts are there just the same. The country crossroads continue to hold the crime spotlight during the first half of 1950.

The F.B.I. reported an increase of 7.4 per cent in rural crime compared with the same period in 1949. In the first half of last year, rural crime jumped 7.6 per cent.

Rural murders increased 1.6 per cent; rape; 4.8 robbery, 3.4.

In contrast, the bureau's report showed that urban crime increased only 1.9 per cent. One out of every 20

dwellers were charged with some violation such as drunkenness, disorderly conduct, assault, larceny and the like.

A total of 63,615 persons under 21 years of age were arrested and fingerprinted during the first half of 1950, representing 15.8 per cent of total arrests. The predominating age of persons arrested was 21, followed by 22, 23, 19 and 20.

Assaults, burglary and larceny were also up in the rural areas.

F B I. WORKS SIX DAY WEEK

A recent announcement from Washington, D.C. indicates F.B.I. Headquarters no longer work 5 days per week. Increased criminal activities require 6 days per week for all agents exclusive of emergencies. State Services planning forty hour per week schedules ought to take note of this program.

ANNUAL REPORT - JUVENILE COURTS - 1949

(EXCERPTS)

THE DELINQUENCY PICTURE

Turning to the delinquency figures for this year it is too early to state what significance should be attached to the first increase registered in this category since 1943. With each year from 1944 to 1948 inclusive recording a 10% decrease it is unpleasant to have this favorable five year trend come to an end and to see the curve of delinquency take at least a tentative step upward. The year 1949's increase to 3,894 boys and girls still leaves the State a reassuring distance from 1943's unhappy peak of 5,628 children but at the very least it must be taken as a warning, if indeed any be needed of the

never ending nature of the task of helping children help themselves.

The greater number of the five hundred children which this increase represents came through police action as the total referrals by the schools showed a decrease even in the face of the overall rise. Since police action is generally indicative of well defined social maladjustment it would be more reassuring in terms of preventive treatment if a higher percentage of cases was reaching us from the schools since they beyond all others are fortuitously situated for the early discovery of problem children.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

TABLE 1

	Case Load Dec. 31, 1949	Broken Homes	Both Parents Working	Church Contacts at time of Court Referral
First District	473	205---43%	166---35%	255---54%
Second District	378	148---39%	159---42%	172---46%
Third District	423	152---36%	135---32%	244---58%
State Total	1274	505---40%	460---36%	671---53%

Of the 3,894 delinquents

3,277 or 84% were boys
617 or 16% were girls

3,481 or 89% were white
413 or 11% were negro

1,350 or 35% had been previously known to the
Juvenile Court
2,544 or 65% were first offenders

The 3,894 delinquents ranged in age as follows:

42 or 1%---Under 7 years
67 or 2%---7 years under 8
111 or 3%---8 years under 9
148 or 4%---9 years under 10
249 or 6%---10 years under 11
276 or 7%---11 years under 12
359 or 9%---12 years under 13
550 or 14%---13 years under 14
798 or 21%---14 years under 15
980 or 25%---15 years under 16
229 or 6%---16 years under 17
85 or 2%---17 years under 18

The 3,894 delinquents were referred to the Court by the following agencies:

2,818 or 72%---By Police
398 or 10%---By Schools
220 or 5%---By Other Courts (Adult Courts
between 16-18 years of age)
145 or 4%---By Individuals
128 or 3%---By Parents or Relatives
106 or 3%---By Probation Officer
64 or 2%---By Social Agencies
15 or 1%---By Other Sources

The 3,894 delinquents were reported to have committed the following types
of offenses:

935 or 24%---Various types of stealing
643 or 17%---Acts of Carelessness or Mischief
474 or 12%---Damage to Property
377 or 10%---Unlawful Entry

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- 327 or 8%---Being Ungovernable
- 286 or 7%---Running away
- 265 or 7%---Sex Offenses
- 251 or 6%---Truancy and School Complaints
- 141 or 4%---Taking Automobile without permission
- 124 or 3%---Other Offenses
- 71 or 2%---Injury to Person

The cases of the 3,894 delinquents were disposed of as follows:

- 1,161 or 30% were considered of sufficient seriousness to require official treatment through Court Hearing
- 2,733 or 70% were handled unofficially
- 1,325 or 34% were placed under the supervision of the Probation Staff
- 1,837 or 47% were dismissed, warned or adjusted
 - 187 or 5% were committed to Correctional Schools
 - 365 or 9% were referred to other agencies or individuals to be supervised
 - 121 or 3% were runaways returned to other towns and states
 - 24 or 1% committed to schools for mental defectives
 - 35 or 1% various other dispositions

Of the 187 committed to Correctional Schools

- 108 or 58% were boys and
- 79 or 42% were girls

THE NEGLECTED CHILD

This year the total number of neglect cases--1,025--exceeds 1948's figure by just twenty-seven with the result that for the third successive year there has been little or no variation in the volume of neglect reaching this court. Even as the statistical picture continues to move in this narrow orbit so too do the unpleasant factors contributing to the unwelcome total reproduce themselves with discouraging regularity.

It is still true that agencies, public and private, striving to buttress faltering family life have time and again found themselves thwarted by grossly inadequate housing or no housing at all. Alcohol, immorality and the sheer selfishness of the adult who has never grown up still produce patterns of deliberate neglect, and no less difficult for the unfortunate children are those sad homes where mentally inadequate or socially undeveloped parents still fumble with the responsibilities they are

so ill equipped to discharge.

During the year 1949, 4,919 children from 158 of the State's 169 towns were referred and received services from the Court and the Court staff, supplemented by the special services hereinbefore listed.

In administering to their needs and carrying out its program and treatment of these cases the court ordered 1,200 physical examinations, 873 psychological examinations, and 252 psychiatric examinations made for children, and members of the staff have made 55,441 home, office and other visits as part of its program.

To all those persons and agencies, the police, the public and private agencies, and institutions, the communities and their public officials, the volunteer workers who have aided and assisted the staff, and the Court staff, who have all so graciously and efficiently cooperated with the Court in the performance of its work, we express our sincere appreciation.

Between



Ourselves

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In Pursuit of Happiness

SOONER OR LATER, a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul; that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back. He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses out.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight. He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others. He learns that buck-passing always turns out to be a boomerang, and that it never pays. He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly well without him. He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit. He learns that even the janitor is human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning", even if it is raining.

He learns that 'getting along' depends about ninety eight per cent on his own behavior.

Anon

HALLOWEEN POLICE SERVICE

It was disheartening to read a recent page one feature article in one of the local newspapers of the State about the failure of Halloween Police Services in this Town. Inquiry discloses one policeman's neglect or inattention to duty was responsible for most of the following happenings:

"Windows and automobiles were soaped and waxed as usual, perhaps even more so, this year; fires were burned on Main Street; telephone and television wires were cut and the regulation number of clotheslines were cut.

"One policeman at least was not bear-

ing down on the boys and girls as we had been led to expect. A gang of boys on the South side of Main Street, evidently spied the officer on the North side, crossed over, and immediately started on the windows with soap directly in his path. The officer said "keep moving" and nobody moved but the officer. He didn't bother to enforce his order as it should have been when once given.

"The boys trailed him and when he went into a restaurant at least one of them followed him in and soaped the inside of the restaurant window.

"How can boys have respect for an officer's authority if he doesn't make it stick?

"Many complaints have come in that

we pay for police protection and why don't we get it on Halloween."

It is to be regretted such neglect mars the fine Statewide record of other police services which have successfully combatted these problems of depredations and vandalism. Today, every thinking policeman knows public reaction to indifferent police services is critical. We need favorable public support and the good will of all. Those not interested in maintaining such a relationship ought to quit the service or be severely penalized by superiors when guilty of such practices.

We have completed reading the "Social Hygiene News" bulletin and note with interest the announcement by the Bridgeport Board of Education of its intention to teach parents how to teach children about sex. Board Members hope to check a rise in juvenile delinquency and to relieve pressure for sex education in classrooms this winter by sponsoring, for parents and teachers, a series of six monthly lectures by authorities in parent education, family counseling and child psychology.

After reading Bridgeport's item we turn the page and to the column--"Is This Your Town?"

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IS THIS YOUR TOWN?

"Sixteen brothels operate furtively. Thirteen taverns permit prostitutes to accost customers at the bars, and four cabdrivers act as procurers. Servicemen say, "There are plenty of prostitutes around."

Two brothels outside the city limits operate somewhat furtively. In five bars, prostitutes solicit clandestinely. Rumors are rampant in the prostitution underworld that the new city manager and chief of police will allow brothels to reopen gradually.

There are no brothels, go-betweens or

prostitutes here. Four bars permit apparent pick-ups. Soldiers and citizens say local authorities are exceedingly active in preventing and suppressing commercialized prostitution.

There is a very small amount of commercialized prostitution here. In three massage parlors, so-called masseuses make immoral offers. Bellboys in three hotels volunteer to provide resident or call girls. Servicemen say "hustlers" are difficult to find, but "shack jobs" are plentiful.

According to local residents, two or three brothels operated up until the incumbent city administration took office early this year. They say the mayor, district attorney and chief of police are bent on keeping the town clean. Bellboys and cabdrivers admit they are unable to act as go-betweens."

We are reasonably sure that none of these conditions exist in any Connecticut towns. It does seem, however, that something more than sex education ought to be considered in those municipalities that tolerate such conditions. Ultimately the educators may be able to answer these sex problems(?) We recommend, however, that law enforcement in these communities "clean house" immediately and let educators continue their worthy efforts.

THIS STRANGE WORLD

To the Editor of The Courant:

We curse the motorist when we walk;
And curse the pedestrian when we

drive,

But if we used courtesy instead of
curses,

Maybe more of us would be alive.

Cyril K. Smith

Hartford

Don't be an arm dangler. Unless you are signaling a turn or stop, keep your arm inside the car. In that way, you will avoid misleading the driver behind you.

IN-SERVICE STUDIES

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What We Are Doing To Train

Today's Policeman For Tomorrow

No doubt you have noticed in the daily press frequent news releases from the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. and wondered about the place and its make-up. Only a week ago, one news release announced about two groups of men with different jobs but with a similar purpose - saving lives through traffic safety - enrolling for courses in Traffic Safety.

More than 30 judges and prosecutors, mostly from the midwest with some from as far away as Salt Lake City and San Antonio began a five-day court and traffic law administration conference at the University's School of Law, Chicago Campus while on the same day at the Evanston campus 25 Army officers and other Safety personnel started a four-week Motor Vehicle Safety and Traffic regulation course.

The Judges and Prosecutors conference is being conducted by the American Bar Association and the Traffic Institute for the fourth time at Northwestern and is the 21st in a series given at universities throughout the country. The Army course is the eighth military traffic course given by the Institute in cooperation with the Department of the Army as part of the Army's Safety Program.

In addition to the Army courses and judges and prosecutors conferences, the Institute conducts training schools for traffic police, motor vehicle fleet supervisors, driver training instructors, and other safety workers. Twenty-nine police officers - local and state - are now attending the Institute's five-month traffic police administration course.

This is refreshing, indeed, and a great contribution to the interests of highway safety. If only more judges and prosecutors "Down East" would follow this example. Too many and too

frequent changes in such offices are responsible for the conflicts which arise between trained police officers and short term police court officials.

One of our friends in the business world recently inquired "What goes on in the Traffic Institute at Northwestern to attract police officers in particular? Most police officers are somewhat settled and secure in their jobs, why send them there?" Well, we asked one familiar with the Institute to give us a report. Read it and you have the answer to our friend's question.

An Easterner first coming into the town of Evanston, the home of Northwestern University, is first impressed by the fact that the police wear stars instead of badges, and later by the fact that the whistles that are used are shrill and have a multi-tone effect, each distinctively different. Of course we are assuming that you are a policeman and would instinctively note these factors first.

When the fall class arrived in the early part of September, the town itself was very quiet and peaceful. Now it is apparent that it was the so-called calm before the storm. At the present time there have been about 12,000 students enrolled, one-half of which are girls, and the streets are those of a typical college town. Bright colors, fast talk, snappy type clothes, snazzy convertibles, and the omnipresent bicycle combine to give an overall view of activity and progress in the making.

The campus itself is second to none in beauty, with rolling lawns extending to the shores of Lake Michigan. The buildings are old looking, but comfortable, with ivy-clad walls, and they give a feeling of perpetual wisdom and serenity. In the midst of all this, there occasionally appears a building of

the most modern architecture and newness, but, rather than disclose the ancient vintage of the others it accentuates the fact that age and youth can and do combine to show each other off to good advantage.

On the southwest corner of this beautiful terrain is found the Traffic Institute in a building which conforms to the surrounding campus in a lovely fashion. Entering the classroom at the present time one would find that there are 29 pupils, and police departments from all over the country are represented. There is a Captain of the Puerto Rico Conesuler Police, a Tong with a Mayor of the Chilean "Carribinerri," (Mayor is equivelant to our rank of "Major"). An inspector of the Mississippi Highway patrol sits between two Los Angeles Captains. Across the room a Sergeant from the Phoenix City Police is engrossed in conversation with a Sergeant from the Newton, Mass. City Police. In the rear two California Highway Sergeants are arguing the respective merits of their states with a patrolman from Coral Gables and a Sergeant from the Miami City Police. Other State Departments represented are Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. Other cities are Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Saginaw, Michigan, Chicago, and Seattle, Washington.

A truer cross section of the nation's police could not have been gathered if that were the purpose of the course. Each man, and rightfully so, is very conscious of the fact that he is a representative of his city or state, and there is the constant battle with words over the practical advantages of their respective bailiwicks.

Many of the western and the southern officers wear "cowboy" boots and consider them appropriate civilian attire. The guns of these men are their pride and joy. All have fancy handles and the holsters are works of art.

It is surprising how in all the discussions the boys from the North band together from those of the South and the Easterners, against the Westerners. The civility of these discussions is beyond reproach, although occasionally when some topic like the Civil War is brought

up the Southerners are loud in their denunciation of the "Damyanks".

The subjects taught are many and varied, with the thought uppermost in the minds of the faculty that some day these men will in all probability be in charge of others and their actions are to be molded here and now for future use. An example of these subjects is "Semantics" or the true meaning of words and actions, in regard to facts and inferences. Others are "Public Speaking", "Effective Letter Writing", "Modern Accident Investigation", "Traffic Records", and "Rules of Evidence" for Court Presentation of any type of case, also traffic accident components, accident causes, driver characteristics and attitudes, selecting, testing and licensing drivers, accident investigation, chemical tests for determining alcoholic influence, physical laws, remedies for high accident locations, techniques for increasing traffic volume, law of arrest, and traffic safety education.

The faculty is composed of a combination of practical police officers of long service prior to coming to the Institute and some of the leading professors of the Northwestern University Staff. The combination of the practical and the theoretical presents a combination which is not only too hard to combat but practically foolproof in its assertions.

In addition to the lecture courses, there are many field trips and classes, where the actual personal application is shown and practiced. For instance, just a few days ago the enigma of records in regard to police work was explained to the entire group when it journeyed to the Chicago Park Police Force Headquarters. Incidentally, Chicago is unique in that it has two regular organized police forces under two distinct Chiefs. The Park Police, who take care of all the main roads, parks, parkways, and boulevards, number about 800, and the city police number about 8,000. There is constant good-natured rivalry between them, and many times in the past it has been suggested to join them but as yet no true plan for this has been offered.

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A few weeks ago the group went to the Chicago City Police Headquarters and witnessed the regular line-up of criminals. Ninety-five were shown, of which 78 were negroes, and of these 78, 61 were heroin addicts. The use of drugs in the underworld of this metropolis is quite a problem, and many a vicious shooting or cutting can be traced to drugs. There is also an acute problem as far as the Negroes are concerned, and there is a special squad whose entire function is to try to keep things on an even keel racially speaking.

Other trips and events are planned so that the officer when graduated from this very famous school will have a

working knowledge of the latest and the best in police science.

As you can see by this short trip through this capable institution, the police business is rapidly approaching the status of a progressive profession and one feels that these men, from all over the world, are the forerunners of the brains of tomorrow in this field.

You leave Evanston with the idea that there is a lot more to police business than writing tickets or catching crooks, and it is a good feeling to know that no stone is left unturned in the sincere, constant battle to protect the citizens of this great country of ours.

Two more CSP officers, Lieutenants Carroll E. Shaw and William A. Gruber join the Harvard Associates in Police Science on November 13, 1950 attending the tenth seminar in Homicide Investigation for State Police at the Department of Legal Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

We appreciate the opportunities given

for such specialized training, having in mind that it gives criminal investigators first hand knowledge of evidence likely to be of interest to the pathologist and legal medicine expert. CSP has 21 members who have attended these courses. The importance of such training is reflected in the Tenth Seminar program part of which follows:

Murder Unrecognized	Dr. Luongo
Apparently Murder	Dr. Ford
Homicide Investigation	Dr. Snyder
Police Photography	Mr. Sirois
Identification: Intact Bodies	Drs. Ford
Parts and Traces	and
Reconstruction Skeletal Remains	Walker
Disaster Identification	Dr. Brown
When Did Death Occur:	Dr. Luongo
Death by Gunfire: Medical Evidence	Dr. Ford
Death by Gunfire: Laboratory Technique	Dr. Walker
Death by Asphyxiation	Dr. Luongo
Some Cases of Special Interest	Dr. Helpern
Demonstration of Laboratory Tests	Drs. Walker
Commonly Used in Homicide Investigation	and Teabeaut
Autopsy	Dr. Ford
	or Dr. Luongo
Death by Poison	Dr. Walker
Alcohol Accidents and Crime	Dr. Greenberg

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Traffic Accidents	Dr. Ford
Preservation of Evidence	Drs. Walker and Teabeaut
Death from Obscure Causes	Dr. Fisher
Death by Conflagration Bodies found in burned buildings	Dr. Ford
Abortion	Dr. Fisher
Interrogation of Suspects and Witnesses	Prof. Inbau
The Accident Ward and The Undertaker's Workroom	Dr. Ford

Discussion of Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death

Captain Frances G. Lee, New Hampshire State Police has given much time and effort in promoting these courses and we are indebted to her foresight and planning in this field of training.

Nine members of the department joined with local police officers from Hartford, Waterbury, New Haven, Bridgeport and Greenwich last month in the special training course at Connecticut University on Radiological Monitoring. The Civilian Defense Program calls for other police officers to receive training in the near future.

A dozen or more CSP officers attended the Security Course last month in New Haven sponsored by the F.B.I. Local police also participated.

Special courses in Traffic Control were also provided in 1949 at Yale University Traffic Institute in conjunction with Northwestern's program. Four Station Lieutenants attended this two-week course. Lieutenants in charge of larger stations were given this privilege as all were frequently confronted with serious traffic problems.

First Aid (American Red Cross) courses are constantly provided. The years of 1948, 1949, 1950 show 249 members qualified each year in the standard course and 42 members qualified as instructors.

Civilian Defense In-Service training resumed in 1950 requiring ten hours study for the current year. 32 have fully completed this requirement and 98 have acquired 4½ hours to date. The coming two months will undoubtedly find all within the time.

In-service training in the use of firearms is the most popular course and it requires very little "push" to get the men and women of the force into practice matches.

For several years all have participated in the Postal Matches sponsored by the N.E.P.R.L. Lt. Smith, Detective Boyington and other instructors are capable and competent firearms experts with unusual talents in getting over to the boys and girls the fundamentals in target shooting.

In 1947 - 125 state police officers and 1 state policewoman qualified in these matches. In 1948 - promotional examinations required applicants to hold a marksman rating and 127 policemen and 9 policewomen gained marksmen's ratings. In 1949 the same number qualified. So far in 1950 a total of 114 men and 7 women met the standards.

It is encouraging to note many of our

experts are carrying off high honors in the N.E.P.R.L. and in other Inter-State and Intra-State matches.

The annual F.B.I. training course at East Haven Range in the use of rifles and high powered guns brings out 97% of the male force and is invaluable in this field of training.

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Lt. Smith and a dozen or more officers under his supervision with Officer Philip Massicotte and others are constantly instructing station personnel in the techniques of handling emergency equipment on the several emergency vehicles.

No emergency demand seems too big for this crew and many an anxious parent, wife and husband has found these services helpful in times of distress.

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LENDING LIBRARY

On November 1, 1950 the Department started a Lending Library for the State Police Force. Members of the Department will be lent books from Headquarters upon application to Miss Collins.

Each month a list of available books will be printed in Vox-Cop. Thirty days will be the maximum time allowed for reading. Failure to return books within 30 days may require delinquent to pay a daily rate or the original cost of book. Neglect or loss of books will be at the expense of the borrower.

Funds for purchase of books, which are pertinent to police work, have been provided through gratuities for such purchase. Anyone desiring to contribute books or funds for purchases may do so on application to the Commissioner.

No exchanges of books can be made without written approval from Miss Collins.

(List of available books in Around The Circuit Section.--Ed.)

Happiness increases only as we divide it with others.

THE LAW AND THE MOTORIST

The importance of the giving of a hand signal by the operator of an automobile who is about to stop on a highway is being recognized more frequently by the Courts.

While a motorist who runs into the rear of another automobile traveling in the same direction is usually responsible for the damages caused by the collision the Courts are exonerating the driver of the striking vehicle from responsibility unless the driver of the stopping vehicle is confronted by an emergency which necessitates his stopping and which does not give him an opportunity of signaling.

Therefore, the careful motorist should remember always to give a hand signal before bringing his automobile to a stop and especially so when he is stopping on a highway in the open country.

A recent and leading decision by the Courts of the State of Tennessee indicates the present trend of legal thinking in such cases.

FACTS IN THE CASE

Three automobiles were proceeding along in the open country. Hardin was in the lead car, followed by a soldier named Bull and following him was Cornelius. All three cars were traveling about 30 to 35 miles per hour when Hardin without looking to the rear or giving any hand signal stopped his car on the highway. An automobile was approaching from the opposite direction. Bull applied his brakes to avoid hitting Hardin but had no time to signal Cornelius. Cornelius applied his brakes but skidded into the rear of Bull's car thus causing the damage to his automobile. Cornelius was unable to cut to his left because of the oncoming car.

The lower Court rendered a verdict in favor of Cornelius for the damage to his automobile and Hardin appealed on the ground that Cornelius' negligence in running into an automobile in front of him had contributed to causing the accident. (Note: If Cornelius' negligence did contribute to the causing of the accident, he would not be permitted

by law to recover for his own damages.)

RULING OF THE COURT

The Tennessee Court of Appeals sustained the finding of the lower Court and thus allowed Cornelius to collect from Hardin for the damage to his automobile. The Court in its opinion said:

"Defendant (Hardin) violated the statute by stopping his car without giving the requisite signal. Under the record it was impossible for the trial

judge to have avoided the conclusion that the prime and proximate cause of plaintiff's (Cornelius') damage was the defendant's (Hardin's) act in violating the statute. Plaintiff (Cornelius) had the right to assume the statute would be observed by the cars in front of him. Defendant was not confronted by an emergency when he made this unlawful stop, but created the emergency in so doing."

---Hartford Automobiler

LONG ARM OF THE LAW

It must have surprised Connecticut people to learn that any resident can be compelled to testify as a witness in a criminal case in another State. Few knew that the Legislature in 1937 adopted a uniform law which wiped out State borders insofar as they might protect a resident against out-of-state subpoenas.

It was for the purpose of flushing out reluctant witnesses protected behind their own State borders that various States removed a barrier that for years had obstructed investigations and impeded prosecutions.

SECTION 8732, CHAPTER 427, 1949 REVISION GENERAL STATUTES. ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

(a) Definitions. The following words, when used in this section, shall have the meaning specified, unless the context shall otherwise indicate: "Witness" shall mean a person whose testimony is desired in any proceeding or investigation by a grand jury or in a criminal action, prosecution or proceeding; "state" shall include any territory of the United States and the District of Columbia and "summons" shall mean a subpoena, order or other notice requiring the appearance of a witness.

(b) Summoning witnesses in this state to testify in another state. If a judge of a court of record in any state which by its laws has made provisions for commanding persons within that state to attend and testify in this state shall certify, under the seal of such court, that there is a criminal prosecution pending in such court, or that a grand jury investigation has commenced or is

about to commence, that a person being within this state is a material witness in such prosecution or grand jury investigation and that his presence will be required for a specified number of days, upon presentation of such certificate to any judge of a court of record in the county in which such person is, such judge shall fix a time and place for a hearing and shall make an order directing the witness to appear at such time and place for such hearing. If, at such hearing, the judge shall determine that the witness is material and necessary, that it will not cause undue hardship to the witness to be compelled to attend and testify in the prosecution or a grand jury investigation in the other state and that the laws of such other state and the laws of any other state through which the witness may be required to pass by ordinary course of travel, will give to him protection from arrest and from the service of a civil or criminal process, he shall issue a summons, with a copy of the certificate attached, directing

the witness to attend and testify in the court where the prosecution is pending, or where a grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence at a time and place specified in the summons. At any such hearing, the certificate shall be prima facie evidence of all the facts stated therein. If such certificate shall recommend that the witness be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of the requesting state to assure his attendance in such state, such judge may, in lieu of notification of the hearing, direct that such witness be forthwith brought before him for such hearing, and, being satisfied, at such hearing, of the desirability of such custody and delivery, of which desirability such certificate shall be prima facie proof, may, in lieu of issuing a subpoena or summons, order that such witness be forthwith taken into custody and delivered to an officer of the requesting state. If such witness, after being paid or tendered by an authorized person the sum of ten cents a mile for each mile by the ordinary traveled route to and from the court where the prosecution is pending and five dollars each day that he is required to travel and attend as a witness, shall fail, without good cause, to attend and testify as directed in the summons, he shall be punished in the manner provided for the punishment of any witness who shall disobey a summons issued from a court of record in this state.

(c) Witness from another state summoned to testify in this state. If a person in any state, which by its laws has made provision for commanding persons within its borders to attend and testify in criminal prosecutions or in grand jury investigations commenced or about to commence in this state, shall be a material witness in a prosecution pending in a court of record in this state, or in a grand jury investigation which has commenced or is about to commence, a judge of such court may issue a certificate under the seal of the court, stating such facts and specifying the number of days the witness will be required. Such certificate may include a recommendation that the witness

be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of this state to assure his attendance in this state. Such certificate shall be presented to a judge of a court of record in the county in which the witness is found. If the witness shall be summoned to attend and testify in this state, he shall be tendered the sum of ten cents for each mile by the ordinary traveled route to and from the court where the prosecution is pending, and five dollars for each day that he is required to travel and attend as a witness. A witness who has appeared in accordance with the provisions of the summons shall not be required to remain within this state a longer period of time than the period mentioned in the certificate, unless otherwise ordered by the court. If such witness, after coming into this state, shall fail, without good cause, to attend and testify as directed in the summons, he shall be punished in the manner provided for the punishment of any witness who shall disobey a summons issued from a court of record in this state.

(d) Exemption from arrest and service of process. If a person shall come into this state in obedience to a summons directing him to attend and testify in this state, he shall not, while in this state pursuant to such summons, be subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters which arose before his entrance into this state under such summons. If a person shall pass through this state while going to another state in obedience to a summons to attend and testify in that state or while returning therefrom, he shall not, while so passing through this state, be subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters which arose before his entrance into this state under such summons.

(e) Interpretation. This section shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the laws of the states which enact it.

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OTHER STATES. Any trial justice or judge of any court having authority to commit persons to prison, upon receipt of a certificate of the clerk of a court of record in any other state or in any territory of the United States that a criminal prosecution is pending in such court and that a resident of this state is believed to be a material witness therein, shall issue a summons requiring such witness to appear and testify at the court in which such case is pending. If the person on whom such summons is served is paid or tendered ten cents a mile to and from such court by the ordinary traveled route and two dollars for each day's attendance required, he shall, if he neglects without good cause to attend as a witness at the court named in such summons, be fined not more than three hundred dollars.

SECTION 8747. WHEN GRAND JURY IS REQUIRED. The superior court may, when necessary, order a grand jury of eighteen electors of the county where said court is sitting, to be summoned, impaneled and sworn to inquire after and present such offenses as shall be cognizable by said court; and no person shall be put to plea or held to trial for any crime the punishment of which may be death or imprisonment for life, unless an indictment shall have been found against him for such crime by a grand jury legally impaneled and sworn, and no bill shall be presented by any grand jury unless twelve at least of the jurors shall agree to it.

Our Constitution does not protect a person from being questioned by grand jury but only gives immunity from answering particular questions. (Reference 126 - Connecticut - 64 p. 72)

We recommend every officer of this department read "That's How To Catch A Thief" in the Saturday Evening Post for the week ending October 28, 1950.

Our mutual friend, John A. Dondero, fingerprint expert, has made a fine contribution on this subject.

STATE LAWS VARY

We find on research that Section 903 of the New York City Charter and Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution provides a public officer, including police, who refuses to sign a waiver of immunity before a grand jury, forfeits his office. Accordingly such persons who sign a waiver can then be prosecuted for any evidence they give concerning themselves. Frequently such employees submit resignations from employment, then offer to give evidence to grand juries and are usually refused an opportunity to testify. Others submit applications for retirement, (when eligible) which becomes effective as soon as filed and such persons cannot then be forced to sign waivers and are then denied a chance to appear as a witness before a grand jury.

This New York system differs considerably from our Connecticut practice. Here one appears in answer to a subpoena and may claim his constitutional rights on self-incrimination, but refusal on such grounds is tantamount to dismissal from public service as an admission of guilt.

In actual criminal trials refusal of an accused to take the witness stand in his own behalf or a refusal to answer a question before a Grand Jury upon grounds of self-incrimination cannot be commented upon before a court or jury--Reference State vs William Buxton 79 - Conn. - p. 477; State vs Willis - Conn. - 71 - pp. 293-308 41 Atlantic p. 820.

WINTER IS HERE

Do you remember the winter before last? If you do there are some things you'll surely want to do. (1) Get your chains ready; (2) Your anti-freeze; (3) Your windshield wiper in order.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Labor often begets pleasure.

Safety mindedness

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Does An Expert Or An Amateur Drive Your Car?

What are the differences between the expert driver and the amateur? For one thing, the expert is really well informed about driving while the amateur has a great deal to learn...Many a man is still an amateur after 20 years behind the wheel. To test yourself try the quiz below. There are four possibilities for completing each statement and you are to choose the one you think most correct and place that number in the blank. Anyone now driving a car solo should get at least 6 correct. (This quiz is an excerpt from the new Ford Motor Company booklet, "Deft Driving.") Of interest to all motorists, it is particularly valuable reading for the new driver. Copies of the booklet may be obtained from your local Ford Dealer or by writing to Community Relations, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

1. Most traffic accidents are the result of:

- (1) Mechanical defects in automobiles
- (2) Defects in the road
- (3) Errors in driver's judgment
- (4) Adverse weather conditions.

2. When ascending a hill behind a transport truck, you should:

- (1) Stay far enough behind the truck so that it does not block your view of oncoming traffic
- (2) Stay close to the rear of the truck so that no other car from behind can get in between you and the truck
- (3) Blow your horn (daytime) or flick your lights (night time) to let the truck driver know you wish to pass
- (4) Speed up and make a quick pass around the truck.

3. When driving around a curve on the highway you should:

- (1) Accelerate at the beginning of the curve and apply the brakes just before reaching the straightaway
- (2) Slow down before reaching the curve, depress the clutch, and coast around the curve
- (3) Slow the car down with the engine before reaching the curve, start around the curve, and accelerate just before reaching the straightaway
- (4) Start into the curve at the speed the car is traveling and apply the brakes only if necessary.

4. If the minimum stopping distance of a car traveling at 20 miles per hour is 40 feet, at 40 miles per hour it would be:

- (1) 60 feet
- (2) 75 feet
- (3) 80 feet
- (4) 115 feet.

5. When the right wheels of your car slip off the edge of the pavement, you should:

- (1) Slow down gradually until you can steer back onto the pavement at a convenient place
- (2) Turn back onto the pavement quickly before your car has lost any of its momentum
- (3) Apply the brakes quickly in order to keep from rolling over into a ditch
- (4) Turn off the ignition, coast to a stop, and then back up onto the pavement.

6. You are driving on a snow-covered road and have to make a stop quickly. The best way to do this is to:

- (1) Slam the brakes on hard
- (2) Roll down the window and signal
- (3) Turn off the ignition and apply the hand

brake (4) Pump the brake pedal _____

7. Your car (A) is being overtaken by another car (B) on a two-lane road. Just as the overtaking car draws up alongside yours, its driver, seeing that an oncoming car (C) is near, starts to drop back into line again. You can help reduce the danger to all three cars by:

- (1) Accelerating (2) Applying the brakes (3) Keeping your speed constant (4) Blowing your horn as a danger signal _____

8. In the situation above (#7) you are driving car (C). You can help reduce the danger to all three cars by:

- (1) Blowing your horn (2) Keeping your speed constant (3) Moving toward the center of the road to scare car (B) back into line (4) Applying the brakes _____

Answers on bottom of page.

TREE USED AS OFFICIAL JAIL

Did you know there is a city named "Nowhere" that floats on a raft in the Pacific off the northwestern coast of the U. S.? Ever hear of a three-story building being built on the bare face of a cliff or a treetop hotel or a treetop jail? This strange world of ours also boasts a community that never turns off its street lights.

What beyond any peradventure of doubt, as the professor used to say, is the world's oddest jail in Hillgrove, an Australian village. It's a bottle tree (*Adansonia gregorii*, if you really want to know) whose trunk is approximately 50 feet in circumference, although the tree itself is only about 35 feet tall.

It has a large cavity in the middle, and a hole has been cut about 12 feet above the ground to permit entrance to the cavity. When a prisoner is assigned to this clink he is put inside the tree and the ladders are removed, thus making it inconvenient for him to escape alive. He is detained there until a trooper comes to take him to an ordinary jail at nearby Wyndham.

The treetop hotel is perched over a

jungle water hole in Africa. It's a four-room structure, sometimes called the tiniest hostelry in the world, with electricity, running water and other modern conveniences, although it is in wild game territory in the Tana River Valley in Kenya Colony.

If you want to see rhinoceroses, water bucks, buffalo, hyenas or elephants, all you have to do is look out the window, for these creatures visit the water hole at night to drink. The proprietor is an Englishman named Eric Walker, who apparently wanted to get away from it all. Barbed wire around the lower limbs of the tree keep prowling animals from coming into the lobby.

---Boston Post

THE FIRST KNOWN RESCUE

"And a certain Samaritan... going up to him bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine; and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn and took care of him." ---Luke 10:33-34

BE COURTEOUS

Sudden stops can cause accidents. Give the motorist behind you a hand signal, when you find it necessary to come to a stop.

In a way, an automobile is like a human being. If you treat it well, it generally will treat you well. If you abuse it, it may abuse you. Do have your car checked regularly.

If you have a hair-trigger temper, try to restrain yourself when behind the wheel of an automobile.

ANSWERS TO CAR QUIZ

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| 1.--3 | 5.--1 |
| 2.--1 | 6.--4 |
| 3.--3 | 7.--1 |
| 4.--4 | 8.--4 |

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

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The following members of this department have entered the armed services of our country since August 1, 1950:

Off. Walter P. Stecko, Danielson

Off. Charles L. Wilkerson, Stafford

Earl Elliott, Litchfield.

STATION "A", RIDGEFIELD

Station A welcomes as its new Commander, Lieutenant Henry M. Mayo. Our former C. O., Lieutenant Jesse F. Foley, transferred to Headquarters and assumes the duties of Night Executive Officer.

We are also welcoming Officer William Hennessey, who was transferred here from Station C. He certainly has proved himself to be another Morey Amsterdam.

The waistlines are starting to diminish around the barracks as a result of a vigorous workout with the "Leaves Raking Squad" under the able direction of Lieut. Mayo.

Sgt. Murphy, Officers Noxon, Giardina and McNamara, are back from their Annual Fall vacation, some with paint spots on them and others with skinned knuckles and bruised knees from the screen and storm window detail...at home...did somebody say vacation??

Praiseworthy remarks were heard as our boys in blue passed the spectators at the Annual Danbury Hat Parade, which

was held on Saturday, October 14, 1950.

Once again the Great Danbury Fair has come to a close. Everyone has settled down to their regular routine. No traffic tie-ups were encountered and crime inside of the grounds was kept at a minimum. We wish to thank all officers who took part in this detail.

"A GOOD CATCH" AS A RESULT OF AN OBSERVANT OFFICER...On October 20, we received two complaints of Burglaries committed in the Georgetown Sector of the Town of Redding. The first one was from the Georgetown Post Office where two revolvers were taken and the second one was from Connery's General Store where approximately \$50.00 in change was taken.

An alarm was immediately transmitted by Teletype to all stations advising them of these burglaries.

Officer William Quaintance, who was working on the midnight detail at Station G, saw the broadcast when it came into his station and recollected stopping a car on Route #7 shortly after these breaks occurred for having only one light. Officer Quaintance immediately called Lieut. Mayo with this in-

formation and stated the car being operated by a 17-year-old chap from Norwalk. In the car at the time were two other youths.

Officer Robert Lineweber and Joseph Pirri were assigned to this investigation, and after picking up the 17-year-old it was ascertained that he, and a 16-year-old associate from Norwalk, and an unidentified youth committed these burglaries. Most of the loot was recovered, and they were immediately placed under arrest. They were released under \$500.00 bonds for appearance in Redding Justice Court on November 1, 1950 charged with Statutory Burglary. Search is being continued for the third member.

We congratulate Officer Quaintance of Station G for his observance and whole-hearted cooperation in helping to solve this case.

Just about a year ago a new officer arrived at this barracks. He was single and very shy. He wasn't here very long when he acquired the name of "Boots". The married men here immediately took him under their wing and informed him of the pitfalls, trials and tribulations of married life, but it was all in vain, as we learned a week ago that he was being married on October 28, 1950. Although quite a few here were provoked at this officer for not taking their advice, they decided to make the best of the situation and give him what is commonly termed "A Bachelor Dinner", but we all know it as a "Farewell to Freedom Dinner". The dinner was held at the Twin Lakes Inn in Ridgefield on the evening of October 26.

All of the personnel attended this dinner dressed in the appropriate "Mourning" attire (black ties and black arm-bands), and at the stroke of eight the M. C. (Off. Dunn) called for a minute of solemn silence, which befitted the occasion. After this dinner was served, the entire assemblage was called upon, one by one, for a few words of advice - trouble is that if this officer takes all of it he won't be back to work for the next six months!!

Now that we have had our little fun, we wish much happiness to Officer William P. Francis and his new bride, the

former Eleanor Ferriss, of New Milford.

One of the boys had a note from our good Sergeant in training at the Chicago Suburb. "Doing fine," says the smiling Sergeant, "but really working my head off." Tells us that Professor Lang, Ph. D., public speaking instructor is one of the top flight men in his field. When the Student Sergeant returns home we anticipate his new assignments will include the public rostrum and the "turkey circuit."

Danbury News, 25 years ago column recently reported Sergeant John C. Kelly, commanding officer of the state police barracks at Ridgefield, and Mrs. Kelly left today for a two weeks' automobile trip through New England and eastern Canada. During the absence of Sergeant Kelly, Officer Leo F. Carroll will be in command of the Ridgefield barracks.

Well, a quarter of a century brings many changes.

TOLLAND COUNTY TALES

Did you know that a new tribe of Indians have settled in the wilds of Tolland County? You no doubt of late have heard their war cry floating out over the air waves, "C-ON-GO". After a most active month of October the braves were in good trim and well prepared to cope with any emergency that arose on Halloween.

"Fox" Smiegel discovered a stolen car from Springfield with two youths in it. Both of the boys took off across the fields and for the woods with the "Fox" in close pursuit, finally one being overtaken and captured. Had it not been for his advanced age, he would have had the two, he stated. However, "One in the hand is better than two in the bush." Good work, old "Fox".

Halloween found others of our braves scattered around the territory, leading parades, judging costumes and generally trying to keep ahead of the pranksters. During the evening, witches, black cats, sailors, clowns, gypsies, dancers,

devils, skeletons, animals of all species, one-hundred fifty strong, descended upon the wigwam and demanded a treat or they would trick. Of course, squaw Nigh-Hawk decided that a treat would be better than a trick and the callers all went away happy.

Our birdman, Art Hess, apprehended a chicken thief the other morning, about daylight. It was none other than young Mr. Grey Fox, who gave himself up by running right in under the patrol car.

Our station seems to have had its share of juvenile cases this month; runaway girls from New Jersey; Hartford boys in search of antique bottles breaking into a locked building; youngsters damaging private property; one boy seriously injured in an accidental shooting; four teen-agers, one a girl, hitch-hiking to Worcester after abandoning a stolen car, only to mention a few.

Did you ever call at a house and find that possibly you had set off the fire alarm? Just the other night our policewoman stepped onto a lighted porch, went to the door, pressed the door bell, no sound, rapped on the door when suddenly loud unmelodious sounds of an old cowbell came forth from inside and as they continued were accompanied by the sound of what seemed to be an army jumping out of bed on the second floor. The sounds from the bell were so loud that the Lieutenant and Officer Shay, who were just driving from the road into the driveway, quickly stopped their cars, came running up onto the porch to see what was the matter. It seems that the man of the house is slightly hard of hearing and has to be awakened by the ringing of the cowbell by his wife.

With the apprehension of George Flint, age 20, of Tolland, Ted Sheiber solved several breaking and entering cases and recovered the stolen articles, among them being hunting equipment and a camera. Complaint received one day, culprit apprehended the next. Good work, Ted.

At the breakfast table each morning, for the benefit of us poorer members who can't afford TV, Bob Bohman and Lud Koloziej re-enact the previous evening's programs. With those long arms of Bob's

it isn't always safe to attempt to eat during these performances unless you want to spill your food.

After a month spent with us, ask the Lieutenant if he still believes the old saying "To the country one goes for peace and quiet."

What a month! Frank Shay surely got the headlines along with his photograph in the papers. (Thanks, Major!)

Tuesday, October 24, Frank was assigned to assist the University of Connecticut Security Department in the investigation of a case pertaining to the theft of \$300.00 from the Theta Chi Fraternity. It was suspected that one by the name of Joseph Hubbard, a fraternity brother from Colgate, who had spent the night at the Frat house and who had left in the morning for New York, was the guilty party. A tip came from one of the men when he recalled that Hubbard had called a girl at another New England University. Checking there revealed that Hubbard had spent a night at Theta Chi House, had set up the boys to a case of champagne, and had picked up the check for at least one \$20.00 meal.

Officer Shay, accompanied by Officers Goodale and Whitmarsh of the University of Connecticut, went to the New England College and found that Hubbard had been at the University for one night the same as at Storrs. It was also learned that he planned to return at some later date and arrangements were made to have him picked up if this happened.

Checking further it was found that one Joseph Hubbard of Colgate had had his wallet with identification and credentials taken from the Theta Chi House at Colgate a short time prior to this. It then became apparent that an imposter was at large.

All Theta Chi chapters in the East were alerted and were asked to turn over to the police any man asking for a night's lodging, identifying himself as Joseph Hubbard, or answering the description of the man as given by members of various chapters where he had visited.

Was Officer Shay happy on Sunday? And how he was when word came that Hub-

bard had turned up at Penn State College, and had been taken into custody by the Pennsylvania State Police. The police reported that Hubbard had identified himself as being Edward James Stack, age 30, of Detroit, Michigan. He admitted thefts at U-Conn and at Colgate. At Hanover and other college towns in the East he admitted issuing fraudulent checks and placed the value of them above \$1,000.00. Prior to leaving a place he would gather together all wallets, watches, and cash and the like that he could get his hands on.

Our Frank, with the U-Conn Security officers, upon receiving word of the capture of Stack, alias Hubbard, left immediately for Pennsylvania, where they picked up Stack, returned him to Connecticut, presented him before the Mansfield Justice and had him bound over to the next term of the Tolland County Superior Court by Tuesday night, October 31. Being unable to post a \$10,000.00 bond, our Frank escorted Stack to our County Jail.

Warrants for Stack are being received from other states as the result of his numerous activities. He has previously served time in Michigan and Florida. He planned to float a large number of checks, take the cash, go to Canada secure the birth certificate of a recently deceased person and leave for England or Ireland. There he planned to start a new life. He stated that the plan looked good to him but now it was wrecked, all due to the excellent work of our officers, Theta Chi members and the fine cooperation of the Penn. State Police. Congratulations to all.

Another fine tribute to Lt. Hulburt's service in Station "C" appeared in the Editorial Section of the Rockville Leader last month after Vox-Cop went to print. We quote:

"Transfer of Lieutenant Harris J. Hulburt from the Stafford Springs Barracks to Headquarters in Hartford came as a surprise to Lt. Hulburt's friends in Rockville. He will now become Property Custodian in the Quartermasters Division and will have charge of all property issued for the State Police Department including those relating

to civil defense.

"It was twenty seven years ago that Lt. Hulburt joined the State Police and was assigned to Stafford. The fact that he has remained there so long with promotions which have resulted in his being in command for the past ten years, shows that he has filled this post to the satisfaction of all,--except, of course, those individuals who have found themselves in the toils of the law as the result of his investigations.

"In his twenty-seven years with the State Police, Lt. Hulburt has had many interesting experiences and has been connected with cases which have gained a fame which has extended beyond the borders of the county. He has seen crime detection become more and more of a science. In this period, Tolland County itself has changed considerably, one of the greatest changes being in its roads. In 1923, Rockville and Stafford were connected by a miserable sandy road, and the trip from one place to the other was time-consuming and uncomfortable. Since the work of the State Police takes them to all parts of the County, it must have been a great satisfaction to Lieutenant Hulburt to see these "horse and buggy" roads pass into limbo and be replaced practically every where by up-to-date highways. Of course the greatest improvement in transportation has come with the opening of the Wilbur Cross Highway, which, because of its speeders and accidents, has meant added work for the State Police at Stafford.

"We are sorry to see Lieutenant Hulburt leave. We have always found him efficient, pleasant, with a sense of humor, and ready to cooperate as far as he could in furnishing information which is often so essential to newspapers. His comprehensive knowledge of Tolland County and Tolland County people has proved invaluable. He carries with him to his new post our best wishes, and those, we are sure, of all his Tolland County friends, for whom in a sense, he has become the personification of the State Police.

"To his successor at Stafford Lieutenant Harry Taylor, we also extend

our best wishes. We hope he will like Tolland County and the people who live here and that his stay at Stafford will be a long and happy one."

STATION "D", DANIELSON

Station D has been harvesting its crop of crimes this past month through the investigation of an abandoned car stolen out of Watertown, Massachusetts, on October 11, 1950. It was believed that one Francis Thompson, age 26, formerly of Goodyear, Connecticut, a parole violator of Connecticut State Prison, was the perpetrator of four breaks in this territory which occurred on October 10 and 11.

Through teletype system information Thompson was picked up in Albany, New York, and brought back to Station D by Officers McSweeney and Winslow and confessed that he and another accomplice from Watertown, Massachusetts, were the culprits in this case. Francis also admitted that he attempted to hold up Stanley Toper of Goodyear, on September 6. Stanley Toper runs a package store and Thompson assaulted him while attempting the holdup. Francis is back at Wethersfield serving from three to five years. All officers at Station D took part and cooperated in the investigation of these crimes.

On October 7, at 8:30 A. M., a car was reported stolen from the Danielson area. On October 8, this Ford was found parked in the woods near Dayville and brought to the barracks for examination. On October 7, a women reported her son's new bike stolen, valued at \$45.00, which was later found by Off. Andreoli in Dayville. On this same date a report was received that someone had broken into the cottage of Joel Douglas at Alexander's Lake, Dayville, and that household goods valued at \$250 had been taken. While Off. John T. Murphy was at this summer home checking, he went next door and found the cottage of Dr. Karl Phillips had been broken into and

ransacked. Household goods at this place, valued at \$120. were also stolen.

On October 9, a teletype message was received at this station from North Providence, R. I., Police Department, that a parked car had been found on one of the side streets and that there were several household utensils in the car. These were similar to the ones stolen in our breaks at Alexander's Lake. The operator of the car was picked up and admitted that he was responsible for these breaks and theft. James J. Gaughan, age 22, of Pawtucket, R. I., who had been living with Joseph "Miss Fish" Touchette a female impersonator, of Dayville, was brought back to Station D and was later sent to the County Jail for Windham County in Brooklyn for 21 months on six counts.

Officers at Station D, Connecticut State Police, have had their hands full during the past week with numerous breaks and thefts which have proved the largest series in this area for some time.

STATION "E", GROTON

Off. J. Smith was in pursuit of a thief who had ransacked a local cottage known as "Shangri-La." The man in question had entered the Army so Off. J. Smith just "lay low" and waited. Recently, his name cropped up in an investigation of a hit-and-run accident at Litchfield and his arrest followed. The chief's accomplice was arrested over a year ago in Hartford for beating his wife and he admitted the thefts. "It may take time but I'll solve the case, sooner or later," retorts Off. Smith.

We boast that we have one of the best chefs in the circuit. Namely, "Benny" who not only provides splendid meals but also looks out for any of the boys that might be on a special diet. "Benny" recently became a proud Grand-pop. He also has a son that was injured in the battle of Korea. One morning of late, "Benny" had to attend to

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some outside duty and consequently missed breakfast at the barracks. "Oscar of the Waldorf" had better watch his laurels for we have a Lieutenant commanding our station who can jump right in and serve. He not only can--he does. Mr. Williams, another able kitchen man, did the honors of cooking the meals.

In tones reminiscent of "Luigi" of radio fame we submit: Sgt. Dygert arrested an operator for Violation of the Rules of the Road (failure to grant the right of way to oncoming traffic). As the Sergeant issued the summons and explained the location and time of court, the following was heard:

Operator--"Pleasa Mist, donta rest me, Ima work a man."

Sgt. Dygert--"You are not arrested for vagrancy but for a motor vehicle violation."

Operator--"Oh, dotsa difference, I'lla be in court, tank a you."

Capt. Paul Lavin attended a demolition class held at the Norwich State Armory.

Off. O'Connor in his zealous endeavor to get ahead often stays at the barracks instead of going home, and is often chided by the boys on this angle. The other morning at breakfast he was narrating how he had gone home the night before and had taken his wife to a show. "Yea," chorused the boys, "What was the name of it?" "No Way Out," replied O'Connor. "No," chimed in the boys, "what was the name of the picture? We don't care if you had to go." "I told you," replied Off. O'Connor, "No Way Out."

State Policewoman L. Boland, Policewoman L. Noonan of the New London Pd., and Policewoman A. Lackey of the Groton Pd., attended the fall meeting of the Connecticut Policewomen's Association at New Haven.

Sometimes our radio is cluttered up with outside interference. A tale hangs upon this fact. Material such as "all" stolen cars cannot be "flashed" over the radio or teletype systems, especially those of other states. Off. P. Hickey on early morning desk duty, with his inquisitive nose, overheard faintly a Massachusetts' broadcast. Anyway, he

wrote the description and registration down. Later on in the day a car of foreign make was found abandoned in a rural field. All were perplexed as a check was made to determine the stolen status of this car. Off. P. Hickey immediately supplied the necessary data from his notes, and he beamed all over when it did prove to be a stolen car from Massachusetts.

Lieut. Klocker paid Station "E" a visit recently. During his short stay his attention was brought to the "something new has been added." "Yes," replied Lt. Klocker, "I know all about it, I read Vox-Cop." This remark was in the form of exhortation to a scribe's ear. "If the proof of the pudding is in the eating" why isn't "Proof of the reading in its digestion?"

Did ya' kno' -- A fellow with nothing to worry about takes his last ride in a hearse and travels about fifteen miles per hour. Another fellow, who'd like to live awhile gets in a car and races around at 60 miles per hour. Food for thought?

Officer Edward O'Connor earned the gratitude of a Stonington resident recently, when Headquarters received the following.

"I regret so much not having taken the number of the officer's car or asking him his name so that I could commend him personally to you. Acquainting you with the facts, you may be able to find this courteous officer. I appreciate so much his generous help when my car broke down on Sunday, at 3:30 P. M. on the road to New London to Stonington. Also, the elderly gentleman who was with us, and whose job it would have been to do the job alone is thankful. Even though the officer said it was in the line of duty, all officers are not so courteous and I wish to congratulate you for having one like him serving the public."

A search of our records disclosed the Officer to be none other than Off. Edward A. O'Connor.

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Oslo Police, Sweden have six policewomen under the direction of a (female) sergeant.

STATION "F", WESTBROOK

On Sunday evening, October 22, 1950 a Victory Dinner was held at Castlebrook Inn, Westbrook, in honor of the SPORT Intermediate Baseball Team, sponsored by this station. Among the guests of honor were Commissioner Hickey, Vernon "Lefty" Gomez, former New York Yankee pitching ace, Rip Collins, of the Old Gas House Gang, Ethan Allen, head coach Yale Baseball, and Charlie Blossfield, president of the Hartford Baseball Club. The guests included the supporters of SPORT, mothers, fathers, and friends, numbering about 260 persons, plus the winning team. Commissioner Hickey was the principal speaker, and needless to say it was a grand party. Ben Schlossbach, the Squire of Castlebrook, outdid himself with his super dinner menu.

Welcome to our new dispatcher, Charlie Havens of Hartford, who is about to become a Westbrookite. Hope you like it here.

Bill Young is on a well earned vacation and we now are being served French cuisine by an Irish lad, Frank McMahon.

A few days ago, Pappy Babcock brought a sweet old lady to the barracks who was obviously lost. She did not speak English, so our boy, Pete, was asked by the Lieutenant to find out her name. Pete labored for about a half hour and when he was all through we still didn't know the lady's name. Finally, her folks started looking for her and came to the barracks. Do you know why Pete didn't make out? He was talking in his very best Italian to a lady of Greek extraction. Too late, we thought of our Sam Solias.

We had hopes that our friend Long John Wollschlager would gradually gain some weight, as we know the Mrs. is a good cook, but he stays the same.

Did any of you see Frederick P. (for Patrick) Moran in New Haven Superior Court last week? At one point his face and hair matched. Think someone perturbed him a bit.

John F. O'Brien and that silver-tongued County Detective George Dunn

are now in the State of Texas. Hope they get their man before those Texas Rangers catch up with them.

William (Butch) Conlon is a busy man these days with 2 x 4's, cement, etc., while George Baldwin is about to migrate to North Branford to his new home. We're all set for that house warming, George.

STATION "G", WESTPORT

Station HQ to all stations SP Bdcst #--- now going over the type any station not receiving, etc. Thus did the men of "G" learn that the prayers of Lieut. Gruber were being answered and he was to return to HQ. Our best wishes to you Lieut., and we are as sorry to lose you as you are happy to return to the old stamping grounds. Offs. Mulligan, Roche, Pawchyk and Campbell also shook the dust of Westport from their heels for the last time, and we wish them the best of everything at their new stations. We welcome to the "G" family of troopers Offs. Croce, Fagan, Kosloffsky, Shafer and Clancy.

During the recent vacation of Lt. Clarke, we again had the pleasure of working for Lt. Williams and as usual it was one of the weeks of minor activity at "G" and the good Lt. was able to refer, with justification, to the station as "The department's convalescent home".

Henceforth, visitors to "G" will be welcomed by the smiling countenance of Off. Warren French, who realized a lifetime's ambition as he took over as desk man the first of the month. As he mounted the rostrum for his first day of duty he was heard to hum, "I'm sitting on top of the world, just singing a song".

The moneyed men of Westport are enjoying moving these days as Offs. Warner and Wallace and our chefs Mr. and Mrs. Speer are now settled in their new homes and Offs. Costello, Northcott and Raineault intend to start the shift to their new homes within the next week.

The many friends, throughout the State, of Sgt. and Mrs. Ferris will be pleased to learn that they are now settled in their new home in Fairfield. The housing shortage will be completely licked once we get a rent (not over \$50) for Joe Sullivan. Methinks it will be easier to get a 1950 Cadillac for \$75 than to fill that order in this "higher income tax section of the State".

The magic of the Westport Air continues to have its effect as the wives of Sgt. Bowes, Offs. Fray and Fagan presented them with potential troopers of the future.

Off. Foley continued his string of fatals and firsts as he pondered filing his reports on the death of OLD Dobbin who, in spite of many a verbal warning by the Parkway pursuers, returned to the concrete one morning in time to meet a car and thereby meet his end.

Due to the great number of fatal accidents on the Merritt Parkway at North St. the State spent considerable money to straighten the road so that no other person would lose his life at that point. So what happened--you guessed it--two weeks after the new road was opened to traffic a car rolled over at the curve and the operator was killed. Men and money will not stop the slaughter only common sense can do the job now.

Upon her return from a recent vacation, Miss Petrini caused quite a stir as she talked and talked and talked some more about "HER BABY" that she had been taking care of while on vacation. The scandal hungry gentry were taken back when they learned that she was referring to the cute youngster born to her MARRIED sister. Miss Petrini had taken care of her sister and the baby during which time her attachment for the youngster brought her to the point where she was referring to the child as her baby and then on return to duty continued the use of the expression till she had eyebrows raised way up beyond the foreheads.

She's lovely, She's engaged, She's Peg Noonan--engaged to our Off. Wm. Shafer. Lucky girl, yes, and lucky boy, too.

STATION "H", HARTFORD

Off. Joseph Palin made a quick recovery from the shock of hearing the Yankees win the Series. Joe was doubly shocked when they won in four straight after he had been awarded a ticket to the fifth game. However, Joe showed that all was all right by teaming up with Off. John Bonolo in cleaning up several breaks in Berlin, New Britain, and Cromwell, with the apprehension of four young men who had stolen several automobile batteries and parts, including a new Mercury motor.

A curious side light to this case was a one-car accident case investigated on 7-11-50 by Off. Charles Pritchard. The accident occurred on a side road in Cromwell, and upon the officer's arrival at the scene he found an old model car without plates or identification of any kind, overturned in the road. A nearby resident told the Officer that he heard the crash and went to the car. As he neared the scene, several boys ran off into the woods. Ownership of the car could not be traced because it had not been registered, and the case was at a standstill until Officers Palin and Bonolo apprehended their quartet. Investigation disclosed that one of these boys owned the car, and it was being operated by a friend at the time of the accident. The friend admitted his part, and a conviction for operating an unregistered M. V. and Abandoning a M. V. resulted.

Off. Joseph Minleri is getting a quick indoctrination on the East Patrol. He recently picked up one Walter Terosky, a frequent visitor to the Barracks Blue Room, who was lying alongside the road in South Windsor very much intoxicated. He was confined at the Barracks overnight, and the following day released on bond. A few hours later Joe was assigned to a complaint of an intoxicated person in South Windsor, and in responding to the complaint, located friend Walter again lying in the road, about 100 feet from the spot where Joe found him the day before. Needless to say, Walter spent another night in the

Blue Room, followed by a graduation to 30 days in the County Jail.

Off. Jim Duane was assigned recently to investigation of a one-car accident and upon arrival at scene found no one about. Further checking revealed that the owner of the vehicle was at home, and when Jim arrived, the owner complained that the car had been stolen. Jim checked all the facts and found that they didn't add up, and when the owner was confronted with the evidence, admitted that he had been operating at the time of the accident. He had given the false story to cover up the fact that he didn't have a license, and wound up being charged with Operating Without a License and Making a False Complaint.

Route 15 in Manchester was all "fowled up" recently. Off. Joseph Plikin investigated a one-truck accident in which a truck-load of chickens (frozen variety) overturned, spilling several cases of frozen chickens over the highway. Thirty-six hours later, Off. C. Taylor Hart investigated a one-truck accident about 2 miles from the first one, in which a truck-load of chickens (live variety) was spilled over the highway. C. Taylor happened to have a salt shaker with him and quickly rounded up the birds.

When we noticed the recent headline in one of our local papers (Hartford Times): "Angels in Uniform" one of the boys in the Lounge Room remarked: "Now I've seen and heard everything, cops serving as angels in uniform tops all." Read the story and draw your own conclusions:

ANGELS IN UNIFORM

Connecticut State Police played good Samaritans to a Pennsylvania couple Sunday, restoring to the vacationing visitors \$300 in cash and Travelers Checks which they had lost earlier in the day.

The Tourists, Mrs. and Mrs. L. R. Eyster of Elizabethtown, Pa., left their whole vacation cache at a restaurant in Newtown where they stopped for dinner. The loss was not discovered by the couple until they reached the desk

of the Hotel Bond in Hartford, where they found to their surprise that Mrs. Eyster's purse was gone.

Weak in the knees at the discovery, they sadly related their plight to the clerk--how the loss meant that they would have to turn back, their vacation over almost before it had started.

The clerk quickly called the State Police, and the wheels began to turn. Hartford Barracks' Sgt. Harry Ritchie radioed Ridgefield Barracks, who dispatched an officer to the Newtown Restaurant. Only a few minutes passed before he radioed that he had discovered the missing purse.

"Relay it in here, please," said Sergeant Ritchie. A Ridgefield cruiser sped the purse to Sandy Hook. There it was met by a Bethany car and swiftly carried up Route 6 to the Plymouth-Bristol line. There it came into the waiting hands of Hartford's Officer Ralph E. Waterman. He brought the purse into the barracks, where the couple were waiting. They counted the money and joyously discovered that there wasn't a cent missing.

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Personnel at Station "H" note with interest the retirement of Lieutenant Earl S. Chase from the Maine State Police Department after 28 years of service. As Sergeant Chase, in March, 1948, Maine's popular state police officer secured evidence in the Pine Tree State which instituted investigation in Connecticut as to the loss of \$100,000 worth of stolen antiques. Lieutenant Chase spent long hours at Hartford gathering evidence against the "Jones Boys" of Maine, subsequently convicted there for stealing antiques and sentenced to the State's Prison for a long time. A member of the Maine State Police since May 15, 1922, Lieutenant Chase retired on September 29, 1950 at 51 years of age. A Veteran of World War I and one of the first members of the Maine Highway patrol, he earned his promotions and watched the Department progress.

We wish him a long and happy retirement.

STATION "I". BETHANY

There were two well educated pheasants in Litchfield County. On or about the first of October they talked over the danger of living in a place where hunters like Sergt. Theodore Strand reside. They had heard of his prowess from their forefathers. They decided to move for Safety's Sake and moved to Bethany, Conn. It is apparent they had not read the order transferring Sergt. Strand to Station I sometime ago. Well, as the story goes, they feared Strand, the mighty hunter, very much. On the opening day of the hunting season, Mr. Strand, mighty hunter, trapper and trader from the Valley, took a walk through the woods in the rear of the barracks. The pheasants, hearing a stranger in their midst looked up, saw Strand, and dropped dead from fear. Then Sergt. Strand picked up the pheasants and brought them to the station. On the way in he picked up a shotgun from Officer Jasonis's car and told the usual tale of getting the day's limit.

Off. Frank Dowling spent another week at the Dude Camp in York State. Must be some attraction up there besides horsesor is there??

This year seems to be the year of Falling Champions; Notre Dame, Michigan, and others in Football...Shelton and Naugatuck in Traffic...1 fatal in Shelton spoiled an enviable record... 2 fatals in 9 hours spoiled the Naugatuck record...Now we have to start all over again....November and December coming up are two bad months for SafetyMaybe we can try a little harder to keep the toll down...We heard a certain Officer from "I" on the radio last Spring predict 235 fatals for 1950 in Connecticut. It looks as if the toll will go higher than that if the rate keeps up...

Officer Dimitro Pawchyk (Russian for Murphy) is glad to be back at "I" and close to his home in Ansonia...

Officer Kingston was a recent visitor in Naugatuck. He was looking over a Chicken farm in the Millville section...Thinking about making a purchase

Brother Kingston? Naugatuck has many fine inducements to offer a young man you know.

Snow Treads were issued recently to Officer Kovach. The snow gets high in the Litchfield Hills. I suppose you've heard...about the snow in the Litchfield Hills...

Mrs. Jerome Smith, wife of Sergeant Smith, who has been seriously ill recently, is well on the road to recovery. We extend to her the best wishes of all at Station "I".

Officer Leonard Menard is studying Public Speaking and How to Influence People under the private tutor from Station "I", Officer Piascik. He is progressing nicely and makes his debut in Bethany at a Halloween Party.

Officer Jasonis was also a guest at the Dude Ranch in New York State, Sun Valley, to be exact, with our Frank Dowling. It seems that there was considerable rain in that area, and Dowling wants to know about the Enigma of Sun Valley and how the lumbering Elephants came into the room occupied by Off. Jack Smith, of Groton, who was also there. It seems that a case number will have to be taken out to get the answer. It must be a good story but we cannot get the details here. Maybe Groton can turn up with it in a future issue.

Officer Esposito has purchased a huge palatial mansion on Wintergreen Ave., Hamden overlooking the Wilbur Cross Parkway. He is now making an attempt to have the State waive its ruling re business establishments on the parkways and he intends to open up a combination Fruit Stand, Clam Bar, and Tire Repair Service.

Off. Ferguson was seen shaking hands recently and considerably with residents in Southern Connecticut. Wonder if he is running for office...or just renewing acquaintances...?????

ATTENTION VERMONT STATE POLICE.. Please have air raid warning ready for November 13-27 as you may have to use it to warn residents of mid-Vermont to evacuate for their own safety. It is reliably reported here that Officer James Kingston, of Station "I", at Bethany, Conn. is planning a hunting trip into your state. You cannot fully

realize the danger that will confront the citizens of Vermont. This man started out to shoot Canadian Lynx in Connecticut and created a mass evacuation for a radius of 30 miles. When the smoke of battle cleared the Lynx were so scared that they are still running. Farmers counted their cows dead in three figures; forests were completely destroyed; and trees were left for match stick material. Don't say we haven't warned you!

STATION "K", COLCHESTER

"Johnny" Fersch did it again. He came home with the bacon after five grueling weeks of hard work and a lot of ribbing.

A manhunt carried on by the lone State Policeman (Fersch) for five long weeks on his off-duty time and during regular shifts whenever possible ended successfully for our "Johnny" with his arrest of a 39 year recidivist, who escaped from Colchester's Champion in Bolton when found inside Doc's Drive In Restaurant at 3:00 A.M. some weeks ago.

Gaining some information that his fugitive had been seen in the area after flight out of state, John checked every known haunt and nabbed him on the Silas Deane Highway near Middletown. Some of the boys report the old French method "Cherchez la femme" produced for Johnny.

His man, Walter Krizewski, didn't feel too happy about his capture. Reportedly, he had been chuckling over his escape. Spotted by the patrolman at the crime scene in Bolton, he came out when ordered to do so at the point of a gun. As he came through the window, he had previously forced open, he said to the officer, "Get Charlie; he's inside."

When the police flashlight turned into the building, off the bank jumped Walter into the darkness. Several shots from the police gun failed to halt him. Then John Fersch's trouble began. Thinking he knew the fugitive's face,

a search of the CSP gallery revealed a likeness and when the suspect failed to appear at home and usual haunts, John knew his man.

With persistence and diligence he pursued every lead and succeeded. "Suffer not a prisoner to escape" is one slogan John will long remember. Only those who have had such an experience appreciate each and every letter in the word suffer. Congratulations, John!

Laura Ellsworth, of Portland, successful in tracking her man and leading him to the altar. Officer Bill Ackerman, alias "I'm a gonner now." Ack and the Mrs., still honeymooning, paid us a visit recently. Bill picked up his expense check and turned it over to Laura and Laura looked over this month's working schedule re Bill's days off.

Veterans whose names were damaged on the Hebron honor roll by an intoxicated driver are thankful to Officer Frank LaForge, whose investigation led to the arrest of the culprit. Officer LaForge had just completed his tour of duty on the evening shift and en route home, came across the drunken driver who had run his car over the green and into the honor roll.

Officer Hickey, who attended Bill Ackerman's wedding, has been boasting since that he is now the most eligible batchelor at Station K. Is that permanent, Bill?

Station "K" welcomes the new addition to the family, Off. Phil Larizzo. He has thus far turned out to be alert, anxious and ambitious, an ex-Navy man noted for his endurance on land and sea.

Off. Ernie Angell has been sporting his new wallet, presented to him at the recent stag party, given in honor of his induction into the Army. Good luck, Ernie. Don't stay away too long.

Speaking of the party, congratulations are in order to Officer Bob Donohue for his efforts and good work as Chairman of the committee. It was a swell party and enjoyed by all who attended.

The most unsafe place to be lately is the Coffee Pot in Portland. The Coffee Pot is a restaurant located on

Main St. across from the intersection of Marlborough St. Three times in a short period of time, three cars have failed to stop at the Intersection and crashed into the front of the restaurant causing extensive damage to vehicles and restaurant, and, incidentally, to the occupants of the cars.

Folks over this way are still talking about the "Skipper's" address at the Ackerman-Angell testimonial dinner, at the Log Cabin, Lebanon last month.

Trial Justices, Prosecutors, Grand Jurors, State Representatives and all of us were actually spellbound with the tribute paid to the police service and to "Bill" Ackerman and "Ernie" Angell. It made all of us feel good and proud of the occasion. The "Voice of Experience" went to town for the cops. More power to him!

Officer "Johnny" Fersch was certainly pleased with the following message:

"Please extend my compliments to Officer John Fersch for his persistence and devotion to duty in apprehending the escapee and fugitive."--E.J. Hickey, Commissioner

You deserve it, John, and all at "K" are happy, too.

From H. S. Ives, District Engineer, State Highway Department comes the following:

"May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the many services you rendered on October 26th upon the occasion of the Department's Training School for bridges and explosives.

"It gives members of the Department such as myself, a feeling of great pride and security to know that our State Police are ever willing to cooperate in any venture of mutual interest. Every contact with the police enriches our sense of values of their worth."

STATION "L", LITCHFIELD

us note with pride the many fine complimentary letters sent to the Editor by citizens praising the outstanding services rendered by the force. In the service, many are aware of the compliments frequently sent from Headquarters to the personnel and to Station or Division Commanders.

Last month in Watertown, the three year old son of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Mastroianni strayed away from home at about noon and towards evening a large searching party was organized which included State Police, Town Police and Rangers of the State Park and Forest Department. After 20½ hours the youngster was found in a swamp about 2 miles from home, uninjured but for a few scratches and his safe return home can be, in a large measure, attributed to the fine work of Officer Wilbur Calkins. Lieutenant Casey commended him, then came word from Headquarters. We hope we can get it reprinted in this column for all to read. (Editor's note: request approved.)

Lieutenant Casey sent a special memorandum relative to the outstanding performance rendered by you in locating the three year old son of Vincent Mastroianni, Watertown, who was missing from 12:00 Noon, October 19 to 8:30 A.M., October 20, 1950.

"The tact and judgment displayed by you in searching out this youngster can be attributed to your experience and knowledge of the woods in addition to a thorough understanding as to habits of small children, especially when straying about wooded areas.

"We are proud of the State Police resourcefulness, especially when it is put into practice by officers of your caliber, as it increases the prestige of the Department in the public's eye. Folks who lose children suffer terrific anxiety and all too often the hard work given to searches for missing persons is overshadowed by the return of the lost one.

"It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to compliment you in this particular case for a job well done. Thanks a million for your wholehearted support and cooperation!"

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Once again winter is about to set in up in the Litchfield Hills and snowshoes will soon be taken out again. Right now we are enjoying Indian Summer up here. The hunting season has started and the hunters are out in our countryside trying to get some game. From reports around here some of the boys have been having good luck.

On October 19, at 9:40 P. M., a call was received from one Harry Bruette, of Watertown, that Dr. Vincent Mastroianni, of Park Rd., Watertown had just come into his gas station for batteries for flashlights and requested that Mr. Bruette call the State Police and report that his son, Vincent Mastroianni, age 2½ yrs., had been missing since noon. Sgt. Ritchie and several of our officers went immediately to the scene to aid in the search. A request was made for the bloodhounds from the Bethany barracks and the emergency truck. There were rangers from the State Park and Forestry Dept. and two members of the Watertown Police Dept. aiding in the search.

The terrain was very rough in this vicinity, and the search branched out from the home to the wilderness surrounding the home. A group of neighbors and volunteers joined in the search well into the morning. Several other officers, including Off. Calkins, were assigned to this search at dawn. After tramping through the dense woods and brush, Officers Calkins and Thompson, who were working close to one another, came to a swamp. At this point the two officers decided to separate. Shortly after separating, Off. Calkins heard a whimpering from the woods some distance ahead of him. After continuing on for several hundred yards, he was able to determine for sure that it was a child crying.

He immediately shouted to Off. Thompson and then started on a run toward the sounds. After going on for about a quarter of a mile, Off. Calkins came upon little Vincent standing in the midst of a soggy patch of ground surrounded by thick brush. He was crying softly and had lost one shoe and stocking. His face was dirty and he showed signs of having been bitten considerably by insects, otherwise the

child was perfectly all right. Off. Calkins did a wonderful job and we at Station "L" congratulate him.

Halloween brought the usual complaints and the boys were kept busy answering calls long into the night. No serious trouble occurred in our parts, however, and so all ended well.

Off. Calkins and Officer Hawley enjoyed a week's vacation at Hawley's estate in Long Island. We understand the boys did a little clamming.

Our houseboy, Earl Elliott, is now a member of the armed forces. Earl is a Navy boy now, and we wish him well on his new venture.

On October 25, the Litchfield Junior Rifle Club, coached by Off. Wilcox, shot a match with boys from Rumsey Hall School of Washington, Conn. Litchfield bested Rumsey 341 to 265. Robert Nisbett, of Kent, acted as Range Officer. This was the Litchfield club's first match.

STATION "C", STAFFORD

It was a treat to watch Frank Shay's face when the following teletype message was handed to him last week:

"The persistent and far reaching investigation conducted by State Policeman Frank Shay and University Officers Goodale and Whitmarsh under your direction (Lieutenant Taylor) as to the activities of Edward G. Stack with his many aliases deserves commendation. Stealing from students in the various colleges throughout the country is a despicable crime. Apprehending culprits of this kind is no easy task. My congratulations to all who contributed to the capture of Stack." --E. J. Hickey
Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS

Chaplain and Librarian Gates, Weth-

ersfield Prison sends this message:

"At the time of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, your department made it possible for us to have a number of pictures of our display. This was made possible through the kindness of Major Carroll and Officer Tatro. Warden Walker and I want you to know that we greatly appreciate your kindness in this matter. It has been of great value to us in our plans for carrying on this project.

"Thank you again for your kindness."

"The family of the late Mrs. Anne McKeough O'Brien, mother of Sergt. J. Francis O'Brien, acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many kind expressions of sympathy and offers of help from the personnel of the Conn. State Police Dept."

CSP LENDING LIBRARY

Following list of books available to members of CSP, through application to Miss Collins.

- 1950 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE IACP.
- ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION MANUAL by F. M. Kreml et al.
- ARREST, SEARCH & SEIZURES by Dax & Tibbs.
- CONNECTICUT STATE SERVICES by George Armstead.
- CONVICTING THE INNOCENT by Edwin M. Bouchard.
- CRIME AND THE COMMUNITY by Frank Tannenbaum.
- FINGER PRINTS - SECRET SERVICE - CRIME DETECTION by T. G. Cooke.
- FORTY YEARS OF SCOTLAND YARD by Fred P. Wensley.
- HANDBOOK OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION by Liberty Nat. Ins.
- HERE'S TO CRIME by Courtney R. Cooper.
- LIE DETECTION & CRIMINAL INTERROGATION by Fred E. Inbau.
- MISSING MEN by Capt. John Ayers & Carol Bird (AEC PD).
- MODERN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION by Soderman & O'Connell.
- OUR CRIMINAL COURTS by Raymond Moley.

POLICE METHODS FOR TODAY & TOMORROW by George Callan.

STORY OF THE LAW, THE by John M. Zane.

COURTROOM by Quentin Reynolds.

STRATEGY IN HANDLING PEOPLE by Webb - Morgan.

A COP REMEMBERS by Captain Cornelius W. Willemse.

20,000 YEARS IN SING SING by Warden Lawes.

BEHIND GREEN LIGHTS by Captain Cornelius W. Willemse.

AMERICAN DETECTIVE STORIES by Oxford University Press.

THE CRIMINAL AND HIS VICTIM by Hans von Hentig.

FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION by N.B.F. Underwriters.

WATCH FOR THIS ONE!

Question: Is it wrong to swear in the presence of a lady--if she doesn't hear you?

Answer: A customer in a drug store got so tired of waiting for the sales-girl that he began to curse. As it happened, a policeman was standing right beside him -- and promptly placed him under arrest for "using profanity in the presence of a lady."

At the trial, the girl was summoned to the witness stand.

"The fact is, Your Honor, that I was so busy with other customers at the time that I didn't even hear a word the man said."

But the court found the defendant guilty anyhow. The judge pointed out that the law specifically banned profanity "in the presence of a lady"--and didn't say that the lady had to hear it!

MURDER AS A HOBBY

Rudolph Pleil, 26, confessed to killing 10 persons in Brunswick, Germany, over a period of three years. He explained: "Every man has his passion. One plays chess. Another plays cards. I kill people."

