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Code of Honor
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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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Our Democracy

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VANGUARD OF TOMORROW

BOYS AND GIRLS WEEK - APRIL 30 - MAY 7



THESE ARE THE COUNTRY'S TWO MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE.

THEIR HEALTH, WELFARE, CHARACTER AND EDUCATION ARE A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY. TO ASSURE THESE ADVANTAGES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES, WE INSURE OUR LIVES AND SAVE OUR MONEY.

THAT THEY MAY BE FREE MEN AND WOMEN IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY, WE VOTE AND WORK AND, IF NEED BE, FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THAT KIND OF NATION.

FOR THESE TWO ARE THE FUTURE -
THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF A BETTER, BRAVER AND MORE STABLE WORLD.

(THE STAFFORD PRESS)

SOUTH FINDS NEGRO POLICEMEN PAY

By Henry Lesesne

Atlanta

The South is not only adopting the practice of using Negro police officers in predominantly Negro areas, but it has realized the goal of a modern police college intended to raise professional police standards, with emphasis on work with racial minorities.

It has long been the contention of individuals and organizations concerned with the advancement of racial relations in Dixie that the police officer is the key to racial tensions and that police officers should be so professionalized that they can view racial conflicts objectively.

A police college to give social and pedagogical training as well as technical police training has been established in Louisville, Ky., and now the Southern Regional Council, a bi-racial Southern organization with headquarters in Atlanta, reports that seventy-seven cities and towns in thirteen Southern states now employ 427 Negroes on their police forces.

There are 369 Negro uniformed officers, forty-one plain-clothes men and seventeen policewomen. A year ago there were sixty-two cities in twelve states using Negro police officers, with a total of 341. Another year earlier there was a total of 279. North Carolina leads all the other Southern states, with sixteen cities having adopted the practice. Florida runs a close second with fifteen, and Texas is third with eleven.

The cities using Negro police report that the practice is effective in deterring crime and in increasing respect for law and order. Agencies concerned with racial relations advocate the practice because it eases racial tensions.

The new police college, known as the Southern Police Institute, has begun the first of its three terms a year. Carefully chosen states were granted subsistence police officers from Southern scholarships and enrolled in the initial course.

The institute, which is under the sponsorship of the University of Louisville and the city of Louisville, serves Arkansas, Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, the Carolinas, the Virginias, Tennessee and Texas.

Col. David A. McCandless, former director of safety in Louisville, is director of the police institute. The institute was established after discussions with Dr. Joseph D. Lohman, authority on police training, who was asked to consult with the Louisville Division of Police.

"Although police work with racial minorities would be only part of the curriculum of the training course," the school prospectus pointed out, "the need for increased police knowledge in that sphere is one of the important reasons why a Southern police institute should be established."

The Louisville Division of Police has published a manual entitled "Principles of Police Work With Minority Groups," which is closely patterned after "The Police and Minority Groups," prepared by Dr. Lohman for the Chicago Park District Police, except that the Louisville manual is adapted to racial problems of the South.

The plan is for the police officer to achieve a professional or objective attitude toward racial conflicts by understanding the problem in factual rather than emotional terms, and understanding also what creates group tensions. Also the officer would learn to act on the facts in a way that would maintain or restore order, while giving maximum protection to individual rights.

In general, police officers in the South are not highly paid and are not thoroughly trained or thoroughly supervised. It is generally agreed that to professionalize the Southern police to a higher degree would have to mean higher salaries and would at the same time attract a greater number of capable men.

The Southern Regional Council calls the police institute an important new acquisition for the South.

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A YANKEE RIDICULES OUR SOUTHERN COOKING

By Pierce Harris, Atlanta Journal

The inimitable Ted Shane, who resides in Ridgefield, joined our State Police Auxiliary (1942) for Target Practice. Next he signed up with The Famous "Nine Old Men" Baseball Club. After Target Practice and some Base Running he tried his hand as a Columnist. One of his endeavors drew the following editorial. Again we urge Ted to resume his "Base Running" or Auxiliary Training at the Ridgefield Barracks.

Some of these Yankee magazines are still fighting the Civil War. They call us "rebels," but they're the ones still carrying a musket. They dish it out--but won't take it. The latest blast is from Liberty--and by a Yankee named Ted Shane.

When I read Shane's piece entitled, "I Hate Southern Cooking," the hairs on my head stood up like the bristles in a Fuller brush. Not since Sherman sacked Atlanta and ate up all the food the Confederates had saved for the women and children, has the South been so insulted.

It's all right to point out we go barefooted and can't read or write; but when a Yankee, raised on rolls you could crack a hickory nut with, and chicken cooked so it tastes like it lost its life in a glue factory fire, assails our cooking, it's too much. I've been up there, Brother Shane, don't try to tell me!

He pokes fun at grits. Like an ignoramus looking in a Latin book, he inquires of the waitress, "What's that?" and has her saying, "Those are hominy grits, suh!" I'll betcha a nickel, to use an old Southern saying and to get down on Shane's economic level, she didn't say "suh." She might have said, "Them's grits" but when you put that "suh" in her mouth, Brother Shane, you either got it out of your own frost-bitten noggin, or took it right out of the mouth of a Kentucky colonel.

A Virginia waitress never uses "suh" except when talking to an equal, or having a little innocent fun with a Yankee yokel, so, if she did, you don't have to look in the Encyclopedia Britannica to find out where you stand in Vir-

ginia.

Then he makes fun of gravy! That's like turning Marse Robert's picture to the wall! Like wrapping a piece of Wisconsin cheese in the Confederate flag. We have a character down in these parts, Brother Shane, named "Tubby" Walton who says, "I can eat anything you can put syrup on," and that's the way most of us feel about gravy. He's walked on the graves of our ancestors, he's stained the Southern 'scutcheon!

The chances are this yokel came South at his OWN expense and had to cut corners.

And he hoots at "pot-likker." Hasn't this ignorant Yankee ever read how Jupiter on Mount Olympus, after gorging himself on pomegranate and ambrosia, would slip back to the kitchen and say to the celestial keeper of the commissary, "Gimme a cup of that pot-likker?"

It's adding indignity to ignorance when he sniffs his snozzle at pot-likker. A south Georgia girl was languishing away--her folks thought from unrequited love. They took her to a doctor who made a blood test and found her veins filled with a fluid 93 per cent pot-likker; but when she went north, for a beauty contest the next summer she won, over the best the anti-pot-likker crowd could trot out.

And to cap the stack, he throws inuendoes at chittlins--chittlerlings he calls them. The precise and sophisticated Mr. Shane, likely spells Taters with a "P," but when he can't even PRONOUNCE the name of one of our most delectable delicacies, he ought to put down his pencil and paper and get back in the fourth grade--if he could stand the examination.

Then he takes a poke at our black-eyed peas and cracklin' corn bread! Mr. Shane, you must be joking! You can't MEAN it! But even as a joke, you shouldn't have said it. It's like slapping your wife's face at prayer meeting; and the next day, at the hospital, whispering from under the bandages, "Honey, I was just joking."

Mr. Shane, you wouldn't like to live down here--how would you like to be buried here? You speak of flying over the South on your next trip down this way--better fly HIGH.

---Reprinted from The American Era

**MOTTOES OF THE
FORTY-EIGHT STATES**

- Alabama. We dare defend our rights.
- Arizona. God enriches.
- Arkansas. The people rule.
- California. I have found it.
- Colorado. Nothing without the Deity.
- Connecticut. He who transplanted still sustains.
- Delaware. Liberty and Independence.
- Florida. In God We Trust.
- Georgia. Wisdom, Justice, Moderation.
- Idaho. May she endure forever.
- Illinois. State Sovereignty, National Union.
- Indiana. The Crossroads of America.
- Iowa. Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights We Will Maintain.
- Kansas. To the stars through difficulties.
- Kentucky. United We Stand, Divided We Fall.
- Louisiana. Union, Justice, Confidence.
- Maine. I direct.
- Maryland. Deeds are masculine, words are feminine.
- Massachusetts. By the sword we seek peace, but only under liberty.
- Michigan. If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you.
- Minnesota. Star of the north.
- Mississippi. By valor and arms.
- Missouri. Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law.
- Montana. Gold and Silver.
- Nebraska. Equality Before the Law.
- Nevada. All For Our Country.
- New Hampshire. Live Free or Die.
- New Jersey. Liberty and Prosperity.
- New Mexico. It grows as it goes.
- New York. Higher.
- North Carolina. To be rather than to seem.
- North Dakota. Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable.
- Ohio. (None)
- Oklahoma. Labor conquers all.
- Oregon. The Union.
- Pennsylvania. Virtue, Liberty and Independence.
- Rhode Island. Hope.
- South Carolina. While I breathe, I hope.
- South Dakota. Under God the People rule.
- Tennessee. Agriculture and Commerce.
- Texas. Friendship.
- Utah. Industry.
- Vermont. Freedom and Unity.
- Virginia. Thus always to tyrants.
- Washington. By and By.
- West Virginia. Mountaineers are always freemen.
- Wisconsin. Forward.
- Wyoming. Let arms yield to the gown.

**LEGAL GAMBLING CRIME AID,
SAYS VIRGIL PETERSON**

To legalize gambling still would not eliminate the accompanying abuses, vices, and racketeering.

This is the conclusion drawn by Virgil W. Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, in his new book, "Gambling--Should It Be Legalized?", just released by the publisher.

According to Mr. Peterson, lecturer at Northwestern University's School of Law, history reveals that wherever widespread gambling exists, lawlessness is general and official corruption commonplace, whether gambling is licensed or is operating under cover.

"Gambling--Should It Be Legalized?" is a monograph in American Lectures in Public Protection. The publisher is Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill.

---Illinois Police Journal

Between



Ourselves

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PROMOTIONS

The argument that the younger men should be given a chance to advance is undoubtedly sound. Nothing will so stifle the desire to improve as the impossibility of securing recognition. But it is not right, nor is it necessary to do an injustice to the older man who is still competent in order to recognize the increasing competence of a younger man.

To place all on a competitive basis encourages increasing competence in all and does injustice to none. If appointments are for limited periods and if promotion is made on the basis of competence as evidenced by records of results, the man whose competence is surpassed by that of others will gradually and inevitably drop to the lower levels, leaving place at the top for both the older men, who are maintaining and increasing their competence, as well as for the younger men who have become worthy of recognition. Proven competence should be the basis of appointment to all senior positions, regardless of age.

Unfortunately, the regulations governing the present Merit System fail to give many applicants for promotion credit for unusual and outstanding police service. Competent investigators with years of experience and intelligence in the specialized investigative fields do not get proper recognition in a 15 minute interview with Merit System examiners. Good and excellent service records of these men are often overlooked. It's about time the Commissioner of State Police was given the right to join with members of an examining board for state police promotions. He may participate on an examining board for other departments. Liquor and Motor Vehicle Inspectors, or Toll Collec-

tors, but is denied the privilege of serving on a state police promotional board. Elimination of service records for the examining board's information robs an appointing authority of the opportunity to recognize exceptional and outstanding police service. It's time for a change and we urge it now.

STATE WARNED ON EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND

A day of reckoning is approaching for the State Employees' Retirement Plan.

The legislative Public Personnel Committee was warned of this at a recent hearing by Henry S. Beers, vice-president of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and a member of the Connecticut State Employees' Retirement Commission.

The fund as presently set up will be completely exhausted in about 15 years, when the state would have to start dumping huge sums into the pension to keep it going, according to a report compiled by Mr. Beers and James E. Hoskins, another actuary and member of the commission.

If the plan were continued on its present basis, the actuarial survey shows that it would cost the state \$53,796,000 or more than 22 per cent of the payroll to meet pensions payments in the period between 1990 and 1995.

As the first step toward helping to put the plan on a sound actuarial basis the Public Personnel Committee was asked to make an immediate appropriation of \$2,500,000 to the fund.

The actuaries also recommend that the employees' contribution toward the fund be increased from 4 to 5 per cent, effective in September of this year.

In the next five years employees contributions about match estimated pension

and the cost to the state only represent 2.3 per cent of the payroll.

But, the actuaries projected figures show that for the five year period between 1990 and 1995 pensions would aggregate more than \$60 million and employes contributions would only total \$11,873,000. Then the state would be carrying most of the load, representing 22.7 per cent of the payroll.

To get the situation straightened around so that the payments would be equally spread over the period of years, the actuaries suggest:

"If the state were to set aside 15.5 per cent of payroll each year, beginning now, and if the employes set aside their 5 per cent, a fund would be built up which, with interest earnings at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, would be adequate to pay the present benefits indefinitely, as nearly as can now be estimated."

AS YOU TRAVEL ALONG

As you travel along in your daily toil
Keep love in your heart--in your eyes
a smile.

Give a word of cheer to those who are
blue.

A warm handclasp will help some, too;
A wave of the hand, a cheery "Good Day"
To those you may meet, or pass by the
way--

As you travel along. -- Anon.

POLICE SERGEANTS SHOULD BE COURTEOUS

To the Editor of The Courant:

In your editorial of May 10, "Promotional Exams for the Police Department," you state that examinations will consist of several hundred questions relating to the job of police sergeant, and the examinations are on the level. You stress honesty and integrity. We cannot have too much of these. All our City Departments, please take notice.

I do not agree with you that a sergeant in the police force is like a sergeant in the Army. Army sergeants

are hardboiled, out for the big honors. We want our police sergeants to be real gentlemen, courteous to all. They are public servants.

To be fair with each and every one of our policemen, let the examination be partly oral, as I feel we have some men who would make good sergeants but are poor in writing; yet they will learn all the duty of the Police Department and must have an equal chance.

Thomas A. McLaughlin

Hartford

POLICEMAN INSPIRED BY WORDS OF ISAIAH USES MESSAGE TO SOLVE NETTLING CRIME

Haifa, Israel, April 21.- And it came to pass that a policeman in Haifa, while reading the Holy Scriptures, came upon the very words which led him to solve a nettling crime.

The authorities of the land of Israel had apprehended a caravan as asses, laden with contraband from the unfriendly lands of the Arabs across the River Jordan. But those who did own the asses and did smuggle the contraband had slipped away in the night and were not known.

A wise policeman read the words of the Prophet Isaiah, and in the third verse of the first chapter beheld words which gave him an idea.

The asses were held for several days without food and then were allowed to wander from the police crib. The starved and braying beasts led the policeman to the den of the culprits in an Arab frontier village.

The culprits were so amazed, as were the village folk and admiring fellow policemen.

So it was that the inspired policeman read them this message:

"The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib."

Plenty of people have a good aim in life, but a lot of them don't know where or when to pull the trigger.

FLASHLIGHTS HOME AND ABROAD

BRITISH OKAY GAMBLING

A British Royal Commission investigating gambling brought in a report last week that was in startling contrast to the Senate Kefauver committee's findings. The British commission of thirteen eminent citizens reached the conclusions that betting, which is legal in England, was "of little significance" as a cause of crime; that there was nothing inherently wrong with gambling; and that it did not commonly cause poverty. The commission agreed unanimously that betting should be made more convenient by licensing officers for taking bets.

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MULTILINGUAL POLICEMAN

Directing foreign tourists in four-power-occupied Vienna presented no problems to policeman Anton Jfkovics. Reason: An accomplished linguist, he wears signs to show he speaks Russian, Serbian, Czech, Polish, Slovakian; English, French, Italian, Hungarian, Romanian--as well as the Viennese variety of German.

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WOW! WOW!

In Santiago, Chile license plates are seized for illegal parking. Try and do it here!!

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ROOKIE POLICEMAN SPEARHEADS
RAID ON DICE GAME

In Haverhill, Mass., a rookie policeman with only one week's experience walked into an Essex Street social club at midnight and told the doorman he'd like to get into the dice game allegedly in progress.

He was dressed in civilian clothes and was admitted by the man at the door.

A few minutes later eight fellow-officers joined the rookie in arresting 22 persons.

P. S. A few more such rookies are needed elsewhere.

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ROUGH ON "HOPALONG CASSIDY BOYS"

The Iowa legislature recently killed a bill to legalize the sale of cap pistols and caps. Under a 1947 law, you can't even give an Iowa youngster a toy pistol.

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MACARTHUR'S TRIUMPH

Probably no man in history has been gazed upon and acclaimed by so many millions of people in a single week.

In Tokyo the Japanese lined the streets six and seven deep before 7 o'clock Monday morning (April 16) to see Gen. MacArthur depart. Some waved flags; most stood bare-headed and silent --their way of showing respect and regret at his leaving.

Flying eastward in his big Constellation, the Bataan, MacArthur and his wife and their thirteen-year-old son, Arthur, stopped next at Hawaii. Honolulu was more excited than when the President was a visitor last October. Hats and handkerchiefs waved a great "Aloha" along the course of a twenty-mile motorcade.

The midnight crowd at the San Francisco airport was so importunate that Mrs. MacArthur got swept away from her husband.

The same thing happened in Washington when the crowd swamped police lines at the airport. At one point a flying wedge of soldiers escorting the general collided with another escort wedge trying to extricate Mrs. MacArthur. Maj. Gen. Courtney S. Whitney, the general's closest adviser, was toppled to the ground in the press of the mob.

The welcome in New York was the most

tumultuous of all. Friday (April 20) was officially proclaimed "MacArthur Day." He rode through Central Park where 75,000 released school children waved American flags along the route. Down through midtown New York he rode to Battery Park, then up Broadway in a parade of 50,000 veterans and city employees. At City Hall he received a specially struck gold medal from New York City to add to his many decorations.

Railroads ran special excursion trains into the city. Many businesses came to a standstill. Police guessed that seven and a half million persons watched along the nineteen-mile parade route. The police traditionally do not guess low.

NYPD did a great job policing the crowd. Our old friend, Inspector "Frankie" Phillips received a cordial greeting and warm handshake from the General of the Armies. Did we hear the General call you "Captain Frank?"

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SITTING BULL LIVES AGAIN

On a hurried trip to Washington, D.C. last month we saw Sitting Bull's eldest son, age 90, busily engaged in advertising a coming movie. Some Bull.

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HUBCAP 'BURGLAR'

A Manchester roofer, homeward-bound after a hard day's work, suddenly found himself snared in a cordon of policemen loaded for burglars on Morgan Street, Hartford last Thursday night.

Rudolph Carrier of 222 Green Road, Manchester, was driving down Morgan Street towards the Bulkeley Bridge when a hubcap flew off his car and whirled across the street.

He stopped the car and threaded his way back to the northwest corner of Morgan and Market streets to search for the cap in the darkness.

Suddenly he heard sirens. Six police cruisers and a red American District Telegraph car streaked up to the corner.

A policeman's flashlight played on the broken plate glass window of the F. H. Crygier Tobacco Company and another one held the confused roofer.

Then another officer found the culprit in the shattered glass; no burglar, but the errant hubcap which had jumped the curb and smashed through the storefront setting off the ADT alarm.

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SOME GUYS YOU JUST CAN'T COUNT ON

Matthew O. Mousseau, 22, of Mapleville, R. I., a sailor stationed in New London, Conn., decided recently to pass an automobile on South Main St., Woonsocket. Later, he wished he hadn't.

In the car was Police Comsr. Wilfrid Rivet, who told police the car was going about 50 miles an hour.

In District Court, where Mousseau paid a speeding fine of \$20 and costs, the sailor said, "How was I supposed to know he was a police commissioner?"

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POLICE FIGURES

The number of men recruited for the London Police Force, stated the Home Secretary of His Majesty's government, in a report to the House of Commons, is "disappointing"; but, he added, gravely, "the figure of the women recruits is satisfactory." As it has often been noted, the distinguishing quality of British humor is a kind of quiet, subtle dryness.

---Waterbury American

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LONG SHOT OF THE WEEK

After a car accident, a Porterville, Cal., resident named Roberts had to have his nose amputated. Though it was replaced with an artificial one, his sense of smell was gone. Last week, Roberts lost a million-to-one shot. He walked into a gas-filled hotel room, detected nothing amiss, lit a cigaret. In the explosion, he was critically injured.



the Spotlight

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Bishop Lays Gambling Evils To Lax Enforcement Of Laws

There is no need for additional anti-gambling laws, but there is a vital need for enforcement to the proper laws, according to Bishop John J. Swint of Wheeling, W. Va.

The Bishop told an interviewer here that the dishonesty that generally goes with gambling, and the abuse of it, is the "real problem" today.

"In a country where it is each public official's solemn duty to enforce the law," Bishop Swint said, "we have been notably lax. Violations are overlooked and condoned almost every day. Although the majority of the American people are law abiding, they together with public officials have exhibited in the past a very lax attitude toward the law."

Bishop Swint expressed his view in an interview with Pete Heil, reporter for The News-Register, local daily paper. Mr. Heil is running a series of stories as a result of the recent Senate Kefauver Crime Committee investigations.

"It is the abuse of gambling as such that constitutes the moral wrong," Bishop Swint said.

He emphasized that there is a vast difference between mere petty gambling for entertainment, and gambling for commercial purposes or on a large scale.

Distinction Explained

If the definition of gambling is taken to include any game of chance, the Bishop said, then the Catholic Church makes a distinction which condemns indiscreet commercial gambling or gambling with money we have no right to risk, but not mere petty entertainment gambling.

"When large sums of money are involved and especially if it is a question of risking money which a person has no right to risk," Bishop Swint said, "then the gambling is sinful and morally wrong. If a man with a large family is able to squander his entire check on gambling, when that money should go to the support of his wife and children," then not only is the man doing an injustice to his family but the gambling itself is wrong.

"Again if gambling is understood to mean commercial gambling, or gambling as a business purely for the sake of making money, it is wrong and sinful," Bishop Swint said. "This is especially true when large sums of money are involved and PARTICULARLY WHEN THE GAMBLING IS AGAINST THE CIVIL LAW, or when dishonesty, racketeering and its attendant evils are involved."

As "Harmless Entertainment"

But mere petty gambling "as a form of entertainment is not morally wrong," the Bishop continued.

"In many small towns among the churches and social organizations, it is a very real part of the community social life. The 'bingo' games, sponsored by many of the churches, are not a chance for easy money, but an opportunity to enjoy an evening's diversion in the company of friends and neighbors. As long as these games do not involve large sums of money, they are harmless and should not be abolished."

Horse racing can also be a harmless form of entertainment, the Bishop said. He added that to many, horse racing is a "wonderful sport" and to the breeders of racers and thousands who attend race meetings each year, a horse race is quite worthy of being called "a sport." He said if these enthusiasts wager a small amount of money on a race, as long as they can afford to risk it, they are doing no wrong.

Bishop Swint said that much of the evil in gambling today is traceable to a "moral breakdown" in the country. He pointed out that 60 per cent of the nation's population have no affiliation with any church. He emphasized that morality and religion go hand in hand and one cannot exist without the other.

"IN ORDER TO MAKE ANY CRUSADE AGAINST CRIME, SUCH AS DISHONEST GAMBLING, SUCCESSFUL," BISHOP SWINT SAID, "WE NOT ONLY NEED HONEST AND CONSCIENTIOUS PUBLIC OFFICIALS, BUT A PEOPLE WITH AN AROUSED CONSCIENCE AND A TRUE SENSE OF MORAL VALUES."

---Reprinted From The Catholic Virginian

News Flashes

Special to The Hartford Times

New Britain--Police Commissioner John J. Kiriery said Monday night (April 16) that he hoped State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey would come to this city "and tell us what is wrong."

The statement was made at a Police Board meeting which discussed a recent article by Commissioner Hickey in "Vox-Cop," state police publication, which criticized conditions here and the manner in which they are being handled by officials.

Kiriery said he believes that Mr. Hickey knows "a little more than we think. The situation has changed in New Britain because I don't think it is as nice as we think it is."

In his article, Commissioner Hickey objected to criticism his department had recently received in a case here. In the case, State Police had used a former jail inmate to testify against a New Britain druggist charged with selling barbituate without prescription and liquor on Sunday.

The state police head complained, "When the State Police move in a municipality to clean up such a mess and becomes a target of ridicule and indirect censure from the bench for undertaking the 'rotten work' of stepping into a community to enforce the law, then there is 'something rotten in Denmark'."

Police Chief William C. Hart defended his department against the charges. He said he does not think "conditions in our town are too bad" and said he would not mind if State Police came into the city.

The board also discussed the recent elimination of the vice squad here.

The subject was brought up when one of the commissioners, Donald Bartlet, asked, "Who eliminated the vice squad?" He received no direct answer.

Charles J. Prestia, chairman of the board, said he did not know "How we are going to justify our position" since the vice squad was eliminated Apr. 1.

Mr. Kiriery pointed out that when the Police Department went on a 40-hour week Apr. 1 it was necessary to cut down. In

the process, the detective division took over the duties of the vice squad.

"The vice squad," he said, "never had the approval of all the members of the Police Board, and I always felt that New Britain was too small to make one necessary."

The meeting concluded with no definite action being taken. Both Chief Hart and Commissioner Kiriery reached an agreement that New Britain is in no worse shape than other cities in the state.

Sergt. McConkey was the first Illinois State Police officer to be slain since June 18, 1946. On that date Officer Marvin Archer tried to question the driver of an auto who was acting suspiciously in Paxton. This man shot and killed Officer Archer and fled in the car, which later proved to have been stolen in Chicago. The fugitive was traced in the direction of Champaign and was finally cornered in a lane leading into a farm. There he gave battle and was literally shot to pieces by Sergt. Norman Lee leading a squad of Illinois State Police armed with machine guns. Sergt. Lee was later transferred to the Illinois State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

---Illinois Policeman

New Haven joined at least two other Connecticut cities today in naming a special services squad in the Police Department to act as a body.

Captain Simon Reising was named to direct the five-man police unit and will be answerable only to Chief Henry P. Clark and Mayor William C. Celentano.

Mayor Celentano expressed the belief there was no major racketeering in New Haven, but declared he felt justified in creating the special squad because of "certain isolated crimes."

He said he meant such crimes as the unsolved murder of Ralph Mele several weeks ago in East Rock Park here and a recent gunpoint robbery. --(May 6)

Conn. Editors Support State Police Policies

THE MIDDLETOWN PRESS

HICKEY SOUNDS OFF

Through Vox-Cop, a publication put out by the State Police department, Commissioner Edward J. Hickey recently made it clear that his State Police department has the legal authority and the will to step in and take over law enforcement procedures whenever any community fails to take appropriate measures to meet situations of crime, and without regard to the feelings of local bigwigs.

While he may have had in mind a recent episode in New Britain where his department was censured by a local court judge for "butting in" on local affairs, we have a suspicion that the chief is also after bigger bait.

The country has had more than enough information of late regarding the hook-up in some large centers of population between organized crime and police officials as well as politicians at higher levels. In New York, the Kefauver Committee heard, too, of an alleged instance of New York State Police failure to prevent gambling operations at Saratoga Springs.

Chief Hickey, whose official record is beyond reproach, is a hard disciplinarian, who doesn't wait for public exposure to correct indiscretions or even unwitting negligence on the part of his officers. They toe the line or else but by the same token he is fair with them, and will defend them to the last when they are right and those who complain about them are wrong. That's why he has a No. 1 State Police department, and why he is able to write in Vox-Cop confidently: "When the State Police move into a municipality to clean up such a mess and become a target of ridicule and indirect censure from the bench for undertaking the rotten work of stepping into a community to enforce the law, then there is 'something rotten in Denmark.' We have no qualms about doing

such work."

More power to him and his department. Because of them and the close cooperative spirit that exists between them and most municipal police forces and courts, Connecticut has had no major organized crime waves to combat, and doesn't expect any.

Middlesex county, whose 14 small towns depend so heavily upon the State Police to assist them in keeping law and order, appreciates to the full the good works of Ed Hickey's excellent department and if ever we in Middletown run into a situation requiring their good offices, we shall support him and discourage those who might find such services unacceptable.

BRISTOL PRESS

HICKEY SPEAKS

Congratulations to Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey for his strongly worded warning to the effect that the State Police will enforce the law in any Connecticut community where police authorities are lax. In the State Police Department's official publication, Vox-Cop, Mr. Hickey declares that the state police "should have no qualms" about injuring the pride of local police by moving to suppress racketeers because of the failure of local officials to enforce the law.

The statement by Commissioner Hickey is not surprising. While his job is political, in the sense that either party which happens to be in power can appoint the commissioner, Mr. Hickey is regarded everywhere as an honest, fearless law enforcer.

In this article, Commissioner Hickey slapped New Britain police officials saying that when the State Police move into a municipality to clean up a mess and become the target of ridicule and stepping censure from the bench for

stepping in, "there is something rotten in Denmark."

Recently the State Police used a former jail inmate to obtain the conviction of a New Britain druggist on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday and selling without a perscription. Judge Lawrence J. Golon of the New Britain Police Court called the use of the former inmate "rotten."

To anyone who knows police work it is apparent that such a statement is entirely uncalled for.

Commissioner Hickey is to be commended. Recent hearings by the Senate Crime Committee indicated that in many places in the country more Mr. Hickey's are needed.

NEW BRITAIN HERALD

HICKEY'S STATE POLICE POLICY

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey pulled no punches when he wrote in "Vox-Cop," departmental magazine, that his men would "enforce the law without fear of local displeasure."

Hickey's statement resulted from a recent case right here in New Britain. The State Police moved in and arrested a druggist on charges of selling drugs without a perscription and with illegal sale of liquor on a Sunday.

The state investigators used an informer to secure evidence against the local druggist. It is not always possible to get evidence of law violations unless drastic means are used.

Commissioner Hickey was anything but happy when Judge Lawrence J. Golon, in the local Police Court, called the State Police methods "a rotten way to do police work."

The State Police head accepted the challenge in "Vox-Cop" when he wrote "when the State Police move into a municipality to clean up such a mess and become the target of ridicule and indirect censure from the bench for undertaking the 'rotten work' then there is something 'rotten in Denmark'."

Mr. Hickey is perfectly correct in sticking up for his department. Police work entails sufficient headaches without being burdened with attacks by local authorities. We are glad to note that the commissioner has gone on record and that the State Police will enforce the law, without fear or favor, and regardless of whose toes are stepped on.

Police in New Britain or other communities can clean up their cities and there will be no need of intervention by the state lads. The State Police merit the respect and support of our courts when they do have to step in.

HARTFORD COURANT

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE LOCAL COURTS

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey minces no words in his latest article on law enforcement. He says bluntly that his Department, working in the public interest, will enforce the law even though it may mean stepping on the toes of local bigwigs. Writing in the Department's publication "Vox-Cop" Mr. Hickey pointed out that his department has the authority and will continue to use it when made necessary by local indifference to law enforcement.

Mr. Hickey clearly had a recent situation in New Britain in mind when he said: "When the State Police move into a municipality to clean up such a mess and become a target of ridicule and indirect censure from the bench for undertaking the rotten work of stepping into a community to enforce the law, then there is 'something rotten in Denmark.' We have no qualms about doing such work."

What is rotten, of course, is a system of lower courts that is completely dominated by politics. This political system has resulted in the appointment of some judges of local courts who are not equipped either by temperament or character to sit on the bench. These judicial shysters regard the local court

as a trading post and are responsive to all kinds of pressure. This is a monstrous situation and is particularly so, because courts of superior jurisdiction in Connecticut are so completely free from such matters.

Mr. Hickey is completely right, of course, in resenting pot-shots taken at his organization by any local judge who seems less interested in law enforcement than in scratching local backs. The recent Kefauver hearings in New York, while they raked over mostly stale material that had previously been uncovered by District Attorney Frank Hogan, did have an element of educational value. If they demonstrated anything, it was that a tieup between politicians, racketeers and law enforcement officers was at the root of most crime.

Connecticut is fortunate in having a law enforcement agency like the State Police that works without fear or favor. But too often some local courts make a mockery of the word justice.

STAMFORD ADVOCATE

NO EASY ENFORCEMENT

Laws are not made to break. Where they are not enforced by local authorities, the State Police will step in and take over the job. That about sums up the situation as State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey sees it.

In an article in Vox-Cop, State Police organ, the Commissioner says his department has the authority to act when local enforcement becomes lax. Fortunately, the last twelve years have produced only three cases where it was necessary to move in on gamblers without local police cooperation. Usually, local and State departments work together. When there is no such inclination on the local level, the State Police will crack down whenever violations come to their attention.

A recent example is a New Britain druggist who was found by State Police detectives to be selling liquor and

drugs illegally. In the course of the case a former jail inmate was used as a prosecution witness. A New Britain police court official criticized the use of such a witness.

The Commissioner states that his department has no qualms about doing such work. There is "something rotten in Denmark," writes Mr. Hickey, "when the State Police move into a municipality to clean up such a mess and become a target of ridicule and indirect censure from the bench"

The over-ripeness comes, of course, in the breakdown of enforcement. Every case of corruption before the Kefauver Committee arose when a city or state law enforcement agency let laxity or "easy" enforcement creep in. When bribes, protection money and political trafficking with gamblers and racketeers infiltrate a police force, the public interest is lost.

State legislators could have no more timely illustration of the need for implementing the latest State Constitutional amendment by putting minor court judgeships on a four-year basis. Then they would be on a par with higher court procedure, provided proper safeguards were taken in the frequency and nature of appointments.

Commissioner Hickey's fair warning to every locality that his men will work for the public interest means a safe, law-abiding State. Now it is up to the Legislature to see that the process of taking politics out of the lower courts is completed and thus make the difficult task of enforcement easier to perform.

WATERBURY REPUBLICAN

WELL SAID, MR. HICKEY

The only possible hope for a continued good record of law enforcement in Connecticut is to insist on full enforcement at the local level.

State Police Comsr. Edward J. Hickey did the right thing when he bluntly as-

serted that if local police authorities don't do their duty and enforce the laws the State Police will not hesitate to step into the picture and clean up the trouble.

Fortunately, it is very rarely indeed that Comsr. Hickey has to take such drastic action. The authority of the State Police to go over the heads of local police is, and should remain, only a last resort in law enforcement.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover recently asserted that there is too much leaning on the federal agency to handle enforcement problems which properly should be attended to by the police authorities who are on the spot.

In the same way it would be unfortunate if Connecticut municipalities became more dependent on the State Police than upon their own authority to crack down on violators.

As the revelations about "protection" that have been coming out in the New York City grand jury investigations and the Kefauver committee hearings all show, the only really effective way to keep the laws enforced and to give the public full protection is to insist that the job be done efficiently at the local level.

GREENWICH TIME

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Hartford Courant, in a recent editorial "Time to Re-examine Police Policies," stated, "State Police should have no qualms about injuring the pride of local police officials by moving to suppress racketeers who are burgeoning because of local indifference."

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, in a strongly worded article in the State Police Department's official publication Vox-Cop, served notice on local officials that his department works "in the public interest to enforce the law without fear of local displeasure."

In answering the editorial, he said,

"Too often municipal police commissioners and subordinate police officers are given to criticizing the local police chiefs for calling the state police to assist in stamping out vice, illegal liquor sales and gambling."

He noted that "in only three instances during the past 12 years have the state police found it necessary to ignore local police officials in making arrests for gambling violations. In each case bench warrants were first obtained in the Superior Court and arrests made without the knowledge of local officials.

"Such action is taken when it becomes evident enforcement laxity prevails in a local jurisdiction," he said.

He said, "We have the laws, we have fixed local and state responsibilities and definite policies that go for good enforcement. What we need in many quarters is more, much more official intestinal fortitude than that demonstrated in many localities spotlighted by the recent television expose."

How true, Mr. Commissioner, how true.

WINSTED CITIZEN

COMMEND HICKEY

Comsr. Edward J. Hickey is to be commended on his stand concerning the enforcement of the law by police in their own immediate territories. He stated in no uncertain terms, that the members of his department, the State Police, will not hesitate for one minute to step into any situation in the state which would give the appearance that the officers in question, were more or less, covering up things and closing their eyes for various reasons.

It has been revealed from the crime hearings and investigations, recently conducted by the Kefauver Committee, just what happens when officers of the law in all types of municipalities allow conditions to exist that should be stamped out right from the start. Gambling lords would never be in existence if law enforcers had performed their duty with honesty and integrity.

"Actions Speak Louder Than Words."

STATE POLICE SEIZE \$10,000 IN NEW BRITAIN GAMING RAID

(Hartford Courant)

New Britain, April 19.--(Special)-- Armed with a search warrant issued in Superior Court, State Police this afternoon raided the home of Jack Schaefer, 31, at 89 Stanwood Drive, and arrested him on a charge of pool selling. Whisked to Hartford, he was questioned, presented before the clerk of Superior Court and put under bond of \$5000 for later trial.

Commissioner Edward J. Hickey of the State Police said the search of Schaefer's home yielded \$10,000 in "loose cash," a wealth of evidence of the taking, paying, and "laying off" of bets on horses, baseball, hockey, football and other sports. The home was well equipped with telephones and special machines to carry on the business of betting, police said. They also found eight reels of 16mm obscene films which police termed "the most wicked" in their experience.

Quick perusal of records found in the house, Commissioner Hickey said, showed that when Schaefer became too burdened with bets he "laid off" some to a man in New Haven. This information was instantly followed up, and resulted in a quick raid in that city and the arrest of Nathan Jacobsen, 45, of 105 Sherman Avenue on a bench warrant charging pool selling.

The New Britain raid was carried out without a hint of it being given local police. The group comprising Captain Leo J. Mulcahy, County Detective John Reardon and several State Police officers came to town, completed their job, and were gone again long before local police heard any word of the visit.

The incident was taken to mean that Commissioner Hickey was backing up a recent statement he made with reference to New Britain that "Actions speak louder than words."

In a recent issue of Vox-Cop, the State Police monthly magazine, he ex-

plained that State Police have full authority to enforce laws in any community of the state. He hinted that he was giving a close look to conditions in New Britain.

Chief of Police William C. Hart, at a meeting of the Police Board Tuesday night, said he believed the commissioner would not find anything seriously amiss in this city; and that he was willing to have State Police come in here. He said he thought there might "be a few games which are not very profitable to the operators" but doubted that the commissioner "has any information that we do not possess."

Commissioner John J. Kiniry commented that the State Police head might "know a little more than we think. The situation has changed in New Britain because I don't believe it is as nice as we think it is."

In connection with the raid today, State Police reported learning that Schaefer owns the home on Stanwood Drive and also owns an apartment building at 476 Arch Street. He also drives a high priced car bearing initial plates, JAYS. He is known as both "Jay" and "Jack" Schaefer, police explained.

STATE POLICE SEIZE SCHAEFER'S DEPOSIT BOX, UNCOVER \$60,000 CASH, STOCKS AND BONDS

(Hartford Courant)

New Britain, April 20.--(Special)-- Seizure of a safe deposit box of pool selling suspect Jack Schaefer by State Police Friday revealed a cache of \$60,000 in cash, bonds worth more than \$2,000 and a large number of stocks.

The seizure was made by Captain Leo J. Mulcahy and Detective Russell N. Starks of the Special Service Division on an order issued by Superior Court Judge Howard W. Alcorn.

Thirty-one-year-old Schaefer was arrested Thursday in a State Police raid on his home at 89 Stanwood Drive.

Charged with pool selling, he was released under \$5000 bond for later trial.

A search of Schaefer's home revealed, State Police Major Leo F. Carroll said, that Schaefer, who has had no visible means of support for the past five years, had \$10,000 in "loose cash" in the home. When questioned by State Police, Schaefer had an additional \$1500 in his pockets.

Captain Mulcahy and County Detective John F. Reardon spent most of Friday afternoon sorting and counting the money and securities found in the safe deposit box. The cash was in \$100 and \$20 bills, Captain Mulcahy said.

Carried out without a hint of it being given New Britain police, the raid was taken to mean a backing up of State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey's recent statement that he would move in on any community where he felt law enforcement laxity existed.

It followed close on a statement Tuesday night by Police Chief William C. Hart that he believed that Commissioner Hickey would not find anything seriously amiss in this city.

Chief Hart said Friday night that he "hadn't realized the extent" of Schaefer's activities, when told of the size of the cash seizure.

Asked, "is he the biggest bookie in town?" he replied, "I would say so from that report. He is probably the biggest in this part of the state."

Mayor John L. Sullivan declared that he will seek to arrange a conference with Commissioner Hickey early next week and said he is "looking into the situa-

tion."

At the instant the doors of the New Britain National Bank opened at 9 a.m. Friday Captain Mulcahy and Detective Starks entered that institution. They were followed closely by Schaefer's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer.

Both Captain Mulcahy, who was armed with a search warrant, and Mrs. Schaefer made demands on the safe deposit box.

When an impasse arose, Mrs. Schaefer left the bank to consult Attorney Roger F. Gleason and Captain Mulcahy telephoned the state's attorney's office for the court order.

When the order arrived, Captain Mulcahy took possession of the box.

Major Carroll said that Schaefer, as Jacob Schaefer was convicted in Paterson and Morristown, N. J., in 1935 on charges of possession of counterfeit money and was fined \$500. The State Police arrested him in Bristol in 1946 on a charge of pool selling and he was fined \$200.

The raid on the Stanwood Drive home, which Major Carroll said was nearly a "police proof domicile" yielded much evidence of taking, paying and "laying off" bets on horses, baseball, hockey, football and other sports. Also found were eight reels of obscene movies.

Major Carroll said the raid set in motion one of the most intensive searches in recent years into the activities and associates of Schaefer. He said that 18 State Policemen are taking part in the investigation in Connecticut and other states.

City Feels Sting Of Hickey Rebuke

CRIME IN NEW BRITAIN

(New Britain Herald)

It always shocks a city when State Police come in and, without notifying local authorities, clean up a mess of one sort or another.

It is doubly shocking when the local police chief has told his police commissioners a few days previously that he

didn't feel the town is "too bad" and inferentially invited the state men to prove their contentions.

New Britain today, as a result of State Police activities here, stands branded before the rest of the state as a community wherein gambling, booking and other forms of criminal illegality flourish unchecked by local police.

Within a month the state raiders have arrested a druggist twice for selling

liquor on a Sunday and for selling drugs without a prescription; a woman has been nabbed for selling pool tickets; a pin ball machine operator faces court action and an alleged bookie has been seized as well as his assets in excess of \$72,000.

It's hard to understand how these people could flourish without the knowledge of local police. Following the Kefauver hearings the opinion was freely expressed that crime can be suppressed on the local level. If this opinion is accepted, and it is by most law enforcement experts, the local police officials have fallen down on the job miserably.

We think that in the wake of the State Police raids the responsible authorities of the city owe the citizens an explanation. The Police Board, with one exception; the police chief and a judge of our courts have defended the status quo in the city or have criticized the State Police. It looks as though they are wrong and the city should know why.

We think that the time has come for the mayor to step into the picture and find out just what is going on in the city. We feel confident he will take appropriate action. (April 21)

**SULLIVAN SAYS HE IS "SHOCKED"
BY STATE TROOPERS' DISCLOSURES**

(New Britain Herald)

Asked what he intended to do about the Police Commission and the Police Department, Mayor John L. Sullivan emphatically declared "I intend to look into the situation thoroughly."

"I am shocked and I intend to take action as soon as possible," the mayor said commenting on conditions revealed in this city by the State Police.

Regarding a conference he has scheduled next week with State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, Mayor Sullivan said "I will welcome any information regarding local conditions Commissioner Hickey gives me so I can clean them up. I have no criticism of the State Police for coming in to this city. So far as I am concerned they are welcome to make

arrests whenever conditions justify such action." (April 21)

**MR. HICKEY ADDS ACTION
TO HIS WARNING**

(Hartford Courant)

Within a few hours from the time New Britain's chief of police was reporting complacently that there were only a few "small games" in that town, State Police moved in and started to prove otherwise. In a raid in that city made without the knowledge of local police authorities, the initial haul from an alleged lottery operator was more than \$12,000 in cash, plus abundant evidence of lottery sales. This was supplemented by safe deposits of more than \$60,000 in cash plus stocks and bonds. New Britain's police chief now says, "I hadn't realized the extent of the man's activities."

There is another element of wry humor in this situation. Only a few days ago the New Britain Police Commission met and discussed solemnly the local situation. Most of the members expressed the point of view of the police chief that everything was under control. Somebody asked what had happened to the vice squad, and was it still functioning. But it was an unanswered question as the commission went on to other matters.

This particular raid, coming on the heels of the recent announcement of State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey that he planned to move into every local situation where there was local indifference is a sign that Mr. Hickey means business. Anybody familiar with the Commissioner's record of performance must have been prepared for action of some kind. Mr. Hickey is not in the habit of making unnecessary threats or warnings.

It would be a mistake now to jump to the conclusion that New Britain is in a bad way. This particular raid is merely evidence that it is easily possible for local police authorities to get complacent, to coast along on the job, to ac-

cept the fact that a certain amount of gambling is inevitable. Mr. Hickey's statement should have been warning against that kind of mental laziness. Now the warning has been reinforced by action.

These events put local police departments everywhere in the State on notice to keep their communities clean, or have it done for them, and without notice.

(April 22)

The Teams Click

WINDHAM COUNTY

POLICE RAID CRACKS AUTO RAFFLE RACKET

Smashing of a state-wide racket on the raffling of autos was reported Thursday night (April 19) by Major Leo F. Carroll of the State Police following a raid in Willimantic in which a New Britain man and a Wallingford resident were picked up as alleged heads of the lottery ring.

Arrested on bench warrants and placed under \$3000 bond each for appearance in Superior Court in Putnam are Adam J. Albanese, 46, of 68 West Main Street, New Britain, and Richard M. Downey, 50, of 22 South Whittlesee Avenue, Wallingford, the major said.

Carroll declared that the two men head a lottery ticket selling organization that is statewide in scope and that they make the contacts by which a sponsor for each lottery, at five week intervals, is obtained. On each ticket, he said it is stated that if a purchaser has any problem he is to call "New Britain 3-2439." This was found to be the home of Albanese in that city.

In each raffle one auto is given away, plus a list of small prizes. The seller of the winning ticket also gets a prize and other inducements to sell and buy the tickets are offered, the Major said.

"In short," he explained, "they take in about \$24,000 on each raffle, give the sponsor \$4000, pay less that \$2000 for all the prizes and clear a big chunk of money after paying any and all expenses."

In several instances, the major said, an Amvets post was listed as the sponsor. In other raffles fraternal organizations have been the sponsors.

In the Willimantic raffle Thursday night, the tickets listed the Amvets as sponsor. Police managed to learn where the raffle was to take place, went to a hall at 82 Church Street and found it in progress. Confiscated were \$1148 in cash, records, a "bird cage" or small wire barrel used for tumbling the ticket stubs, and a quantity of tickets.

The raid was led by County Detective Rowe H. Wheeler, aided by Willimantic police and State Police detectives.

Major Carroll said police had been on the trail of the raffle ring for weeks but met a problem in the fact that the scene of the raffle was kept secret and the project was shifted to a different part of the state every five weeks. Recently a raffle was listed to be run in Hartford but a fictitious address was given for it, the major declared.

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THREE BUSINESSMEN HELD IN BETTING CASE

Putnam,--Local and State Police joined in a trio of simultaneous raids (April 21) which resulted in the arrest of three men on charges of receiving and registering bets on horses.

Putnam Police Capt. Henry Mathurin identified the men as Gerald Labossierre, 39, of Putnam, proprietor of a confectionery store; Edward Brzuch, 37, owner of a grocery store, and Aloysius Klesseck, 30, of Hartford, operator of a local tavern.

HARTFORD COUNTY

MIDNIGHT RAID IN EAST BRISTOL

Bristol,--State and local police, led by Chief Edmund S. Crowley, staged a midnight raid last night (April 22) on a small building on Mitchell Street in East Bristol and arrested 15 men on charges of violating the state gambling laws. In city court Julian J. Demora, 24, and Anthony Delfino, 23, both charged with maintaining a gaming house, were each fined \$100, given six months in jail suspended and were placed on probation for one year by Judge Neil F. Murphy.

The judge pointed out that the men were not going to jail because they have no previous record. He commended Chief Crowley and state police who participated in the raid and declared that the cooperation between the state and local police was "commendable." Prosecutor Louis F. Hanahan said that the building which was raided was a "professional gambling house catering to gamblers from throughout the state."

The raid and the remarks by Judge Murphy were especially significant because of a recent statement by State Police Commissioner Hickey to the effect that he would not hesitate to send state police into communities where local police were lax in enforcing the law. In direct contrast to action in New Britain Thursday when state police staged a raid without even consulting the authorities of the hardware city, state and local police cooperated to the fullest extent in last night's raid.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

KOSICKI ACTS IN E. HAMPTON CASE

Warning that he will not tolerate any interference with the process of justice by "small-time czars," State's Attorney Bernard A. Kosicki of Middletown today

revealed that he had taken over the prosecution of a drunken driving case involving an in-law of First Selectman Walter F. Jones of East Hampton.

Attorney Kosicki said he acted after hearing a report that Selectman Jones attempted to intervene in the case. The matter involves Edward S. Sawisza, 33, of Jones Street, Amston, a brother-in-law of Selectman Jones.

According to State Police records, Zawisza was arrested at 7 p. m. on April 13 in East Hampton on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor. The arrest followed a complaint by another motorist that Zawisza had forced his car off the road. Trooper Kevin L. McDonald of the Colchester barracks made the arrest.

Zawisza was booked for appearance in East Hampton Justice Court. However, Attorney Kosicki said he received a report that Selectman Jones was attempting to intervene with the East Hampton court on behalf of Zawisza.

Upon hearing of this, Attorney Kosicki said he had a bench warrant drawn up to bring Zawisza directly before Middlesex County Superior Court, bypassing the East Hampton Justice Court. Zawisza has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Attorney Kosicki said today he intends to press the case against Zawisza and seek a conviction on the drunken driving charge. The charge definitely will not be changed or reduced, Attorney Kosicki said.

Attorney Kosicki said further that he has instructed State Police to continue to strictly enforce all laws everywhere in Middlesex county. He pointed out that State Police have the authority to make investigations and arrest in all 169 towns in Connecticut

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State Police Commissioner Hickey has sounded a warning to officials on the local level that the law will be enforced, if not by local authority, then by the State Police, and that is comforting news to citizens who live by the rules and would like others to do the same, with no special privileges anywhere. --Middletown Press

JAIL FOR BOOKIES

Much has been said these past few months about gambling and law enforcement. In local communities, the tendency is to minimize the activities of bookies and distributors of lottery tickets as "petty stuff," and most of it is. But the little gamblers all over the country, added together, constitute quite an organization.

In some communities, police laxity is to blame. In many communities, the hands of police are tied by disinterested court officials who mete out inconsequential fines and suspended jail sentences. When the courts are too lenient, for one reason or another, enforcement officers on higher levels step in.

Some of the small-time gamblers, realizing that their business activities, if and when they are caught, will only mean a fine, are not deterred. They look upon these fines as "dues."

An example of the temper of the people is the findings of the Superior Court jury which has been listening to three of the cases involving Greenwich bookies arrested here and whisked up to the higher court on bench warrants. Three of the men received jail sentences. Spending a month or more in jail, with a suspended jail term hanging over their heads, is certainly more apt to deter the bookies than a small fine.

---Greenwich Time

MR. WILLIS SPEAKS

Analyzing what the state police commissioner said the other day and what State's Attorney Lorin W. Willis said in the Superior Court Tuesday, it would seem that our higher law enforcement agents do not think much of the minor courts in connection with cracking down on gamblers.

It was apparent to those who know the workings of courts and law enforcement that the state's attorney's office, by obtaining bench warrants for the seven Greenwich bookies, was making it plain the state's attorney had no intention of permitting the local court to sit in

judgement in these cases.

Yesterday, in the Superior Courtroom, State's Attorney Willis substantiated this belief. In commenting on one of the Greenwich bookies, a repeater, he pointed out that the man had been arraigned in the Greenwich Town Court before for booking and policy slips and each time had been fined and given a suspended term.

He bluntly said it is "useless" to take these characters into town court. Mr. Willis is a veteran state's attorney. He has a reputation for being "tough" and able. His comments on such goings on are valuable, but it is too bad he did not elaborate. On second thought, his pithy comment was sufficient. The people might rightly ask why something isn't done, the situation being what the state's attorney says it is.

---Greenwich Time

CRIME PREVENTION IS A LOCAL JOB

One thing is definitely true, pre-Kefauver and post-Kefauver. You cannot have widespread gambling and bookmaking without connivance between public officials and gamblers. No act of Congress will change this fact. The primary duty has been and still is on local authority, political and police alike, to keep your community free from rackets and racketeers. If you can place bets with bookies on your main street, in your town, you can be assured that this is so only because somebody in authority permits it.

Not all local authority is corrupt. Gambling exists in some communities merely because the police have grown lazy, or have adopted a "what's the use" attitude. Bookies flourish in some communities, not necessarily because the police chief gets a cut. It happens sometimes because the chief himself thinks it's not a bad idea to put a few dollars on a horse. Some of them still think this way, despite the overwhelming evidence that most of the big gambling empires are built up on these two dollar bills.

Connecticut's interest in the Kefau-

ver report is more or less academic. There are, so far as known, none of the big Mafia rings here, as there are in Missouri, New York, and Illinois. There is a considerable amount of bookmaking, lottery sales, and the like. There would be considerably less of it if all local police adopted an attitude more energetic than the one they have.

State Police activity in New Britain recently was a healthy thing. It was notice to all communities to keep their

municipal house in order or else. But the important thing to remember about the Kefauver report is that the morals in every local community are affected more by local authority than by any other. If the moral climate in your community is bad, don't look to Mr. Kefauver. Look rather to your own police department, and to political tieups between the local racketeers and those who have sworn to enforce the law.

---Hartford Courant

Excerpts From Kefauver Report

Crime Is A Local Problem

"Crime is largely a local problem and must be attacked primarily at the local level, with supplementary aid, where appropriate, from state and Federal authorities. The public must not be deceived by the aura of romanticism and respectability deliberately cultivated by top mobsters.

"The Federal government has the basic responsibility of helping state and local governments eliminate interstate crime. The time for action has arrived.

"Wide-open conditions in many localities can be cleaned up by vigorous law enforcement. The outstanding example is Saratoga, N. Y., which ran wide-open through the racing season of 1949 but was closed down tight in 1950....."

".....When racketeers and gangsters have great influence in selecting public officials, they can paralyze law enforcement. Unless such influence is eliminated, gangsterism and racketeering will flourish in any community....."

".....Gangsters thrive only so long as they are tolerated by the folks at home. Corruption is best cured by the old-fashioned way of electing decent government."

"Organized criminal gangs operating in interstate commerce are firmly entrenched in our cities in the operation of bookmaking, policy, slot machines, the sale of narcotics and in prostitu-

tion. THEY ARE THE SURVIVORS OF THE MURDEROUS UNDERWORLD WARS OF THE PROHIBITION ERA."

"Transmission of bets or wagers, or moneys in payment of them, across state lines by telegraph, telephone, or any other communication facilities, or the United States mails, should be prohibited. Thousands of small bets are made over the telephone to bookmakers. The Federal government should leave the elimination of these transactions to state and local officials.

"The prohibition against the transportation of slot machines in interstate commerce should be extended to other devices susceptible of gangster or racketeer control, such as punchboards, roulette wheels, etc. THE LOWLY PUNCHBOARD IS A MAJOR RACKETEERING ENTERPRISE IN MANY SECTIONS."

Two Dollar Suckers

"Gambling profits are the principal support of racketeering and gangsterism and convert ordinary criminals into big-time racketeers, political bosses, pseudo businessmen, and alleged philanthropists. Thus, the \$2 horse bettor and the 5-cent numbers player are not only suckers because they are gambling against hopeless odds, but they also provide the moneys which enable underworld characters to undermine our institutions. Legalization of gambling would not terminate the predatory activities of gangs and syndicates. Gambling, more-

over, has been historically associated with cheating and corruption."

Racket Squad Urged

"A racket squad should be organized in the Justice Department to clean up organized criminal gangs."

Suggestions To States And Cities For Action To Break Up Crime

"Grand jury investigations could well be instituted in every community in which wide-open gambling and racketeering conditions exist, so that local responsibility for such conditions can be fixed and determined."

"It might be advantageous for each state to institute a survey of law-enforcement agencies for greater co-operation between agencies and greater effi-

ciency." The survey must consider combination of small local police forces into larger regional units, elimination of law-enforcement responsibilities of the sheriff's office, better policing of rural areas, elimination of the traditional coroner's office and substitution of a good medical examiner's office, extension of civil service and tightening of legal provisions to remove lax officials.

"ORGANIZATION OF RACKETS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE SQUADS IN EACH STATE, particularly---for suppression of the narcotics traffic.

"Each state would do well to analyze the provisions of its criminal law and its sentencing practices so as to make certain that deterrent sentences are imposed upon offenders engaged in criminal activities connected with organized crime."

LODGE DISCUSSES CRIME WITH HICKEY

Governor Lodge has conferred with Commissioner Hickey on crime in Connecticut, despite the fact that the Kefauver report makes no reference to this state. The Governor said (May 1) that they are both pleased that many of the recommendations in the Kefauver report "have been in effect in Connecticut for many years. "If it is necessary to increase the detective force I will do all in my power to see that this is done," said Governor Lodge.

Connecticut Responds

MIDDLETOWN

Gamblers seeking sanctuary here from crack-downs in other Connecticut cities won't find the welcome mat down, Mayor Salvatore T. Cubeta declared this morning. At the recommendation of State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, he has organized a special vice detail responsible directly to the Mayor's office. The Mayor disclosed that he ar-

ranged for the conference in view of recent developments in New Britain, where State Police conducted gambling raids without prior knowledge of the local police force.

Commissioner Hickey, the Mayor said, reported that he had no intention of similar action in Middletown. But the Commissioner did feel that a special vice detail would be helpful in combating gambling.

Though it was recognized by Mr. Hickey that there was a certain amount of

gambling going on in this city, he told Mayor Cubeta that he felt that local enforcement agencies could control it.

Text Of Mayor's Note

The text of the Mayor's letter to Chief Pomfret follows:

"Yesterday, Friday April the twenty-seventh, I had a conference with Commissioner Hickey at his office. We discussed at some length gambling activities in Middletown. At the end of our conference, Commissioner Hickey recommended to me that a vice detail be assigned to my office. I concur with Commissioner Hickey, and I am, therefore, ordering you to assign Captain Marino and Detective Walsh as the personnel of this detail, and to act directly from my office.

"This should in no way indicate a reflection on your administration but simply to allow Captain Marino and his assistant, Detective Walsh, to act without restriction from the Police Department. However, I expect that Captain Marino will be given every assistance by the Police Department, and that Captain Marino and Detective Walsh have free access to all the files, information, and personnel they may call upon whenever they deem it necessary from the Police Department. I believe with this free lance arrangement that we will be in a much stronger position to not only curtail present activities, but also to discourage gamblers and other criminals from moving into Middletown whenever their own particular community becomes untenable through increased state or local police activities.

"I might also add that this does not in any way change Captain Marino's status as civilian defense coordinator. I feel that with Detective Walsh's assistance, he can do both jobs and do them well. It may mean that he will have to devote evenings and other spare time to his activities as civilian defense coordinator, but I am confident that he will accept this added responsibility.

"Please direct these two men to report to me Monday morning, in my office at nine o'clock.

"I sincerely hope that this arrangement meets with your approval."

Police Chief's Reply

In connection with today's letter from the mayor, Chief Pomfret said, "Of course I am glad to go along with the mayor, as I would with any other citizen, in every effort to keep Middletown a law-abiding community....."

NEW BRITAIN

Mayor John L. Sullivan and the police board appointed a new vice squad April 25.

The Southern New England Telephone Company (New Britain Branch) declared in a policy statement that "where there is reasonable grounds to believe telephone service is being used for gambling purposes that the service be removed immediately."

The entire statement reads as follows:

"The Southern New England Telephone Company does not want bookie business and constantly strives to prevent telephone service from being used for gambling purposes.

"Our regulations state that when there is reasonable ground to believe that telephone service is being used for gambling that the service be removed immediately.

"We co-operate fully with the Law Enforcement agencies and discontinue telephone service when they tell us it is being used for gambling.

"We do not install telephone service when we have reasonable ground to believe that it will be used for gambling."

COOPERATION

Cooperation is not a sentiment. It is an economic necessity.

---Charles Steinmetz

Justice delayed, is justice denied.

---Gladstone

ALONG THE SIDELINES

by Joe Owens

The job of a law enforcer goes far beyond the mere apprehending of those who disobey the laws. One of the prime objectives of the state and local police departments is to educate the young people in the proper manner so that they will grow up to be good healthy minded citizens.

Also keeping these youngsters active in the right field of recreation comes indirectly under the duties of the departments.

One of the finest steps forward in this respect was made the past winter when the East Hartford Police Department, through their Athletic League Fund, sponsored a basketball team in the East Hartford Midget League.

Outfitting the boys (ages 8-12) with scarlet and gold uniforms, the youngsters showed their appreciation by coping top honors in the loop.

Of course, greatly responsible for their fine showing was Coach Roy G. Threlfall, a patrolman on the East Hartford force. One of the state's better known basketball officials, and a former player of great renown with East Hartford High and the Wolverines, Threlfall spent many leisure hours drilling his group.

Though the boys did not fare too well in the first round of play, they bounced back to cop second round honors with an undefeated slate. They defeated St. Mary's first round winner 36-27 in the title game.

Patrolman Threlfall, a former U. S. Marine has been a regular on the East Hartford force since February of 1950. He performs on the department softball team.

THE KINDLY POLICE

To the Editor of The Courant:

On Thursday, I happened to be walking up Pratt Street when suddenly a man became ill from a mental disorder. It will be a pleasure to remember how

kind the police were to this elderly gentleman.

The officer who remained with him until the squad car arrived was kindness itself and the driver of the police car was just as gentle. It is nice to know that the guardians of the law can be so gentle and kind when it is necessary.

Mrs. Lois Walburt
Mansfield Depot

NEW LONDON

DESK SERGEANT GETS SURPRISE OF SURPRISES

Acting Desk Sgt. Cornelius F. Moriarty was so shocked recently he almost fell off his chair.

It's not uncommon for some people to find articles lost by other people, nor is it unusual for the finders to take the articles to police headquarters for return to the owners.

But when a man with a police record of more than 100 arrests, many of them for theft, came walking into police headquarters at 10:30 a. m. with a pocketbook containing \$20, it was almost too much for Moriarty.

The bearer of the woman's brown leather pocketbook was John McDonough, 69, of uncertain address, who an hour and a half before was released from the county jail where he had just completed a 60-day sentence for the theft of a coat from a church.

McDonough said he found the pocketbook in lower Bank street, where it was lost by Mrs. Rose Glater of 32 Truman street.

"I don't steal money," he told Moriarty.

BUT ONLY ONE MOTHER

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

--- Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Rogue's Gallery

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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FINES FORCED HIM TO STEAL

Howard P. Gould, 20, of Dorchester, told Springfield, Mass. police his penchant for disobeying traffic laws forced him to become a thief.

Young Gould was arrested while attempting to break into a restaurant. One shot was fired in warning by police who surprised the youth.

Gould told his captors that he was forced into burglary to obtain money to pay his fines for traffic violations. He said his latest court appearance was in Newton where he financed a \$50 fine by burglarizing a Northbridge diner.

DRIFTER FINDS HITCHHIKING EASY

Stamford police reported recently that while they were looking for a hitchhiker reported to be carrying a pistol, the man walked into headquarters about 2:30 a.m., asking lodging for the rest of the night.

He got it for longer than that, Detective Capt. William J. Lynch said, as he was booked on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Lynch said the man identified himself as Edward J. Stanford, 35, and gave his address as the New Haven YMCA.

He had on his person, the detective said, an unloaded .32 caliber pistol, a clip containing four cartridges and a box with 213 more cartridges.

Shortly before Stanford appeared at headquarters, two motorists had told police that they had seen the pearl handle of a pistol protruding from the pocket of a hitchhiker as he got out of their car here.

SOLVES "LOST" WALLET CASE FAST

Willimantic police said recently it took them just 35 minutes to clear up the case of the missing \$885.

They received the complaint at 9:10

a.m. By 9:45 three young men from New York City were under arrest on theft charges, and the missing wallet with \$885 had been restored to its owner, Richard B. Comstock, 25, of Providence, R.I.

Detective Sgt. Francis G. Sayers related this sequence of events.

Comstock, traveling from New York to Providence on a Greyhound bus, discovered his wallet was missing when the bus stopped at a restaurant here.

Failing to find it in or around his seat, he notified the bus driver who called police and told them three of his passengers were missing.

Acting on a hunch, Sayers and Officers Martin Vuillermet and Ralph Burch-nall went aboard a train that was about to leave Willimantic for Boston. There they arrested the three young men and recovered the money.

Sgt. Sayers identified the trio under arrest, and held for a court appearance Monday morning, as Mario Gentile and Patsy Sgro, both 17, and Michael Friscia, 23. They said they were going to Boston to see a friend in a hospital.

DELAYED APOLOGY

Ross Willoh, of San Francisco, was reading a book called Too Young To Die when his wife shot and killed him. She told officials he'd nagged her about drinking. Later she repented, sobbed, "I'm sorry, Ross," over his coffin.

HALF A SUIT--

A Chicago thief recently stole \$1,400 worth of new clothes from a car only to learn too late they were for corpses, and had only tie-strings for backs.

Edward C. Barkus, 30, who was arrested in Brockton recently on a charge of registering bets on horse races wore a lapel button inscribed, "union bookie."

Safety mindedness

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OBEY THE LAWS

For the police officer this could be paraphrased "enforce the laws."

Most police officers are enforcing laws every day, but to what degree is this enforcement uniform and consistent?

Almost every town and suburban community has its 30-mile zones, but in none is there consistent enforcement.

Watch your own speedometer some day when you are driving through one of these restricted zones. You will find that in some places, in spite of 30-mile signs, the flow of traffic moves along steadily at 35 to 40 miles per hour. It isn't just a few. It isn't just the reckless drivers. Everybody is moving along at the faster clip. If you insist on staying inside the limit, you hold up traffic and become the target for untimely remarks.

This may go on for weeks and months with no one appearing to care about the legal speed limit through these reduced speed areas. Suddenly some enforcement agency decides that for a change they will go according to the book. Then the motoring public howls to high heaven about police persecution.

Well, if it was the law in the first place, the motorist should have obeyed it even if there wasn't a policeman looking at him all of the time. As for the police officer, he also should have been enforcing the law right along; or if he had any good reason to believe that it was not necessary for the safety of the public, he should have taken the proper steps to recommend that it be changed to meet conditions.

However, policemen and drivers do not make safety rules. Therefore, until the makers of the laws change them, they should be given the benefit of the doubt. It should be assumed that they know what they are doing when they make these rulings. Motorists can rest assured that traffic regulations were

carefully studied out to meet the needs of the majority by men who knew more about the overall problem than one individual driver; and until the laws are changed, drivers should interpret road signs and regulations to mean just what they say.

The laws should be enforced so that the motoring public will learn to observe them. If the motorist does not obey the law, then it is up to the policeman to enforce it. Consistent enforcement can contribute much to consistent obedience of the law.

--Safety Bulletin, Maryland State Police.

CRASH INJURY PROTECTION

The Indiana State Police made these suggestions for use by motorists to help prevent or reduce injury in case of a traffic collision:

1. Protect your head, face and neck by throwing your arms across and in front of your face.

2. If alone, fall into a horizontal position on the seat with your foot braced to hold you in the seat.

3. Remember that the rear seat affords more protection than the front seat.

4. Don't mount accessories inside the vehicle to increase the hazards if a collision happens.

---THE SHIELD - Indiana State Police

CHANGING TIMES

Many years ago catching the criminal was the only job of law enforcement. Today, it is only one phase of law enforcement's work. A modern police department is a modern business institution covering a wide field.

STYLES IN CRIME

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Cheating Cheaters

CON GAMES

After dark, especially in metropolitan areas, one is likely to be approached by a seedy looking individual who will try to work some ancient "con" game. He may produce from his pocket a diamond ring which he has just found but which, of course, doesn't give him the amount of carfare he needs. He will tell one that he is really "strapped," and while he dislikes very much to approach a perfect stranger in this unconventional way, there is really nothing else for him to do. He will ask to have a dollar advanced, perhaps on the ring, or he will sell it outright for a five-spot. This scheme happens often and is seldom reported to the police. It is used many times by sneak thieves.

Another game is practiced by "con guys" in busses, waiting stations at railroads, and bus depots, and occasionally on the streets where busses load and unload. Two conspirators will appear in one of these places and one will have a small package on the ground or floor, near his seat. The other crook will keep watching the package until he attracts the attention of the intended victim. Then, in the presence of the intended victim, one will pick up the package, unwrap it and suddenly one of the pair indicates surprise at the rays of a brilliant diamond shining out from the folds of tissue paper. The crook hastily wraps up his find, gazes nervously around to see whether his good fortune has been observed by his fellows and crams the tissue paper with its valuable contents into his pocket, assuming a look of absolute innocence.

Then his accomplice asks, for the benefit of the intended victim's hearing, "How big is it?" And his pal replies, "Worth about seventy-five bucks, but it isn't worth that much to me." "How's that?", rejoins his fellow conspirator. "Well, it's yours for ten

bucks, what I need is cash." And that usually does the trick. At the first available opportunity, one of the on-lookers, who wants to get in on the deal seats himself beside one of the crooks, and proceeds to purchase the find and his little experience not only costs him ten dollars, but frequently costs him twenty to fifty. Before long he has in his possession a diamond which, of course, proves to be worthless paste of no value.

SHORT CHANGE ARTISTS

Short change artists work on trains, fair grounds, and follow circuses. On a train, a man will sit down talking to another, making himself known and be agreeable. Presently, his partner will come along and ask if he can be accommodated with some large bills for small bills, as he wants to send money in an envelope and does not like to put in a lot of small bills. Of course, his silent partner does not have the large bills, but he refers him to "the sucker" sitting with him. This party wants to be obliging and takes his money out. He may have a hundred or more dollars, and the "sharpies" get hold of it and are going to give him some small bills for these large bills. They take his money and say, "excuse me, maybe you don't want it all in small bills; you can take back the hundred dollars or half of it and I will give you as much in small bills." They hand him back his money and they usually take about half of it in counting it by a sleight of hand movement. Then they give him what appears to be the right change for the money still left and off they go.

At fair grounds and carnivals, elderly men and women are often passed in for half fare provided they will accommodate the ticket seller with a large bill for some of the silver they have, a five or

ten. The old folks want to accommodate them because there is a possible chance of saving twenty-five cents. "Sharpie" takes his money out, and hands it to them. Before they get through, they are on the short end. There have been cases where the victims received four one dollar bills back for as much as twenty-five or thirty dollars.

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POLICY PLAN OR NUMBERS GAME

Policy Plan or the Numbers Game is a game of chance in which the player selects any number he chooses containing three digits and makes a bet on that number. The bettor gives the amount of his bet and his number to a "runner," who usually enters it on a small pad which, by the use of carbon sheets, produces two copies in addition to the original. The player receives one copy, the runner retains the other and the original, with the amount of the bet less a commission to which the runner is entitled is delivered to a collector. The winning number is determined each day by a computation based upon the prices paid on a pari-mutuel betting machine at a designated track for horse racing, as calculated and published in a certain New York newspaper. The holder of a winning number receives, through the runner, 600 times the amount of his bet. The funds to make this payment are furnished by "a bank" through the collector. Pay-offs are made by the banker to the collector and in turn to the runner and then to the winning bettor. Police officers engaged in pursuit of violators of the gaming law under "Numbers" and "Policy Plan" should note the definition of "Policy Plan" taken from Webster's Dictionary:

"A method of gambling by betting as to what numbers will be drawn in a lottery."

The three elements generally held to characterize a lottery are: "a prize," "a chance," and "a price." The opinion of the Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut governing these matters ought to be reviewed by all members of CSP - State vs Mola, 128 Conn., December, 1941, Page 407.

SIX ROBBERS USE BATTERING RAM

Six masked and armed men, using a stolen car with three heavy blocks of wood bolted to a reinforced front bumper, crashed through a rear steel door of the Chicago-Ridgeway Currency Exchange in Chicago and stole \$3,100. The cashier and a customer fled when the steel door was knocked in because, they said, they thought the building was collapsing. The car, used as a battering ram, had been stolen and was left at the scene, the robbers fleeing in another car.

**MEDAL OF HONOR IS AWARDED
TO TWO POLICEMEN**

ONE POSTHUMOUS; COMBAT CROSS GIVEN
PATROLMAN; 26 OTHER CITATIONS MADE

Patrolman Alfred Loreto has been awarded the Police Department medal of honor posthumously for preventing a robbery and kidnaping near his home, 1870 Hering Avenue, the Bronx, during which he was fatally wounded, Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy announced recently in departmental orders.

Commissioner Murphy also announced the awarding of a medal of honor to Detective John A. Christianson and a police combat cross to Patrolman John C. Macauley. Twenty-six donated medals were also awarded. The medals will be given out by Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri at ceremonies in City Hall Plaza on June 5.

Patrolman Loreto, forty-five, was attached to the Bathgate station and was on vacation leave last July 21. At about 7:30 p. m. he saw Ralph Squeglia, forty-five, a butcher of 1841 Hering Avenue, robbed and kidnaped.

Patrolman Loreto entered his car and chased the suspects who were fleeing in the victim's car. After catching up with them there was an exchange of shots. The officer was mortally wounded.

The two suspects were captured later. They are now on trial in the Bronx on a murder charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



Chief
John K. Quinn

CITY OF NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

April 16, 1951.

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

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, and your personnel connected with State Police Headquarters, Hartford, Connecticut, for their kindness, and the time they so generously gave Lieut. Clarence Simpson and Acting Sergt. Joseph Tombari, during their stay at Hartford, Connecticut.

The knowledge they acquired during their training period will be most helpful not only to themselves, but to the entire police department of Norwich, Connecticut, as well.

On behalf of the board of police commissioners, and myself, I again thank you.

I am most grateful for having the opportunity of sending two members of my department for instructions, and training under such fine officers.

Respectfully,

John K. Quinn
Chief of Police.

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Town of New Canaan

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT



HENRY E. KELLER
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 16, 1951

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

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

This letter to you is to state our appreciation of the services recently rendered by some of your men on cases here in New Canaan.

In the matter of the Walton gun robbery, Officer George Boston assisted in our investigation thoroughly and at considerable extra time on his own, to the end that Thomas McGrath was apprehended and most of the loot recovered. I particularly appreciated the help of Officer Boston at that time, not only because it involved an out of town suspect, but also because the case came at a time when this department was temporarily short handed in personnel.

Last week, your men again demonstrated their ability and willingness to cooperate in handling the Ireland rape and burglary case. Lieutenant Clark, Acting Sergeant Bennett and Officer Raineault particularly, and Lieutenant Hanusovsky and Officer Howell were of immeasurable aid in gathering evidence, in alertness in spotting the suspect and pursuing the final phases of the investigation.

As you know, it is in situations like these two foregoing incidents that State Police officers can often be the only means of successfully tracking and apprehending a criminal from out of reach of local jurisdiction and investigation. The men to whom I have referred not only efficiently and quickly joined with us, but in each individual instance, each man demonstrated the highest personal interest.

I again wish to express our sincere appreciation of the cooperation from your department and assure you that we, at all times, stand ready to reciprocate in all ways possible.

HEK:ejr
Copy to: Lt. Clarke

Yours very truly,
Henry E. Keller
Henry E. Keller,
Chief of Police.

C O M P L I M E N T S



Joseph V. McDonough
City Marshal

City of Salem, Massachusetts
Police Department Headquarters



THE CITY OF SALEM
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT
ONE A STATION

April 21, 1951

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

THE CITY OF SALEM
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT
ONE A STATION

Dear Commissioner:

I want, at this time, to take this opportunity to thank certain members of your Department for their efficient work in the apprehension of Louis Behar, of this City, on April 17, at Bethany, Conn. This man stole a Cadillac Convertible Coupe and was apprehended by men from your Department. As a result of their efficient work Behar was brought before the 1st. District Court of Essex, Salem, Mass., and was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence to the Mass. Reformatory at Concord, Mass., where he is now confined. I think you should be proud of the men who made this apprehension and I certainly am very grateful for their assistance in the recovery of the car and the apprehension of the operator.

Very truly yours,

Joseph V. McDonough
CITY MARSHAL

JMD:m

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

May 9, 1951



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

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

Accept this as thanks for the splendid work that your State Police Officers - Sgt. Kimball, Officer Gedney and Officer Johnson did in guiding my recent visit thru your fine state of Connecticut. All these men are of the highest caliber and your Department should be commended for having them in its employment.

I look forward to the time when the occasion will present itself again in order that I might return to your fine state of Connecticut and enjoy its hospitality.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours

Erle Cocke, Jr.

ERLE COCKE, Jr.
National Commander

Joseph V. McLaughlin
CITY MARSHAL

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Virginia's "Teeling Law"

(Rewritten from The Virginia Trooper, Feb., 1951 and as featured in The Catholic Virginian, "Notes, By The Way," by Columnist W. T. W.)

On August 29, 1855, one Margaret Cronin complained before the Mayor of Richmond against her husband, John Cronin, for violently assaulting her on the night of August 28. The assault by blows or kicks or both was proved. Mrs. Cronin (who was expecting a child at the time) soon fell seriously ill (losing her child), and died on September 13. A post mortem examination led the examiner, Dr. Beale, to pronounce her death due to a rupture of the spleen caused by a blow. Cronin's trial for murder followed toward the end of October.

Cronin's counsel tried to extenuate the assault by proving that shortly before the attack made on Mrs. Cronin by her husband, she had been guilty of improper conduct with a man named Byron. Counsel for the defendant called as a witness the Very Rev. John Teeling (whose name is spelled "Theeling" throughout the "Quarterly" article), Vicar General of the Richmond Diocese. Being interrogated, Father Teeling replied that Mrs. Cronin was a Catholic, that during her last illness he had attended her in his character as a Catholic priest, and that he had administered to her the sacrament of Extreme Unction. Asked (by prisoner's counsel) as to whether Mrs. Cronin had not confessed to him misconduct with Byron, Father Teeling read, by the court's permission, his reasons for refusing to answer this question.

"Were I asked any question which I could answer from knowledge obtained as a private individual, I would consider

it my duty to lay before this honorable court all the evidence I was in possession of. But if required to answer any question in the quality of a Catholic minister of the sacrament of penance, when I believe God himself has imposed an inviolable and eternal secrecy, I am bound to be silent, although instant death were to be the penalty of my refusal. The question proposed by the counsel for the defence affects me in the latter capacity and hence I must decline to answer it. Is a Catholic priest ever justified under any circumstances in revealing the secrets of sacramental confession? I answer, No, that no power on earth, civil or ecclesiastical, spiritual or temporal, can ever, under any circumstances, dispense with this perpetual obligation of secrecy.

"The law which prohibits me from revealing what I learn in sacramental confession, Catholics believe to be divine, emanating from our Lord Himself. It is a tenet of the Catholic Church, that Christ instituted seven sacraments; that penance is one of these; that sacramental confession forms an essential part of this sacrament; that the obligation of secrecy is especially connected with the divine institution of confession. For if it would be lawful for a Catholic priest in any case to reveal what was certified to him in confession, no person would be willing to disclose an occult sin, and so such a revelation if permitted would be destructive of the divine precept of confession. Hence we conclude that inviolable secrecy is com-

manded by our Lord. If, then, I were to answer the question proposed, I should be rendered infamous in the eyes of the Catholic Church and forever deposed from the sacred ministry; I would violate my conscience whose voice would ever whisper: 'You have committed sacrilege to be punished by the eternal vengence of a just and offended Deity.' I thank the honorable Court for the kind and patient hearing it has extended me.".....

This was the situation when Judge John Meredith handed down his ruling (afterwards called the "Teeling Law") on Oct. 29, 1855.

The counsel for Cronin, accused of wife-murder, asked Father Teeling if Margaret Cronin had confessed to him that she had been guilty of adultery. Counsel for the Commonwealth objected that such an admission would have weight only if the woman thought she was dying at the time she made it. Father Teeling then read his statement refusing to reveal anything connected with the deceased woman's confession. After the matter was argued by counsel on both sides, the court recessed over Sunday. Monday the court held that the question was improper--because the defense had shown no evidence to prove Mrs. Cronin thought her confession a dying statement. Counsel for defense now declared he would ask Teeling "whether in the confessional Mrs. Cronin did not express to him (witness) her apprehension that she was in a dying condition," and asked the court to rule on the question as propounded.

Judge Meredith first stated: "The question is, whether a Roman Catholic priest shall be required to disclose what he has received in sacramental confession." He added a resume of Father Teeling's statement as to the tenets of the Catholic Church on the Sacrament of Penance and the canonical punishments attached to revelation by a priest of matters heard in confession; expressed doubt that the common law rules of evidence here protect the witness; and declared that on this point we must find a solution in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The judge then, after considering some foreign and domestic precedents,

and what he calls "principles of public policy in connection with the guarantees furnished by our Constitution (State and Federal) in favor of religious liberty," ruled to this effect:

"I have not discussed this as a theological question But assuming Penance and Confession to be a sacrament in the Catholic Church, and a tenet of faith essential to the maintenance of that religion, I have considered it in its legal and constitutional bearings. And in every aspect in which I have been able to view it; looking at it as analogous to the rule which exempts attorneys from disclosing the professional communications of their clients entrusted to their confidence; to the fact, that in England during centuries whilst the Catholic religion prevailed there, no case can be found in which the disclosure was coerced; that it is the law of Scotland, as it is the law in several States in this union by express statutes to exempt the priest from disclosing information obtained in the confessional; that no principle of public policy will be invaded; and above all, that the great constitutional boon of religious toleration, which secures to all the 'free exercise of religion according to the dictates of conscience,' cannot be enjoyed by this class of our people if the secrets of the confessional are to be disclosed, I shall hold the priest exempt from testifying as to what was confessed to him by the deceased in the administration of the Sacrament of Penance."

According to a footnote in "The Quarterly Law Journal," Cronin was found guilty by the jury of "voluntary manslaughter," and sentenced to five years imprisonment in the penitentiary. On appeal from the Circuit Court, his sentence was unanimously affirmed by the Supreme Court of Appeals of the Commonwealth. However, the "Teeling" ruling, not being cited in the appeal, remained unreviewed by our Supreme Court. It has never been ruled on by it to this day.

My thanks are due Mr. James and "The Virginia Trooper" for leave to use so copiously their "Teeling" article of February.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Vox-Cop

May 1, 1951



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

Raymond Covey, Headquarters
Earl Elliott, Litchfield
Joseph M. Hart, Danielson
Francis McMahon, Headquarters
Off. Walter P. Stecko, Danielson
Off. Charles L. Wilkerson, Stafford
Off. Norman E. Winslow, Danielson
Theodore R. Yarusewicz, Headquarters

STATION "A", RIDGEFIELD

NAMESAKE

When he's a little older, Guy Michael Scott will be able to regale his playmates with a terrific yarn. Furthermore, if there hadn't been so much excitement when Guy was born Sunday Evening, April 15, 1951, he wouldn't be named Guy at all.

The story begins properly before Guy was a guy, but had given every indication of wanting to be born to his soon-to-be-proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scott of Silver Spring Park, Ridgefield, Conn. As husbands do in such cases, Mr. Scott got the family car out of the garage and started to drive his wife to the Danbury Hospital, a distance of about 10 miles. By the time the Scotts reached Fry's Corner, a short distance from the center of Danbury, Guy decided it would be much nicer to make his debut in city traffic. Mr. Scott stopped the car and wondered what you do next in such circumstances.

Just then, another guy---Officer Guy Bonuomo of this station, drove up. See-

ing that something was obviously bothering the Ridgefield couple, he offered assistance. As soon as he learned the situation, he escorted Mrs. Scott to his police car and headed toward the Danbury Hospital.

The baby was born at the hospital, just as planned. And the Scotts named the little guy GUY, after the other GUY. Both Guys and Mrs. Scott are doing nicely.

TARRED AND FEATHERED

Officer George Noxon working on midnight desk detail recently looked up from his desk, rubbed his eyes, took a second look and exclaimed "Egad!"

Standing in front of him were two men, tarred and feathered and generally described by the officer as "a mess."

The men, both students at Hofstra College, Hempstead, L. I., said they had been the victims of an initiation and were "dumped" in a wooded section of Georgetown in the early hours of the morning. They walked through the wooded section and arrived at the Ridgefield Barracks in a forlorn state.

Officer Noxon made the washroom facilities here available to the men and

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proved a genial host in a time of need, according to the students.

After regaining a somewhat normal appearance, the men called friends in Long Island, who came to this barracks later in the morning and transported them home.

"HUNCHING"

Officer George Bunnell, patrolling Route #25, in the Town of Monroe recently stopped a Fruit Truck. Upon searching the operator, who had a bulge in his pocket--no he didn't find an apple---- he found a bundle of lottery tickets. Bunny's still doing alright with his "Hunching."

LIEUT. MAYO DELIVERS ADDRESS

Lieutenant Mayo recently spoke before the Bethel Rotarians. His topic was "Gambling" and he received many commendations for his interesting talk.

CHEF SCANLON ILL

Our Chef, Milo E. Scanlon, who has been around the Ridgefield Barracks for the last 22 years, was taken violently ill the other night, and he was found to have a very bad case of appendicitis. He was operated on yesterday and the report from the Danbury Hospital shows that today he is feeling fine. Hurry back, Milo, we sure miss you.

IN DANBURY

Stanley Pickert, age 36, of Danbury, was sent to Jail for thirty days recently by City Court Judge Irving Levine, on a charge of Stealing Three Cancer Fund Boxes from restaurants. Pickert had attempted suicide in his cell while awaiting trial. He was arrested by Officer Robert Keating of the Danbury Police Department.

REQUESTS DEMOTION

No doubt all our highly paid sergeants got a chuckle out of the news item from Knoxville, Tenn., when Traffic Sgt. Alvin Christie recently requested a demotion to patrolman.

Christie told Safety Director C. V. Christenberry: "My reason for wanting the demotion is that I feel the difference in pay, 17 cents per day, is in-

sufficient compensation for the responsibilities a sergeant must assume."

NEW TV PERSONALITIES

A very pleasant surprise was had by all one recent night when Commissioner Hickey and Lieutenant Pastore appeared on Jimmy Melton's Television Program. Commissioner Hickey was guest on this program in observance of National Safety Week.

STATION "B", CANAAN

Officer Andrew Yurtin, having completed a number of years with the department and a good portion of them here at Station B, has resigned to accept a position with The State Liquor Commission as an inspector.

Motor Vehicle Inspector Don Frost resigned his position to return to police duties and is presently assigned to the Westbrook barracks.

With the finding of the body of Arnold Newmark, drowned in the Housatonic while boating, another tragic experience has been brought to a close to all but those to whom his memory will remain through years to come.

Returning spring has greatly increased transient traffic over the main Berkshire routes and with it has come the ever present problem of constant traffic control enforced in such manner as to acquaint the public with the hazards of "Sunday driving," yet tempered with the consideration of men who realize that we all enjoy getting out once again and as a consequence are tempted to commit the big violation of inattention to the road ahead.

Bellaire, Ohio, officials wondered what to do about a thief with a record of 28 offenses. (Latest: a \$16 bank job with his younger brother.) When caught, he showed police his riverbank hideout, said the movies inspired his crimes. His age: 7.

TOLLAND COUNTY TALES

The days roll by so quickly that it seems one has no more than completed the items for the present issue when it is time to gather together those for the next.

Spring is here! How well we know! The annual inspection is over, and after all the hours of preparation, we hope that we passed with flying colors. The fishermen are out with baited hooks. From all we hear, most of those fish are harder to catch than are most of our criminals. Interest is high in the baseball results and some have already attended some of the games. Gardens are being planted. Too early for gathering of the crops and bragging about the size of the vegetables. Lawns are coming in for their share of attention. Of course, some are finding that it is also time for spring house cleaning.

Want to hire a good bulldozer operator? Contact this station.

Ted Sheiber says that he will have to take a course at the School of Agriculture at the University if he is to investigate all cases pertaining to livestock. First, it is a very valuable month-old heifer stolen from a large Herford Farm in Willington. When the calf was located, Ted allowed that it would not ride in his car, especially just before inspection. Maybe we need a cattle truck added to our emergency equipment. The latest had to do with pigs. Who knows when it will be a sheep, goat or a horse?

Missing from his home in Somers, Chief Nighthawk, 10--5-7--25, reddish complexion, straight black hair, feather in his hair, wearing war paint and deer-skin clothing. Speaks only the Indian language. He is being missed by all to whom he has been a landmark for several years. If found, please communicate with Lud Kolodziej.

Never has there been an inspection day but what some unusual or interesting case broke. A call came from a University student, at Storrs, who stated that he had just come upon the remains of a person who had apparently committed sui-

cide in Cedar Swamp, located in Mansfield and Willington. Investigation revealed that the remains were those of a poultry farmer from Willington, who had been missing since October, 1946. Jack Yaskulka and Bill Stephenson went wading that day. Another case solved.

A breaking and entering case was quickly solved this week by Jack Scribner, with the help of a blanket with a girl's name on it and a piece of paper with the same name and a telephone number to call, both left at the scene.

Several of the juveniles about the territory have caught the fever, "Get something for nothing." One nine-year-old has been feasting on Mondays and fasting for the rest of the week for the past two or three months. The Hartford Times carrier thought that it was time to collect for papers that he had been leaving at a certain place, having received no pay for several weeks. In checking, he found that the people had left the money each Monday Morning before going to work, in the Times tube, at the side of the road. Marked money, showing up at a local store before school time, one Monday, was the downfall of the young man and ended his spending spree.

Another one we had, wanting to get a drink of water, never calls at a house where anyone is at home. He enters the house via basement doors or by windows, no matter how high up from the ground the window may be. When surprised in the act at one house, he readily gave his name and address and even wrote them on a piece of paper for the woman. He also attempts, if not interrupted, to secure whatever money he can find. Bicycles also are of interest to him. He takes a new one and leaves his old behind. He is one of our trailer camp products.

The Stafford Borough Police Department from now on is going to be busy checking those new parking meters which have just been installed.

As usual, with the nice clear warm days, we are receiving complaints about the college students who, although they attend college, are apparently unable to read, or else are blind and don't see the "No Trespassing" signs erected on

private property and the cemeteries about the college grounds. Warrants have been issued by the local court for the arrest of some, and it is the hope of the court that the grapevine will work and that there will be no more trespassers in that vicinity.

It could only happen in Tolland County. Art Hess, while patrolling along the Burma Road, spotted a man staggering along the way. As he was without funds and of no certain address, he was detained at the station overnight. Presented in court the next evening, he pleaded Guilty to the charge of Vagrancy. The judge imposed a fine of \$25.00, which he remitted, and handing the man a dollar bill, said, "Use this for bus fare and leave town."

Officer Hess earned the compliments of a Massachusetts motorist whose car became disabled on Route #15, recently. The writer reports: "I didn't ask him his name, but his number was 121. He was the most friendly and courteous policeman I have ever met and the other people that were with me will agree. Therefore, please accept this letter as a letter of commendation for him."

STATION "D". DANIELSON

Officer Joseph Hart, is now Lt. J. G. Hart, U. S. Naval Air Force, stationed at Floyd Bennet Field, N. Y. A party was given in Joe's honor at the home of T. Lancaster, of Canterbury, on April 14, where many of Joe's friends and the officers of Sta. "D" gathered to wish him well. We will be anxiously waiting your return to us, Joe.

Lieut. Albert Rivers and family enjoyed their vacation travelling in Tennessee, where they visited many of the Historical spots.

Chef Raoul Lariviere is a newcomer to Sta. "D", and his culinary art is something to brag about. How are we girls at Sta. "D" going to get into our bathing suits next summer?

Officer Vincent McSweeney and wife have moved into their new home at Quine-

baug, Conn., and the new nursery is being outfitted for special company in September.

"In my opinion, Officer John B. Murphy is an able, stable and quiet officer and one of the most gentlemanlike officers in the State Police Force," remarked Town Prosecutor T. E. Clarie, during a session of the Killingly Town Court on May 1.

ON A RECENT EXAMINATION

Question--Under some very restricted circumstances and as a last resort a Police officer may kill another person. Give these circumstances.

Answer--When the officer or an innocent person is in danger, or in self defense (If you live that long!)

AT THE KILLINGLY TOWN COURT

A moment of comic relief interrupted the chain of testimony when Officer John B. Murphy, at the invitation of Atty. Searles Dearington, demonstrated the accused 'walking the straight line'. He staggered bodily across the courtroom, clutching the counsel table for support. He smilingly admitted that it probably wasn't that bad. In his summation, Atty. Dearington jokingly referred to Officer Murphy's demonstration as "perhaps the greatest performance since the days of John Barrymore."

LAW ENFORCEMENT

As a law enforcement agency, the Putnam Police Department deserves the respect and appreciation of all citizens, for it has refused to condone transgressions of the law. During the week end, it brought into court three men charged with pool selling, specifically with accepting and registering bets on horses, and seven men charged with betting on horses. Both are serious offenses in this state and carry severe fines.

We hear much about the decline of public morality, but public immorality on the top level is only an indication of the tide running below.

We cannot in fairness condemn crime in the top brackets and complacently ig-

nore crime on a lower level here. The Putnam Police Department is determined not to stand idly by and turn the other way in the face of lawbreaking. It deserves the commendation and the praise of a grateful public.

--Windham County Observer

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the members of the Providence Police Department for establishing a safety record on Monday of this week at 5:05 p.m. by completing 100 consecutive days without a fatal accident on the highways. To celebrate the occasion, all department members immediately put on arm bands with a large "100" on them. Police Chief Charles A. Higgins can be rightly proud of his men. Here's wishing you the best of luck for the next hundred days!

--Windham County Transcript

THE DAWN PATROL

As one cruises over the highways and byways along Route #44 these bright spring morns, one's thoughts are apt to reflect on early settlers whose foresight and faith shaped the character and culture of the many historic towns now protected by modern police services. This early morn as we passed through Pomfret (settled in 1686) we recalled how this small farming community grew to be a place which truly is the most historic site in the State. From here came General Israel Putnam, famous defender of his Country, who on a spring day dropped his plow in peaceful Pomfret when the news of Lexington arrived, to leap upon his horse in farmer's work clothes and gallop all the way to Boston where a great battle was raging.

Legend tells us of the long day of hectic chasing when Putnam and nearby neighbors raced through ravines in hot pursuit of a she-wolf, who had ravaged all their flocks. Fox's Highways and Byways of Connecticut relates, "So wrathful was old Isreal Putnam that when they cornered this huge beast inside the cave, never thinking of the personal

danger, he followed her within, a stout and clumsy rope about the waist, wriggling in the darkness on his stomach. Face to face with savage wildness, he fought and killed the wolf and then his neighbors dragged him out."

Continuing east on patrol in the distance we observe the City of Putnam, east of the Quinebaug and named for General Isreal Putnam. Once a part of Killingly, it was first settled by Richard Evans from Rehoboth, Mass. The sun is now rising beyond the mills and chimney stacks. We recall stories heard in our youth as to the City being a leading industrial center with cotton yarn and silk mills, factories which built boilers and manufactured pins, etc. Famous sons of this community went about the world: Armand Denis, African Explorer; William T. Harris, Philosopher and Educator, Pioneer of Kindergartens and the first United States Commissioner of Education.

As we ponder, a radio alert - Signal 2 in location 39, Eastford, turns us about. We proceed to the west. As we cross Saw Mill Brook and the junction of #91 and #93 in South Woodstock, the Town of Woodstock flashed through our mind. We were tempted to turn north on #93 when another radio alert - Signal 29 - required attention and we sped onward on #91. As we rolled along we recalled the evening that "Gramp" told us kids of the late President McKinley delivering an oration amid the natural splendors of Roseland Park. Also, about a General Eaton who came from Woodstock and that it was in this town Old Jedediah Morse, father of the inventor of the telegraph was born. We continue through Kenyonville and on to the scene of a broken fence where we soon discovered two cows were obstructing the highway and near the birthplace of no less a personage than General Nathaniel Lyon. With the aid of two farmers and our Ford, we quickly complete our mission.

Being in a reflecting mood, again our thoughts turned to Army Generals. Yesterday, at noon, we saw the reception (TV) given to General MacArthur - and heard his great tribute - Old Soldiers Never Die, They Fade Away. How true! Here on patrol, before my eyes stood the

Indian Hut and Horse Shoe Brook and the birth site of another great soldier, General Nathaniel Lyon, born July 14, 1819. He spent his formative years in this fair countryside, learning well his lesson of sacrifice and patriotism. Like MacArthur, as a youth he left his home in the hills to go to West Point. Faithfully and well he fought against the Seminoles and Mexicans. Then the Civil War broke out. Fox's Vignettes tells: "With grim initiative and self-reliance, Lyon saved Missouri for the Union when the Governor of that State, a Confederate sympathizer, rallied his militia to force Missouri to secede. Lyon took them prisoners. A captain had ignored State's rights and had taken up arms against a governor. The North rejoiced and Lyon was promoted to General. He based his tactics on the sound philosophy of war - the best offense is a good attack."

It was on August 10, 1861, that he died from bullet wounds at Wilson's Creek, Missouri, attacking with all his vigorous force, the first northern general to die in saving this democracy and preserving the Union. He came from Eastford and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

Another day is in full bloom, the Dawn Patrol signs off.

STATION "E" GROTON

Captain Lavin made the annual inspection at our barracks and now all personnel are breathing easier, including the Lieutenant.

Policewoman Noonan, of the NLPD, and Policewoman Lackey, of the Groton PD, with our Policewoman Boland attended a meeting of the Conn. Policewomen's Association. The group heard a talk on the use of narcotics.

Sgt. Kimball, of "HQ" Traffic Division, a guest speaker at a meeting in New London of the Civil Defense policemen, spoke on traffic control measures.

Officer Skelly was assigned to the Norwich Motor Vehicle Dept., and Officer

Greenberg to the New London branch office for the rush period for new operators' licenses.

Sgt. Farrow and Officers Kearney and G. Smith investigated not one but two airplane crashes. Both crashes occurred in the same town within an hour and within three miles of each other.

Two Irishmen of New London are going a long way--about 2,700 miles in fact--not to lose face. It goes like this: One Irishman sez to the other, in their discussion of Ireland, "I don't think you have the nerve to fly there with me." "I'll take you up," replied the other. So they are flying to Ireland. Nerve??? The cost of the round trip ticket--\$542.00. Now, you wonder what this has to do with the magazine in your hands. One of the Irishmen happens to be a former officer of this station. Sgt. Dygert called him up to verify it. We have told you before the unusual usually happens around here.

The invisible arm of Radar will reach out and grab speeders in this area. Sgt. Kimball and Off. Gedney, of Traffic Division, were down checking with the invisible "gadget" recently. Strange as it seems, this invisible "gadget" picked out an operator that had no license. We are not trying to tell you that Radar can see all the way into a man's pocket, it just turned out he had no license after being stopped for speeding. In the first case brought into court as a result of this survey, the accused pled guilty and judgment was suspended. Judge DeNoia witnessed the operating details of the Radar setup and announced he would recognize it in his court.

Spring is in the air around here and we offer the following. Officer O'Connor issued a warning to a sailor who was operating a car. Nothing wrong in that, but again, "In the spring a young man's fancy turns to love and stuff." As the sailor drove along following a bus, his attention was drawn to two pretty girls walking on the highway. These two pretty girls had the \$250.00 look, for that's what it cost the sailor. The bus made a stop--the look continued on--so did the sailor--the noise was caused by the car hitting the rear

end of the bus.

Officer Mansfield issued a warning for reckless driving and arrested an operator for operating without a license (motor vehicle type.) The officer was not trying to discourage Cupid, but the operator had knocked down seven fence posts. He was kissing the girl alongside of him as they cruised along until the posts got in the way.

Officers Kearney and Hickey made a trip to Niagara Falls, but not in the capacity of honeymooners. They brought back a fugitive.

COP WINS, TRUCKERS PLACE AND SHOW

Our "Joe" LaFramboise - "E's" Tri-color representative won a race last week on the Blue Star Highway beating two other entrants, Truck Drivers Chace and Jerome from New Bedford.

LaFramboise said he joined the race in East Lyme at a slight handicap. He remained in the tail position while the two trailer trucks, headed east, jostled for first place at speeds up to 70 miles an hour.

Chace led Jerome for awhile, then the trucks were neck and neck for some distance. Jerome took the lead, but LaFramboise sprinted ahead in a final dash and outdistanced both.

He would have been first over the city line, but he decided to call time out while he booked the pair and collected first money from each, \$75 for the bond.

STATION "F", WESTBROOK

Spring, generally associated with cleaning and painting up, finds Westbrook Barracks with the business offices freshly painted, a new fence in the front, and the drive of the yard repaired.

Almost any case is likely to have its ramifications, but at the start of the investigation of a recent theft of antiques, no one expected that states as far distant as Mississippi and Louisiana would have to be visited to check leads.

Off. Fred Moran and SPW Haggerty, however, have just returned from such a mission.

Hammonasset State Park was selected for a picnic for Yale University, to replace Derby Day. Lt. Mangan and a detail of officers from Station "F" and other stations were on hand, and the outing was uneventful as far as policing was concerned. Before the event, a New Haven paper carried an article concerning the preparations of the local chief of police for this occasion, and contrasted it with the elaborate planning of other Derby Days. With the State Police, State Park Rangers and employees, however, the park was well policed.

The thought occurs that if Yale University had not been moved from Old Saybrook to New Haven years ago, Station "F" territory would have its counterpart of the Yale Bowl, with the resulting traffic problems.

Officer Frank Pavelka, Clinton Police Department, formerly a dispatcher at Station "F", is proudly telling one and all of the birth of his nine-pound son.

This barracks welcomes Off. Donald Frost, and realizes he will be a needed addition to our manpower, to aid in the many police problems resulting from the influx of summer residents.

How well Channel 4 was received in various sections of our area was discussed recently by personnel of this station who witnessed Commissioner Hickey and Lt. Adolph Pastore being interviewed over television. Apparently reception was good for all.

Off. Arthur Mayer, on midnight patrol, witnessed a young man walking along the post road with a pillow case slung over his back. Turning around quickly, he overtook this fellow, but the pillow case had disappeared. Upon questioning a denial was vehemently made that this pack was being carried. After deft questioning by the officer, however, an understanding was reached. The pillow case found in the brush, contained among other things, an antique piece of silverware valued at \$750.00, recently stolen from a hotel in Westbrook. A statement was taken solving many other depredations at this hotel. Good Work, Art!

STATION "G", WESTPORT

We welcome to the high command of Sta. "G" Sgt. Frank Bennett, who, after sweating it out for many, many months, gained his reward on May 1 as he joined two other members of his class, Sgt. Lawrence Beizer and Sgt. Louis Marchese, on the climb up the departmental ladder.

Our auxiliary school has finished the first phase of its training and is now in summer recess. Many members of the group are doing a fine job in keeping the emergency equipment in shape and in handling the radio during the evenings and on Sundays. We look forward to having their assistance while on patrol.

Captains Lavin and Shaw inspected our station on April 27 and 28 and gave it a thorough going over. We had figured they would not be able to give us too close attention as they were working 'till late at night to complete inspections of smaller stations but having learned this themselves they met the problem by conducting a two-day session at "G", and every man will agree that he does not think he will ever see the day a more thorough inspection will be had. Years from now the recruits will be told, "You should have been here when Capt. Lavin and Capt. Shaw looked things over!"

We are still battling 1000 on our assistance to other departments. The last time the record was placed in jeopardy was the early part of April when the New Canaan P. D. invited Lieut. Clarke in on the investigation of a rape case in which the complainant did not see her assailant as the crime took place in total darkness. With the most meager of clues to start on, the case was tackled and in short order Off. Jack Raineault came up with a possible suspect. Off. Steve Howell followed it up and then the case began to unwind, aided and abetted by Lieut. Clarke and Chief Keller of the New Canaan P. D., 'til finally it was marked "solved." Thus after a very close escape our record remains intact.

As the other stations throughout the state listen to "G" on the radio Sunday

nights, and in short order hear five, six, and seven officers sent to investigate different accidents, and then hear them call in to report more accidents, some must get the idea that this is a garage man's paradise. That may be true but it's not what Sgt. Marchese calls it. In past years we waited 'till summer before the Greenwich toll count went to 45,000 but this year with spring just about half gone, we have already had a number of Sundays when the count has gone over 45,000. All indications at this time are that every parkway record for cars passing through the Greenwich Toll House will be broken in 1951. Sgt. Marchese is now learning a lot about traffic that was just not in those books at Northwestern Traffic School.

Any day now we can expect him to write his own book. Suggestion for title "Busted fenders and Blocked concrete."

Did you ever notice the roster at "G"---Bennett, Marchese, De Filippo, Croce, Virelli, Petrini? What ever happened to that boat from Ireland? On March 17 I'll go along with the assumption that everybody's Irish but on the other days of the year I want proof of ancestry.

Despite the fatherly words of advice given him by "G" personnel, Off. Bill Shafer is determined to go through with his wedding on June 10 in Bridgeport. With a wealth of experience in the phases of married life, we have given freely of this storehouse of knowledge but love is a beautiful thing.

We regret the resignation of our radio dispatcher, Nehemiah Woodard from the "G" family. Woody was a great fishing enthusiast and a great storyteller. He made many a day more enjoyable with his chatter. He will be deeply missed and we wish him well in his new work.

Another admirer of Bill Wallace sends the following:

"It was my misfortune recently while traveling on the Merritt Parkway to have a rather severe fire break out in the wiring system of my car.

"Within five or six minutes one of your officers arrived and very promptly extinguished the fire with unusual efficiency.

"Impressed with the exceptional serv-

ice given me by this officer, I am writing to call the matter to your attention as a commendation. This officer's name is William Wallace. I am most appreciative of the fine assistance that this officer gave me and hope that he will be made aware of the fact that I have written you this letter."

We have completed our semi-annual inspection - what a job!! Wonder if we will merit praises like the Stratford Police which recently had its first inspection in 34 years. Press reports indicate Chief Patrick J. Flanagan and the 36 other members of his department were praised by the Town Fathers and the inspection program was highlighted with a surprise presentation of police department colors by the Stratford Special Policemen's Association and the National Colors by the local Commander of the American Legion. Counsel Chairman, Frank A. Larkin told the members of the Stratford Police Department assembled for departmental inspection:

"There is no organized crime in our town and no corruption within the police department and it is your duty to keep it that way. Do your duty without fear or favor. You are beholden to no one for your jobs. You procured them on your own merits through examination. So long as you do your duty you need have no fear for your jobs."

Congratulations to Chief Patrick J. Flanagan and his 36 stalwart men!!

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HONEYMOONING COP LOSES CRASH SUIT

Judge Walter M. Pickett, Common Pleas Court in Fairfield County, last week, rendered an opinion for a lawyer, George Wise, Stamford against Frank J. Dunlon, a policeman of Jersey City for damages in the amount of \$298.62. The suit grew out of an accident which occurred on the Merritt Parkway near Route #7, June 29, 1949. The barrister was driving on the Parkway and behind him came policeman Dunlon and his bride, in an auto owned by the policeman's newly acquired brother-in-law, one William Murray, also of Jersey City.

Three automobiles were involved in this accident and it was indicated that

all were driving within the posted speed limits and at a reasonable distance apart. Attorney Wise, the decision continued, saw a pheasant fly suddenly from the side of the road and collide with the foremost of the three cars. The lawyer instinctively applied his brakes. (An unusual act.) Policeman Dunlon saw Wise's stoplight turn red and he applied his brakes but failed to stop before striking the rear of the lawyer's auto. Absolving Wise from negligence, Judge Pickett concluded his decision as follows: "Had Dunlon kept a proper lookout he would have avoided the accident either by earlier application of the brakes or by turning right into the unoccupied right lane. Judgment for the plaintiff to recover from the defendant in the amount of \$298.62. . . . No judgment against the pheasant, it was killed but not eaten." That ain't the way we heard it Judge, along came a "G" man - guess who had a pheasant supper!!

STATION "H", HARTFORD

Station "H" and the Special Traffic Details on Charter Oak Bridge and By Pass note with interest the kindly reference to our patrol services in The Bridge publication "The Khronic Komplainer".

"The recent speed arrest campaign in this vicinity has brought us into even closer contact with the State Police. That Department requested - and received - our cooperation in making desk space available in the Administration Building for their officer-in-charge, who also acted as a bonding officer for the out-of-state drivers who had received court summons. Lieutenants Williams and Klocker, and Sergeants Kimball and Nelson performed this duty, while approximately twenty-five State Policemen patrolled the Bridge and highways. Connecticut can well be proud of the efficiency and courtesy of these men. We marvelled at the truly sincere "Thank You" given by most of the offenders to the arresting officers, as they departed

for their out-of-state homes."

Nice guys to work with, we say. Here's another quote from their timely and spirited bulletin:

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For many years we have proudly pointed to the fatality-free record of our Charter Oak Bridge, and the absence of serious accidents throughout these years. Careful and planned maintenance; revision of the ramps and approaches for the purpose of traffic safety; the most modern illuminated traffic directional signing, and posted speed limits conducive to safe driving in heavy traffic during Summer and Winter weather conditions have been primarily responsible for what was, until March 1, 1951, an outstanding record.

Then - a most tragic accident occurred. Two young ladies, one the daughter of a former Bridge Commissioner, lost their lives as their car leaped over the protective steel curbing on the Bridge and crashed through the railing to fall to the ground below. We will not attempt an explanation of the circumstances. This is for others to determine from such facts as are available. However, it did awaken us and those with authority over motor vehicle traffic to a realization that we have been fortunate indeed in our accident experience..... The current State Police drive against speeding within this area in general, has already made a tremendous difference with the driving habits of most of our patrons, but we know that human nature generally prevails and that the observance of speed limits is prompted only by the fear of detection. Some do not even fear this. Regardless of the many "SPEED ARREST ZONE" signs which have been placed along the Wilbur Cross Highway, hundreds of motorists have been arrested in the past three weeks for dangerous speeding. Many were arrested for speeds exceeding fifty miles per hour on the Bridge, although a 25 mph limit is posted, and one "unfortunate" (we claim he was fortunate) was clocked at sixty-five miles per hour on the Bridge. Another was doing 75 mph on the approach, according

to the arrest slip.

Is it too much to ask, before the bridge designers and the maintenance forces are condemned, that consideration be given to our more than eight years without a serious accident, despite the fact that over FIFTY MILLION cars had passed over the Bridge within this time?

The Vincent O'Brien's, of New Haven, now have a brand-new daughter at their home--born on April 15, 1951. Congratulations to Mrs. and Officer O'Brien.

Officer Russell Olson, the Lake Coventry Fisherman, has added another boat to his collection, along with a Super 10 Mercury motor. He claims that the boat will do 40 MPH. How about proving this statement, Russ? We're from Missouri. We are available at any time for the test run.

Officers Edward Faith and Walter Perkins have been assigned as acting Sergeants for the month of May. They relieved Officers McCormick and Myers, who performed their duties commendably.

Officer Joseph Palin, who was on sick leave, came back with a mustache. He claims that he had to grow one as he had sores on his lips. We hear that he spent hours looking at Lieut. Pastore's, but it could be sore lips, who knows? Joe wasn't back long before he and Officer "Vin" O'Brien became involved in a verbal battle. The subject--Yankees VS. Red Sox, of course.

Advertisement:--Are you thinking about building an out-door fire-place, a brick or stone wall? Before you decide to pay more, see us. The stone masons of Station "H". Our work is guaranteed.

"Full Cookie Jar Seen As Crime Deterrent"--headline. Or as an irresistible temptation to potential juvenile delinquents, if you want to look at it that way.--D.N.T. The Springfield Union.

During April, before fishing season opened, Officer Joseph Palin fished a cow out of a bog in Wethersfield. Guess he was just practising for the fishing season which was about to open.

The Special Service Squad and Station "H" boys did it again. A murder in Berlin, lots of suspects, a quick solution,

arrest and confession. Everyone connected with the case did out-standing work. Officer Walter Swaun should get a cheer for sending the information into the Station immediately as to the car used by the persons responsible, which was quickly located by Officers of the Meriden Police. We want to thank these Officers for their out-standing work. With but a meager description of the car, they apprehended the murderer's companion within minutes after they received a radio broadcast. Detectives Rome and Doyle and Meriden Officers apprehended the murderer. Later, Officer Swaun found the knife used by the murderer, which had been discarded along the highway. Captain Mulcahy and his boys responded to the call for help and with their assistance the case was cleared up in a very short time.

Officer Palin is patiently waiting to receive word that he had been given the go-ahead to drive to Philadelphia to return Maurice Taraschuk to Berlin, where he will be presented in the Municipal Court on charges of Breaking, Entering and Theft.

Officer Myers has been seen smiling since he received word that he was going to Morristown, N. J. on May 17, to return Frank L. Strain to Windsor Locks, where he will be presented in the Town Court on a charge of Bigamy.

Officer James Duane had a fine trip to Rome, N. Y., where he took custody of John Benson, Jr., long missing from Burlington, Conn. Duane worked many days and long hours on this one, which eventually resulted in Benson's apprehension and detention in Rome, N. Y. as a fugitive from Conn. He will be presented in Trial Justice Court, Burlington, for Abandonment and Nonsupport. This ends a two-years search.

A Providence motorist sent a letter to Headquarters about Officer Joseph Pilkin, who arrived quickly upon the scene of an accident and earned this commendation:

"Not having had previous experience with either state policemen or other officers of the law, I did not know what to expect at my accident when the police arrived. I do not believe I could have had more courteous consideration from

anyone. To assume that Officer Pilkin would do his duty, he did more than that - he was courteous, considerate and an officer of whom you may be proud."

Lieut. William Gruber's article - "Good Suggestions for Police Photographers" - recently printed in Vox-Cop has been reproduced in the Michigan Police Journal. Bill has been ill for some weeks but is now convalescing at home. All our good wishes, Bill, for your speedy return to health.

STATION "I" BETHANY

The big annual inspection at Sta. "I" was held on April 28 and April 30, respectively. Personnel and officers' equipment was inspected on the 28th. Barracks, garage, etc. was inspected on the 30th. Our amiable and jovial Capt. Paul Lavin conducted the inspection, assisted by our able sergeants. We at Sta. "I" are happy to learn that the inspection proved to be a tremendous success. Unquestionably, the favorable report was largely due to the fine cooperation, spirit, and untiring efforts of all officers, civilian employees as well, all of whom played such an important part in making this inspection a huge success. Lieut. George Remer is very grateful to each and every person at this station for the fine spirit exemplified in this important undertaking. Of course team spirit is the prime requisite in achieving victory. It certainly has proved its worth in this particular instance.

Officer Francis Bozentka, a veteran police officer, has just completed serving in an executive capacity, that of acting sergeant. During this period Off. Bozentka performed satisfactorily and efficiently. Congratulations, Barney!

Officer Thomas Leonard, another appointee for this executive role, performed equally as well and proved to be a very worthy "pinch hitter" for our beloved sergeants. Tom, better known as Thomas Coleman, always comes through in

the clutches. Tom is a good candidate for any team.

Officer Edward Steele, our alternate acting sergeant, is presently getting a taste of sergeant's duties. He too, is a capable officer and has already proved that he has plenty on the ball. Ed is as cool as the proverbial cucumber. The personnel at Sta. "I" have implicit confidence in Ed's ability.

With the added responsibilities Ed is a very busy young man. At the moment his prime interest is to move into his new house. Don't forget the house warming party! We'll all be there, Eddie.

Officer Daniel Reardon, better known as "fat-boy" is working around the clock these days. Dan tells us he likes this very much. It provides a little more time and Dan is able to catch up on some much needed reading on some important police subjects. Dan is out gunning for big things, so he says. We all hope his dream comes true.

Officer James Kingston, one of the few bachelors left at Sta. "I", is soon to desert the ranks of bachelorhood and become a benedict. It has been rumored strongly for some time that our Jimmy, alias "Smiling Irishman," is to say "I do" next September. The lucky girl is Peggy Connors, a nurse, and the daughter of an Ansonia Police Officer. We understand Peggy is a fine girl, and above all, an excellent nurse. This conviction is based on the experience this writer had during a recent illness at the Grace-New Haven Hospital. Jim, you can rest assured that when that day comes the gang here will be just too glad to kick in a few bucks to buy you a pair of bedroom slippers, pipe and tobacco.

Recently, many phone calls have poured into the business office of Sta. "I" complaining that four burly strange men, resembling policemen, two of them somewhat corpulent, have been observed frequently on various golf courses, swinging "sticks" like madmen, digging up sod on the greens. In each instance when the men would take their departure the greens master would make an inspection of the greens to determine the extent of the crater. It was found that the greens looked like the Korean battle

grounds. We have definitely established the identification of the foursome. They are Officers Puester, Menard, and two embryonic golfers, Officers Mulligan and "ditch-digger" George Panciera. The foursome was admonished severely by the greens master, and it was suggested that they apply for jobs as caddies in the future.

Tom Duma has served more than half of his six months of desk duties. He claims that the desk chore is not exactly a bed of roses. Tom said he is indebted to his colleagues for the splendid co-operation given him since he took over the desk assignment. On July 1, next, Tom's duties as administrative desk officer will be concluded. Give him the wide open spaces. Guess who the next candidate is?

The Connecticut State Police Auxiliary School concluded its first semester April 30. The conclusion was polished off with a still exam on "Laws of Arrest." A great deal of finger-nail biting was noted during the examination period, but in spite of it all, the auxiliaries displayed a keen interest. It is this kind of spirit that makes good officers. The second semester will start sometime next September, according to present plans, and it is hoped that the attendance will be as great as it has been. Lieut. Remer, a capable executive, handled the school magnificently, assisted by our smiling Sgt. Jerome Smith. The Lieut. is very grateful to all the officers that had a hand in the running of the school.

Officer Carl Carlson has just purchased a 1926 Ford touring car. He has spent considerable time polishing the brass embellishments and tuning up the motor. Carl said that this antique will be held in readiness and be pressed into service when his assigned car "conks" out. Carl will use this 1926 vintage in the "Berry Patrol" in towns of Woodbury and Southbury in the wide open spaces. Stanley Winus, Woodbury Constable, is thinking seriously of teaming up with our Officer Carlson. Woodbury speedsters are looking forward to this day.

We are glad to hear that Stephen Demo, who served as assistant chef at Station "I", was promoted to chief chef.

Prior to this Stephen was the itinerant chef for the State Police. Stephen is doing a good job and this is evidenced by the extra poundage the boys have put on in a comparatively short time.

STATION "L", LITCHFIELD

The personnel at Sta. "L" are happy to hear that Mrs. Paul Falzone is improving rapidly in health. We all hope that she will be home soon.

Sgt. Bill Tripp, our senior sergeant, is all smiles these days and singing "Happy Days Are Here Again." Bill was married, on April 15, to Shirley Critz, of Waterbury. A group of the boys attended the affair and a good time was had by all. (Our boy Al is keeping his fingers crossed.)

Well, it has finally reached that time. Here at Sta. "L", we are getting out the crepe paper and crying towels, as we are sorry to lose our darling little dispatcher, Miss Mary Sherlock. Mary is now on her vacation, which ends on the 15th of May. At that time, Miss Sherlock will no longer be an employee of the Conn. State Police Department. On the 26th of May, Mary will really be taking the department to heart, when she will become Mrs. Albert Kovach, wife of Officer Al Kovach, of Sta. "L".

We here at Sta. "L" are really going to miss Mary, and at this time we wish Mary and Al all the luck in the world on their new and greatest venture.

Don't Walk, Drive: Off. Schrader en route to his home, at 2:00 A. M., recently made an arrest - charge - Operating Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs. Brought to the barracks and questioned and examined, the inebriate was asked, "Were you driving a car?" He replied, "Of course I was driving, I was too _____ drunk to walk."

Officer John Lombardo, in plain-clothes, went to Miller's Store in Marbledale and arrested Charles Miller, Jr., 41, Marbledale Section, Washington, Conn., on a charge of selling beer without a permit.

And this is what transpired: Miller resisted Officer Lombardo, thus resulting in a charge of resisting arrest. He also created a disturbance, this good for a charge of breach of peace.

Then, as the officer, with Miller in custody, proceeded to his car for a journey to the Litchfield Barracks, two friends of the accused decided to intervene.

Gerald C. Pope, 41, and Wilmer Clark, 35, both of Marbledale, interfered and tried to pull Miller away from the officer. Lombardo showed his credentials to the two men, but that made no difference.

Facing a three-to-one situation, the officer returned to the store with Miller and phoned his headquarters for assistance.

And when Troopers John Falvey, Jr., and Paul Falzone arrived, Pope and Clark had fled to their homes. Warrants were issued and they were brought into Litchfield Barracks on charges of interfering with an officer and breach of peace.

198 CALLS MADE BY LITCHFIELD AMBULANCE
IN TWO YEARS

Dr. John F. Kilgus, Jr., of Litchfield, was re-elected president of the Berkshire Hills Ambulance Association by trustees of the unit at the recent annual meeting in the Town Hall.

Dr. Kilgus, presiding at the meeting, reported that with the splendid cooperation of officers at the Litchfield State Police Barracks, the ambulance had rendered a needed and appreciated service to the communities of Litchfield, Bantam, Morris and Bethlehem.

During the year ending April 1, 1951, the ambulance had made 109 calls and covered 3,021 miles. Since it was put into operation in April, 1949, the ambulance has made a total of 198 calls with a speedometer reading of 6,637 miles traveled.

The ambulance was purchased in 1949 by the Berkshire Hills Ambulance Association through contributions received from residents of the communities it serves, the town of Litchfield, including Bantam and other communities, and the towns of Morris and Bethlehem.

Another bouquet for our "Johnny":

"This is a "thank you" note to you and your fine organization, and to one of its members in particular.

"Recently I had the misfortune of having my purse stolen from the desk in one of the schools in which I work. I not only valued it because it was a nice one, but for sentimental reasons as well.

"School and town authorities called the Litchfield Barracks and Officer John Swicklas was sent to investigate. He arrived at 2:30 and had found it before 3:00, wrapped in a workman's clothing in the back seat of one of the cars.

"I think you, too, will feel proud to know you have men who work with such efficiency and dispatch."

A short time ago, Mr. Frank Ryan, of Torrington, died very suddenly while visiting his daughter at Wellesley. Miss Lily Lodge, her chum, daughter of Governor Lodge, telephoned Litchfield Barracks requesting that every assistance be given to Mrs. Ryan. The sad news was broken to Mrs. Ryan, and our officers did everything possible under the circumstances. Miss Lodge wrote the following gracious note to Lieutenant Casey:

"I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to you and to Officer Lombardo for your kindness to Mrs. Frank Ryan on April 25, 1951. I heard many nice reports."

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

At 9 A. M., March 26, 1951, two veteran Norwich Police Officers reported to State Police Headquarters, in Hartford. Lieut. Clarence D. Simpson and Acting Sergt. Joseph H. Tombari were selected by the Mayor, the Board of Police Commissioners, and Chief of Police John K. Quinn to take a special course of instruction in our Bureau of Identification and Special Service Division.

Commissioner Hickey designated Capt. Mulcahy and Lieuts. Williams and Chameroy to act as instructors, with parti-

cular emphasis on classification, filing, and searching of finger prints.

The visiting officers were conducted on a tour of Headquarters and Barracks Station "H" and in each division the facilities available to all police departments were demonstrated and explained. The course of instruction required three weeks.

Captain Mulcahy, Commanding Special Service Division, reviewed the filing system necessary in the handling of complaints; practices and procedures in respect to detective work, such as case report writing, securing of evidence, search and seizures, and laws of arrest.

Lieutenant Williams, chief instructor at the State Police Academy, went over the standard complaint and reporting system in general, sufficient to fit the needs of the Norwich department.

Lieutenant Chameroy, Anthony Liberi, and Frank Virelli, of the State Bureau of Identification staff, gave instructions in classification, searching and filing of finger prints, the correct guiding and maintenance of a finger print file, name card index, rogues' gallery, criminal history jackets, and the necessary cross reference in this type of file. Instruction included setting up and maintaining fugitive, missing persons, laundry and dry cleaners' files. The proper handling and protection of evidence for transmittal to the laboratory, including the correct procedure in the search for latent finger prints at the scene of a crime, was demonstrated. Particular emphasis was placed on the instruction relative to classification and filing of finger prints.

Lieutenant Simpson and Sergeant Tombari were loud in their praise of the course of instruction and the increased knowledge they gained while with us during their stay at Headquarters.

In closing, may we add that they were two of the best students we ever had. It was a pleasure to work with them.

A wise old man once said: "A chip on de shoulder is about de heavies' load a body carries."

HEADQUARTERS MIRROR

SCOTLAND YARD COURTESIES

Some avid American readers of Scotland Yard detective stories might like to know that the cultured, polite British detective of the "who-dun-it" is just like that in real life. Your correspondent visited the "Yard" some years ago and knows from actual observation the importance the "Yard" gives to courtesy on the telephone and to callers in the station. On one occasion we saw a robbery victim spend a whole morning giving details on a burglarized flat.

Coming home from the movies to find a rifled flat is no joke, but after dialling "999" -- Scotland Yard's emergency number, you sit back, having put into motion a well-oiled machine which functions like the service on a luxury liner.

First, a crisp British voice on the other end of the wire said: "If you don't mind waiting a few moments, sir, we'll send a car along straight away."

The "car" turned out to be two uniformed policemen--known as "constables" --who saluted, wiped their feet and took their hats off.

"Now, sir, if you'll be good enough to show us what the damage is, and tell us what you are missing, we'll see what we can do tonight."

A few questions, a few answers, and then, "it's rather late, sir, and we've done all we can tonight. We'll send someone along in the morning. What time would be most convenient?"

Promptly at the agreed hour, two plainclothesmen arrived, wiped their feet, carefully placed their hats, gloves and umbrellas in the hall and introduced themselves as criminal investigation division inspectors.

"Terribly sorry to trouble you again, but if you don't mind answering a few questions, you can be of immense help to us," one said.

For half an hour, they pried information loose and discussed Georgian antiques with the same calm politeness. They

looked the premises over for fingerprints and helped put things away from where the burglars had strewn them around.

Then, "thank you very much for your time, and I'm sure you've given us a great deal of help. If you find you're missing anything else, please ring us up."

In England, Colchester or in Stafford, it pays to be courteous. The first impression is usually a lingering impression. When a citizen is introduced to a policeman is greeted with "Glad-ta-meet-cha," there are two strikes on the officer as far as that individual's impression is concerned.

Let the police officer step forward with a friendly handclasp and simply say - "How do you do?" - and a favorable, courteous start has been given the relationship between the two.

Never lose sight of the fact that when you are on telephone service and receive a telephone call that you are speaking to a person and not just a mechanical device. The opening word of your conversation may defeat its whole purpose. The general usage of the telephone makes a pleasing telephone personality of utmost importance. As in personal contacts, it is the ability to affably measure the common ground between yourself and the person to whom you are speaking on the telephone. It is not so much what is said in the conversation as the manner and tone of voice used in answering the call.

ANSWER THE TELEPHONE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. Speak clearly and directly into the mouthpiece in a tone that is neither too low nor too loud, but with that certain quality that manifests "at-your-service" attitude. Do not shout "Hello" when answering the telephone. Save time and confusion by identifying yourself immediately. For example: "State Police, Officer Smith speaking." If your caller gives his name, well and good. If your caller asks for a lieutenant, sergeant or an officer by name, connect him promptly or inform him that the party is not available. Then, if the caller proceeds to make a complaint, inquire his name and address and proceed

with your telephone conversation. If the caller does not identify himself, do not say, "Who is this?" But rather, "May I have your name, please" or, "With whom am I speaking?" Under no circumstances disconnect your caller because he refuses to identify himself. He may have important information. Then again, he may be calling from some place where it might interfere with an investigation to disclose his identity. Police work calls for constant contact with the public. The dignity and respect so important to this contact depends upon the practice of rules in good taste and courtesy.

The famous Scotland Yard with its world-wide reputation and years of service continues to practice courtesy. In our limited world, CSP aims high.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Did you read about the State Liquor Agent, Omaha, Nebraska who drank a bottle of 15-day-old stale beer and then lost his case in the Omaha Police Court because he had swallowed his evidence? The agent, a State liquor inspector, was attempting to convict a bartender of selling liquor to a minor. He drank the beer to convince the judge that it was beer. Then "His Honor" ruled that the inspector's contention the bottle contained beer "was purely a conclusion of the witness."

Reminds us of the case in The U. S. Federal Court when a bottle of liquor was sent into the jury room to determine if it was intoxicating and fit for beverage purposes. The Jury consumed it and then returned to court with the report "no evidence available your Honor," and the Vermont Judge directed them to return a not guilty verdict. Be on guard Boys!!! Need we say more?

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THE SHIELD - Indiana State Police Magazine, Spring Edition, 1951.

Special Articles

Operation Life Saver by Lieutenant Lloyd D. Hickerson.

Skid Marks by Lieutenant David L. Laughlin.

THE VIRGINIA TROOPER - Virginia State Police - Editions: January - February - March - April, 1951.

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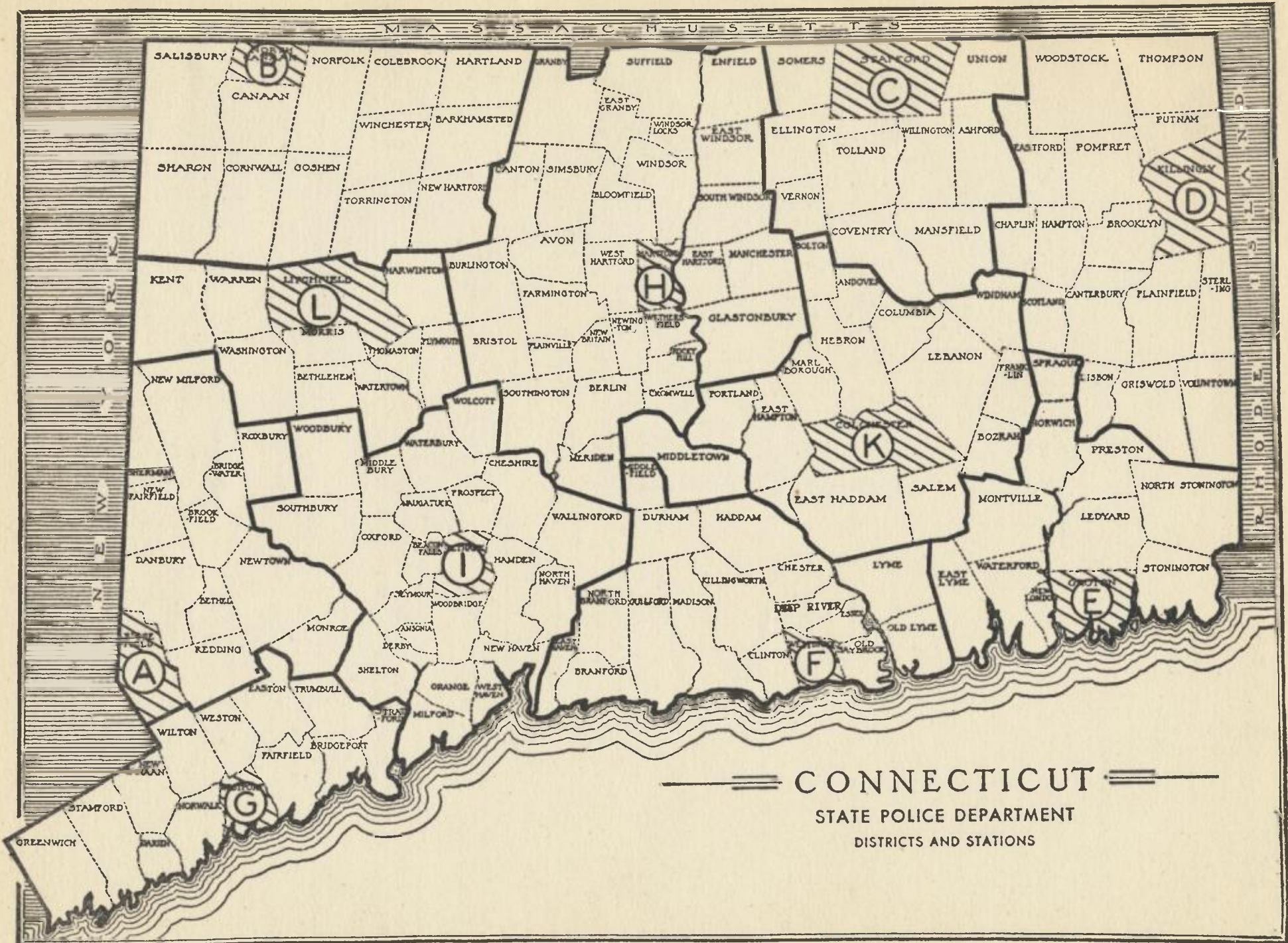
THE TRIANGLE - New Jersey State Police-- March and April 1951 issues have been distributed to CSP Barracks.

APPETITE???

How can anyone get hungry enough in a mere 13 hours or so to eat a doughnut at breakfast time?

---Bridgeport Telegram

Eds. Note: Stop in the Hartford Barracks any morning and watch the off-going and in-coming patrol shifts perform on the "doughnut circuit".



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