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Code of Honor  
of the  
Connecticut State Police

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

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

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

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

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



To All

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Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year



# BY THE Yankee Clipper

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The following article was mailed to ye editor of Vox-Cop by an inmate of the Connecticut State Prison with a letter. An excerpt from the letter: "I thought you might be interested in my program. The editors of the Connecticut papers have certainly treated me wonderful. My stuff isn't important, so when the editors accept it, it's the same as if they had said, 'Come on. Give us your hand and we'll help you up.'"

## REHABILITATION ANONYMOUS:

### Convict Offers Plan For Helping Criminals Go Right

Editor's Note: The following has been contributed by an inmate of the Connecticut State Prison at Wethersfield. An ex-convict when he was captured for a major crime he committed in this area, he offers a constructive idea for the rehabilitation of criminals which, in essence, parallels the program fostered by the Alcoholics Anonymous.

#### By A Prison Inmate

I am a convict in the state prison at Wethersfield. Before I became a convict, I was an ex-convict. That means I am a repeater. I have squandered more years in prison than I care to admit even to myself.

But in prison I work and respect the right of my fellow convict to keep what belongs to him. I wouldn't think of burglarizing his cell or of hitting him over the head to take what he has. If someone did that to me or to another convict, I would be outraged.

I also abide by the prison rules and know that they are necessary to my well-being since those rules prevent others from interfering with my limited freedom.

And now I find that respecting my neighbor's right to keep his property and living according to the rules impose no strain on me whatever.

Hence, in my cell I often reflect that it is a shame that I wasn't so law-abiding outside and wonder whether there was anything that could have kept me from committing that crime. Could I but find the right answer, I could help not only myself but others.

#### AA Meeting Held

What I believe to be the answer came recently.

The warden had invited a group from Alcoholic Anonymous to help those inmates who had been alcoholics; and from AA came four.

The meeting was held in the chapel. The stories of the four, told in simple language, were moving. Each had to renew his faith in God to help him break the drink habit. At the end all stood up and with bowed heads recited the Lord's Prayer.

Back in the cell I again meditated. Since one alcoholic can reclaim another alcoholic, then why couldn't a reformed crook help to reclaim one who is not reformed?

There are thousands of ex-convicts who are making good and some of whom have actually achieved outstanding success. These men repent of their ever having gone into crime and they are the ones who can do this job.

To get ex-convicts to help, though, would be difficult. Most want to forget

the past; but if they could remain anonymous, so far as the newspapers are concerned, such men might help and would be a power for good.

#### Would Use AA Technique

Suppose a group consisting of reformed men and called, say Rehabilitated Anonymous were organized. The technique of Alcoholic Anonymous could be used.

Such an organization would have to be founded on religion, for no man can turn to God without turning from crime. It is not medicine nor psychiatry nor imprisonment so much as it is the awakening of the spiritual force within a man that will pull him from, or prevent him from, slipping into crime.

Prayer is vital. Each member must pray. He must think solely of this day. "This day is important," he prays. "I must not do anything wrong this day!"

If his record for the day is clean, then at night he thanks God for the help He had given him during that day. In this way the days lengthen into weeks and the weeks into years and each member is getting used to prayer and to respecting the rights of others.

#### Two-Fold Purpose

This group would have a two-fold purpose: To reclaim men in their clubhouses and to do missionary work in jails and prisons.

Most criminals are more weak than vicious. This is a point few people understand. Hence, would it not be a boon to a man, who feels he is going to slip, to know there is a place he can go to where he will be sure of finding someone who will understand him and help keep him on the path of rectitude? Or to which a member of a family could take an erring one? Or to which a wise judge directs one whose sentence he had just suspended?

The field workers also would have plenty to do, traveling from prison to prison, from jail to jail. They would take a projecting machine with them to show still pictures on a screen. Even moving pictures could be used. Each talk would be an illustrated sermon, the text for which would come out of the life of the speaker.

At the meetings the overtones of religion must be used; for the convicts are to be stirred, not amused. As strange as it may seem, an appeal to the reason will, in the case of convicts, excite the emotions. As the speaker touches on his past acts which have hurt him and his family, the listeners will say to themselves, "Why, that guy is right! That happened to me too!"

The length of the talk will depend on the speaker himself; that is, the worse he had been and the better he is now, the longer he will talk.

#### Autopsy On His Past

Revealing its futility and disgrace, the speaker performs an autopsy on his past. The police and prison pictures of him from the beginning to the end of his criminal career are projected on the screen and they show him from a truculent youth to a frightened oldster. He takes his listeners through the prisons he had been in and tells of what it had cost him.

Newspaper pictures of him could be used, showing him being sentenced in court and showing him handcuffed and stepping into a police van, at the beginning of a trip that will last for years.

When the speaker finished, the chaplain leads the congregation in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The foregoing ideas, brought on by the meeting of the AA, are what I believe to be, the answer to my original reflection whether there was anything that could have kept me from committing that crime.

These ideas, furthermore, could be used as the basis of a new method to salvage the salvagable and to hold on to the salvaged. The law punishes; the psychiatrist observes; but the new approach would be to get inside the man himself, to rekindle the decency that was his when as a boy and a young man, he went to his church or Sunday school. And this could be done with a technique understood by both convict and ex-convict alike.

# *in the News*

## REPORTER DOES TIME TO GET STORY

The arrest was routine.

Dave Crandall, an 18-year-old tough from New York City, caught by the proprietor before an open cash register in a darkened Riverhead, Long Island, tavern one night last February, would tell little about himself. He had been drinking with friends. His pals left him stranded without money in Riverhead. He didn't deny that he had broken into the Fish and Chips after it had closed. That was all. Mugged, fingerprinted, and questioned, Crandall went to the County jail in Riverhead to await indictment by the county grand jury.

A week later young Crandall received his first visitor, a worried-looking man who told prison authorities he was Crandall's Uncle Irving. When the panel in the visitors' room slid back, 25-year-old Don Kellerman, reporter, alias Dave Crandall, burglar, looked happily through the grill at the grinning face of Uncle Irving. Kellerman was glad to see him. "Uncle Irving" was Kellerman's boss, Alan Hathway, the Chicago-trained managing editor of Long Island's *Newsday*, a high-velocity suburban tabloid with a fondness for jolting Long Islanders.

By acting suspiciously in the Fish and Chips, Kellerman had intentionally aroused the proprietors' suspicions, making his arrest a sure thing. No one in Riverhead, some 50 miles from his regular beat (covering crime), suspected his real identity. Only Hathway, one other *Newsday* reporter, and Kellerman's wife knew where he was. Many reporters had gone to jail for story purposes, some with the connivance of police officials, but few had ever done time so long.

Last week, in a six-part series, Kellerman and Hathway broke to *Newsday's* 175,000 readers their story of how Kellerman did his stretch.

Under indictment as 18-year-old Dave Crandall, the reporter was assigned a 4-by 5-foot cell on the prison's "grand jury minor" tier. In his first week, Kellerman was introduced to prison soup ("a cluster of hairs floated across the top of the liquid"), smells ("I gagged and tried to cough"), and accommodations ("an iron spring or 'bed' hung from one wall (with) a filthy lump of mattress... at the rear was an open toilet with a pool of water creeping from its base."). Before the week was out, Kellerman bought narcotics from an underage prisoner serving a fourth term for disorderly conduct.

Kellerman spent five more weeks in the Riverhead jail. Later, after release on bail, and after telling his story to State Police authorities, the reporter spent another week in the prison in an attempt to buy narcotics again. He failed, possibly because the grapevine had tipped the word that he was no ordinary prisoner.

The Long Island-born newsman has one other unordinary problem. His trial for burglary is still pending in Suffolk County courts. Possible defense: in New York law, burglary is defined as "breaking and entering" with the intent to commit a crime.

---Newsweek---

## NEW JERSEY

Arrested for speeding at 110 miles an hour on the Jersey Turnpike, James H. Pflueger of Honolulu was fined \$100 and had his driving privileges in New Jersey revoked for two years. "It was such a beautiful road," Pflueger told the judge, "that I couldn't resist stepping on the gas."

## NEW YORK CITY

Polish Foreign Minister Stanislaw Skrzesezewski, attending the U. N. General Assembly, had a bad day. He left his loaded pistol under a pillow in his room at the Beaux Arts Hotel, where a startled chambermaid found it. The management hastily summoned police, who

discovered that Skrzesezewski had no permit for the gun. Through his aides, police discreetly warned the Pole that he must have a permit despite his diplomatic immunity. While this was going on, Skrzesezewski sat in on an important U. N. roll call on seating Nationalist China.

finishing his sentence, November 23, 1952, he smashed a window at Gerber's jewelry store, grabbed a handful of watches and ran. Quickly captured, he told police: "I wanted money to get straightened out."

**ALL R I STATE POLICE  
TO GET \$1,000 RAISE**

Every member of the Rhode Island state police, with the exception of Col. John T. Sheehan, superintendent, received a \$1,000 raise, the Department of Administration disclosed on Thanksgiving Eve.

A new salary schedule, approved by Gov. Dennis J. Roberts, raises the starting pay for troopers from the present \$2,900 a year to \$3,640. The maximum a trooper will earn, based on length of service, rises from \$3,600 to \$4,680.

The increases, which become effective immediately are the result of repeated requests by Col. Sheehan both to the governor and the budget office for a pay scale comparable to that paid state police in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The increases above the rank of trooper are as follows: Corporals, \$3,700 to \$4,750; sergeants, \$3,900, or \$4,000 in the case of specialists, to \$5,000; lieutenants, \$4,500 to \$5,500; captains, \$5,000 to \$6,000; major, \$5,500 to 6,500, and superintendent, \$8,250 to \$8,500. For purposes of the pay scale, clerks will be paid the same salary as sergeants.

Connecticut State Police congratulate our neighbors and here's hoping we all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**24 HOURS OUT OF JAIL  
REPEATS EXACT OFFENSE**

Two years ago, Jeremiah Buckley, forty, smashed a window at Gerber's jewelry store, Providence, Rhode Island, grabbed a handful of watches and ran. Quickly captured, he was jailed.

Less than twenty-four hours after

**AMAZED BY AUTOS' SPEED**

The speed of automobiles is a source of amazement for James B. Jennings, sixty-four, who was released recently from Charlestown, Mass., state prison after serving forty years of a life term for killing a stranger during a barroom brawl. He was granted a Thanksgiving pardon.

Jennings said that when he was imprisoned automobiles traveled eight to ten miles an hour--"but today whew." Jennings had been committed to the Bridgewater State Hospital and was transferred to state prison two years ago after a blow in the head by a batted baseball helped him regain his sanity.

**CHARGED WITH STEALING  
SAME MACHINE 2ND TIME**

A thirty-three-year-old electronics student who was jailed in Hartford last February for stealing a tape recorder from a church is back in the toils of the law. He is charged with stealing the same machine all over again.

It was on Feb. 14 that John E. Whitley was first arrested. The tape recorder, returned to the First Congregational Church of West Hartford, was reported missing again Oct. 28. Detectives said they found it in Whitley's room.

They charged him with breaking, entering and theft---the same counts on which he was sentenced earlier in the year to six months in jail and placed on probation.

**NEW-CAR REGISTRATIONS  
IN OCTOBER SEEN AS UP**

New-car registrations in October should approximate 390,000 units, a

72,000-unit gain over September, R. L. Polk & Co., Detroit, estimated recently. The estimate was based on registrations in twenty-one states.

The statistical firm attributed the gain to buying of new models, a trend believed to be gathering strength. October totals will be the highest for any month since June, when 423,655 new cars were licensed, the company reported.

#### FINGERPRINTING OF ALL DRIVERS URGED BY JUDGE MURTAGH

A traffic safety program designed to banish incompetent drivers and defective motor vehicles from New York's roads was urged upon the State Legislature recently by Chief City Magistrate John M. Murtagh of N. Y. City.

The program, drawn up by the law committee of the Board of Magistrates, recommends periodic vehicle inspections, frequent eye and night vision tests for drivers, fingerprinting of licensees, proper safeguards against epileptic drivers and a review of the present "unsatisfactory" method of testing drunken drivers.

#### JUROR HAS ONE WORD OF ENGLISH: 'PRESENT'

Recently in Windsor, Ontario Judge Albert J. Gordon learned that a French-Canadian farmer, who has served as a juror through six trials in Essex County Court, knows only one word of English. The word Omer Bissonette knows is "Present."

Mr. Bissonette's lack of knowledge of the English language was disclosed when Crown Attorney Bruce MacDonald demanded the jury be polled on its verdict of not guilty in a theft case.

One by one, the jurors answered their names with a pronouncement of their decision in the case. But when Mr. Bissonette was called he jumped to his feet, smiled broadly and announced. "Present!"

The juror could only shrug his shoulders to the barrage of questions in Eng-

lish that followed. Then a French-speaking bailiff asked him how he got on the jury--and on the five previous panels.

Mr. Bissonette explained--in French--how he thought he would be shirking his duty if he failed to answer a jury summons. A friend told him, he said, all he had to know was the word "present," and to use it whenever his name was called.

With head in hands, Judge Gordon vacated the verdict in the theft trial and announced similar action will have to be taken in the five other trials.

"Tell him to go back to his farm," Judge Gordon ordered the bailiff. Mr. Bissonette saluted the judge and walked out smiling.

#### ON LINCOLN AS A POLITICIAN

"The Abraham Lincoln that some people have pictured to themselves, sitting in his dingy law office, working over his cases till the voice of duty roused him, never existed. If this had been his type, he never would have been called at all. It was precisely because he was up and stirring, and in hot, incessant competition with his fellows for earthly honors, that the public eye became fixed upon him and the public ear attuned to his words. Fortunate was it for all of us that he was no shrinking patriot, that he was moved as other men are moved, so that his fellows might take heed of him and know him as one of themselves, and as fit to be their leader in a crisis." ---Horace White

#### HELPFUL HINTS

If you leave your car in big parking lots, tie a bright ribbon to the radio aerial--so you can find it easily... Tar comes off your hands if you rub them with lard, then wash with soap and water. ---Bert Bacharach

Don't punch a man on the nose when he calls you a fool. Quietly take an inventory--he may be right.



## Police Critic Is Sticking To His Guns Under Attack

Bruce Smith Sure He's Right Even If 'Dr. Moses' Says No

By Milton Lewis

Bruce Smith is sixty years old, has closely cropped gray hair, a gray mustache, stands 6 feet 2, weighs 190 pounds ("twenty pounds too much"), smokes an occasional cigarette and looks like a deputy chief inspector who has devoted all his life to police work.

Mr. Smith, who is acting director of the Institute of Public Administration, prepared the highly critical report of the Police Department which was made public last week. As a result, he has incurred the wrath of the police line organizations, the Municipal Civil Service Commission, Robert Moses and others. But, Mr. Smith says, they will come around to his point of view eventually.

Among other things, Mr. Smith concluded that the force is neither undermanned nor underpaid, that what is needed is a better system of choosing policemen, better training, a different system of promotion, better discipline and divorcing the department from politics and from the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Smith, who studied law at Columbia, eschews diplomacy in discussing his favorite subject---the reorganization of police departments. He has been doing that since 1917, except for a stint as an Army pilot during World War I. And the day after Pearl Harbor he was summoned to Washington by Hap Arnold to cut down on Air Force inefficiency among civilians and the military.

### Doubts They've Read It

"The trouble is," Mr. Smith says of his critics, some of whom have commented bitterly, "That I doubt that they have read my report, including Dr. Moses."

Mr. Smith insists on referring to Mr. Moses as "Dr. Moses," because "he has a Ph.D., you know."

"I'm perfectly willing to cuff it out

with them---including Dr. Moses," Mr. Smith says with the air of a man who feels that right is on his side. "I've been in this police business much longer than Dr. Moses."

Mr. Smith made it plain that, contrary to what some of his severest critics have charged, "I intended no smear on anybody---and no buildup of anybody. I was out to do a job to improve the Police Department---nothing else."

The country's outstanding expert on police reorganization has been called in by practically every major city in the country to look at its police departments. And as for New York, "I've seen commissioners come and go since Arthur Woods was commissioner in 1917. There are still many cops in New York I can borrow money from."

Although never an actual policeman, Mr. Smith has worked in plain clothes for the New York State police and has taken part in many a raid with them. "I have ridden an awful lot of patrol wagons," he recalls.

### Free Copies Of Report

He feels, despite the furore raised by the line organizations, that once the rank and file get around to reading his report, they will agree with its findings. He says that every single one of them can have a copy--without paying a cent. In that regard, Mr. Smith pointed out that his survey, for which the city appropriated \$85,000, has cost only \$80,000---and he will be returning the difference.

Mr. Smith was born in Prospect Place, Brooklyn. After being graduated from Erasmus Hall High School, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia in 1914, and his law degree two years later, when he also obtained his Master of Arts in political science, studying

under Charles A. Beard at Columbia.

"New York's police force," he says, "has been running down for some time. It can be a great force again, under leadership such as that provided by George Monaghan. A Police Department has to be treated like flesh and blood--when you operate, you must do so carefully, with due regard for shock."

Mr. Smith was asked who should head the police--one who came up through the ranks or a civilian.

"Since 1917," he responded, "I find that civilians and policemen have failed in equal proportions. It depended on the man. The department should breed its own leaders, but when confidence is shaken, you turn to the outside."

---N. Y. Herald Tribune

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### REASONS FOR PRISON RIOTS

**DESTRUCTION** Again riots have been taking place in American prisons. Destruction is unusually large. Public feeling is running high. There is the usual call for less "coddling" of prisoners and for more repressive measures. The public has little understanding of what causes these riots or of what can be done to prevent them.

About 95 per cent of the men in prison will one day be released. What kind of men they will be when they return to society depends on what is done to, with and for them while they are inside the walls.

A good prison administration thinks first of all of security for the hardened. It then thinks of making life as normal and as constructive as possible for every prisoner. Prison life is bad at best. Its deadening effect can be lessened only by positive measures to keep a man from constant thinking about his grievances, which often are real, and the constant regimentation, which is necessary.

**DEFECT** The first defect in most prisons comes in a failure to classify adequately. The psychopaths and the hardened are mixed with the more hopeful. The homo-sexuals and the men-

tally disturbed are grouped with the normal. Classification as to risk and as to social need would minimize dissatisfaction and give "ringleaders" less of a chance to riot.

The second defect is a lack of time and energy consuming occupation. Most prisons have shops, vocational training units and academic schools. Few, however, keep the men fully and profitably occupied. The shops are overmanned in an effort to give everybody a little work. Vocational training is skimpy. Academic schooling is casual.

The third defect is a combination of the first two -- a failure to plan for the rehabilitation of the prisoner by a careful study of each case and the best possible use of existing facilities.

**FACILITIES** The fourth defect is a shortage of the facilities themselves. A prison is not a country club, neither is it a place where men live out their lives. It is a place where most stay a while and leave. It is a place where vigilance must be accompanied by a program of opportunity for prisoner betterment, honestly set up and fairly administered.

The fifth defect in our prisons lies in a parole system which does not have the confidence of the prisoners, because it does not in fact merit such confidence.

The prison which recognizes the need for scrupulous fairness, which gives its inmates wholesome food and recreation, which carefully classifies as to risk, which keeps everybody profitably occupied and which has a fair parole system will not be much bothered by riots. There may be occasional minor disturbances but no serious outbreaks.

Complete repression would be an answer only if every prisoner was kept for life.

---The Milwaukee Journal

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### SELF-DECORATION

In New Haven a thief who broke into a car overlooked several items in the glove compartment but took four Army medals.

## Fear Of Death

FRANK G. DICKINSON, Ph.D.

Mr. Dickinson is director, Bureau of Medical Economic Research, American Medical Association, Chicago. This material is adapted from *The Road Ahead*, Annual Proceedings of the Sixth National Forum of Labor, Agriculture and Industry, held at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, in July 1950.

There is only one major fear of death left--the fear of death by violence. The number 1 death hazard of people at the working ages--age 20 to age 65--in the United States is not a natural cause of death. IT IS FATAL ACCIDENTS; THAT IS, DEATHS BY VIOLENCE. Although heart disease claims about four and one-half times as many people as fatal accidents, although heart disease cuts off about twice as many unrealized years of life as fatal accidents, FATAL ACCIDENTS CUT MORE YEARS FROM THE WORKING LIFETIMES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAN ANY NATURAL CAUSE OF DEATH. This is not because violent deaths have increased beyond 7 per cent of all deaths--it is because we have learned how to control tuberculosis, pneumonia and the other great killers of people at the working ages of life. It is a testimonial to medical progress.

Talk to your children. They do not fear diphtheria or typhoid; they don't even fear pneumonia. They don't fear death from natural causes! It doesn't happen to their playmates as it did to yours and mine--to the playmates of those of us who can remember the little hearse, when diphtheria was the great scourge of childhood. You can't lift this fear of death of half a century without doing something fundamental to the whole outlook on life.

I think that we shall come to regard these results of health progress as the greatest social revolution in human history--greater than the fall of the Roman Empire, greater than the Renaissance, greater than the French Revolution or the Industrial Revolution. Thus, there have been packed into the short space of half a century certain phenomenal changes that have left their

imprint upon the thinking of those who continue to live.

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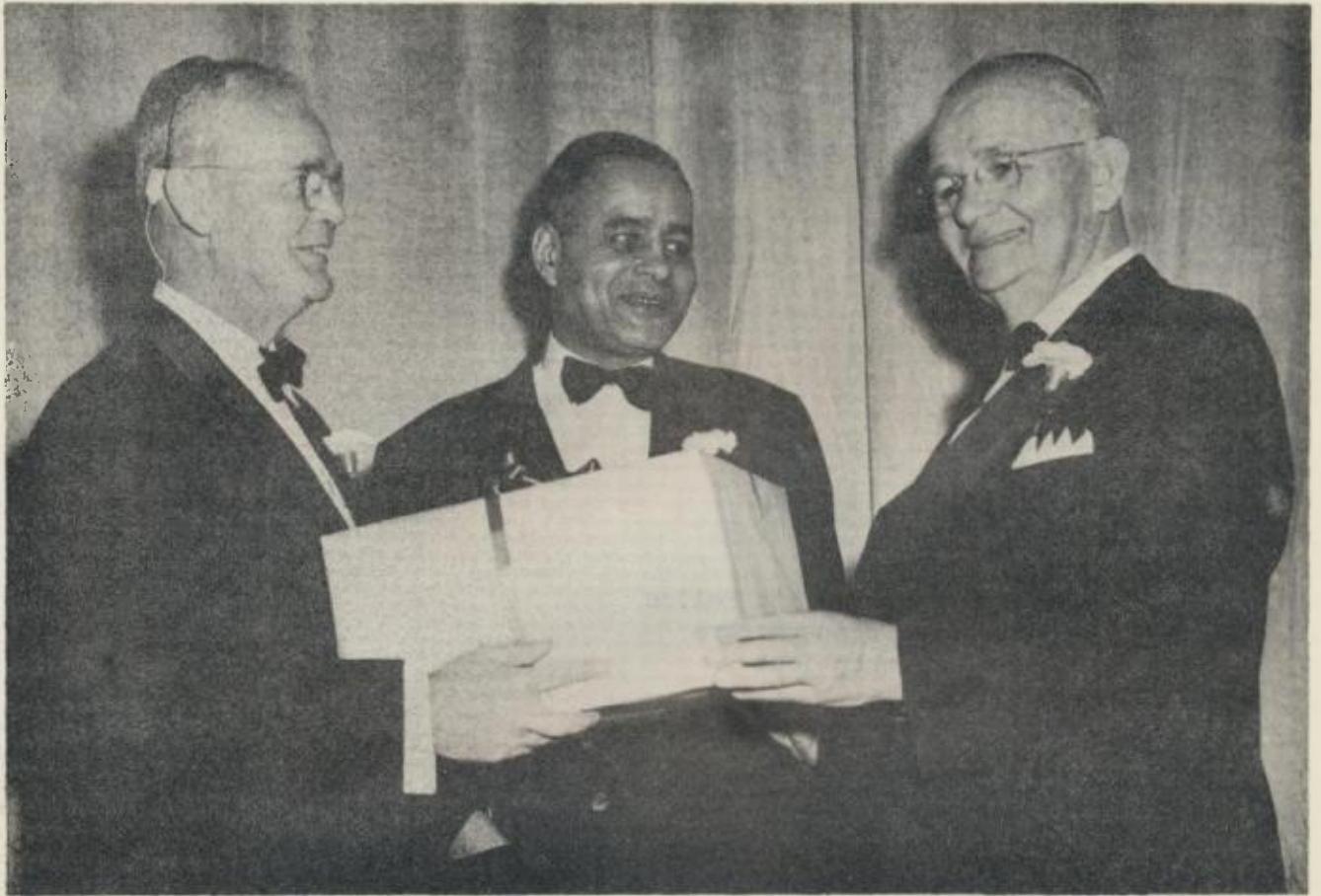
### CHLOROPHYLL

We are not about to praise the merits of this substance as a deodorant, as you may have suspected when you read the heading of this paragraph. Chlorophyll may well be the answer to preventing offensive body odors but it is also posing somewhat of a problem for enforcement officers who are attempting to identify drinking drivers. This matter has been brought to our attention through committee member, Commissioner Edward J. Hickey of the Connecticut State Police.

Usually the first symptom that arouses the suspicions of an enforcement officer in contacting a drinking driver is the odor of an intoxicating beverage on the suspect's breath. Through the use of chlorophyll, a suspect apparently is able to conceal the odor of alcoholic beverages. If this masking of the odor on a driver's breath is complete, the drinking driver has acquired a new disguise that will make identification by objective symptoms much more difficult and will give defense attorneys another good arguing point. We have been assured by some of our technical experts that the use of chlorophyll will have no effect on the results of a chemical test, whether the test be one of blood, urine or breath.

Our answer to this new problem is that all enforcement agencies should make more widespread use of chemical tests. ---Test Talk

## State Bar Of Connecticut Honors Commissioner Hickey



---Photo by Edward Saxe

Presentation of 1952 Annual Distinguished Public Service Award of the State Bar Association to Colonel Edward J. Hickey, Commissioner of Connecticut State Police.

President of the State Bar Association William W. Gager (left) presenting award to Commissioner Hickey (right). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Director, Department of Trusteeship, United Nations, guest speaker (center).

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### HOW IT CAN BE DONE

Wallingford gave a demonstration last Halloween eve of how a community celebration can be carried through to wholehearted and widespread cooperation. The annual Halloween parade reached a new high in the number and variety of costumes that appeared before the judges' reviewing stand, just as it climbed a new peak of happy and communal gaiety.

It is some time ago that the American Legion took the initiative in instituting this constructive and amusing kind of outlet for Halloween prankishness.

That organization enlisted the help of the Merchants' Bureau whose members have continued as prime movers in securing a huge corps of volunteer workers, soliciting numerous prizes and favors as an incentive to the enthusiasm and originality of potential contestants, and so organizing the event to bring it to successful conclusion and maximum of enjoyment.

Such an exhibition of real community spirit sets an excellent example.

---Meriden Record

# POLICE CO-OPERATE

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DANIEL J. COSGROVE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

OFFICE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT



November 12, 1952

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

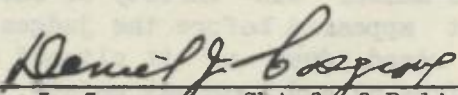
Dear Mr. Hickey:

In behalf of the Police Department and the City of New Britain I express sincere thanks and appreciation for your efforts and cooperation in the conduct of our first local Police Training School.

On October 24th the class composed of fifteen patrolmen trainees were graduated with appropriate exercises held at the Camp School in this city and on Monday October 27th they were assigned to their first regular patrol duty. As Chief of Police it gives me a feeling of security in the knowledge that they have received some preliminary training in the duties and problems of a police officer and particularly that which pertains to their own protection. It is a most welcome change from years past when new men were immediately put on their own with no training whatever.

Many thanks again and with kindest personal regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

  
D. J. Cosgrove, Chief of Police

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Interstate Auto Thieves and Safe Robbers Captured by State Policeman Thomas Nichol - C. S. P. Westbrook Barracks - Oct. 30, 1952 - brought Mass. State Police and Foxboro Mass. Police to Westbrook, Conn. to examine stolen car, stolen safe, and firearms found on fleeing bandits. Foxboro prosecutes pair.

and the Foxboro police hit the jackpot and paid off handsomely with the arrest of the alleged bandits whose past records indicate considerable experience in the grim art of armed robbery.

Some may say it was all in the day's work. We say it was a day's work well done. We salute those officers for their devotion to duty and for a conspicuous example of smart police work.

"The Foxboro (Mass.) Reporter"

### OUTSTANDING POLICE WORK

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The alertness and cool-headed quick action of Patrolman Daniel J. Corcoran which was responsible in large measure for the apprehension of the Lord Fox bandits in the early morning hours last Thursday, deserves commendation and the thanks of the townspeople and reflects honor upon the Foxboro Police Department.

His discovery of the getaway car which forced the gunmen to flee in a stolen automobile and the cooperation of Massachusetts Police Sergeant Thomas Costello and his men of the Wrentham Barracks in obtaining the vital description and registration of the car and flashing the information to police of four states, was in the best tradition of official law enforcement. The role of the Foxboro rookie officer, Patrolman Richard Webber in assisting Patrolman Corcoran was commendable.

The bravery of Connecticut State Trooper Thomas Nichol who chased the bandits in his car down a lonely highway, forced them to pull over and then held them at gunpoint until help arrived, was outstanding and meritorious. To keep two men whom you know are heavily armed at bay on a dark road at four in the morning, takes real guts.

Located as some of our business concerns are on Route 1, half-way between two large cities, Providence and Boston, they offer tempting targets to hit and run thieves. To apprehend such individuals calls for fast cooperation between all available law enforcement agencies for speed of action is the secret of success in such operations. The combined efforts of the Connecticut and Massachusetts state police organizations

One of the worst highway accidents of 1952 occurred at Prospect on November 8, 1952. An auto collided with a haywagon carrying 20 teen-agers.

### WATERBURY PD ACTS SWIFTLY

An outstanding performance of cooperation between local and state police services occurred on November 8, 1952 in Prospect when the Waterbury Police, upon learning of the serious accident, and without any request for assistance dispatched three police cars under the direction of Captain Joseph McCarthy and Lieut. Charles McWeeney, of the Waterbury P. D. to the scene of one of the year's most tragic highway accidents. A group of teen-agers astride a hay wagon, were 10 minutes out of Waterbury City line and in the Town of Prospect, when a high speed car hit the wagon and inflicted injuries upon at least 20 of its occupants - two remain on the critical list in one of the Waterbury hospitals.

Waterbury P. D. did not bother with any city or town boundary lines nor did they question what to do under these circumstances. They responded with three car loads of police officers; caused four ambulances to go to the scene; notified local hospitals; and in turn, physicians and members of the teen-agers' families. They rendered first aid to the injured at the scene. They protected the others on the scene until the state police arrived and took photographs and measurements and they directed traffic in addition to removing the injured to the hospitals.

When both forces, local and state, join hands, as they should do in all instances that require rescue services and first aid to the injured, the police services are enhanced. We not only gain closer and better relationships but public confidence. Similar happenings have taken place in other communities of the state but all too often there are petty conflicts arising from such occasions. We, in Connecticut, have long enjoyed working together not only in combatting crime, but in furthering the protective services that have to do with life and property, especially upon our highways. CONGRATULATIONS TO WATERBURY P.D.!!

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**NORTH BRANFORD'S CONSTABULARY  
TEAM UP WITH STATE POLICE  
TO REDUCE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**

An example of effective teamwork between the Connecticut State Police Department and the constabulary of a comparatively small town (population 2006) is being demonstrated these days in North Branford.

Located just north of Branford and traversed by several important traffic routes, chiefly Route 80, which extends across southern New Haven and Middlesex Counties between New Haven and Deep River, the traffic flow at times is extremely heavy.

Evidently drivers of trucks and cars felt that it was safe to violate the speed and other traffic laws in North Branford, assuming apparently that there were no police patrolling the roads in such a small town.

That their assumption was incorrect was demonstrated early in August when the local constabulary force began cracking down on violators of motor vehicle laws in North Branford.

**CHIEF LEONARD'S PLAN.** Chief Constable Charles R. Leonard worked out a definite plan for the control of traffic to operate on a twenty-four hour basis, one which was put into effect Tuesday night, August 19th. On this first night several arrests were made for various violations, with charge of speeding predominating.

Prior to this time Constable Leonard received several complaints from residents in the Northford village area, Route 17, concerning speeding. Many of the cars and trucks were reported as ignoring the two blinker lights installed in this village to slow up traffic, and it was extremely hazardous to persons desiring to cross the highway.

The violations became so prevalent that Chief Constable Charles R. Leonard issued orders to his men to cease giving warnings and make arrests in all instances where violation warranted.

The constables were to pay particular attention to trailer trucks "ganging up" two, three or even four in a row, and traveling almost bumper to bumper, making it unsafe for other types of vehicular traffic to pass.

North Branford will no longer tolerate lawlessness on its highways, and the sooner the motoring public becomes aware of this fact and mends its ways while driving through town, the better for them and all concerned.

"NO FLASH IN THE PAN." "This drive," said Constable Leonard, "is not a flash is the pan, but will continue unabated until drivers realize that North Branford authorities intend to bring order out of chaos, respect for our motor vehicle laws and a willingness to abide by them."

The local court is supporting the police, both State and Local, 100% in their drive to curtail the epidemic of traffic violations in North Branford. Improvement already has been noticed in the reduced speed at which cars and trucks are now traversing their highways.

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**SEASON S GREETINGS**

The Commissioner and Officers  
of the  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

wish you the compliments of  
the season

Christmas, 1952

# STYLES IN CRIME

Vox-Cop

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 1952

Styles in Crime change as do styles in architecture. The horse stealing of the nineties changed to hi-jacking in the twenties. Bootlegging in the thirties was succeeded by kidnappings. The modern gunman, who specializes in holdups of business establishments, large and small, was produced in the forties. The fifties continue with changing fashions in modern crime.

For several years Vox-Cop has given numerous stories of crime, under the caption "Styles in Crime", for the purpose of keeping police personnel fully informed as to the various techniques employed by habitual criminals in the commission of felonies. Each decade appears to bring about changes in the pursuit of crime which compare in many instances with period changes in clothing styles.

The objective of the criminal, of course, is to make some "fast money" for his immediate needs. Progressive and alert law enforcement agencies are constantly striving to keep pace with changes in criminal activities. All too often, the police take it for granted they have outwitted the criminal and relax their vigil. They learn the tables have been turned and "the shoe is on the other foot".

At present we are experiencing, throughout the nation, a new style in the fashions of crime. The prison escapee employed it during the current year in many sections of the country. Immediately following an escape, he no longer seeks a hideout in the metropolitan centers; instead, he gains entrance by various pretexts to a "classy" residence in the nearby countryside, usually in the day season when men folks are not apt to be home. The housewife, the maid, or both, are tricked into admitting the caller, then seized, bound, gagged, and held as prisoners until the man of the house arrives later in the day or during the evening. Such cases have been reported from New England States. The recent escapees from the Pennsylvania State Prison are examples of this style. For two or three days

the occupants of rural homes were prisoners, forced to feed and wait upon the escapees, then required to provide the family car for the flight after police road blocks were discontinued or the man-hunt somewhat relaxed.

The present fashion includes seizure of young girls or baby sitters while adults are away on social engagements. These criminal rascals have motives other than robbery. They operate quickly, blindfold and bind their victims, then abandon them nearby after committing serious crimes. No longer do these fiends stand around street corners to flirt with unsuspecting maidens, nor do they cruise about in sport model cars to lure innocent victims. They have turned to more violent methods which display cunning and deliberate activity to gain unprintable objectives.

Another fashion of the day is to gain entrance to rural residences under the guise of a tradesman and then to rob the women occupants of jewelry and monies, leaving the victims unmolested other than being gagged and then bound to a chair or bedpost. Cutting telephone wires in the homes thus violated no doubt follows the pattern of similar action in places of business where holdups have been staged. The delays in getting the alarm to the police which usually follow these crimes becomes an advantage to the culprit. He beats the police radio broadcasts, and too many times the road blocks, too.

In other days, sneak thieves shied away from occupied homes. An answer to the door bell or telephone ring kept him away, and he usually waited for external evidence about the spotted house such as the daily newspaper left on the porch,



the milk bottle near the door, or other telltale signs, before making any attempt to burglarize a dwelling.

A recent operation in Connecticut (at West Hartford), shows what we can expect from the crook of the present decade. A well-dressed and neatly groomed male, apparently delivering a package requiring a signed receipt, calls at a home in a residential area. Finding the lady of the house alone (which often requires daily "casing" of the job), at the point of a .45 calibre automatic he confirms the fact that she is alone by forcing her ahead of him in a check of the first floor and then the second floor, room by room.

Ordering the housewife to sit upon her bed, he stations himself outside her room, and after cutting the telephone wires on the upstairs extension, he smokes cigarettes liesurely, being careful to use an ash tray lest ashes drop on the floor. As the evening wears on, six hours pass in this case, he keeps talking to his victim, inquiring about her husband and his new 1952 Cadillac car. When he learns the housewife is thirsty, he brings her a glass of water, carefully wiping it later (the ash tray, too) to remove his fingerprints.

When the husband arrives home and puts the car in the family garage, the cunning rascal directs the wife to call her spouse upstairs in a normal tone of voice. When the husband appears, he too is threatened with the .45 automatic and held at bay. Then the husband is told to toss his wallet onto the bed and to produce his driver's license, car registration, the key to his Cadillac and the key to the garage.

The money in the wallet is not touched. Now, with the license and keys in his possession, the intruder produces a roll of adhesive tape and after compelling the wife to bind her husband's hands and feet securely, he then binds the husband and wife to a bedpost, warning them that he will return later. Then he calmly walks into the garage, changes marker plates on the Cadillac and departs with the new 1952 car.

When the couple succeeded in freeing themselves from the bedpost, they go downstairs after the robber's departure

and after several unsuccessful attempts finally manage to use the dial telephone while still partially bound. The intruder had neglected to cut the cord on this phone.

A police alarm immediately follows and now we record the 1952 edition of the stylist in crime. Faced with this modus operandi it becomes necessary for progressive police organizations to devise ways and means to combat this new style. Can we do it?

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### TOO PERFECT MURDER

On the surface, George Edward Grammer, a 35-year-old New York office manager, was a model husband and father. A church usher and former counterintelligence agent, he was apparently devoted to his wife Dorothy May, 33, and their three small daughters, who lived in Parkville, a Baltimore suburb, with Mrs. Grammer's mother. Grammer lived in New York during the week, but on week ends he rushed down to Baltimore to be with his family. When Dorothy May died in a tragic auto accident last Aug. 19, friends and relatives rallied to comfort him.

The accident was an unusual one. Two Baltimore County policemen chanced to be turning their patrol car into a lonely road on the outskirts of Baltimore, when a blue Chrysler came hurtling down the hill toward them. Out of control, the car swerved into a telephone pole and turned over on an embankment. Inside, they found Mrs. Grammer. She was dead of head wounds.

#### Suspicion

But a few pieces of evidence made police think that perhaps this was not an accident. For one thing, the car was not badly smashed, despite Mrs. Grammer's severe wounds. The dome light had been broken by some hard object. And police found a pebble jammed under the accelerator to keep the car going at top speed.

Then an autopsy revealed that Mrs. Grammer had been bludgeoned to death with a heavy instrument before being

placed in the death car. On Aug. 31, Grammer was charged with the murder of his wife in what might have been the perfect crime.

The murder established, police had to find a motive. They found one in attractive Mathilda Mizibrocky, a 28-year-old Canadian U. N. employe, who said she had met Grammer in a New York bowling alley a year ago. They had seen each other "five or six nights a week," and last summer they spent eleven days in Chicago together. She had no idea Grammer was married, Miss Mizibrocky told the police

At Grammer's request, Judge Herman Moser of Baltimore Criminal Court heard the case without a jury. Grammer declined to take the stand. Last week, Moser announced his findings: Grammer had "coldly and deliberately" beaten his wife to death because he was "hopelessly in love" with Miss Mizibrocky. The affair between Grammer and Miss Mizibrocky had "reached a point of no return," Moser said, because "the woman he loved," a Catholic, could not "readily have accepted a divorced man."

Grammer heard the verdict, which in Maryland carries a penalty of death by hanging or life imprisonment, with no show of emotion, and said he would appeal. In the silent courtroom, a woman sobbed--Grammer's mother, Viola.

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**NEW YORKER CAUGHT WITH \$1,000  
IN LOOT--ADMITS 20 ENTRIES IN  
NEW HAVEN AREA**

New Haven police claimed last month to have cracked the mystery of the series of auto breaks which have struck the Yale area on football weekends this Fall.

Two detectives and a patrolman, assigned to watch over Yale since the series of breaks began, swooped down on a suspect on Edgewood Avenue near Park Street. They came up with more than \$1,000 worth of loot and the man's admission that he had broken into about 20 automobiles, more or less, in recent weekends, they said.

The arrest came just two weeks before what might have been the lushest weekend of all for a carbreak expert--the weekend of the Yale-Princeton game.

John Weil, 44, of 110 East 10th Street, New York City, arrested and charged with 22 counts of breaking and entering automobiles, 22 counts of theft and one count of possession of burglar tools, was held under \$20,000 bond.

**Watches Him Work**

Detective John Widmann, who with two other policemen watched Weil at work, shook his head in wonder when asked about Weil's methods.

"Fastest thing I ever saw," he said. "That fellow can break into a car, search it and get out again in no time at all. He's a fast man, no getting away from that."

Detective Widmann and other police officers saw a man walk to a car parked in Edgewood Avenue near Park Street. He whipped out a screw driver, opened a ventillator window, opened the door and got in the car. He searched it thoroughly and got out quickly, they said.

They approached him, grabbed him and took him into custody. The man, Weil, told them he had a car parked in York Street, between Chapel and Elm Streets.

The loot found in Weil's car, including a fur coat valued at about \$600, was estimated to be worth more than \$1,000 in all.

Two weeks ago, on the eve of the Yale-Cornell game, clothing and jewelry valued at \$2,277 was stolen from five cars in the University area.

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**JEWELRY, FURS WORTH \$3,000  
TAKEN IN ORANGE**

A burglary at the home of Anthony Ardolino, of Orange, in which jewelry, silver and furs valued at \$3,000 were stolen, was revealed by town police last week.

The home was broken into Thursday evening, between 6 and 8:30, while members of the family were out, Police Chief Carl A. Peterson said. The house was entered by forcing a cellar door.

The burglars took two diamond rings, brooches, a watch, a 12-piece sterling silver set and two fur capes, according to Ardolino.

Chief Peterson said the burglars apparently had been watching the house, timing their forced entry with the departure of the Ardolino family.

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**ONE-MAN CRIME WAVE AGAIN HITS:  
THIS TIME CARS, BOATS**

An alleged one-man stolen car ring who plagued the Groton-New London area in April before state police captured him was back in operation last month.

Richard A. Stirton, 20, of Springfield, Mass., who was accused in April of stealing, then abandoning three cars, two trucks, a speedboat, a bicycle and a horse, was again recently charged with stealing two cars and two boats during the night season.

Police Capt. John J. Courtney said Stirton freely admitted taking a car here owned by John B. Hogan of Groton, then abandoning it in old Lyme in the driveway of Motor Vehicle Inspector Edward I. Vincent, on Mile Creek road. Then he took another car on Mile Creek road and drove it to the Harkness memorial in Waterford.

State Police Sgt. James L. Dygert of the special service division at Groton barracks said the registration found in this car listed the owner as Raymond Northrop, Sr., of Mile Creek road. Dygert, who was called into the case by Courtney, investigated Stirton's April escapade.

Stirton told Courtney he walked in to Ocean Beach from the Harkness memorial. There he is charged with stealing a 25-foot gaff rigged sailboat owned by L. Emmett Holt of Mott Avenue. Holt spotted his boat going through maneuvers at the harbor entrance and called the coast guard moorings.

Coast guardsmen sent out a picket boat and took Stirton into custody. They said a skiff was in tow of the sailboat, and police said it had been taken from the Thames Yacht club.

In April Stirton was held for superi-

or court but his case was continued indefinitely while he was a patient at the Northampton, Mass., Insane hospital. He told Captain Courtney he had spent two months at Norwich State hospital, then was transferred to the Massachusetts institution.

He said he was a trusty there and walked off the reservation to seek a job in New London.

Stirton became familiar with this area when his parents formerly had a cottage at Black Point in East Lyme.

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**MASSACHUSETTS AND VERMONT  
POLICE SOLVE MURDERS**

Vox-Cop extends congratulations to the law enforcement agencies of Massachusetts; including the District Attorney's Office, Middlesex County, the local police officers in Reading and vicinity; and the State Police in the jurisdictional area for the recent solution of the Reading murder in which a man and his wife were murdered in their home, defending themselves in a burglary. The accused, a 26-year-old Sunday School teacher was paroled from prison two years ago.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS, particularly those about Brattleboro, Vermont, including the State's Attorney, the local police and the State Police for the recent arrest of an 18-year-old filling station attendant who has been charged with murder in the knife slaying of Rosamond Burrington. With the arrest of the filling station attendant another suspect, the girl's boy friend, was eliminated from the case.

It is this kind of law enforcement that counts, especially in New England. We have so many instances of criminals fleeing from one state to another in this crowded New England area that all too often culprits of this kind escape. Prompt detection of such crimes and quick apprehensions gain public support and cooperation. There has been much favorable comment in Connecticut about the solution of these two cases.



## HATS OFF! to OFFICER MARCUS JOHNSON

The following letter has been received by the editor commending State Police Officer Marcus Johnson for his courtesy and services beyond the call of duty which qualities establish his eligibility for election to the "Hats Off" hall of fame.

### ORCHIDS TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

Too often we, the citizens of the State of Connecticut, take for granted the extra services and courtesies extended to residents and out-of-staters by the Connecticut State Police.

Many people have been befriended and helped by the friendly State Trooper, and while people are generally grateful, they have not given credit where credit is due.

The following incident is just one example of the many services extended beyond the call of duty by the Officers of the State Police.

At about midnight on Thursday, October 23rd, two women were driving home from a meeting and on Route 101 the car suddenly had a flat tire. What to do at that hour of the night, when there is no service station or garage open and no telephone available to phone for help? While looking for a telephone, the ladies sighted a State Trooper's car and told the Officer their troubles. The Officer did not hesitate but went to work and changed the tire. He did not know who the women were until they introduced themselves later.

The two women were myself and Mrs. Anna-Mae Switowski, Vice-chairman of the



Off. Marcus E. Johnson

Republican State Central Committee. Anna-Mae was returning to her home in New Britain after a meeting at the Putnam Country Club. She had been guest speaker at the meeting of the Republican Women of Putnam.

Many thanks to Officer Marcus Johnson, the courteous State Trooper who went out of his way to help two women in distress and Orchids to all the State Police who are always available in time of need, whether crime preventing or just helping a citizen in trouble. Every Officer is a gentleman.

Sincerely,

Alice V. Spencer  
(Mrs. J. Dean Spencer)

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## ARMED BANDITS INVADE WILTON HOME SUSPECT IDENTIFIED BY VICTIMS



Off. Jack A. Croce



Off. James Ferguson

William Lewis, of East Meadow Road, Wilton, had just seated himself at the dining room table of his home shortly after 6 p.m. October 9, when two armed bandits invaded his home.

It was at that time that the front door chimes rang and the maid responded to the chimes. She was met at the door by two armed men who brushed past her and entered the home. One man was unmasked, one wore a handkerchief over the lower part of his face.

The duo herded Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, their two children and the maid into the bathroom of the home, tied their feet with torn pieces of a bed sheet and then ransacked the dwelling of valuables. They included several hundred dollars worth of jewelry in their loot.

After the bandits had left, the maid unloosed her bonds, untied Mr. Lewis and he called State Police at the Westport Station.

An intensive investigation was begun

in which Officers Jack A. Croce, James Ferguson and William Quaintance played a major part. For weeks the case involved "leg work", just plodding from one door to another, questioning one neighbor and another, looking for one clue or just a hint that would point the finger of suspicion in the right direction.

During the first few weeks of investigation several leads were tracked down to blind alleys and a number of tips were followed to fruitless conclusions.

Finally an observant resident of Norwalk phoned a startling bit of information in to the station. He had been out walking his dog the night of the crime when he saw two men changing marker plates on a car parked near Route 7 on that date. The informant further declared he had been sufficiently interested and observant to write down the number which appeared on the plate being affixed to the rear of the car.

A listing was obtained and the owner

was then known. He was a Queens, New York resident with a criminal past. Photos of the suspect were obtained from New York police which were identified by the Lewis family. Acting on this development, Herbert Brown, of Ozone Park, Queens. N.Y., was picked up by New York City Police, and Sgt. Louis Marchese was notified at Westport. He detailed Officers Croce and Ferguson to proceed to New York city with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis to

make an identification. They did. They declared Brown was the man who held a gun in their home while unmasked.

Brown was released to Connecticut State Police for return to our jurisdiction and when presented in Wilton court was bound over to the next term of Superior Court.

At this writing a continued search is being made for the second man who forcibly entered the Lewis home.

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## TWO ARMED BANDITS ON SPREE NABBED IN STOP-CRIME EFFORT

The new plan for curbing crime announced only a week before by State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey went into operation for the first time October 18 and resulted in the apprehension of two gunmen on a holdup spree.

Sgt. Frank Bennett, Westport station, arrested Gordon Cogswell, 26, of 10 Marshall St., Stamford, and Robert Molnar, 19, of New Haven and Bridgeport, as they contemplated their third liquor store holdup of the day.

Alerted by reports of holdups in Norwalk and Westport, 22 state policemen fanned out through the county at vantage points. Sergeant Bennett was stationed behind a tree across from Friedson's Liquor Store, on Main Ave., near the Merritt Parkway in Norwalk.

He watched two men drive up to the store, leave their car with motor running, look into the liquor store and then enter a luncheonette next door. They answered the description of the two men wanted for the two liquor store holdups during the day. While the men were in the diner, Sergeant Bennett, searched the car, found evidence that connected them with the holdups, then removed the key from the ignition and waited for them to come out. As the men left the luncheonette he placed them under arrest. One of the men drew a gun but dropped it at Bennett's command.

Actually the two men, Bennett learned later, intended to hold up the Friedson store, but when they saw several custom-



Sgt. Frank J. Bennett

ers in the liquor store decided to get a cup of coffee and kill a few minutes, hoping to find the storekeeper alone when they finished their coffee.

A search of his prisoners and the car by Sergeant Bennett revealed two automatics and a revolver in their possession. Under questioning they admitted the holdup of the proprietor of Joes Liquor Store, 36 Broad St., Norwalk, at about 3:30 p.m and taking \$100 in cash and a bottle of liquor. Jack Dobrynsky,

the proprietor, later identified the bandits.

Cogswell and Molnar also admitted robbing David Feldman, owner of the Parkway Liquor Store, located on Main St., near the Merritt Parkway in Westport. They took \$40 from Feldman.

The car they were driving they had stolen in Stamford earlier in the afternoon. It belonged to a Stamford resident who had left it parked with the keys in the ignition.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Cogswell had broken into the John-

son Sporting Goods company in Bridgeport on Sept. 6, 1952, and had taken eight guns and \$45 in cash. On September 29 he broke into a jewelry store in Norwalk and took approximately \$2,000 worth of jewelry. The guns and jewelry were recovered.

Both Cogswell and Molnar had recently been released on parole.

Presented in Norwalk city court October 20, they were bound over to the January term of Superior court. They were removed to the county jail under bonds of \$15,000 each.

TWO ARMED BANDITS ON SCREE  
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HABBED IN STOP-CRIME EFFORT  
**TWO GUNMEN CAPTURED BY STATE POLICEMAN**

A courageous state policeman, his suspicions aroused, captured two Massachusetts gunmen after a stirring mile-long chase at Westbrook, October 30.

The captives were Newton Reynolds, 26, of Winchester, Mass., and Verdon Hollis, also 26, of Medford, Mass. At the time of their capture they were fleeing after having committed a holdup at Foxboro, Mass.

The gunmen offered no resistance as Officer Tom Nichol, of the Westbrook station, approached them with gun drawn after he had forced their stolen car to the side of the road.

Capt. Carroll Shaw, Eastern District commander, said the men admitted a holdup at the Lord Fox Restaurant, on U. S. Route 1, Foxboro, at 12:45 that morning. The restaurant safe and the bartender's car were taken at that location.

A teletype message reporting the holdup was received in Connecticut at 2:24 a.m. Less than two hours later, at 4:19 a.m., Officer Nichol was on patrol on Route 1 at Westbrook when his suspicions were aroused by an automobile making a turn in a driveway.

He attempted to stop the driver, but the car "took off" at high speed, traveling toward Clinton. After a high speed chase Nichol succeeded in forcing the car to a halt about a mile away.

Nichol, his service revolver in hand,



Off. Thomas J. Nichol

met no resistance from the driver or passenger. The first thing he noticed, he said, was a gun barrel sticking out from under a seat.

A thorough check of the car turned up two guns, an automatic revolver, as well as a small safe taken from the Lord Fox Restaurant. The two men were arrested for being fugitives from justice and af-

ter presentation in court the next day waived extradition and were returned to Massachusetts.

Officer William Conlon and Clinton Patrolman James Clark assisted Officer Nichol after the capture.

Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, after learning of the case, sent a congratulatory message to the Westbrook station commending Officer Nichol for his "courage and tenacity" in making the arrests.

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## ALERT NEW YORK TROOPER CAPTURES DESPERADO

Corporal D. P. Craigie, an alert New York State Trooper, made the arrest in New York State which terminated a wide search for Richard F. Dodge who held a West Hartford couple at bay while threatening them with a gun the evening of December 1, and then stole their 1952 Cadillac.

Two days later, Cpl. Craigie was in the New York State Trooper station at Schroon Lake when he stood near the window reading a teletype alarm concerning the crime. Just as he read the description of the car he glanced out the window and saw a Cadillac, just as described, pass the station. Although alone at the time, and knowing the thief had used a gun, Cpl. Craigie quickly got into his car and started in pursuit. He apprehended the car and occupant as Dodge was on his way to Canada. Fortunately, the gun used by Dodge was in his suitcase at the time and out of his reach.



Corporal D. P. Craigie

New York State Troopers for a job well done.

C. S. P. salutes Cpl. Craigie and the

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What Price Speed		
State Speed Limits Compared with Traffic Death Rates		
No. of States	Speed Limit	1950 Traffic Death Rate*
1	40	4.2
3	45	4.5
12	50	6.7
7	55	8.1
14	60 and over	7.7
11	no fixed limit	8.2

\* Per 100,000,000 vehicle miles.

This tabulation speaks for itself. Speed was responsible for one out of three serious accidents in 1950 — 13,300 deaths and 475,000 injuries. Save your life and the lives of others by keeping your speed down.

— Roads Bulletin (New York Good Roads Assn.)



# IN-SERVICE STUDIES

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## New Method Of Artificial Respiration

### Adopted By American Red Cross

An improved method of artificial respiration, known as the back pressure arm-lift has been adopted by the American National Red Cross, the armed services, several industrial firms, and other agencies and organizations.

Used in Norway, Denmark, and other European countries for many years, the method permits greater exchanges of air and can be administered without undue fatigue to the operator.

Research leading to the change in method predates World War II, when investigators first doubted the superiority of the prone pressure method. Since that time the Red Cross has conducted extensive studies in the fields of respiration and asphyxia. The armed forces became intensely interested in artificial respiration in connection with the possibility of poison gas or nerve gas warfare. About 2 years ago the Army Chemical Corps assigned four research teams to study comparative values of various methods.



*To start the cycle the operator places his hands on the victim's back so that the thumbs just touch and the heels of the hands are just below a line running between the armpits.*

The results of the research showed that the prone pressure method was less effective in the amount of air ex-

changed. It compresses the chest but does not actively expand it. However, in the two-phase methods--such as the back-pressure arm-lift, the hip-lift, and the Silvester--the chest is actively expanded and compressed by the rescuer.



*He then rocks forward slowly, keeping the elbows straight, until his arms are approximately vertical, exerting steady pressure upon the chest.*

Research also showed that the hip-lift back-pressure method and the hip-roll back-pressure method are difficult to perform and cannot be done at all by frail rescuers on heavy victims. The Silvester method, for which the victim is placed on his back, was considered unsatisfactory for use by the general public since it is difficult to keep the air passages open.

The back-pressure arm-lift method was recommended because it does not tire the rescuer unduly, can be performed by a small person on a heavy victim, and is relatively easy to teach.

This evidence was presented at a meeting of 18 agencies and organizations, called by the National Research Council at the request of the Red Cross and the Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency. Since that meeting, when the Research Council rec-

ommended the back-pressure arm-lift method as preferable, the following agencies have adopted the new method: the armed forces, American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Bureau of Mines, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire Girls, Inc., Council on Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of the American Medical Association, Federal Civil Defense Administration, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency, the Red Cross, and the YMCA. Other agencies, industrial corporations, fire and police departments, and the like may adopt the method soon.

The Red Cross will include the new method in first aid and life saving courses as soon as possible. Three million supplements on the new system are being printed for inclusion in its first aid and water safety textbooks. The supplement will be available through Red Cross chapters at no charge.

The Red Cross pointed out that because of the widespread teaching program, the changeover cannot be accomplished immediately. Millions of persons already trained in the prone pressure method, which has saved many lives, should continue to use it until they have had training in the new method.



*Then he rocks backward, slowly sliding his hands to the victim's arms just above the elbows.*

The victim is placed face down in a prone position with arms overhead and bent at the elbows, one hand upon the other, and the head turned to one side so that the cheek rests on the hands. The rescuer, on one or both knees at the



*Continuing to rock backward, he raises the arms until resistance and tension are felt at the victim's shoulder. Then he drops the arms and thus completes a full cycle. The cycles are repeated 12 times per minute, the expansion and compression phases being of equal length, and the release periods of minimum duration.*

victim's back, with thumbs just touching and the heels of the hands just below a line running between the victim's armpits. The rescuer rocks forward slowly, elbows straight, until his arms are almost vertical--exerting steady pressure upon the back. Next, the rescuer rocks backward slowly and slides his hands to the victim's arms, just above the elbows, which are raised until resistance is felt at the victim's shoulders -- then, the arms are dropped. This completes a full cycle, which is repeated 12 times a minute.

--Michigan Police Journal

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#### NEW ADDITIONS TO DEPT. LIBRARY

Two books have been donated to the State Police Library by Mr. Hyman H. Haves, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 152 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut. These books are "A Measure of Freedom" and "The Troublemakers."

Arnold Forster, author of "A Measure of Freedom," is the director of the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Division and heads a large staff throughout the country who helped gather the facts of this book. He is a member

of the bar of New York State and of the United States Supreme Court, is a writer as well as a lecturer. He has appeared on numerous radio and television programs on the subject of civil rights and civil liberties.

Walter Winchell says:

"THIS IS A MUST!...pages of documented dynamite on AN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REPORT. Gerald L. K. Smith... Eleven pages of ditto on Joseph P. Kamp... This new book has nine pages of documented atomic energy on Upton Close. It has 14 pages of hydrogen bombs exposing Merwin K. Hart and nearly 100 additional pages on 20 other targets of this column..."

This was Walter Winchell's immediate and enthusiastic response after seeing "A Measure of Freedom" in manuscript. And you will agree completely when you read this full, revealing, uncensored, and thoroughly documented report of the Anti-Defamation League on prejudice in the United States today. "A Measure of Freedom" covers every sort of discrimination from sports to housing, including education, athletic clubs, civil rights legislation, and admission to fraternities and sororities. There is a dramatic and frightening chapter on the Ku Klux Klan, and a graphic section on the many patrons of prejudice operating so successfully at present. There are documented profiles of the country's leading hate mongers and eye-opening accounts of how these men procure financial and political support plus references to correspondence to and from some of our leading citizens concerning the activities of these hate racketeers.

The real story on recent bequests made to various colleges is told, and the activities of many other groups dedicated to keeping this country "safe for the "Christian-White American" are exposed.

"A Measure of Freedom is a sizzling, shocking, and provocative account of the men who sell prejudice and the battle that is waged against it. There is an appendix which lists all the anti-Semitic organizations and publications in the United States, and there is a complete index.

The authors of "The Troublemakers" are Arnold Forster (author of "A Measure of Freedom") and Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Epstein has studied extensively the problems of intolerance both in this country and abroad. Both these men have complete access to the League's vast research facilities and records, from which they have compiled the information included in this report.

"The Troublemakers" is a shocking story of vandalism, character assassination, and even murder is spotlighted in this carefully documented report of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on racial and religious prejudice in the United States during the past year.

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#### INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE REVIEW

The October 1952 - English Edition - International Criminal Police Review, official organ of the International Criminal Police Commission, is presently available at Headquarters to members of this Department who are interested in the following subjects:

"Suggestions on how to obtain confessions" by Rene Lechat, noted Criminologist and Lecturer at Brussels and at Hainault, Belgium.

"Dogging the Criminal" by V. G. Kanetkar, B. Sc., I. P. - Inspector General of Police State of Saurashtra (India).

The 1952 Editions--January to October--contain many other interesting and instructive articles on police science. These additions to our Library come from Paris, France in an exchange with Vox-Cop.

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#### HOME MORE DANGEROUS

The Connecticut Safety Commission in its annual report states that 40 per cent of the 914 violent deaths in the state in a 12-months period were caused by home accidents. Twenty-eight per cent of the deaths were caused by high-ways mishaps.

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## IN LIFE, AS IN BASEBALL, IT IS THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU REACH HOME SAFELY THAT COUNTS

### OUR STATE POLICE

Newspapers by the very nature of their business must make a daily record of crimes or violence, murder, assault, fatal accidents and other depressing events. It is a real pleasure occasionally to stumble on a new story so completely out of this line that it cheers one up.

The editorial writer discovered such a story in the state's news and grabbed it for his own column. Here it is:

A week or ten days ago a prominent Connecticut citizen was driving on the Merritt Parkway and driving too fast. A State Policeman called him to order and served him with a ticket. Ordinarily such an incident is too commonplace to be classified as important news. What made it news in this case was the fact that the gentleman arrested (and we use the word gentleman advisedly) wrote to State Police Commissioner Ed Hickey and instead of complaining about his arrest or abusing the officer, did just the opposite.

Since it was his first encounter with the department, the motorist was correspondingly embarrassed. But he was impressed by the behavior of the arresting officer.

"His firm and uncompromising attitude," the motorist wrote to Commissioner Hickey, "made me very conscious of the seriousness of my fault, but his

tact and courtesy in handling the situation provoked my keenest admiration.

"For more than 20 years, personality evaluation has been a large part of my work, and while I assume that you commission only men of the highest caliber, I feel that in Officer Croce (No. 26) you have a truly superior person. He is a credit to your department and to your state.

"Too often public employees are brought to the attention of their commissioners only when they fail in their duty. In spite of the unpleasantness of my 'arrest' I feel it my obligation and a privilege to commend this man to you."

We agree with the writer of this letter generally as to the high caliber of the State Police department and the proneness of motorists to criticize rather than commend. One of the criticisms recently leveled against the department is the fact that the Merritt Parkway is not patrolled sufficiently to prevent speeding and consequent accidents. The reason is simple enough. There are not enough state policemen.

Why would it not be a good idea for the next Legislature to definitely set aside part of the very heavy toll receipts on this parkway, and allocate a sum to the State Police department sufficient to add the men necessary for patrolling the parkway?

--Bridgeport Telegram

## MORE POLICE ON THE PARKWAY

The Bridgeport Telegram recently carried an editorial suggestion which we should like to second in these columns. That was, that a definite part of the very substantial toll receipts taken in on the Merritt Parkway at the Greenwich and Milford toll stations, be set aside specifically for the purpose of maintaining an adequate State Police patrol on the parkway, to enforce speed laws, prevent reckless driving, break up traffic jams and clear up accidents.

The State Police department is frequently criticized, as our morning contemporary observed, for failing to maintain a sufficient patrol. But the reason is simply lack of sufficient State Police. They have jobs to do all over Connecticut and there are not enough of them.

In the case of the parkway, the state is literally getting rich out of toll receipts. It would certainly be a justifiable procedure to use a part of these receipts to enforce the law, reduce accidents and save lives.

"All very pretty,"--we can hear an objector sneer,--"so you are proposing that the poor motorists should pay tolls for the purpose of having themselves arrested!"

Yes, we are, if having them arrested increases safety on the highway and reduces the rather alarming toll of accidents. The careful driver is not distressed by the appearance of an occasional State Police car. On the contrary, he feels all the better for it.

The truth is that there are many speed maniacs who look upon the parkway as an opportunity to do ninety where the limit is fifty-five miles an hour. If they get caught at it, they do not deserve any sympathy. The rest of the motorists ought to give three cheers.

We are not competent to work out the details of such a suggestion, but we hope that the Merritt Parkway commission, the State Police department and the next Legislature will all give it some consideration.

CONNECTICUT  
HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS

Charles F. Kelley, Connecticut Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, is doing his best to interest the people of this state in reducing motor vehicle fatalities. His latest effort in this line is a somewhat massive bulletin directed, "To Whom It May NOT Concern." By that he means that those who have not as yet been concerned with the relentless tide of motor vehicle fatalities, had better wake up and take an interest.

"Which would you rather be?" he asks, "The killer or the killed?"

"Imagine yourself as one of the victims," he writes. "Picture how you would look--and how you would suffer--if death came to you slowly as blood poured from the hole where your eye used to be, or from the hideous opening where your broken spine stuck out through your back."

Or--if one is the killer rather than the killed--"Imagine yourself as the driver of a car that has killed another human being, and that you were to blame because you had been careless or speeding or drunk."

Commissioner Kelley then gives a brief description, from the records, of every fatal accident which happened in Connecticut during the first nine months of the present year. There is a certain horrible monotony about it--the careless driver or the careless pedestrian,--time after time after time.

Summing it all up it simply amounts to this: That not one of these accidents need have happened if some driver had been more alert at the wheel, or some pedestrian more careful in crossing a highway, or if the fatal car had been going at a slower rate.

This last element is probably the most important. Anyone who observes the pace at which both passenger cars and commercial vehicles streak through our highways today will hardly wonder that accidents do happen but only wonder that more accidents don't happen.

Not one motorist in a thousand really has the split-second reactions which would enable him to cope with a sudden emergency at high speed.

## VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUADS RESPOND TO DISASTER

Two cars collide in a fog on a highway far from any town. Both drivers are injured seriously. A passerby sees the wrecked cars, seeks out a house and phones the nearest police. Within minutes, the blinking red light of an ambulance shows over the hill. Bearing the name of a volunteer unit, it carries three men--an electrician, a plumber and an accountant, all skilled first aid men. They apply first aid, lift the injured skillfully and take them to the nearest hospital, administering oxygen, if necessary, on the way.

This could be an experience of one of the 18 volunteer ambulance squads, which, working under the direction of the Sixth District New Jersey State First Aid Council, cooperated with the Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital Ambulance Corps in moving 63 patients from the old to the new hospital building in July. Helping in this project was just another job in the hundreds they do all year.

There was a time when a heart patient had to wait perhaps too long for help to come, or when an accident victim was injured further because he was made "more comfortable" by some kind-hearted person who did not know how to move him. Today, in hundreds of communities all over New Jersey, public-spirited men and women in all walks of life are joining first aid squads and manning ambulances to take care of any kind of emergency.

It was just about 29 years ago that a Belmar, N.J., man who had run an ambulance in World War I came up with the idea of training volunteers to do first aid and rescue work. Others who called themselves salvage and rescue squads began to do the same type of work. In 1928, a total of 10 squads in the shore area met to organize a first aid council. This was the beginning of the New Jersey First Aid Council, which now has 6,700 members working in 162 squads. Divided into nine districts, they cover the state.

As news of the venture grew, the idea spread to other states and countries. Twenty years after that first meeting,

an International First Aid Association was formed. Today there are first aid councils in 20 states in this country, in Canada, Brazil and the Dutch East Indies.

In addition to their ambulances, the squads making up these councils have equipment to meet the needs of any type of disaster. They have iron lungs, oxygen tents, resuscitators, generators, flood lights, acetylene cutting torches, asbestos suits, boats, ropes, grappling hooks and hundreds of other articles. The New Jersey State First Aid Council alone has \$7,000,000 worth of equipment to put at the service of any city or town in the state whenever it is needed.

During the years of its development, the council has tried out many types of rescue apparatus and has been instrumental in getting into general use many pieces of equipment which have been outstandingly successful. One of these was a resuscitator which now has been accepted by the Red Cross for use in first aid.

The design of the present first aid ambulance can be attributed to the work of the first aid council. Its volunteer members sat up night after night discussing what an ambulance should have to give the best possible service. They conducted field tests. Today, ambulances are built and equipped to the council's specifications.

The council aided in having a bill introduced into the state legislature permitting municipalities to make voluntary contributions of not more than \$3,000 annually to duly incorporated first aid and emergency squads serving their residents. It has secured refunds on state gasoline taxes for squad motor vehicles, tax exemptions on squad-owned buildings and free passage for first aid ambulances over bridges and through tunnels operated by the Port of New York Authority.

No matter how good a squad's equipment is, that squad is only as good as its men. Members of the squads are carefully selected. They must pass physical examinations and undergo first

aid and other specialized training. They must possess integrity, be faithful to the ideals of their squads and, above all, be discreet. There is no room for a gossip in a first aid squad. No squadman is ever paid for his work. The members differ in their backgrounds they have one common bond, a real desire to serve humanity.

One rule of the council is never to send to a disaster more units or equipment than is requested. This eliminates the possibility of squads getting in each other's way. Among recent disasters in New Jersey sent help by the council were the South Amboy explosion, to which 62 ambulance squads responded, and the Woodridge train wreck, at which there were 45. Twelve ambulances went to Elizabeth for one of the three plane crashes in that city. At the time of the "Morro Castle" disaster in 1934, when that ship burned off Asbury Park, 42 ambulances and crews of the council were on hand.

The council is organized now for Civil Defense. It has mobilization committees all over the state and any Civil Defense director or police or fire chief can call any number of squads he needs by contacting the mobilization chairman. Most of the ambulances are equipped with two-way radios, by which they can contact each other as well as local police departments.

In the Sixth District, the means of communication is through the Morris Council police radio system, which has its headquarters in Morris Plains. The names of all mobilization chairmen are listed there, and calls from any squad captain, police or fire chief or mayor who wants help in any type of disaster are received there. From there the dispatcher calls for help, telling where the help is needed and what equipment must be brought.

When the time came to move patients from the old to the new Morristown Memorial Hospital, the hospital was fortunate in having in its ambulance corps Dudley Boycott, who also was a member of the New Jersey State First Aid Council and a past president of the Sixth District Council.

As the news spread through the state

that the hospital would need ambulances to transfer its patients, Mr. Boycott was swamped with offers of help. He could have had 300 ambulances from Cape May to Sussex. His problem was not to secure squads but to choose those which could best be spared and most easily used, and to thank the others and explain why their offers were not accepted. It was deemed wise to select those squads who were nearest the hospital and whose stations could be covered for emergencies by other nearby first aid squads. In this way 18 were chosen, and, when each of these left its home station, it knew that it had one or two squads to cover its district.

Not all of the squads which helped make the patient transfer at Morristown Memorial Hospital were members of the New Jersey First Aid Council. There are 302 squads in the state, 162 of which are members. The council hopes that some day all the squads will be members so that they can enjoy the benefits derived from so many squads pulling together.

On October 24, 25 and 26 at Asbury Park, the New Jersey State First Aid Council and the International Rescue and First Aid Association plan to hold a series of demonstrations and meetings for all first aid squads. An air-sea rescue and heavy rescue demonstration are planned. In the latter, buildings will be shored up and tunnels made under debris to bring out victims just as the squads would have to do if an atomic bomb should hit some community in New Jersey. There will be outstanding authorities in the field of rescue and first aid present as well as representatives of allied organizations.

This article was adapted from a report prepared under the auspices of the Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital in appreciation of the volunteer work of the New Jersey State First Aid Council. (Reprinted from Hospital Trustee.)

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The automobile has had great influence on public morals; it has completely stopped horse stealing.

**CONNECTICUT STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR WINTER**

As the season of snow and ice approaches the Connecticut State Highway Department is again preparing to fight winter storms State Highway Commissioner G. Albert Hill said recently. More than 100 miles of snow fence for strategic locations, approximately 500 snow-fighting machines and 1,500 men to do the work are ready, he said.

Snow and ice control on Connecticut's state highway system has come a long way from the surplus World War I army trucks of thirty years ago to the powerful modern vehicles now in use, Commissioner Hill said.

Those early trucks had no cabs nor did they have windshields. Their solid tires did nothing to ease the discomfort of the cold and half-frozen operators.

Today the snow and ice fighting forces are capable, except under abnormal blizzard conditions, of opening Connecticut's 3,000 miles of state roads to travel in 24 hours or less, after a storm.

With the cooperation of the U. S. Weather Bureau stations at Hartford and New Haven and the Connecticut State Police Department all maintenance districts are alerted long before the snow begins to fall. In addition the New Jersey Highway Department warns this state of storms originating to the south and passing over New Jersey. The time lag before Connecticut is reached permits the state highway department crews to turn out.

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**Psychology and Speeding**

**MILFORD POLICE TRY NEW APPROACH TO CURB FAST MOVING TRUCK DRIVERS**

Something new has been added to highway safety in Milford--Psychology. The new plan, intended to decrease the number of accidents on the heavily traveled U. S. Route 1, started recently as Milford police and the staff of Milford Town Court took time out from the routine of traffic court to hold a special

safety meeting.

About 30 truck drivers, the group about which the drive for greater highway safety is centered, listened to a half hour lecture by Town Court Judge Joseph Bernblum, Prosecuting Attorney Nelson W. Durant, and Sgt. Charles Polizzi. The talk stressed the facts and the police are adopting a new and rigorous policy towards speeders, especially truck drivers.

**Heavier Penalties**

Judge Bernblum said that the court will inflict heavier penalties on the truckers than on operators of passenger vehicles and explained that in his opinion "a truck driving at 15 miles per hour over the speed limit is more dangerous than a car traveling at the same speed because of the terrific weight difference. A speeding truck is potentially a much more lethal instrument and more frequently involved in accidents."

Sergeant Polizzi, representing Milford Police Superintendent Arthur Harris, told the truck drivers that the police had always counted the truckers among their best friends, but that the situation on the busy Boston Post Road threatened the lives of all who ventured out on it.

"I realize," Sergeant Polizzi said, "that a great many of the accidents involving trucks are not due to the fault of the truck drivers, but a large percentage could be avoided if the trucks had been going slower. We have no choice other than to enforce the speed limits in this town strictly and we intend to do so."

**Speeding Bonds Raised**

Another phase of the Milford drive to cut accidents was pointed out by Durant who informed the drivers that the bonds for speeders had been raised to \$4 for every mile per hour over the legal limit.

"The court is not out to get your money," Durant told the drivers. "We feel that every accused should be brought to court to answer the charges against him. We also feel that speeding, especially in the case of heavy truck drivers is a serious offense."



**HOW TO ESCAPE ALIVE  
IF TRAPPED BY FIRE**

Would you know what to do if you were caught in a fire? Would you know how to get out--alive?

Fire prevention engineers say investigation shows that most of the people killed in fires could have escaped safely had they known what to do. The most important thing to remember is that panic, not fire, is your most deadly enemy, they say. Remain calm and follow these simple rules:

--Call the fire department immediately. A delay of even a few seconds may be disastrous.

--If you are trapped, feel doors for heat before opening them. If the door is hot and you are forced to stay in the room, stuff the openings and cracks to keep out smoke, gases and flames. If the door is not hot, open cautiously before proceeding.

--In trying to find your way out of a smoke-filled room or building, remember the best air is near the floor. Crawl on hands and knees with the head down.

--If you must dash upright through smoke and flames, hold your breath or hold a wet handkerchief or wet towel over the mouth and nose. This will help prevent inhalation of hot and toxic gases.

--Keep windows and doors closed. Opening doors needlessly or breaking windows will help fan the flames.

--If there is no escape from an upper story room, close the doors before opening a window to call for help. Don't be panicked into jumping from an upper-story window except as a last resort. Help may be on the way.

--lose doors behind you when re-treating. Even a thin door will delay the fire, giving you more time to escape.

--If your clothing catches fire, don't run. Lie down, roll yourself in a rug or drapery to smother the flames.

When you enter a public building, the experts say, locate the exits immediately. If fire breaks out and crowds jam the main exit, be calm and stay out of the crowd. Try to find another way out

--your chances of escape are better.

Plan in advance what you and your family would do if fire were to strike your home tonight. Figure out a means of escape from every room in the home.

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**NEW YORK STAYS HOME**

Ever since most people can remember, New Yorkers have jammed themselves into Times Square on such festive occasions as New Year's Eve and election night. Police, both mounted and afoot have dealt with a quarter of a million persons. Motor traffic has been diverted because the surging mass of humanity blocked the streets.

Last election night (1952) only 300 police, mostly rookies, were in Times Square, and they had almost nothing to do. The crowd was around 10,000 at 10 o'clock. People did not overflow into the streets, and automobile traffic moved as usual. From the oldtime cop's viewpoint, the place was practically deserted.

The explanation, said the police, was television.

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**HIGHWAY SAND BOXES**

Many motorists do not realize that sand boxes placed along Connecticut highways are for their use, rather than for the highway crews alone. Motorists who find themselves unable to start on an icy road are expected to use the sand to gain traction.

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According to the National Safety Council only 16% or one out of six fatal automobile accidents last year were possibly caused by the weather. The others occurred when the weather was clear.

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There isn't as much danger in a loose wheel as in a tight driver.

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## WHAT SOME PEOPLE ARE DOING ABOUT HIGHWAY SAFETY

### THE FIGHT FOR LIFE

(This is one of a series of personal appeals taken from a transcription aired over more than 1,200 American radio stations by ten of the nation's leading news commentators.)

"If you ever wanted to ask, 'What's being done to prevent accidents?' Here's the answer. I have learned that a great deal has been done. In 1913, the year the National Safety Council came into being, the death rate from accidents of all kinds was 85.5 per 100,000 population. Since then, the rate has been progressively lower each year, with the exception of 1917 and 1936.

"It reached an all time low of 59.5 in 1950. For years the Council devoted its attention to industrial accidents. Now, it has activities in the home, traffic, farm, school, and public safety fields as well as in the industrial safety field. Its aim, reaffirmed in 1952 terms, is to make safety as much a part of the daily life of America's 150,000,000 people as brushing one's teeth--as much a part of community life as police protection and street cleaning! I'm convinced that the National Safety Council deserves the support of all of you. Without your cooperation, accidents will continue to pile up a needless toll of millions of lives. So, won't you please help by being as careful as you can every day, in every way?"

---TAYLOR GRANT  
ABC Commentator

### YOUTH SAFETY MOVEMENT

When Mrs. Veva D. Tomlinson, a high school teacher of St. Joseph, Mo. read that pedestrian deaths in the city had risen by 50 per cent in a year, she decided to do something about it. She organized her 67 freshmen students into a "safety squadron."

In a seven-month campaign, the students, among other things, made the city's first statistical and photographic survey of pedestrian habits, delivered speeches before business groups, obtained more than 6,000 safety pledges from jaywalkers and personally saw that 20,000 parents and other adults read safety literature in a canvass of virtually all homes in the city. They made posters and signs, displayed them all over town. The result: 302 deathless days, a one-third reduction in the traffic death rate for the year and no pedestrian fatalities. The students called themselves the "301 Safety Squadron" - 301 being their room number.

As a result of her efforts in organizing and conducting the campaign, Mrs. Tomlinson has received the 1952 Carol Lane Traffic Safety Award for "The most outstanding achievement in 1951 by an American woman to the cause of traffic safety" at the 40th National Safety Congress held recently in Chicago.

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Speeding along a roadway, especially at night, is highly dangerous.

---Angelo Patri

B E T W E E N   O U R S E L V E S

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CASH AWARDS TOTALING \$250 WILL BE GIVEN FOR MERITORIOUS ACTS OF COURAGE, ACTIVITIES IN HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS, CRIME DETECTION AND PREVENTION, AND FOR PROMOTING PUBLIC RELATIONS

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On November 1, C.S.P. Board of Awards announced a special Award Program for the department in Cash Awards in addition to Departmental Awards and Citations as provided in State Police Rules and Regulations.

These Special Awards will be given for outstanding services performed between June 15 and December 15, 1952 to members of the regular force below the rank of Lieutenant.

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SPECIAL AWARD NO. 1.

\$100. to any member of the regular force below the rank of Lieutenant for performing Meritorious Acts - Acts of courage, and including outstanding accomplishments in good police work and crime prevention activities.

Contest is open to all members of the regular force below the rank of Lieutenant. No sergeant or detective sergeant acting in the role of a Commanding Officer of any station or division will be eligible as such to participate in this contest. All entries will be made by officers concerned and will require the approval of immediate Field or Division Captain having command of the applicant as to the facts and circumstances surrounding such cases. Case numbers on the particular matter submitted must be on file at Headquarters and listed in report to identify the assignment or actual participation in the act. Publication of such acts in state newspapers or in Vox-Cop may be submitted also as further proof of the meritorious act.

When a meritorious act is performed by two or more officers in the one case, all will submit letters and they shall be judged as one entry. In such a case, the Award may be divided into parts, the total not to exceed \$100.

SPECIAL AWARD NO. 2.

\$75. to any patrolman, detective, detective sergeant, sergeant or inspector who reports and actually performs an outstanding job in crime detection and by reason of his act or acts displayed unusual detective ability and technique in solving a major crime causing the arrest of a suspect or suspects and the producing of evidence as to the suspect's probable guilt.

SPECIAL AWARD NO. 3.

\$50. to patrolman only, regularly assigned to patrol service, who submits a report of unusual activities in highway accident prevention. Such report to conform with rules pertaining to this particular contest.

SPECIAL AWARD NO. 4.

\$25. to any member of the Department below the rank of Lieutenant who submits a report for any act or acts, actually performed by the applicant between June 15 and midnight, December 15, 1952, such as an act of courage indicating unusual technique in preventing the commission of a felony; for outstanding activities in Crime Prevention; for extending unusual courtesies to the public and of such nature as to cause the officer a hardship or the risk of possible injury in the performance of such courtesy.

All eligible to participate should have on file at Headquarters case reports or general service reports on the particular assignments. Include case number in application which must bear approval of Field or Division Captain having command of applicant.

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Publication of act or acts in press or in Vox-Cop may also be submitted to further verify actual participation in such act or acts.

Where two or more eligible officers are or were engaged in the one case, all will submit reports and they shall be judged as one entry.

All entries become departmental property. Reports shall be typed on one side of paper on the forms provided for such purpose, not to exceed 400 words.

The Commissioner will designate three judges not directly affiliated with the department to select the best entry or entries for the Board of Awards to make final approval. The decision of the Board of Awards shall be final.

All entries to be mailed to P. O. Box 1404, Hartford, Connecticut and post-marked not later than 12:00 midnight, December 15, 1952.

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#### NAVY AIDS POLICE IN RESCUE MISSION

We salute Police Chief James M. Pearce of Point Pleasant, N. J., for his quick thinking and prompt action recently when confronted with a risky rescue mission when a painter, John Breece, 20, fell into a tank of the Point Pleasant Water Works.

Breece with several others was engaged in painting and repairing a tank 163 feet above ground, thirty feet deep and approximately thirty five feet in diameter. It holds 280,000 gallons.

The tank had been drained and its cover removed. Breece and the other workmen were on scaffolding inside, painting it, when Breece fell to the bottom. His companions lowered a ladder and went to him. He was in severe pain and they called the police and the Point Pleasant 1st Aid Squad.

Chief Pearce and Dr. Norman Pyle accompanied the first aid squad. The workmen had rigged up a speaking tube, which was part of their equipment, and by means of it informed Dr. Pyle of the symptoms of the injured man. Dr. Pyle said it sounded like a fracture of the spine.

He filled a hypodermic and gave it to a fellow workman with instructions how to administer it. Breece received the injection which gave him brief relief.

Next, a basket-type stretcher was sent up. Instructed by the physician, the workmen got Breece into it and hoisted him to the top of the tank. Then they were in a quandary. There was a stiff wind and there seemed to be no safe way of lowering the injured man. The stretcher was almost certain to spin and bang into the tank structure.

Chief Pearce looked over the problem and promptly called the nearby Naval Station for a helicopter. Within ten or fifteen minutes a helicopter piloted by Lt. Walter A. Sukor, with Norman J. Dunning, chief boatswain's mate as his assistant, hovered over the tank and then dropped to the ground near where an ambulance was waiting.

Lt. Sukor explained through the speaking tube that he would lower a rope that divided at the end into four strands, one of which was to be made fast to each corner of the stretcher. The helicopter is of the type used for rescue work in Korea and elsewhere and the procedure was similar.

The helicopter rose again and descended to within fifteen or twenty feet of the top of the tank, hovering there while the line was lowered and its hooks made fast. Then the helicopter rose with the injured man suspended beneath it and descended again to within a few feet of the ground near the ambulance, where the ropes were unfastened.

The stretcher was slid into the ambulance and the injured man was taken to the hospital.

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### TAKE CARE OF YOUR BATTERY

Consider for a minute what a lot of jobs the battery in your car is called upon to do.

It must furnish energy to operate the starter to crank your engine. It supplies current for your headlights, tail lights, backup lights, dash lights, stop and signal lights, courtesy lights, map lights, dome light, luggage compartment light, and horn. It does extra duty if you are operating your radio, heater and defroster, and still more if you use a spotlight.

It's a long list of duties, and you can readily understand why batteries fail if not given proper care. According to the American Automobile Association, battery failure causes more distress calls from motorists than any other service. But in spite of the many drains upon it, a well-maintained battery will give efficient service over a long period. And, fortunately, maintaining a battery requires very little effort. We recommend the following simple precautions:

1. Have the battery checked frequently (once every two weeks) to see that it is filled with water to the proper level. This is a simple matter, but it is one of the most important points in battery care.
2. See that the battery terminals are clean and tight.
3. At regular intervals (every thirty days) have the specific gravity checked to see that the battery is well charged.

There are other items directly related to the life and performance of your battery that are to be considered.

1. To take full advantage of the current your battery provides, spark plugs should be clean and

properly adjusted and the distributor points properly adjusted regularly. This will help insure a hot spark for quicker starting, requiring less use of your battery.

2. Help the battery as much as you can by not using current-draining items when it is not necessary.
3. The voltage regulator must be adjusted properly so the battery regularly receives enough current from the generator to balance the output of current being used.

Give your battery proper care, and it is less likely to let you down. Your car is essential to your job; your ability to perform your duties. To neglect it means loss of your services in the fight against crime and the constant struggle to maintain highway safety.

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### "THE MERRY GO-ROUND"

It has now been a year and a half since the Senate Kefauver committee brought eminent mobsters into our parlors by television, and sent some of them to prison because they were reluctant to talk about their professional activities. Frank Costello, underworld boss, is now in Atlanta penitentiary. Frank Erickson, big-time gambler, served a stretch in Rikers Island penitentiary, has another term to serve in New Jersey, and has indictments hanging over him.

New York State's own Crime Commission began poking around in New York City last month to write a sequel to the Kefauver inquiry. Seems things haven't changed much. Old friends' tips between gangsters and politicians don't fade easily.

Frank Erickson had a fairly pleasant time behind the bars, it developed. The Rikers Island warden who was host to Erickson testified that the gambler's friends, including his personal tailor, were always dropping in to chat with him on special passes issued by the City Commissioner of Correction. Erickson

benefited by 184 such visits, while the other 2,400 prisoners altogether received 186. The warden also said the Commissioner of Correction "suggested" to him that Erickson have an easy job in the prison hospital with better food.

Tammany district leaders were questioned by the state crime investigators. Reluctantly, they admitted their friendships with Frank Costello and other king-pins of the underworld. Several of the Tammany leaders--men who choose New York City's judges and other officials--refused to reveal their sources of income on the ground that it might tend to degrade or incriminate them. One of them even refused to discuss his fondness for expensive shoes, but evidence was introduced showing that he was in the habit of paying from \$64 up to \$153 for each pair of shoes.

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#### STATE BARS ROAD TO SEX DEVIATES

State Motor Vehicles Commissioner Charles F. Kelley cracked down last week on known sex deviates, outlawing them as drivers on state highways.

Kelley ruled for suspension of the motor vehicles licenses of all persons convicted of sex crimes and of other known sex deviates.

"When a reputable physician or psychiatrist certifies that the individual has been cured," Kelley said, "the licenses will be restored."

Commissioner Kelley took the action under a state law which provides that his department may refuse operators' licenses to "improper persons." Kelley's ruling places sex deviates in this category.

Kelley cited "a sharp increase" in use of motor vehicles for immoral purposes as his reason for instituting the restriction.

"Sex deviates who are 'respectable' in their home communities drive to neighboring towns to indulge their peculiarities," he said. "We are going to deny them this opportunity."

The department has invoked suspension in specific sex cases in the past, Kelley added, but the new action makes it

clear that suspension will be the general practice, "a firm rule in sex cases."

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#### IN THE LINE OF CIVIC DUTY

Often, perhaps too often, we take for granted the services rendered to us day in and out by our public servants, our policemen, firemen, mail carriers, for example. Our attitude is generally one of complaisance, especially in regard to our firemen.

Then something happens to make us conscious of the importance of the men who serve us, who brave all sorts of dangers, in every kind of weather, to protect our lives and our property.

Early Saturday morning, December 6, Martin J. Hayden, Chief of the Bridgeport Fire Department, fell thirty feet to the ground from a second-story porch while directing men under his command at a fire in a condemned wooded tenement building. Three hours later he was dead in Bridgeport hospital.

Devoted to the work he loved, Chief Hayden died, actually, "with his boots on" as he walked along the rickety structure. This had been his trade, his profession, for the last 45 years, the last twelve of which he headed the city's department.

Chief Hayden's death is but one among many which come to fire fighters daily throughout the country, in line of duty. The typical fire fighter asks little, but he is always ready, on duty or off, to respond to the call which may end in fatality.

It has often been called organization morale, that strange, powerful force that breeds in each man a do-or-die attitude toward his duty, a courage which sends him into perilous situations when his service is demanded. Chief Hayden had this quality to a marked degree and he was an inspiration to the men who have served with him and under him.

Chief Martin Hayden was big in stature and in heart, a man who at all times commanded the respect of his men, and the public he served so long and so faithfully to the end.

-Bridgeport Post

"Ike" Likes The Connecticut State Police



General Eisenhower and Commissioner Hickey aboard Eisenhower train enroute in Connecticut, October 20, 1952.

OFFICE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Hotel Commodore  
New York 17, New York  
October 30, 1952

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

My warm personal thanks and congratulations go out to you and your men for the outstanding work you did in connection with my visit to Connecticut. The efficient manner in which your excellent arrangements were carried out contributed in large measure to the very real success of the occasion.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

**Party Leaders Like The Connecticut State Police**

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

SPRINGFIELD

ADLAI E. STEVENSON  
GOVERNOR

October 2, 1952

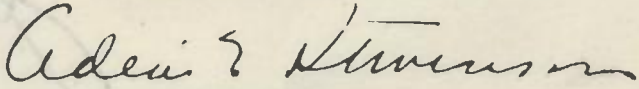
Dear Commissioner Hickey:

I just want you to know how very grateful I am to you and the Connecticut State Police for taking such wonderful care of me and my party during my trip through Connecticut on September 18 and 19.

I expect to be back in Connecticut late this month and I hope that I shall have the opportunity of seeing you again.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Governor

**EISENHOWER FOR PRESIDENT**

CONNECTICUT STATE HEADQUARTERS

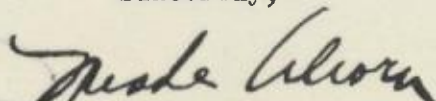
October 23, 1952

Dear Commissioner Hickey:

The job which you and the men of your department did yesterday in connection with General Eisenhower's visit to East Hartford and Hartford was superb. The men in charge of security who were traveling with General Eisenhower told me that it was unsurpassed by anything they had seen throughout the nation. Everything went off with clocklike precision reflecting the greatest credit upon your leadership and the men under your command. Will you kindly convey to them all the very great appreciation and compliments of the State Eisenhower organization.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Chairman



**DEMOCRATIC STATE CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS**

110 ANN STREET • HARTFORD, CONN. • TELEPHONE 4-8561

October 29, 1952

Dear Commissioner:

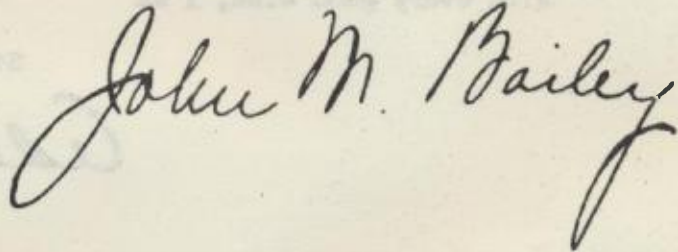
Let me thank you once again for your kindness and co-operation to Governor Stevenson on his trips through Connecticut.

Without the able assistance of your men we would most certainly have had difficulty in New London, New Haven and Bridgeport last Monday.

You and your efficient force are a credit to the State of Connecticut.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,



**EISENHOWER FOR PRESIDENT**  
**STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Chairman*  
Frank O. H. Williams

27 Lewis Street  
Hartford, Conn

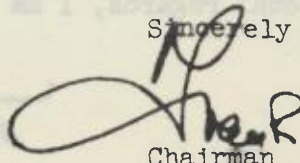
October 21, 1952

Dear Ed:

Having been called a perfectionist myself on many occasions, I want to salute you on what to me was a superb job.

To you and all of your men go my sincere thanks for making this Eisenhower Day in Hartford such a complete success by having everything go so smoothly.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman

# AROUND THE CIRCUIT

VOX-COP

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 1952



The following members of this department are presently in the armed services of our country.

James Buckley, Hartford  
Capt. Ralph J. Buckley, Headquarters  
Earl Elliott, Litchfield  
Off. C. Taylor Hart, Hartford  
Off. Joseph M. Hart, Danielson  
Francis McMahon, Headquarters  
Donald L. Tracy, Stafford  
Theodore R. Yarusewicz, Headquarters

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## STATION "A", RIDGEFIELD

### DISPOSITION OF LOOT POSES PROBLEM

One of our interesting cases dates back to the year of 1950 and winds up in November of 1952. Numerous daytime breaks and thefts occurred at homes under construction in Redding. Stolen from these homes were carpenter's tools, fixtures, shingles and practically every item used in the building trade. Officers attached to this command on patrols and on investigations turned up little or no evidence as to the perpetrator of the crimes. The accused STEPHEN KALETA, we find, was very clever in his operations. A week or more ago a partial number of a registration was given to our officers. Then an investigation was made by Detective Sergeant Robert J. Murphy and Officer Robert C. Sautter. At the Kaleta home in Oxford numerous articles were recovered dating back to 1950. Kaleta has been Bound Over to Superior Court, Fairfield County with the solving of 15 breaks. There is no doubt that Kaleta built his entire home from articles that he stole from Redding homes. Now comes the ques-

tion should his home be dismantled, as most of the articles there have been stolen in the vicinity of Redding?

### METICULOUS WORK

It seems to be quite an advantage in placing the right man on the right case, as in a recent case here, where a man was burned to death in his shack in the town of Danbury. After the fire subsided the remains of the body were taken out and viewed by the Medical Examiner. Question arose as to it being a suspicious death. The Medical Examiner ordered the removal of the body to the undertaking parlor. The Medical Examiner took blood specimens for two purposes: One to determine if death was caused by Carbon Monoxide and the other to determine whether the man was under the influence of liquor at the time of the fire, as it was reputed that he was a drinking man. At first it appeared the remains were so far gone that it would be impossible to get a blood specimen from the victim. The investigators suggested that there might be some blood left in the heart. The Medical Examiner extracted a blood specimen for chemical analysis. The report from the state toxicologist, showed the blood

contained Carbon Monoxide. This tended to prove the man alive at the time of the fire and under the influence of liquor. Following the blood report, the officers were able to determine where the victim had been as he was a habitee and frequenter of certain taverns. He left a tavern with another couple who took him home prior to the fire.

Congratulations to Officer Giardina and Wilson for a thorough investigation.

SEASONS GREETINGS

The personnel of Station "A" wish to extend to all members of the department and their families and to all our friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

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STATION "B", CANAAN

Belatedly we acknowledge the "boost" from Lou Bachman, in his Bristol Press (Conn.) column "Downtown" which we reprint for Around the Circuit readers:

"We often hear about efficiency of our State Police organization and once in a while we come across a case right here at home to demonstrate this. A friend of ours recently had guests from Canada and when the latter headed for home they forgot a suitcase, which contained several articles they just had to have with them.

The State Police was contacted by our friend and within a few minutes through the magic of radio the travelers were flagged down in Harwinton. They returned to Bristol, picked up the missing suitcase and resumed their journey singing the praises of the State Police. Our friend wrote to Ed Hickey to commend the officers involved and the commissioner in a return note said that the organization was always willing to help. He added that the officers who teamed up to contact the wanted cars were Angelo Buffa, Robert Anderson and Leo Turcotte, the later a former Bristol resident.

IN RETIREMENT

Former Lieut. Fred Brandt was elected

Justice of the Peace in the town of North Canaan November 4.

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"TOLLAND COUNTY TALES"

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Within the past month, several transfers of personnel at the station have taken place. Sgt. Lawrence Beizer came to "C" and stayed just long enough for us to get acquainted when off he went to "H". We hated to see him leave but we know that he will be nearer home.

We welcome Det. Sgt. Anton Nelson, who comes to us from "I". In the short time he has been here, he has found himself to be very busy. We know he is going to help us improve the quality of our photography.

Off. John J. Yaskulka, who has been stationed here since becoming a member of the department, has been transferred to Special Service. Capt. Mulcahy has had added to his squad a good thorough investigator. Our station team is going to miss those high scores that you have been making for the team of late, Jack. However, congratulations on your promotion.

From the Traffic Squad, we have Officers Norman Tasker and Stanley Nasiatka, two good additions to the station personnel. We expect plenty of activity from these two.

NEW ARRIVAL

Lt. and Mrs. Taylor announce the birth of a daughter, Marion, on October 23, 1952, at Hartford. Congratulations!

NOW ITS PORCUPINES

Porcupines seem to be quite active in this territory. Not long ago, a woman asked for assistance in getting ~~some~~ quills out of her dog. Off. Koss went to the rescue. Finding that the dog needed medical attention, the owner made arrangements to have him treated by a vet. Before Off. Koss was able to get the dog into the hospital, the dog slipped his collar and took off. After some persuasion on the part of the officer,

the dog was caught. While being lead into the building, the dog, suddenly, turned, jumped and sunk his teeth into the officer. Joe-Joe then made a quick trip to another hospital for immediate treatment. Apparently the dog wanted company in his misery.

Ted Sheiber was more fortunate. The dog he was asked to take to the vets was very well behaved and gave him no trouble. We wonder how soon before the porcupine gets another victim.

ROMANCING VIA TV

A sixteen-year-old young man came to the station and complained that he had been threatened by an older man and told to stay away from a fifteen-year-old girl. Off. Tomlin talked with the parents of the girl, who stated that they did not want the older man paying attention to the daughter and for him to be told to stay away from the home. When the older man was contacted, he said he would do as the parents wished but he would like the officer to accompany him to the home while he removed his television set. Arriving at the home, the parents of the girl stated that they would rather tolerate the man than to loose the television set.

TRUTH IS STILL STRANGER THAN FICTION

Last week, Det. Sgt. Nelson and Off. Horan were questioning the brother of a hit-and-run operator. The brother admitted being in the front seat of the car at the time of the accident and also with him was his fiancée. He stated that he wanted the officers to hasten the questioning as he was going to be married within an hour. When asked the name of his fiancée, he gave only the first name. When asked for the last name, he hesitated, turned and asked his parents, who didn't know. He then called to the girl in the bedroom, where she was dressing for the wedding, and asked her to give her last name. Wonder of wonders. How did he obtain a marriage license?

PREVENTIVE POLICING PRODUCES RESULTS

Smiegel, the "Fox", while on midnight prowl on Route 15, came upon two fellows trying to get a car started. Upon being

questioned, the occupants admitted that they had borrowed the car from a parking lot in New Britain and that they planned to return the car before 7:00 a.m., after a joy ride. The owner was notified of the recovery of his car before he was aware of the fact that it had been stolen. Good work, Walt.

POLICEWOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Connecticut State Policewoman's Division was again honored in having an invitation extended to Margaret E. Jacobson, SPW, attached to this station, to attend the policewomen's conference in Philadelphia on December 9, 1952 and to participate in a radio broadcast. The honor comes not only to Miss Jacobson as a member of this department, but as President of the Connecticut Policewomen's Association.

We are looking forward to a report from Miss Jacobson on this event as the Chief Policewoman in Philadelphia, Norma B. Carson, has earned a nation-wide reputation in the policewomen's service and any program under her leadership is worthy of the attention of all police services.

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STATION "D", DANIELSON

Lieut. Albert Rivers, is at his home convalescing from a serious operation. "Al" as he is known to most of his friends has been on the sick list since October 1st, and we at Sta. D, are looking forward to his return to the station.

Officer Arthur Hess is also convalescing at his home in Eastford. Since we are on this subject I learned recently, while having my car gassed in the garage and talking about Off. Hess to Fred Weigle, that he played a major part in getting Off. Hess to the hospital the day he was shot. In Fred's own version of this story he told me the following: "I was busying fixing one of the cars when the loud speaker blared out, Hess has been shot! Without wait-

ing for another minute to elapse I jumped into the Ambulance with houseman Nick Woyk, and after receiving orders from Sgt. Robert Herr, drove to the scene of the crime." Fred added that he didn't think of anything but to get Art to the hospital, which he did very safely and splendidly.

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Most Police Departments have their Gum shoe detectives and Station D has one with Red Shoes.

VACATIONISTS

The following have been vacationing from our Station: Officer Joseph Guilbeault and wife in Maryland; Sgt. R. Herr; Officers McSweeney; John B. Murphy; Nick Woyk, our houseman; Miss Millicent Maloney, our dispatcher, spent a great deal of time at Montreal, Canada.

CONDOLENCES

Station D extends its sympathy to chef Raoul Lariviere, at the passing of his brother at Willimantic, who had been ill for a long time.

OFF. MURPHY COMPLIMENTED

Recently our Officer John T. Murphy was assigned, at the request of Rowe Wheeler, to bring to HQ a car owned by a suspect believed to be involved in a deer jacking case.

When Off. Murphy picked up the car he noted some liquid in one of the recesses of the car trunk, and came to the conclusion the suspect had washed the trunk to eliminate evidence in the case. Murphy feared the liquid would be dissipated during the trip from Danielson to Headquarters so he collected some of the liquid in a cloth and preserved it.

When the laboratory returned their report of analysis of the liquid the report indicated the liquid contained definite blood cells that could have come only from a deer.

The suspect in the case entered a plea of guilty.

QUICK WORK

A man brandishing a large butcher knife robbed Clifford Burdick, 71, gen-

eral store operator, of about \$150 shortly after 6:30 p.m. December 2.

Within an hour State and Willimantic police apprehended Michael Dubina of Willimantic and Quentin Mosely, also of Willimantic. A witness obtained the registration of the car used, relayed the information to State Police and when the car was identified as Dubina's, State Policeman Walter Stecko, passing through Willimantic went to Dubina's home. When Dubina arrived a few minutes later he was met by Stecko, Willimantic Police Det. Sgt. Francis G. Sayers and other state and local policemen.

Mosely was picked up at his home a short time later. He drove the getaway car.

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STATION "E", GROTON

We searched in vain in the last issue of Vox-Cop for an article concerning the honors recently bestowed upon a former New Londoner, our Commissioner. Not knowing whether this issue will carry any notice of the Public Service award presented to him by the State Bar Association of Connecticut we submit herewith the editorial from the New London Day which reflects the high regard this community holds for Chief:

"HONORS FOR HICKEY"

"How often do the taxpayers get, in return for their contributions to the cost of government, an official in a highly important post with the genius for his job that is so apparent in the case of Edward J. Hickey?

The other night the State Bar association presented its distinguished citizen award to the state police commissioner, at a banquet in Hartford. It was an uncomfortable "state cop" who received it--and the commissioner himself would be the first to acknowledge that he is proud to be called a "state cop". In the first place the television technicians suddenly turned on two huge, high-powered spotlights as he arose to accept his award. "Ed" ducked and

squinted in the blinding light, as well he might. And, secondly, one strongly suspects that he was a little embarrassed at all the acclaim for doing a job which to him seems second nature.

New London has a special place in its estimation of public officials for the commissioner. He lived and worked around here for years. He has a host of friends here, and has returned here frequently on official and unofficial errands. But even the citizen who does not know him must sense the fact that here is an extraordinary man, who has given Connecticut exceptional service for many years, and whose efficiency in his post has won him national and international acclaim.

He has lived state police business for years, with little thought of hours or personal affairs. The commissioner, accepting his award, noted that his efforts would have meant nothing without his loyal and hard-working department behind him. Obviously this is true, but the point is that he had imbued it with his enthusiasm, his relentless determination to hold the ideals of the department high and to enforce the law fearlessly.

Organized crime fears Ed Hickey: law abiding citizens respect him for his tremendous performance over the years. He deserves the honor in a unique sense--for service far beyond the ordinary in his vitally important job."

#### LOCAL NEWS

The New London and Norwich Police Departments had parades and activities during the past Halloween for the kiddies. This program did keep troubles down.

New London P. D. reports a switch on the old "man bites dog" story. A lady parked her car, placed coin in meter, and left. She returned to find the meter resting gently in a groove it had made in her fender. Could this be a new way of penalizing overtime parkers. Instead of a ticket, a dent? We couldn't get a reasonable answer from the meter at the time.

Capt. John Scroggins, Groton P. D., was given the rank of chief of police and his first official act was to ele-

vate Patrolman Falvey to Acting Sergeant.

#### STATION BRIEFS

Lt. Leslie Williams was guest speaker at a meeting of the Home School association of Fitch High school in Groton.

We had an emergency call for the ambulance recently and the personnel were all busy at the time. We in the office were not surprised to see the ambulance dash off to the scene with none other than Lt. Mackenzie at the wheel.

Chief Parole Officer McIlduff, of the Connecticut State Prison, was a visitor at the barracks recently.

Commissioner Hickey spoke in Norwich at a meeting of "The Norwich Safety Council" held at the Norwich Free Academy.

State Policewoman Marjorie Urquhart was a speaker at the Lions Club in Norwich.

The towns of Sprague and Salem are now under our protective wings. Other towns under our jurisdiction are East Lyme, Waterford, New London, Norwich, Montville, Ledyard, Preston, North Stonington, Stonington, and Groton.

Lieut. Mackenzie and Officer Paul Hickey were guests recently of the New London chapter of the American Red Cross when they welcomed their new director. Whoops, my dear, it was a tea party and nothing like the one staged in Boston years ago.

#### WOULD-BE-COP GIVES LADY BREAK

A man was arrested after following and overtaking a woman and going through the motion of writing a summons. Before issuing it he declared he would give her a break and tore it up. Officer O'Connor's investigation of the case revealed the badge he had displayed was a fireman's badge and the would-be "copper" was arrested for Impersonating an Officer and Breach of Peace.

#### PAGING SHERLOCK HOLMES

An auto operator catching up on some sleep at the wheel of his parked car in a small suburb nearby reports he was forced at the point of a gun, he never saw, to drive to New York. As the story goes, when the operator awoke his hands

were tied behind his back with his own belt. The stranger sitting next to him was threatening to kill him with a gun he did not produce. As the car approached the toll house on the Merritt Parkway, many many miles from here, he opened the door, rolled out, and shouted for help. The stranger roared off with the car. Sgt. Dygert is investigating the case.

PS: All complaints are to be investigated. We bet Sherlock could solve this easy as he is "out of this world."

#### HOW TRUE

Some motorists drive as if they had heard there is a shortage of hospital space and only those who hurry can be accommodated.

#### FARROW IN 23RD YEAR WITH STATE POLICE

Sgt. Farrow started on his 23rd year of service in the department Wednesday, November 5.

During the last 22 years Sergeant Farrow has been at Groton for 17 years. The other five years he spent in tours of duty at barracks at Beacon Falls, Danielson, Stafford Springs, Westbrook and Bethany.

#### IF THIS KEEPS UP THE GUY WILL HAVE TO SEE HIS BANKER

Howard P. Brackett of 35 Truman Street allegedly did it again.

He was arrested November 3 by State Policeman Edward A. O'Connor of Groton barracks on charges of speeding and driving while his license was under suspension. He was freed on a \$235 bond for Groton town court.

About 8 a.m. November 8 Brackett was arrested for a second time by O'Connor and charged with driving under suspension. He put up another bond of \$300 and is scheduled to answer both charges.

Both times, the officer said, he caught Brackett while the latter was on his way to work in Groton.

#### CO-OPERATIVE POLICE WORK

Another attempted safe job has been solved in "E" territory through the arrest of Robert Ricard and Marcel Lanoue, of Rhode Island. An attempted robbery at the fire house at Quaker Hill, on

October 19, 1952 created quite a stir and it is good to know that the combined efforts of Stations "D" and "E" with local police in Rhode Island (Woonsocket) cleared this matter with the arrest of Ricard and Lanoue. An alert Woonsocket detective, learning about the arrest of two safe robbers in Rhode Island for offenses in that State notified Station "D" at Danielson as to this pair and that Lanoue was wanted by Woonsocket P. D. on a five-state alarm. It was the Woonsocket detective who played the hunch that Lanoue might be involved in safe jobs in Connecticut and he passed word on to Station "D", who in turn passed it on to Station "E". It is this kind of cooperation and coordination that makes good police work, especially for the two southern New England states. Credit is given to the three agencies who through this unity brought to an end the mystery of the Quaker Hill fire house.

CONGRATULATIONS to Woonsocket, to Station "D" and to Station "E".

#### CHARLIE MCCARTHY IN ARIZONA

Christmas Greetings to our "pal" Charlie McCarthy, U. S. Army C.I.D. Fort Huachuca Arizona. "Charlie" sends greetings to all CSP. "Great organization," say "Mac," and those who don't like it, should travel around and see some others."

#### SEASONS GREETINGS

The entire personnel (and we mean entire) wish all our brethren and sistern A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and may all your fondest dreams and desires materialize in the future New Year.

#### WINTER WEATHER TIP

One of the best winter weather precautions that can be taken is to carry a small box of sand and a little shovel around in the trunk of the car, says Joseph Lamoureux, club service manager, "Many times road conditions do not justify chains on the car," he said, "but a car can be struck on a small patch of ice in a parking lot or driveway. A handful or so of sand will usually solve the problem." ---Connecticut Motorist

**STATION 'F', WESTBROOK**

Another one of "F's Finest" brought honorable mention to Westbrook Area recently in the detection of crime and speedy apprehension of two dangerous criminals fleeing across the state. Our own "Tommy" Nichols gained in this race with armed bandits and safe robbers. The "Spotlight" tells the story in this Vox-Cop issue but we at "F" reprint the following New Haven Register editorial:

**ALERT POLICE WORK**

"Two alleged Massachusetts holdup men are under arrest and in the hands of the law today merely because a Connecticut State Policeman kept his eyes open and his mind on his job. This officer, Trooper Thomas Nichol, has been commended by State Police Commissioner Hickey for "his courage and tenacity." He should be commended and thanked by the public as well, for he has served them admirably in his handling of this situation.

"The fact that these men, armed and dangerous, are under arrest must be attributed to the fact that this officer was attending strictly to business. At the moment he was not looking for anything in particular--but he was looking. His suspicions were aroused. He soon found these suspicions were justified when the men, operating an allegedly stolen car, attempted to flee at a high rate of speed when he endeavored to stop them.

"A chase followed and capture was affected at gun-point. The result--discovery in the vehicle of a safe reported taken in a Foxboro, Mass., holdup, along with some \$500 in cash.

"This capture represents an example of law enforcement that heightens public respect for police officers. It promotes a public feeling of greater confidence and security. It represents a job well done, the hallmark of excellence in any task."

Congratulations "Tommy"

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

We welcome to this station Officers

Burkhardt and Konopka. Reluctantly we bid farewell to Disp. Peter Puzone, who after 11 years service at this station, has been transferred to Headquarters Communications Division. His departure leaves a void in our staff which will be hard to fill, but we have all consoled ourselves with the thought that the transfer affords "Peter" an advancement which he deserves.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We at "F" are proud of Tom Nichol! His alertness, tenacity, and courage resulted in the recent apprehension of two dangerous criminals.

**VANDALS APPREHENDED**

Off. John O'Brien after an intensive investigation into the knocking over of many monuments in the Chester Cemetery last Halloween arrested three teen-age vandals who were responsible. The Chester court imposed substantial fines and a jail sentence in each case.

**CULINARY CREW BACK TO NORMAL**

Chef William Young, who has been seriously ill since late August, and who spent considerable time at the Veteran's Hospital at Rocky Hill, is now back on the job, hale and hearty. Soon "Bill" will spend his annual vacation in Florida. Sam Solias, while "Bill" was ill, demonstrated his versatility by ably spelling him as chef.

**AGE IS A RELATIVE FACTOR**

Off. George Fagan, who arrived here October 1st became a little perplexed at the scene of an accident when the 75 year old driver involved, whom he was interviewing, kept insisting that the old fellow who was driving the other car was at fault. George, in view of this fact, entertained the possibility that the accident investigation would extend far beyond its normal confines, until he found the other driver was 89 years young!

**YULETIDE GREETINGS**

Lt. Mangan and the entire personnel of Station "F" extend to one and all, their wishes for joy and happiness at the Christmas Season!



STATION "G", WESTPORT

OFF. WINSLOW COMPLIMENTED

This compliment was paid to Officer Winslow by a prominent New Yorker who wrote to headquarters:

"The other day I was picked up for a slight infraction by your trooper, Winslow. As a new resident in your state, I would like to compliment this officer through you, for his very unusual courtesy and thoughtfulness."

"I gather this is typical of your organization, and believe me it was most refreshing."

Signed: D.E.S.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

John G. Carlson, former state policeman of Fairfield, who was granted a year's leave of absence last October, was reinstated in the department Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Westport barracks.

He is a veteran of 10 years service with the state police and was chief photographer in the Westport barracks. He has been in Florida for the past year. Sgt. Marchese said Patrolman Carlson will return to his photographic duties.

Also, Nov. 1, seven rookie state policemen were assigned to the Westport barracks. Four regular policemen were transferred from Westport to duty in other barracks.

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STATION "H", HARTFORD

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

On November 1st we bade farewell to Lieut. Philip Schwartz, who left Station H to take command of Station I in Bethany. In the same breath, we bade welcome to Lieut. Victor Clarke. We wish them both the best of luck in their new, respective assignments.

WELCOME

While we are in a welcoming mood, we extend greetings to the three new offi-

cers who were assigned here on November 1st and trust they will be happy with their first permanent assignment. At least the general area of Hartford County won't be new to them after their stint of duty with the now disbanded TS Squad on Route 15, namely, Officers Anthony Kurylo, Orlando Ragazzi and Robert Riemer.

AU REVOIR

To offset our pleasure in connection with the additional three men added to our crew (you knew there was a catch somewhere!) yup, we had to give up two good men in order to obtain them. Sgt. John Lawrence and Officer Vincent O'Brien decided to cast their lot with the SS boys and when last heard from, both men had their respective noses pressed tightly against the grindstone, accompanied by several others from their clan, attempting to crash through the shell surrounding the assault on an elderly Wethersfield resident which occurred early in the afternoon of November 6, 1952. The case from all reports is a headache, as any clues at all seem to be conspicuous by their absence, or else completely misleading.

AFFECTED BY THE MOON

There are times when we are nearly convinced that the moon in its travel around the heavens really does affect certain persons in a rather adverse fashion. Within the past week two of our officers, Marcel Simon and Arthur Johnson, engaged in a shooting affray with one George Burbank, age 68, who suddenly decided one quiet afternoon to wipe out the other occupants of the farmhouse where he resided on East Street in North Granby. The other occupants consisted of two elderly women, one 68 and the other about 80. Barricading himself in a room of the home, he loaded his double-barreled shotgun and a 22 cal. repeating rifle and proceeded to terrorize the elder of the two women whom he had in the room with him for a couple of hours. Finally, by means of a combination of skill, subterfuge and plain luck, the elderly woman was whistled out of the room. After much stalking about the premises, both on the part of Bur-

bank and the officers followed by an exchange of gunfire during which, fortunately, neither side was hit, Burbank was captured. After an examination on the scene conducted by Dr. Owen Murphy of Simsbury, emergency committment papers were filled out and Officer Simon transported the now weaponless gentleman to the State Hospital in Middletown.

Three days later Officer Charles Pritchard was sent to answer a call for assistance received from a family in the town of Berlin. Upon his arrival at the home, and much to his surprise, he found the 34-year-old son of the family lying in a semi-conscious condition out in a field a short distance from the family homestead. In an apparent attempt to commit suicide he had crushed in the top of his head with a large rock by holding it in his hand and smashing it against his own skull. He was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance where he was placed on the critical list.

Again a few days later a call was received from the Southington Police Department for assistance in handling a situation similar to the Granby incident related above. At 2:35 a.m. one George Wood, recently released from a mental institution, armed with two guns decided to create a bit of commotion and locked himself in a room on the first floor of the house where he was living. Officer Harry Myers and Robert Riemer were dispatched to the scene armed with tear gas and other similar accoutrements suitable for such situations. It was reported that one or more shots had already been fired by Wood prior to the arrival of the officers. However, after he was finally taken into custody (fortunately with no injuries to anyone) it was ascertained that he had merely set off a large fire cracker inside the house!

#### FIRST FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Officer John McGurk received his initiation in the sad art of investigating Fatal Accidents when he was assigned to H-673-H Saturday evening, November 1st. Another pedestrian's life was snuffed out on the now infamous "Death Alley" (Berlin Turnpike to you) that dangerous stretch of Route 15 running between

Hartford and Meriden. We fervently hope that the intended plan of the State Highway Department to close off numerous cross-overs and string some 18 or 20 new automatic signal lights will have a dampening effect on the speeding and accidents in the winter season just ahead. Most of the guy wires intended for support of the new lights, have already been strung up. Here's hoping it won't be too long before the lights themselves are up and working.

#### VACATIONS

Officers Paige and Palin just wound up the last week of their 1952 vacation. When interrogated a few hours prior to commencing his time off, Brother Palin intimated quite strongly that he was heading for the Hills of Sharon to hole up in a log cabin for a few days of hunting (don't ask us what for). However, when someone at the barracks had occasion to call his home in New Britain a day or two later on the remote chance that someone might be home, whose familiar tones should greet him?? You guessed it!! The big game hunter, home already. Must have forgotten to bring those "longies" with him and decided to call it quits a bit early. Cold up in them thar hills u know!!!

#### PARKING

Just in case you hadn't noticed lately (you'd have to be blind not to) the parking situation at Headquarters and Station "H" is really something to behold. Talk about conditions being acute! This has gone beyond that stage. Latest reports hint that some relief may be in sight soon. That is, if our next door neighbors to the south are agreeable to absorbing a few of our overflow vehicles. We sure are at the saturation point here. All of which is a far cry from the prevailing conditions back in 1936 or thereabouts when a certain gentleman on the premises is credited with the remark, "What in the world are they going to do with all this room?" as he looked over the then spacious grounds.

#### CONVALESCENT

We are glad to see Officer Jimmy Parrott back at work again after being laid

up for some time with a lame back. Even the best of us get floored occasionally. Easy does it Jim. It's going to be a long winter!

#### TAKES ALL KINDS

If you don't believe it, ask Officer Joseph Minieri. He recently had occasion to stop and check a woman motorist for some minor violation only to discover that she was without any credentials indicating her right to operate or to possess the vehicle she was driving. Feeling it necessary to obtain the oft repeated "Signal 4 & 5", he explained the procedure to the motorist with the statement that if she would bear with him a few moments and her license proved to be in good standing, she would be on her way immediately. Much to his surprise, he was regaled with a torrent of vitriolic abuse, informed that her time was much too valuable to be wasted in such a silly fashion over such a trivial detail; told him that she was enroute to New Haven and there was no reason in the world why he couldn't toddle right along behind her while she continued her trip, and when he finally received his data on the radio relative to her driving status he then could halt her momentarily, indicate that she was free, and thus not detain her more than about 45 seconds for the entire procedure. Well, Joe just how long did you hold this (charming) young lady up??

#### NEW CHIEFS (HAIL)

After more than a year without a regular Chief of Police the town of Suffield has at long last appointed a full-time man to the position. Edward Sutura, age 29, a World War II veteran has taken over the title as of November, 1952. We trust that he will be as capable and well liked as the Acting Chief Mr. Edwin Brigham who has been filling in both as First Selectman (Mayor to you City Folks) and Police Chief, as well as running his candy factory on the side. Doing a good job at all three as far as we could determine. Best of luck to both.

Deputy Chief of Police Carl Reynolds of Hazardville who has been a member of the Enfield Police Department for 30

years has been appointed by the Enfield Police Commission to head the department. He will succeed Chief Charles Lockwood who tendered his resignation to the commission because of ill health. Chief Lockwood's retirement will take effect on November 27. Both Lockwood and Reynolds were appointed to their present positions on the force March 20 of this year.

The Police Commission in a special session recently voted to abolish the office of deputy chief and create the office of lieutenant to which Officer David Luke was appointed. In this capacity Luke will be second in command.

#### EX-CHIEF (FAREWELL)

Speaking of Chiefs, word has come to our attention that George "Cape" Hall, long-time chief of the Glastonbury gendarms, tendered his resignation to the Board of Police Commissioners on Friday, November 14, 1952. His cheerful personality and good-natured disposition will be missed by those of us who had occasion to do business in his town. Incidentally, the new first section of the new East Hartford-Glastonbury Expressway officially opens to the general public on Friday, November 21, 1952. The portion located in East Hartford will be policed by the boys in blue from that town, whereas the lower or major portion situated in Glastonbury, will be policed by this department, more specifically, by the boys from Station "K" because on the same date (November 21st) Glastonbury officially became part of Colchester's territory in a slight re-shuffling of towns.

#### COMPLIMENTS OF SEASON

Christmas Greetings to Captain (Retired) and Mrs. Walter F. Stiles, 1319 Conway Road, Orlando, Florida.

#### "ABOUT POLICE PHOTOGRAPHY"

Sergt. Edward Tierney's recent article in Vox-Cop "About Police Photography" attracted nation-wide attention which resulted in reprints in many local and state police publications, but it took the Michigan State Journal to put one over on our popular and competent photographer when the by-line cred-

it was given to Sergt. Edward "Fierney".

We're looking to Sergt. "Ed" for more informative articles on police photography.

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STATION "K", COLCHESTER

AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ELECTION

First Selectman Winthrop Porter of Hebron was elected president of the Inter-County Ambulance Association for the ensuing year at the group's annual meeting Oct. 30, Lt. Robert Rundle, commander of State Police Station K, where the ambulance is housed, reported that the ambulance made 242 trips during the past year.

Because of the present manpower at the barracks the association voted to allow State Police auxiliaries and selectmen of the various member towns to answer some of the ambulance calls. The ambulance services 10 towns in the Colchester area.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Miller (our own Lois) announced the arrival of John Rickard, Nov. 8th. Congratulations!

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STATION "L", LITCHFIELD

The bouquets for Litchfield County Barracks were evenly distributed last month by the columnists beyond the hills of Litchfield. The "Canaan Flashes" reprint the Bristol Press comments and we now offer Neil Bulger's "Yankee Pedlar" column about the Beau Brummels from Station L:

"NATTY STATE POLICE"

"The neat-as-wax appearance of the State Troopers at the Litchfield barracks is a reflection of smartly-poled dress of the station's commander, Lt. William T. Casey. A native of Bridgeport and a newcomer to the Litch-

field Hills, the officer has already acquired a deep-rooted appreciation of his assignment. "We have so many fine people to serve that it's a pleasure to work in this territory," the tall, handsome and affable officer observed. He took justifiable pride in the compliments which he received on the alertness and courteous behavior of his troopers who made up part of the special detachment that provided security for Gov. Adlai Stevenson during his campaign appearance in New Haven's Railroad station. The Litchfield troopers, in turn, had obviously taken a leaf out of their commander's book. Their uniforms had that fresh-from-the-laundry look and every part of their grooming could easily have passed a West Point commander's most rigid inspection."

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' PROGRAM

The Amateur Radio Station W1ODG, under the direction and guidance of Ed Toloski of Torrington, is included in the Civil Defense program for the Litchfield area. We note with interest the recent news item in the Torrington Register about the amateur radio operators joining with others in the nation's radio and television industry to celebrate National Radio and Television Week. The majority of the members of the Connecticut State Police Auxiliary in the Communications Section constitute this service. Weekly meetings are held at the Litchfield Station where mobile drills are practiced and all equipment kept in good operating condition. When one stops to think the time and effort put in by radio amateurs is voluntary, without compensation, and the equipment personally owned, we realize and appreciate the spirit of loyalty which prompts these fine citizens to serve the department.

HIT AND RUN DRIVERS APPREHENDED

At 8:49 p.m. on October 11th, Harold Remsen, RFD # 2, Litchfield, stopped at the barracks and complained that while enroute to his home in Northfield he was sideswiped by another car travelling in the opposite direction. No description was obtained of the motor vehicle which failed to stop. Off. John Falvey, Jr.

was assigned to this investigation and before 12:00 M the perpetrator had been summoned to appear in Litchfield Court on October 13. He was found guilty of the charge of evading responsibility and was fined. Case closed!

At 9:44 p.m. on October 11th, Mrs. Bessie Reath, Watertown, called the barracks and reported her car being struck by a northbound vehicle which failed to stop on Route 63, Morris. Off. Frank Duren was assigned to investigate this matter. Arriving at the scene several bits of evidence were found, among which was a rubber mud flap. At 12:30 a.m., after completing another case, the car was located and identified by the missing flap and damage. The perpetrator, confronted with this evidence, readily admitted having been involved. On October 16th he was found guilty in the Morris Justice Court and fined. Case closed!

We take pride in pointing out the above cases as these two complaints were received within an hour and solved in less than four hours.

#### ANTICIPATION

The following is unusual inasmuch as the case was solved prior to receipt of complaint.

On November 11th, while on patrol, Off. Robert L. Waltz checked the Williams place located on Lake Waramaug in the town of Warren and found a broken pane of glass. On investigating he found that the door was still fastened on the inside and upon entering the premises found no evidence of entry. On checking for a stone or other object used to break the window, as it was evident that the window had been broken from the outside, a rustling sound was heard. Investigating further a large partridge suddenly arose and flew out the door which had been left open. A further check disclosed no other means of entry for the bird, and it was quite evident that the bird had flown against the glass, causing it to break, and landed on the inside. On November 18 a letter was received at the barracks from agents of the owner reporting the above break and requesting investigation. Case closed. Perpetrator identified but

not located. (No Warrant on File)

#### PERSONNEL NOTES

We are pleased to report at this time that Mrs. Cleve Fuessenich, who was recently confined to the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, has returned home to relieve her husband of his household chores.

Two letters that were being prepared to send to Santa Claus have been torn up and discarded. Reason? Off. Paul Falzone and Off. Neil Hurley have received their 1952 model Fords.

In regard to the above a couple of songs have been dedicated to Officer Thompson:

- "My Heart Cries for You"
- "In My Merry Old Ford"
- "Its Been a Long Long Time"
- "Wishing"

During the past couple of weeks Off. John J. Kenny Jr., "Our Rookie", has had a baptism under fire due to the volume of complaints, etc. that have been coming in on his patrol. It is getting to the point he wonders where the time will come from for him to get caught up on his reports, etc.

Off. Wilcox has a new assignment, working on case B-57-H. He is assigned to check Litchfield County areas in a department jeep, in an effort to locate "Connie Smith". This assignment also affords another opportunity for our "John" in finding new territory to explore. We hope that both his goals will be successful and we wonder why it is that John looks for a nice soft pillow at the end of his tour of duty, especially to sit on.

The personnel of this station wish to extend their congratulations to Capt. George H. Remer on his recent promotion and wish him the best of luck and success on his new assignment.

#### OFFICER THOMPSON AGAIN PERFORMS A REAL SERVICE.

The cruel way in which Dame Fortune treats some mortals is often provocation enough to sit down and have a good cry. And Nicholas Gnozzo and his family of 178 Barton St., Torrington, did just that recently.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO - OCTOBER, 1932

State Trooper Leonard Watson, Canaan Barracks, died at Meriden Hospital from injuries suffered when the motorcycle he was riding went out of control at the Notch, West Cheshire, throwing him to the pavement. Witnesses said that the cycle stand fell down in the rear and caused the machine to swerve and go out of control. Trooper Theodore Strand following Watson some distance came upon his prostrate body. A passing auto was commandeered to take the victim to the hospital where he died.

COMMUNICATIONS, HEADQUARTERS

"We receive few bouquets for services--important as such services are to a police organization--so when one comes our way we hope Ye Editor will let us "in" on the Vox-Cop reprints." Ye Editor is pleased to note the contribution and reprints it:

"To Communications CSP--Your efforts to get our brother home from the Service last Saturday to attend mother's funeral

will ever be remembered by our family.

"Your courtesy, consideration, and efficient service are remembered in this time of stress and sorrow.

"Brother made it, thanks to your Sergeant and the others who helped us in this hour of need".

Sincerely,  
J. J. O'K.

WOODBURY BANK ROBBERY ON TV

State Policemen George Bunnell, William Wallace, Leo Dymkoski, and Capt. George Remer were given honorable mention on the Gangbusters' TV program for the part they played last season in the capture of two brothers following holdup at the Woodbury Savings bank.

To wish you every Happiness  
for Christmas  
and in the New Year

From the Commissioner and Officers  
of the Bermuda Police Force.

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C.S.P. HIGH LIGHTS FOR 1952

JANUARY

State police training school graduates assigned to Traffic Division. Special traffic detail, including trainees, assigned to Berlin Turnpike patrol to reduce accidents.

Station "E", Groton, complimented for Seventh Annual New London "County Kids' Konclave" at U. S. Navy Submarine Base theater. Eight hundred youngsters, eighth grade students from rural schools, entertained and awards given to winner in "Atomically Speaking" Essay Contest.

At Mansfield, housewife alone at home during night season frightened by unidentified man's knock at her door orders him to leave and when he does not do so shoots him. Dead man had intended to call on girl friend but had come to the wrong address.

"Case of the sticky footprint" at Vernon solved with arrest of Hartford

man who had stepped into tank of wood preservative in act of breaking into business establishment.

FEBRUARY

Crime Prevention Week (February 17-23) marked by C. S. P. with state-wide radio broadcasts featuring C. S. P. personnel.

Passing of James L. McGovern, associate Editor, Bridgeport Post, frequent contributor to Vox-Cop, honorary member of C. S. P. Training School, and loyal supporter of police services, mourned by all. State Police serve as active bearers at funeral in Bridgeport.

Tragedy strikes in North Stonington as three children from one family drown after falling through ice. Children were aged two, six and nine. Bodies recovered and artificial respiration applied for more than an hour to no avail.

## AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Strict enforcement of statutes concerning fraudulent sales of Kosher Products invoked with assignment of Officer Donald Paige. State-wide support given project.

Intensive, round-the-clock, selective enforcement program on Route 84, Station "E" area, results in a substantial number of arrests for violations of the motor vehicle laws and a comparable reduction in automobile accidents and the resulting injuries and deaths.

Woman at Willington reports a prowler and officer assigned from Station "E" follows footprints in snow to back door of another home in vicinity. Finds prowler enjoying a meal in kitchen and returns him to institution from which he escaped.

At Somers, alert Station "C" officer, while on patrol finds motorist who "left his license at home". A trip to the home reveals motorist was operating under suspension and was passing himself off as brother.

Two double fatal accidents occur during month in town of Willington on Route 15. One operator fatally injured, other found guilty of negligent operation by coroner.

### MARCH

Training School at Bethany opens doors to class of trainees and includes students from local police departments of New Britain, Norwich and Groton.

C. S. P. takes over evening shift in New Britain while local police attend Chief Daniel J. Cosgrove testimonial.

Special Service Division conducts successful raids for gaming and bottle clubs at various locations in the state.

State official arrested for embezzlement of state agency and also for bigamy. A prominent citizen, he received state-wide publicity followed by prison sentence.

Three men with long prison records who had eluded pursuit by Rhode Island State Police were captured at Warrenville by a blockade instituted by Station "C" officers.

Modern case of "Fagin and pupil" uncovered at Ashford and results in arrest

of area farmer for sharing in spoils of burglaries committed by young associate.

### APRIL

Pay increases granted many members of C. S. P. through state reclassification of jobs report. Increases ordered retroactive to April 1 by Governor John Lodge.

Six C. S. P. officers attend police traffic training course at Northeastern University, Boston.

Federal grand jury gives Connecticut compliments on lack of organized crime.

Merritt Parkway scene of side-by-side patrols as C. S. P. cracks down on speeders.

Station "E", Groton, had one-man crime wave. In two days subject burglarized post office, restaurant, garage and homes, stole two automobiles, one motor boat and a horse. Apprehended and committed to a mental hospital.

More than 80 boys, ranging from 14 to 19 years of age, apprehended in Station "A", Ridgefield area, for series of burglaries. One committed suicide. Others placed on probation or sent to Juvenile Court. Station "A" publicly complimented for outstanding detective work.

Three Springfield youths arrested for three breaks in town of Somers. Youths were spotted by truck driver while in act of entering a package store. All apprehended after investigation.

### MAY

Harvard Seminar in Legal Medicine finds two members of C. S. P. enrolled.

Traffic Division patrol on Berlin Turnpike results in marked decrease in accidents.

Retired Officer Donald C. Browne died at Newington Veterans' Hospital.

Fire and explosion at Wallingford powder plant kills one employee. Station "I" and Special Traffic Detail complimented for quick response to emergency and rescue services with local P. D.

Station "E" participates in search at Montville for two missing youngsters, ages three and four. Hundreds of police

## AROUND THE CIRCUIT

and firemen, auxiliaries, soldiers, sailors and civilians join in hunt. Children found following day in woods, unharmed but frightened.

Civil Defense Demonstration in "E" area brings all police and fire services into action. One hundred and three pieces of mobile fire equipment responded to trial.

Station "I" assists Shelton P. D. in solution of Coffee Shop holdup with two arrests for armed robbery.

Bridgeport P. D. and Station "I", working together, solve series of burglaries in valley town with eight arrests, including six receivers of stolen goods. Letters of commendation given "I" officers.

Station "C" officers assist in restoring order at University of Connecticut after male students indulged in raid at girls' dormitories which was part of a springtime phase throughout nation.

### JUNE

State Policewoman Margaret Jacobson elected president of State Policewomen's Association.

Class of trainees graduated from C. S. P. Training school.

Willimantic Bank held up. Case is successfully solved and perpetrators apprehended.

Man receives long term in State Prison after investigation reveals he molested forcibly a small girl in Litchfield.

Station "E" case involves murder of a man by daughter, aided by mother.

President Harry S. Truman visits Groton for atomic submarine keel laying. Largest concentration of State Police personnel ever assembled in Groton area provides security.

Special Service Division arrest in Torrington nips plan to illegally organize fireworks dealers by intimidation. Man arrested, found guilty on two charges.

Series of gaming raids in Savin Rock amusement section results in 18 arrests by C. S. P.

State policemen at Station "C" win first prize as marching unit during

Amvets convention and parade at Stafford Springs.

### JULY

Connie Smith missing at Lakeville. Search still active.

Officer Arthur Hess critically wounded by demented killer. Returns to duty after stay at hospital.

Superior Pants Company, Norwich, payroll robbed. Solved with arrests at New York City.

Extensive effort over Fourth of July holiday by C. S. P. features roadside signs, radio spot announcements, press releases, extensive patrol coverage.

Rape case in Redding successfully solved by Station "A" officers who were given meager clues by hysterical girl.

Shelton High School entered and 10 typewriters stolen. Three arrests made by Station "I" officers investigating the case.

At Niantic, man running from back of liquor store at night is apprehended and convicted on breaking, entering and theft charges.

Thames River Bridge is scene of tragedy as demented D. P. pushes sweetheart off bridge and then jumped. Bodies recovered after dragging operations for several days.

At Mansfield a worker at a mill was trapped by water breaking through flood gate. Rescue equipment from several towns used. Station "C" officers assist in recovery of body.

Glastonbury pilot killed at Coventry when plane crashes while attempting forced landing.

### AUGUST

Zgierski murder at Berlin. Two Providence men arrested at Rhode Island for slaying.

Five car thefts by one culprit solved by alert Station "E" officer.

Several barn fires at Mansfield and Coventry plague Station "C" investigators. Investigation reveals two runaway boys from state institution had set fires.

## AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### SEPTEMBER

Labor Day traffic shows highest count in years. Accident frequency limited. All public information facilities utilized in the state and every man on patrol for the holiday period.

Cooperation between state, local police and other law enforcement agencies considered excellent during the year reached a peak in September and October in arranging for escorts to President Truman, President-Elect Eisenhower, Democratic candidate Stevenson and others.

Auxiliary services of C. S. P. utilized to full extent during Cigar Harvest Festival in Hartford and in escorts for president and presidential candidates.

Phony diamond scheme nipped by Station "L" personnel as swindler is arrested after trap is set in Waterbury for culprit who passed imitations for the real thing in Thomaston. (Case L-297-H)

Alert Policewoman Nancy Williams while accompanying Station "E" investigators to New York Police lineup spots an escapee from Connecticut State Farm for Women and effects her return to prison.

At Tolland County Superior Court, Hartford resident charged with indecent assault acts as own counsel against advice of others. Found guilty and when sentenced to prison vows vengeance against citizens.

During Labor Day weekend a Vernon resident decided police needed assistance and took it upon himself to stop cars on highway, flashing wallet to indicate he had badge. Arrested on impersonation charges.

Teen-age boy accidentally killed at Willington during target practice.

### OCTOBER

C. S. P. shifts announced to combat crime rise.

Private home burglarized, occupants robbed at Wilton. Case solved. Two bandits captured after fleeing from armed robberies in Westport and Norwalk. Station "G" and Sgt. Bennett Compliment-

ed publicly.

George H. Remer promoted from lieutenant to field captain.

Hartford man goes beserk and kills wife, two friends, wounds another before he himself dies in flaming automobile.

Pedestrian-car accident on Wilbur Cross results in death of seven-year-old boy.

Arrest by Station "I" clears several cases of obtaining goods by false pretenses in Derby, breaking and entering in Old Saybrook and theft in Branford.

Station "E" auxiliary Carl Chagnon apprehends suspect who later admits breaking and entering four business establishments in town of Groton. Money and other loot recovered.

### NOVEMBER

Armistice Day finds one policewoman, three policemen and six civilian employees of State Police Department in services of United States.

Kidnapping at Portland of 12-year-old girl. Girl found at Cromwell. Case pending.

Station "E" officers investigate case involving theft of ladies' underwear from the clothes lines of at least 10 families of the community of Gales Ferry in the town of Ledyard.

Station "C" officers assist Rockville city police after series of breaks in Rockville. Fifteen-year-old boy admits series of deprivations after arrest.

Sixty-eight-year-old man goes beserk at North Granby. Fires several shotgun charges at State Police officers before being subdued and sent to state mental hospital for observation.

### DECEMBER

Holdup man apprehended by Willimantic and State Police about one hour after holdup in Chaplin.

West Hartford couple held at bay in their own home by robber during leisurely visit. New Cadillac taken. Robber and car recovered two days later by alert New York State Trooper at Schroom Lake.



JOHN A. LYDDY  
Superintendent

## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

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December 10, 1952

Commissioner Edward J. Hickey  
State Police Department  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Commissioner:

I wish to convey to you and to the members of your Department my personal appreciation and the appreciation of this Department for the splendid assistance and cooperation, which the State Police afforded us during the recent operations, which resulted in the apprehension of a group of felons wanted for a series of store burglaries in this city.

I am particularly appreciative of the rapidity with which the State Police afforded road blocks in conjunction with this activity. I feel certain that the road blocks would have resulted in apprehension of these criminals had they not switched motor vehicles before leaving the city and had they not been joined by a fourth person. This fact altered the description given in the alarm and in all possibility permitted the wanted men to reach New Haven.

I know you will well appreciate my satisfaction in observing the type of police cooperation which was extended in this entire operation because I know you have been a life long exponent of that type of police activity.

This entire Department is deeply gratified that this critical series of crimes has been halted and the perpetrators have been identified and apprehended, and we are most desirous that those persons who assisted us be acquainted with our gratitude.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Lyddy*  
Superintendent of Police

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Season's

Greetings



BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS  
AND THE NEW YEAR  
from

Policewoman Gladys W. Harrington  
Ithaca, New York

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
from

Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover and Associates

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
from  
the members of the Sparrows Point  
Maryland Police Department

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
from  
Geo McManus  
9867 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, California

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
from  
James Melton

The Chief Constable, Officers and  
Member of the City of Vancouver  
Police Department extend  
Best Wishes for Christmas and  
the New Year

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
from  
Walter F. Stiles  
Captain Retired C. S. P.  
Orlando, Florida

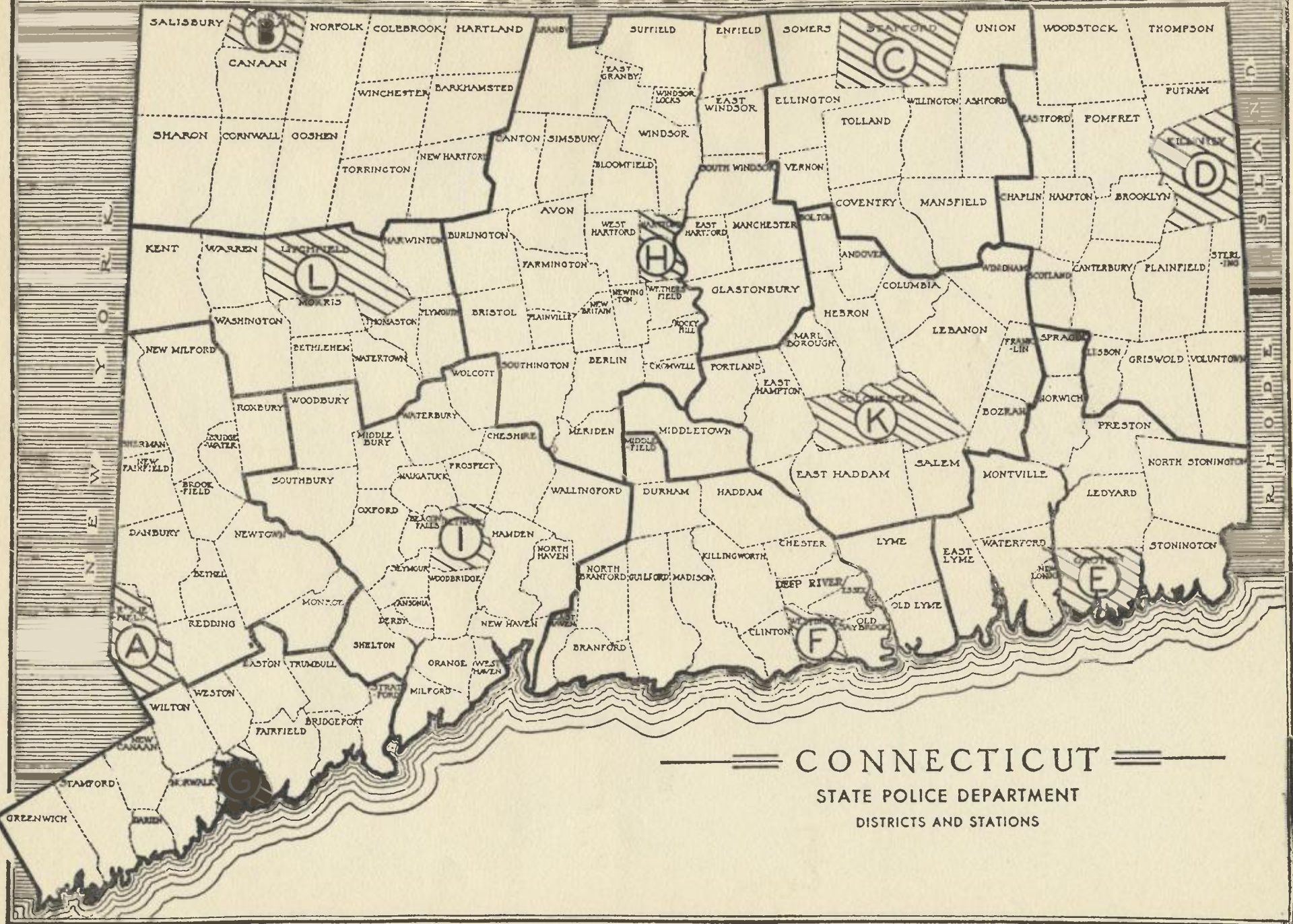
W. H. Mulligan                      H. Whelan  
Chief Constable      Asst. Chief Constable  
Vancouver, B. C., 1952

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
from

The Commissioner and Officers of the  
Ontario Provincial Police  
wish you happiness at Christmas  
and throughout the Coming Year  
Toronto, Ontario                      Christmas 1952

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
from

Harry Williams  
Lieut. Retired C. S. P.  
Sleighton Farm School  
Darling P. O.  
Delaware Co., Penn.



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