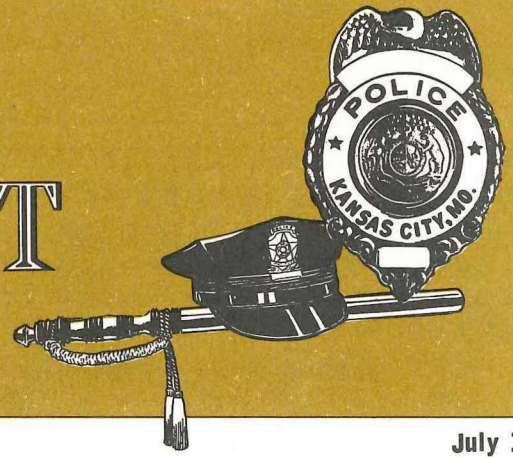


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We dedicate the cover of this July issue of THE INFORMANT to Mr. Claude Dorsey of KMBC-TV 9. Mr. Dorsey has through the years, with the full co-operation of TV-9 supported the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department. This support has manifested itself in accurate and fair coverage of news involving the Police Department and is clearly evident in the monthly honor bestowed by KMBC-TV 9 on a policeman or employee who, in the station's opinion, has displayed the finest qualities of a policeman or department employee.



Mr. Claude Dorsey — KMBC - TV9

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PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Effective 6-16-69, Mr. William "Bill" Ellingsworth joined the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department in a civilian capacity as Public Information Coordinator.



Mr. Ellingsworth was a newspaper reporter for the Kansas City Star for approximately 8 years. During his tenure of employment with the Star he worked as a Police reporter, feature writer and photographer.

After leaving the Star Mr. Ellingsworth joined the staff of Valentine-Radford, an advertising-public relations firm.

Mr. Ellingsworth graduated from Maur Hill High School, Atchison, Kansas and attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City and Columbia, where he majored in English and History. He also attended F. B. I. orientated seminars, Missouri and Kansas Highway Patrol Schools and has worked closely with our Training Academy in the subject police-press relationship.

Bill is not a novice in the police field. For one year he was a Reserve Officer with the Platte County Sheriff's Office attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Ellingsworth is married and has one son, Creighton DeWitte, 19 months, Roz, his wife, is presently employed as a news reporter for the Kansas City Star.

As Public Information Coordinator, Mr. Ellingsworth will endeavor to create a better image of Police Officers and the Department by working more closely with the News Media in all aspects of the police task.

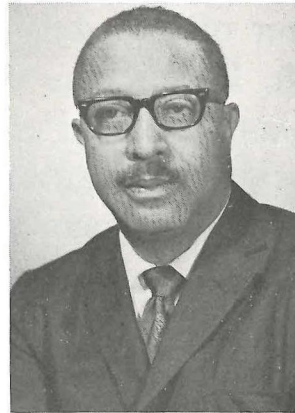
POLICE LIBRARY

WANTED: The police library is looking for a used set of Encyclopedias of any type or variety. Anyone willing to donate a set please contact Hugh Chase at VI 2-6525, Ext. 310.

NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER

Dr. John H. Wells, a Kansas City physician, was administered the oath of office on May 2, 1969, as a member of the Kansas City, Mo. Board of Police Commissioners. He is to serve a term to March 7, 1973. Dr. Wells succeeds Dr. Girard T. Bryant who resigned.

The new commissioner resides at 4011 Linwood and practices medicine at his offices at 3325 Prospect. He is 49 years old, a member of the Kansas City Medical Society, a member of the Jackson County Medical Society, a member of the National Association for the advancement of Colored People, and a member of the Congress on Racial Equality. He is also Chief of Staff of Wheatley Provident Hospital.



Commissioner Wells was asked about his feelings toward being appointed to the Police Board, Dr. Wells said his most important role would be helping establish better communications "between the police, the Negro community and the community at large."

A welcome to Commissioner John H. Wells.

BRIDAL AND BABY SHOWER IN DATA CONTROL



A combination Bridal and Baby Shower was held June 4th in Data Control. Carmen Martin, on the left, was to be married June 7th to Mr. Herbert Stevens. Barbara (center) and her husband Johnnie R. Bronson are expecting their new arrival in October. Carol Nenko (right) daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Peter Nenko, was to be married June 7th to Mr. Dale Martens. All three are smiling happily. Congratulations!

Ripley's - BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Pieter Jagers of Xhoffrai, Belgium, is an expert watchmaker yet he has been totally blind from the age of 18 months.

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Mr. Sam Piltz has a seven year old German Shepherd, male, that he wishes to place with a police family. The dog is trained and of good temperament. Interested? Contact Mr. Piltz at VI 2-7293.

NEW ARRIVAL

Ptl. J. M. Coulson and wife, Cheri, announce the arrival of their son, Michael Sean (pronounced Shawn) on May 29, 1969 at 5:46 A. M. Born at Research Hospital, he weighed 7 lbs. 5 ounces. Congratulations!

**Central Industrial District Optimist Club
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Detective Virgil Braden**

On the evening of August 23, 1968, Detective Virgil Braden, while off duty, was passing the U. S. Supermarket at 4410 E. 39th, when he observed four Negro males acting in a suspicious manner, which he readily assumed that a hold-up was about to take place. Det. Braden went into the U. S. Supermarket and informed them he thought that they were about to be held up and also notified the police dispatcher. He then went back outside the store and took up a position so that he could attempt an apprehension when the suspects came out.

The suspects did go into the supermarket, fired several shots and left with an unknown amount of cash. Det. Braden identified himself and attempted to arrest the suspects, who started running from the scene. Det. Braden pursued the suspects, firing at one of them whom he injured and later arrested at approximately 3817 Kensington. As a result of Det. Braden's alertness, one suspect was shot and killed by another officer and two other suspects arrested with the recovery of approximately \$443.00 in cash. *(Continued next column)*



Left to right: Glenn Brown, Program Chairman; Det. Virgil Braden; Senator Thomas Eagleton and Chief C. M. Kelley.

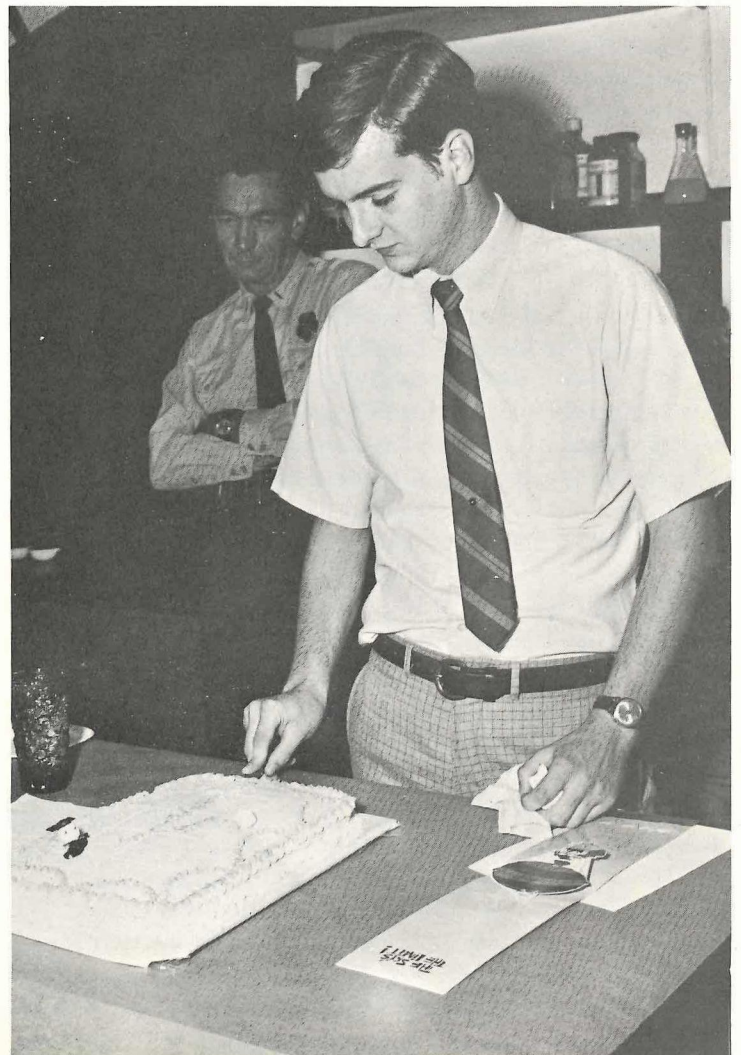
On June 6, 1969, the Central Industrial District Optimist Club honored the Officer of the Year, Detective Virgil Braden, at the Golden Ox Restaurant. Mr. Ken Bigus, President of the Club presented Det. Braden an engraved silver bowl.

Senator Tom Eagleton delivered an address to a crowded room of over 100 persons. Among those in attendance was our Chief Clarence M. Kelley, Lt. Col. James R. Newman, Commissioner Robert Willits, Dr. Benjamin Morris Ridpath, Major Allen, Major Ford, Lt. Kohler and Det. Clevenger, Also, attending was Kansas City Kansas Chief of Police Frank Steach and Chief of Detectives Major Boston Daniels.

Congratulations to Detective Virgil Braden.

GRADUATION PARTY

Chemist I, Gary Howell, received a surprise coffee and cake party on June 9, 1969 in the Laboratory. The event was in celebration of Gary's graduation from University of Mo. at Kansas City with a B. A. degree in Chemistry. According to the President's Report on Criminalistics/Police Laboratories nationwide, Gary Howell joins the ranks of only about 100 that hold this degree in criminalistics. *(Continued on page 5)*



DUAL OFFICER OF THE MONTH



Ptl. William Pruitt receives the Officer of the Month Award from KMBC-TV 9's Mr. Claude Dorsey at the Board Meeting as Mrs. Pruitt observes.

On May 23, 1969, at about 1000 hours, Ptl. William Pruitt was on an abandoned truck check call when he heard a neighboring car receive a holdup call at 2614 Independence Ave., Home Saving Assn. Being nearer than another assisting car, Ptl. Pruitt notified the dispatcher and volunteered for the call, which he was given.

Upon his arrival, the robbers were attempting to leave the scene. One of the robbers assumed the role of the victim in an attempt to be casual and not attract attention to himself. Ptl. Pruitt and this pseudo victim began a search of the area when the radio indicated the other officer was chasing a possible suspect car. Ptl. Pruitt gave assistance arriving only seconds after the robbery suspects car was stopped.

Assuming the position of guard while Ptl. Robert James conducted a search of the robber, Ptl. Pruitt observed James remove a pistol from the suspect.

At this time, the pseudo victim, actually the second robber, went forward and placed a gun in Ptl. James' back and shot him critically. A gun battle ensued and although stranded from his police radio and wanting to ascertain Ptl. James' condition, Ptl. Pruitt conducted himself in the highest tradition pursuant his police training, fatally wounding the two robbers.

Ptl. Pruitt was then able to contact the dispatcher for medical assistance for Ptl. James.

Ptl. William Pruitt's professional manner in the handling of a situation that could have gotten out of control indicates he is one of Kansas City's finest.

On May 23, 1969, at about 1000 hours, Ptl. Robert James was dispatched with an assisting car to investigate a holdup alarm at 2614 Independence Ave., Homes Savings Association.

Upon their arrival, amidst the commotion that ensued, Ptl. James observed a man walking away from the scene carrying an attache case and apparently purposely ignoring this commotion. Arousing his suspicion, Ptl. James followed and observed this man enter a car and leave at a high rate of speed. Ptl.

DUAL OFFICER OF THE MONTH



Ptl. Robert James receives the Officer of the Month Award from KMBC-TV 9's Mr. Claude Dorsey at Menorah Hospital.

James notified the dispatcher and gave pursuit. Finally stopping the car by force, Ptl. James was in the process of disarming the robbery suspect as the assisting officer, Ptl. William Pruitt stood guard with shotgun.

At this time, the passenger in Ptl. Pruitt's car, who had posed as the hold up victim but in reality was a robber, placed a gun in Ptl. James' back. Ptl. James turned in an attempt to disarm him and was shot critically.

From police academic training and over ten years experience came the perseverance and manner in which Ptl. James was able to capture and disarm the first robber. It was this that also prevailed when a gun was placed in his back. With no thought of surrender, he turned in an attempt to disarm the second robber and in the scuffle, was critically wounded, but was still able to fire one shot from his service revolver before falling to the ground.

During Ptl. James' stay in the hospital, his father, Mr. Guy H. James, upon one of his visits, relayed information that his father (Ptl. James' grandfather) was a mounted police officer with the Kansas City, Mo. Police Dept.

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This is a photo from the City Managers Centennial Year Report of 1950 showing the Police Dept. Mounted Police Patrol and Officer James. This patrol was supplanted by motorized personnel but were used for traffic duty as late as 1929.

DUAL OFFICERS OF THE MONTH AT HOSPITAL



The Dual Officers of the Month at Menorah Hospital. Chief C. M. Kelley looks on proudly at two of Kansas City's finest.

GRADUATION PARTY (Continued from page 3)

He was first appointed to the Police Department on December 2, 1933 as a part-time employee but as of June 16, 1969 will be full-time. As his assignment in the Chemical Lab, now that he has fulfilled his formal educational requirements, he will do the same work as his boss, Sgt. Don Lyon.

Sgt. Lyon reports that with the addition of Gary and the possession of laboratory instrumentation, the Lab will be able to offer services that the Police Dept. has long needed.

Gary states he likes the opportunity to work with the Police Dept. as it is an interesting job as opposed to industrial chemists and their monotonous routine jobs. He hopes to be able to benefit the Police Dept. with forensic research. He also intends to continue his education next year working for his M. A.

Those in attendance for his deserved party were: Major Hopper, Lt. Darr, Sgt. Lyon, Supervisor Hardesty, Cpl. Binsbacher, photo Tech Curtis who took the picture, John Clayton, John Scofield, Cheryl Robin and Irene Daniels.

Congratulations, Gary Howell !!!

Ripley's — **BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

A raisin dropped into champagne will continue to rise and fall in the glass.

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Christopher Columbus, when he discovered the New World, was receiving a salary of 2,000 maravedis -- \$13.90!

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The man who refused to die— The Mummy of the MaharaJah Mahtab Chand of Burdwan, India, who died in 1881—is still seated in his palace—is served breakfast, lunch and dinner —is provided daily with entertainment and has his clothing changed three times each day!

POINT OF LAW

by John K. Enenbach, Esquire

The July Case: Thomas is the owner and operator of a service station. At 10:00 P. M. Thomas closed the service station by locking the front door. At about midnight while Thomas was driving home from a dance he drove passed his service station and thought he saw a person standing by the cash register inside the service station. When Thomas arrived



John K. Enenbach, J. D.

at his home, he called the police and reported the incident. When the police arrived at the scene of the service station, they drove their police cars into the service station driveway and parked. At that time they observed a person open the front door of the service station and run down the alley. Officer Chase captured the person who later was identified as Charley. Upon searching Charley, the officers found a screwdriver, a pair of pliers, and a roll of pennies in his pocket.

At the trial Thomas testified that the roll of pennies found in Charlie's pocket were in the cash register of the service station at the time he closed the station that afternoon. He further stated that the pennies were not in the cash drawer after he was called to the service station at midnight by the police. Thomas further testified that the rear window at the service station was found standing wide open. Under cross-examination, Thomas could not remember whether he closed this window before he locked up that night. He did admit that a window was wide open and in the same position he left it when he opened the window earlier that afternoon. The officers testified that they could not find any forcible entry to the building or to the front door. They also identified Charlie as the individual they saw coming out of the front door as the same person Officer Chase arrested a few minutes later.

Based upon the above evidence, what is the correct charge that Charlie is being tried under and why?

Send your answers to THE INFORMANT in care of the Public Information Unit, before August 8, 1969.

V. F. W. POLICE MEMORIAL POST 9762

Notice to All Members —

At the last meeting, the new officers were installed and many important and progressive decisions were made. The next meeting will be held at the Travel Lodge, 10th and Cherry, August 8th 7:30 P. M. Room 204, Please be there.

Ripley's — **BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

A DRAGONFLY has 30,000 eyes.

GOLF ASSOCIATION WINNERS



The Golf Association winners were awarded their trophies by Chief Clarence M. Kelley on June 6, 1969. Left to right: Ptl. Pat Stark, Ptl. Steven Barfield, Sgt. Bob Hallauer, Ptl. Robt. Cowan, Det. Clifford Robbins, Sgt. Al Stewart, Det. Carl Haltman and Det. Earl Horner. Congratulations !!!

NEW ARRIVAL

Ptl. William Martin and his wife, Janet, announce the arrival of their new daughter, Lori Ann on June 14, 1969, at 6:40 P. M. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 and 1/2 ounces at Trinity Lutheran Hospital. Congratulations !!!

OFFICER GRADUATES FROM TRAFFIC INSTITUTE



On the left, Mr. James M. Slavin, Director, Traffic Institute and Sgt. Robert E. Arndt, Kansas City, Mo. Police Officer.

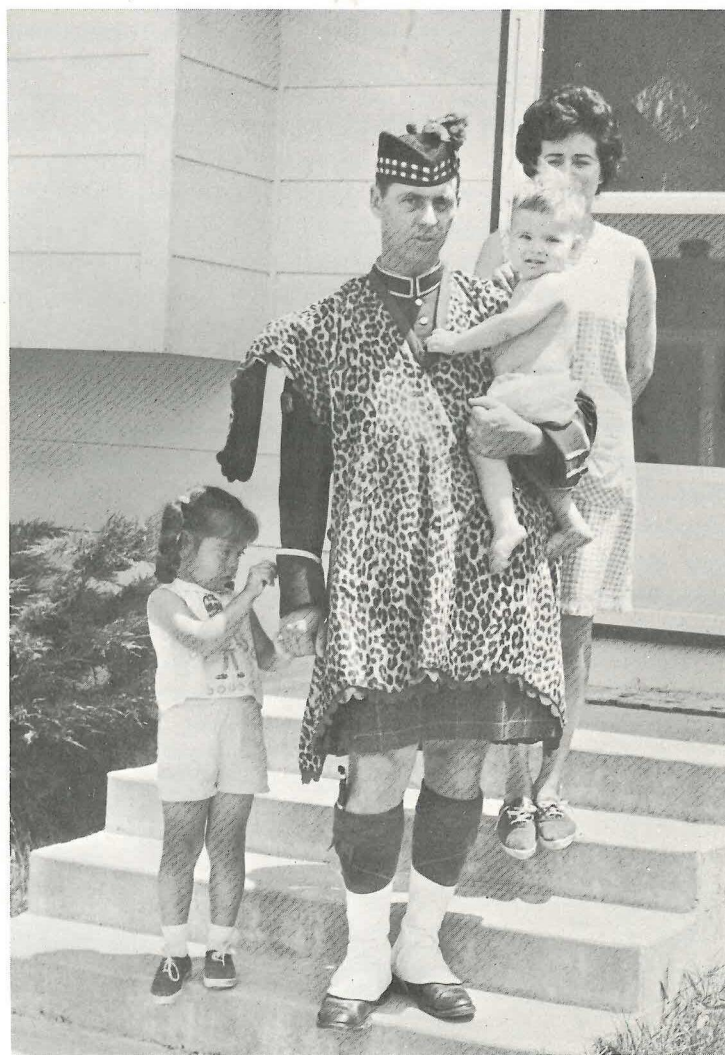
Sgt. Robert E. Arndt was among the 55 graduates in the 43rd class of the Traffic Police Administration Training Program of the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, who

received diplomas at the University's 111th annual commencement June 14th at Evanston, Illinois .

He also received the gold key, symbolic of completion of the nine-month Traffic Police Administration Training Program, at a dinner honoring Traffic Institute graduates June 12th on the Northwestern campus.

James M. Slavin, Director of the Traffic Institute, made the presentation of keys to the graduating officers at the dinner. Director Slavin told the graduates that they are part of a new and challenging era in highway safety. He reminded the officers that they are potential leaders in developing a public change in attitude toward death and injury "regardless of the cause," and he stressed the importance of informed, dedicated leadership, "at all levels of our government."

OUR LOSS, THEIR GAIN !!!



Ptl. Robert I. Cowan and wife, Rachel, with their two children Claudia Lynn, age 3 1/2 and Robert Scott, age 15 months.

May 13, 1954 found him in the U. S. A. He is Robert Inglis Cowan, Kansas City, Mo. Police Officer assigned as a radio
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OUR LOSS, THEIR GAIN, (Continued from page 6)

dispatcher. And, on July 1, 1969, he will be a San Diego, California Police Dept. Police Officer.

Although a Kansas City Police Officer for 7 years, San Diego is really this Scotman's home. He arrived in San Diego when he first came to America. Ptl. Robert Cowan came from Motherwell, Scotland; was born Sept. 9, 1935 and a graduate from Brandon High School in Motherwell, Scotland.

Before coming to the Police Dept. he served in the U.S.A.F. Medical Corp and was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Having played soccer in Scotland, it was almost a natural that he would make the 1956 Olympic Team in Europe and later professionally, the USSFA (U. S. Soccer Football Assn.).

He served as a Correctional Officer for 2 years at the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing, Kansas. Then, in February 1963, he was appointed to the Kansas City, Mo. Police Dept. and served in patrol at headquarters and the Admiral Blvd. Station until September 1966, when he became a dispatcher.

In 1968, Ptl. Cowan was a member of the Kansas City St. Andrews Society, commonly known as the Pipe Band, that placed first in competition against 15 other pipe bands. Two other police officers are members of this famous unit, Sgt. Robert Brown and Sgt. Robert Honeywell. Only recently they participated in Memorial Day Services at 59th and Paseo, the Police Memorial and other places.

His last day is June 14, 1969, so good luck to the Cowan family-For sure, our loss, San Diego Police Dept.'s gain!

SOUTHERN POLICE INSTITUTE GRADUATE

Among law enforcement officers completing the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute long term course this June is Lt. D. S. Fleming. He received a certificate at ceremonies on June 8, 1969.

The Institute's long term, which lasts 12 weeks, includes 330 hours of classroom instruction. Subjects which are taken for credit include police administration, police personnel management, constitutional law, evidence and criminal procedure, and psychology for law enforcement personnel.



Lt. Dorsey Fleming

Graduates of Southern Police Institute include 155 chiefs of police and 86 assistant chiefs.

Congratulations to Lt. Dorsey Fleming!

LASHBROOK

Anybody know Paul Joseph Lashbrook? How about Jack Lashbrook? That's better! Ptl. Paul Joseph "Jack" Lashbrook are one in the same. Jack is assigned in the Patrol Bureau to the Admiral Blvd. Station but has been previously at the 63rd St. Station. He is a member of the 110th Recruit Class with a date of appointment of May 16, 1967.

His hobby is that little red 1953 MG Midget Series "TD" English sport car he so often drives. A flair for the unusual, just for transportation he drives a 1942 black Ford fordor sedan. Being single he can and does pursue his avocation of local hunting in season of deer, geese, duck, quail and rabbits of which he enjoys immensely.



Sgt. Gerald W. Lashbrook



Ptl. Jack Lashbrook

Officer Jack comes from quite a police family. His father, Sgt. Gerald William "Bill" Lashbrook - 2-21-05 to 1-10-49 was first on the Police Dept. from May 18, 1929 to March 12, 1931. At this time he left with about 600 others when the city took over but returned when the Dept. came under State Control. From Sept. 15, 1939 to Jan. 10, 1949, Jack's father, Sgt. Bill, was working in Patrol, the Detective Unit, Field Sgt. at Flora Ave. and Headquarters and Desk Sgt. at 63rd St. He was promoted to Sgt. on Feb. 1, 1942. At the time of his death he was bailiff for the Municipal Court.

Sgt. Orville J. Lashbrook first came on in 1919 and retired in 1957. The Sgt. is Jack's cousin. During his tenure he has worked in Vice, the old Hold-Up and Burglary Unit, Labor and Arson Unit and the GAU. He was also Field Sgt. and Desk Sgt. at the now closed Flora Ave. Station.

It is believed that Orville influenced Bill to become a police officer but Bill had to get a drivers license before he could, and Jack states it is unknown if he was actually influenced by anyone but apparently it was in his blood all the time and didn't know it.

Retired Sgt. Orville Lashbrook is now doing a little electrical work from time to time and is presently remodeling his

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SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY

by Hugh Chase

MOUNTED POLICE TO DISAPPEAR

It was April, 1929, when Kansas City's Police Department discussed replacing the mounted patrol in favor of more modern and efficient methods of patrolling the downtown area.



Cpl. Hugh Chase

A reporter for one of the local papers interviewed Mr. James McManamin at that time. He had been the first police officer who mounted a horse under a helmet adorned with the insignia of the city of Kansas City (125,000 population) astride a big bay named Richard. He moved down Grand Avenue at a "running walk" bent on official business.

Mr. McManamin's job as a boy was driver of a mule car from

the wharf to the landing -- fares 5, 10 and 15 cents. There was a turntable at each end of the line. A day in May, 1880, as young McManamin was at fourth and Main, he turned the car around.

From Police Headquarters, on the site at fourth and Main Streets, a two-story, four-room brick building then, law and order personified in Thomas M. Speers, Chief of Police, He hailed the car driver:

"Your name McManamin?" An affirmative nod. "Well, I've got a job for you right now." Another nod from the Irishman. He had accepted a police job. He drove his mule back to the barns at Twentieth St. and Grand Ave. and quit. The superintendent had to finish out the day. McManamin began his new duties serving papers and acting as patrolman all over town.

Many were the long rides on Richard the young officer took. When the James boys and their gang held up a Chicago and Alton train just West of Blue Springs in 1881, McManamin and his big bay were sent to join the posse that hunted in vain after the train robbers. In 1885, Richard was sold and McManamin quit.

The mounted patrol grew to forty-five in number and made their last appearance as a body, Labor Day, 1929. The mounted policeman had become a familiar sight, taking part in every parade for several years. They had acted as escort to Queen Marie of Rumania; President Coolidge; Colonel Lindbergh and many other dignitaries.

When August Vollmer, Chief of Police of Berkeley, Calif., made a survey of the Police Dept. here, he recommended that the mounted patrol be discontinued.

On Sept. 1929, Good old Pete and Spark Plug and LuAnne and the rest of the 25 mounts, no longer reported for duty. Daisy, Jerry and Poncho had turned in their equipment. Prince and Major and Rex and all the rest of the "blue coats" mounts were equivalent to a handful of checks totaling \$2,890.00.

Pete and Queen and Nellie had been fine officers. They had pranced in parades; They had twitched their ears at obtuse angles when their masters had handed those little yellow tickets to people who were double parked or shoppers who parked too long.

But the auction block must have its grist. Police Commissioners were wagging their heads over mounting costs for operating the Police Dept., found that Rock and Judge and Boy ate too much. Alas, chubby old Ben; yes, Ben did like his oats and that nibble of lettuce the children at the City Market used to toss at him when his master rode out from Headquarters for their round of duty downtown.

Commissioners put their tongue in their cheeks when they found that Prince and Chick and other "officers" of saddle and bridle ate \$40.00 worth of food each month.

So Colonel P. M. Gross took the hammer in his heavy fist; What was he doing? Who were all these men, gaping and prodding Spark Plug's flanks? See here, you can't do that to an officer!

The Police Commissioners had put a red line under that \$40.00 item. Buck up, Jerry, maybe it will be alright after all.

Bang, bang, bang went the hammer. What am I offered for this fine horse. Colonel Gross was stuttering, the words fell fast. "Hey, hey, I've got \$50.00 -- Who'll make it \$60?"

And when the task was done, Pete and Spark Plug and old gentle Ben were led away, The checks were counted. \$2,890.00 for the horses. Yes, just horses now. Why, certainly, Rock, you and old Chief have turned in your equipment. And Gyp and LuAnne wonder where they are? Someone said the auction place at 233 W. 3rd St., But men, we are officers, we belong downtown with the crowds, with the rattle and bang of life. Wise old Major knows all about it. He nuzzles his pal Jerry.

Why are they shouting? Sturdy Mable goes to the man who pays \$250. It was the top price of the sale. Mable will continue to live in the city. And LuAnne brought \$200. Pet would move to the country and her new owner pay \$190. Roy and Jerry and Major brought prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$70.00. A red line under the figure \$40. The auction block, the gaping men laughing among the onlookers. How could this be with officers leaving the service?

THIS SCENE IS TO DISAPPEAR FROM ELEVENTH STREET

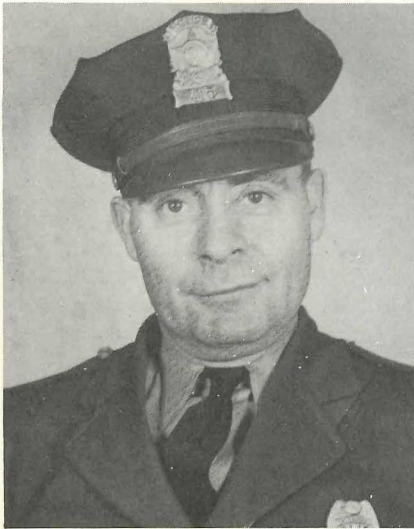


From the Times, April 16, 1929. "One of the most familiar sights on Eleventh Street is Lonnie Quick, mounted traffic patrolman, being followed by his horse, Teddy.

Announcement was made yesterday that the mounted patrolmen were to be discontinued. Some deep attachments between horses and men are to be broken.

Quick's horse follows him like a dog. It has not been trained that way. It does it because it wants to. When Quick dismounts to speak to a patrolman at an intersection he has to tie the horse or it will follow him and cause a traffic tie up. Quick rides a beat from Broadway to Cherry St. on Eleventh Street.

LASHBROOK (Continued from page 7)



Sgt. Orville Lashbrook

he died.

With this long record of police family ancestry, Ptl. Paul Joseph "Jack" Lashbrook has quite a record to rely on as well as uphold. Jack is upholding a great family tradition and the Kansas City, Mo. Police Dept. can only be enhanced and benefited.

house. Aside from this he goes fishing whenever he decides the fish are biting. He invites all his old friends to stop by for a visit at 5 East 54th Terrace.

Ptl. Jack recalls a cousin, Joe Donahue who was on the Police Dept. in the late 1920's and left about 1935. Joe's son was Robert "Bobby" Donahue who was also on the Police Dept. The son, Sgt. Robert Donahue was in the Inspection Unit and was at the 63rd St. Station when

KNOW YOUR DEPARTMENT Internal Affairs Unit

The Internal Affairs Unit is one of two units comprising the Intelligence Division. First organized on February 16, 1966; it is staffed by a lieutenant in charge, five law enforcement officers and one civilian. It was organized to aid in assuring adherence to proper police practices. In police service, problems of discipline are similar to those found in all other government functions except the relative importance is greater because of the special requirements of trust imposed by the mission of protecting the public. For this reason, it is mandatory for a department to maintain its own internal procedures to insure that citizen complaints are investigated in a manner that is fair to the citizen as well as the officer.



Lt. Robert Kelly

Far from being a negative morale factor, a fair internal investigation is a morale builder when officers understand that all aspects of a complaint are investigated objectively, and not with the intent to "hang it on" someone. Since the result of each complaint is explained to the citizen, this too provides for better understanding between the department and the public, once it is known complaints are not filed and forgotten. This notification is accomplished by a letter to the complainant from the Chief of Police or by personal contact by a member of the Internal Affairs Unit.

Complaints are registered with the Internal Affairs Unit by citizens in three ways: In person, by telephone or by correspondence. Each complaint is investigated fully. Anything less than a most thorough probe would tend to weaken the confidence of the officer as well as the complainant. In some instances, the investigation will result in a stalemate between the officer's account and that of the complaining citizen. If this occurs the complainant will be asked to take a polygraph test. If the test shows deception in the citizen's version, a letter is prepared for the signature of the Chief of Police, outlining the specific answers to questions that contained the element of deception. In the event that a polygraph test affirms the truthfulness of the complainant, the officer is directed to take a test. Never is the officer required to take a polygraph test before one is given a complainant.

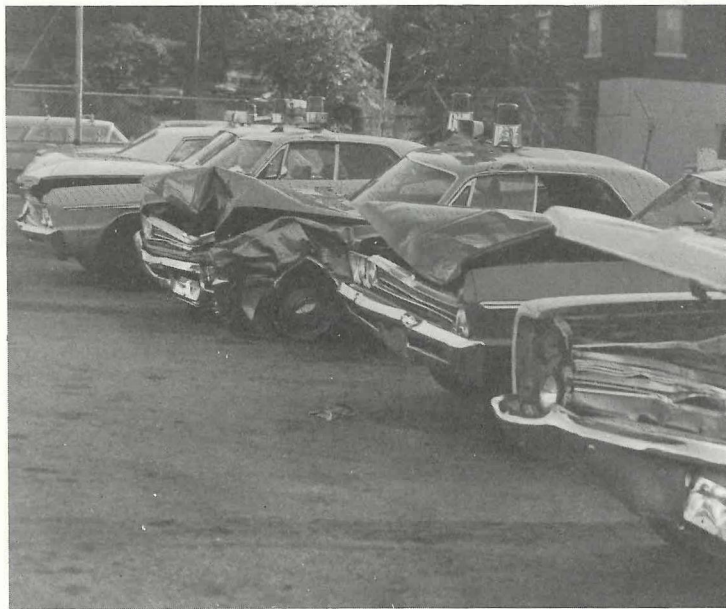
Complaints may also be received from commanding officers of the department when it is believed a member has committed an infraction of published rules and regulations that may not be handled at a local level. These, too, are investigated fully. This is the usual source of complaints made by department personnel although internal complaints may originate with any member of the Police Dept., civilian or law enforcement, regardless of rank.

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THE NEW LOOK IN POLICE MOTOR VEHICLE FLEETS !!!



No, this is not the Departmental Salvage Yard although it does appear so. These photographs show some of the over 100 wrecks suffered by the Police Department for the year 1969. Last year there were more wrecks than police vehicles. Be Careful YOURS COULD BE NEXT !!!!!



SAFETY TALK

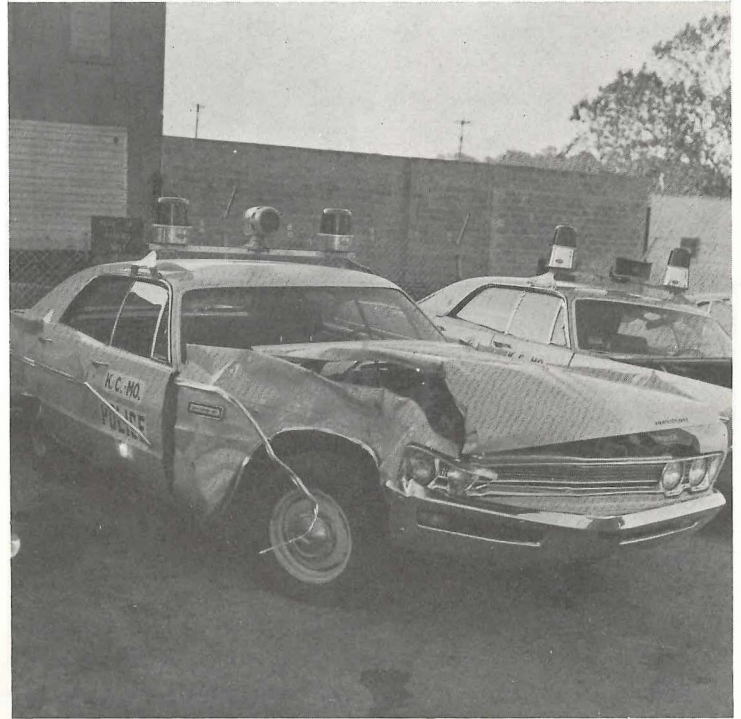
The pictures at right were the result of two officers attempting to respond on the same "Assist the officers" call.

As is evident by these photographs, neither of these officers was in any position to complete the assignment or to lend the assistance to the officers who had asked for their help. Both of the officers had to be transported to Menorah Hospital for treatment of their injuries and other badly needed officers now had to be taken from service in order to handle this collision.

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Anxiety, undue caution and a blind intersection all contributed to setting up the scene of this disaster.

While I realize that each officer has the will and desire to respond on this type of call, it is imperative that we arrive to be of any value, if we are involved we don't arrive.



We just don't throw caution to the wind, we must think clearly and be able to adjust our driving to meet the situation. Slow down, be cognizant of other vehicles around, plan your trip carefully, as we can't stand too many of these situations.

Sgt. James Rowe, Departmental Safety Officer.

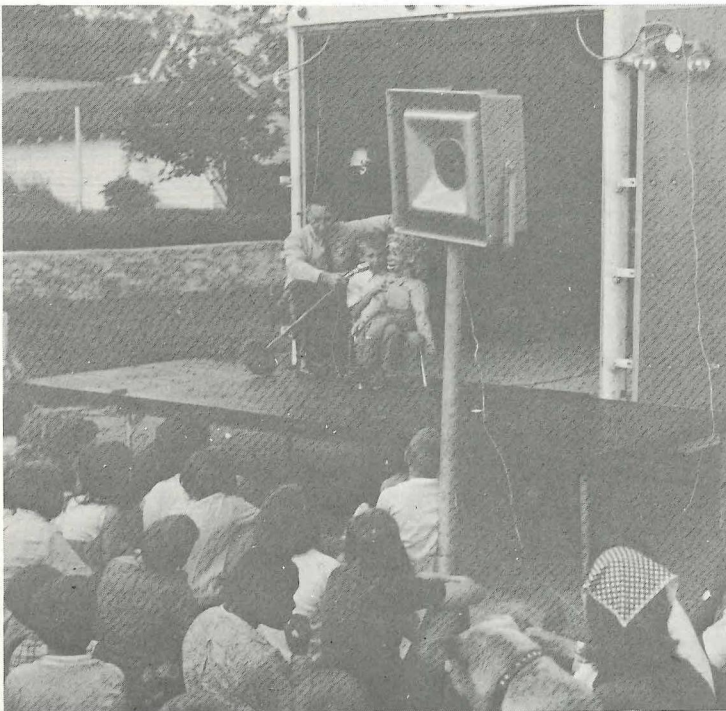


KNOW YOUR DEPARTMENT (Continued from page 9)

By far, the greatest number of complaints made to the Internal Affairs Unit evolve from a misunderstanding of police procedures, city ordinances or state laws on the part of the complainant. These can usually be resolved by obtaining the correct information and informing the citizen. One of the chief causes of consternation among the motoring public is the surrendering of a Missouri drivers license, after a traffic infraction, in lieu of bond. A simple explanation of this procedure will suffice. Complaints handled by the unit in this manner do not necessitate contacting the officer and are logged and filed without further investigation.

The files maintained in the office of the Internal Affairs Unit are confidential and results of investigations are available only to the complainant and the subject officer. Only in cases where disciplinary action is taken by the Chief of Police or a commanding officer, is any notation entered in an officer's personnel file, maintained by the Personnel Unit.

In summation, the Internal Affairs Unit does not seek out complaints but investigates only those that are reported to the unit. Any deviation from the policy of being objective in investigations and fair in the presentation of the results would be a disservice to the officers of this department as well as the public we all serve.

ACTION WAGON


The first appearance of the Action Wagon at 26th & Chelsea was a huge success. The neighborhood turned out in force. Our Police Magician, Officer Chuck Williams, held everyone in awe with his magic. It was also a first appearance for his son Chris, who gave a very good performance as a ventriloquist. The whole program was well received and other areas throughout the summer are going to be benefited. PIC + Officer Williams hold the mike for Chris on the Wagon stage.

RETIREMENT PARTY

On June 5, 1969 a retirement party was held at the Hotel Phillips for the 28 retirees, 6 of whom were unable to be present. Those in attendance were:



Lt. Col. Charles D. Bishop	Lt. Clyde F. Davidson
Sgt. Roy F. Dickey	Det. Raymond J. Dunbar
Sgt. Arthur J. Fisher	Sgt. Joseph Franano
Lt. Col. James H. Gameson	Major William Gilmer
Major John J. Halvey	Det. Joe Harris
Ptl. Jack D. Herron	Det. Lewis F. Moore
Sgt. Lawrence S. Ober	Sgt. William J. O'Brien
Det. Donald T. Sanders	Ptl. Van C. Sowers
Lt. Col. Clifford A. Warren	Civ. Gertrude B. Brock
Civ. Supv. Russell C. Griffing	Civ. Supv. Kenneth J. Johnson
Civ. Thelma I. Moore	Civ. Antonio Rich

Those unable to attend were:

Cpl. Harry E. Brewer	Ptl. Claude E. Herrington
Civ. Supv. Herman B. Davis	Civ. E. Milo Griffing
Civ. Norine Hogerty	Civ. Supv. Meril J. Thurman

Everyone appeared to have had a good time. Good luck to all!

EMMY AWARD

Law and Order

The one and a half hour film presentation entitled "Law and Order" and featuring members of the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department was awarded television's Emmy Award. The Emmy was received for outstanding achievement in the field of documentary films. The film has been presented twice on Channel 19 in the Kansas City area and depicts many of the daily actions of our officers, both good and bad, the way they happen. Obscene phrases uttered at the officers were censored from the film over the objections of the film producer. The producer, Fred Wiseman felt that by deleting the provocations the officers reactions seemed unjust and was therefore not fair to the Kansas City Police.

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SGT. SGT. PRICE PRICE



Sgt. Clifford Price

Sgt. Price, Clifford S., that is, is a product of the 67th Recruit Class, date of appointment January 1, 1960. But he started as a 63rd St. Station clerk and switched over to Law Enforcement as he had a family and it meant more money. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have two children, a boy, Robert, age 9 and a girl Michele, age 7.

Sgt. Clifford feels he was influenced to become a policeman from several sources. His brother undoubtedly and Capt. M. Cooley, then, a Desk Sergeant.

In the 1930's and 40's his dad was a Kansas City, Mo. Police Officer plus an uncle, now deceased (date 4-22-60) Ptl. Lloyd Brasfield.

He graduated from Northeast High School in 1953, where for two years he lettered in football. In 1969, he received his B. A. in History from University of Mo. Kansas City and plans to go back and work on his Masters Degree.

While in the U. S. Navy for three and a half years he served on a "tin can" or destroyer as a Radarman First Class. He now plays golf but states his score is "unmentionable."

Sgt. Clifford S. Price is presently assigned as the College and University Liaison Officer. Besides setting up programs and seminars, he co-ordinates problems between the men and the administration. Also, another area of concern is the recruitment of college and university men to the Police Dept.

Sgt. C. Price is paying the "price" of accomplishment and achievement for which the Kansas City, Mo. Police Dept. and he mutually benefit.

Sgt. William F. "Bulldog" Price was appointed on Feb. 1, 1954 to the 43rd Recruit Class. He and his wife Dee also have two children, a girl, Debbie age 11 and a boy, Mike, age 9.

"Bulldog" is also a graduate of Northeast High School, where he lettered three years in football. And after 20 Years is going to Central Missouri State College night school as he is convinced of the usefulness and benefits it will afford him in his work.

Presently, he is assigned to the Staff and Inspection Division. While in the U. S. Army, he served in the medics in Korea, and still is in the U. S. Army Reserve, holding the rank of E-7. He has also worked in Patrol, Tactical Unit and the Investigations Division.

Sgt. W. Price was in the No. 2 Police Garage, when it exploded and endorsed the commendation for Virgil Weygandt.

He is now in his 16th year on the job and looks forward to fulfilling his plans of retiring on his property in Bella Vista Village, Arkansas. He enjoys any kind of fishing, when he has the chance to go.



Sgt. Wm. "Bulldog" Price

As a family man, he tries to devote as much time as possible to being with them, but with night college and studying, a lot of time is taken away from them. He is also involved in the situation training of recruits in the Training Bureau.

He feels he had "something to do" with his brother Clifford's coming on the Police Dept. He first tried in 1957, but finally in 1960, his brother,

Clifford, came on the Department.

The Kansas City, Mo. Police Dept. is certainly getting the right price from these two Prices'. !! Maybe there will be more Prices' on the Police Department in the not too many years to come.

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The film has also been shown throughout the country and internationally in Europe, Japan, Hawaii and Canada and has received considerable acclaim. Television's Academy of Arts and Sciences also thought it was good and awarded it the Emmy. It just shows that Kansas City's police are capable of performing any task.



" . . . and when you're through here I want you to come over and trim the grass around headquarters!!"

PISTOL TEAM

The five members of the Police Dept. Pistol Team recently attended the 1969 Florida Regional Police Combat Pistol Championships. The members of the Team are Lt. John Darr; Sgt. Clinton Kelly, Cpl. Herbert Binsbacher, Ptl. Kenneth Karnes and Ptl. James Warren.

There were about 70 shooters at the match representing 20 different law enforcement agencies. In the team competitions, the Kansas City Mo. Police Dept. Team was the overall winning team. Individually, Cpl. Binsbacher was first Municipal Master, while Ptl. Karnes placed third. Sgt. Kelly Lt. Darr and Ptl. Warren placed 5th, 6th and 7th respectively.

For the first time, at a pistol match, a special shotgun match was fired. The shotgun slug was fired on a silhouette target at 50 yds. Considering the heavy recoil of this gun, scores were very high, 194 out of a possible 200. Lucy Chambliss, of the Winter Haven, Florida Police Dept., and one of the few women police shooters, shot the big gun better than most of the men. Despite the sore shoulders and split cheeks, everyone enjoyed the match.

Sgt. Clinton Kelly, Cpl. Herbert Binsbacher, Ptl. Kenneth Karnes and Ptl. James Warren attended the Regional Combat Match in Canton, Ohio on their owntime and at their own expense. Cpl. Binsbacher successfully defended his regional title during the fourth annual Stark-McKinley Regional Police Combat Match held May 17-18.

119 competitors fired in the 2 day match. Cpl. Binsbacher won the 50 yd. match with a score of 234-7X and the P. P. Course Match with 587-12X. They won the team match and Binsbacher won the individual championship with an extremely high score of 1473-72X. Of the over 2000 police combat pistol shooters in the U. S., only about 10 men have shot scores of 1470 or above in competition. Two of these men are members of this Police Department: Lt. John Darr and Cpl. Herbert Binsbacher.

Congratulations !!!

KANSAS CITY MO. POLICE DEPT. PISTOL TEAM



Left to right: Ptl. James Warren, Ptl. Kenneth Karnes, Lt. John Darr, Cpl. Herbert Binsbacher and Sgt. Clinton Kelly.

K-9 GRADUATION

Amid the downpour of rain and in the unseasonal chill, six Kansas City Mo. Police Officers and one Marshall, Mo. Police Officer was graduated from a gruelling training course on both man and animal. The weather was perhaps only paralling the future job for these men. Weather, darkness, terrain and obstacles are things only to be overcome and they are, as these courageous men perform "routine" duties, not to mention the hiding burglar, thief or robber that lurks in the unknown. The K-9 Unit is working to protect the citizens of the city of Kansas City and their property while their sleep is reassured.

The K-9 Unit and the many tasks they perform is indicative of all units and the team work functioning that makes the finest of the Kansas City, Mo. Police Dept.

The six Kansas City, Mo. graduates are:

- Ptl. Sam Angelo and Chief Ptl. Bob Getty and Spook
- Ptl. James Martin and Major Ptl. Denzil Roll and Beau
- Ptl. Charles Silver and Prince Ptl. Don Watterson and Butch
- Marshal Officer Robert Johnson and Chris

The other experienced and seasoned men that make up this fine unit are:

- Cpl. Eugene Krogman and King Cpl. Lloyd Harvey and Gus
- Ptl. Richard Steffen and Sarge Cpl. Geo. Lounds and Red
- Cpl. Clifford Dempsey and Silver Cpl. John Botkin and Blitz
- Cpl. Maurice Watson and Duffy Cpl. Bob Evans and Barron



The K-9 Corp Sign and their motto mean just what they say!

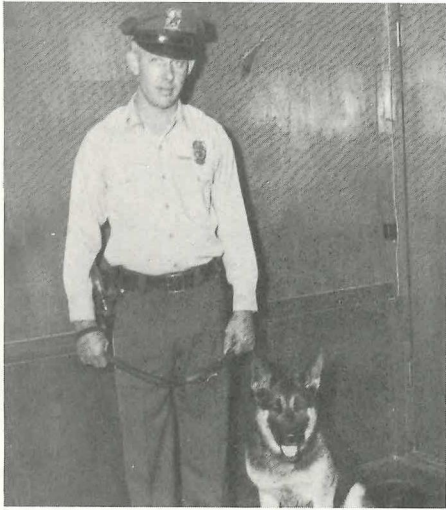
Ripley's - **BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

The BOLT from the sky that expedited justice! LIGHTNING struck the crowded courtyard of the state prison at Biberach, Germany, and only one man was killed - Walter Pochtel, a highwayman awaiting execution for murder (July 21, 1819).

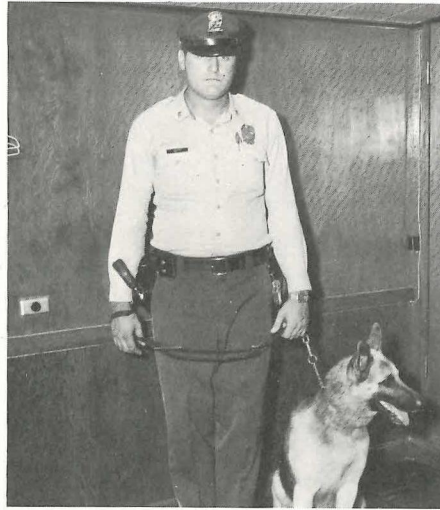
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America's first girl stenographer, Martha F. Winthrop, wife of Gov. John Winthrop, Jr. of Connecticut, mastered shorthand 320 years ago to write secret letters of endearment to her husband!

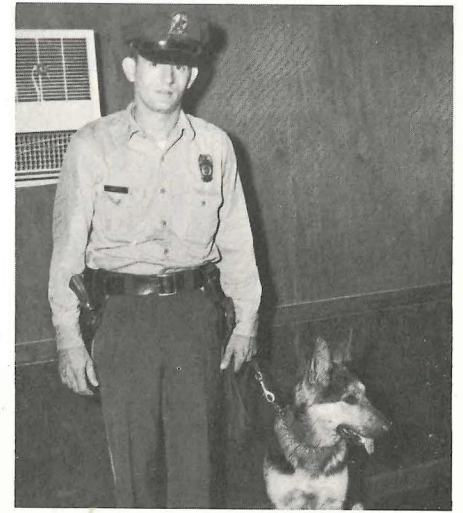
K-9 SECTION GRADUATES



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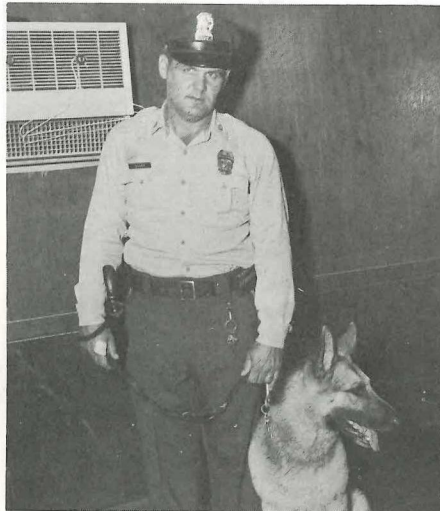
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Ptl. Silver and Prince



Ptl. Watterson and Butch



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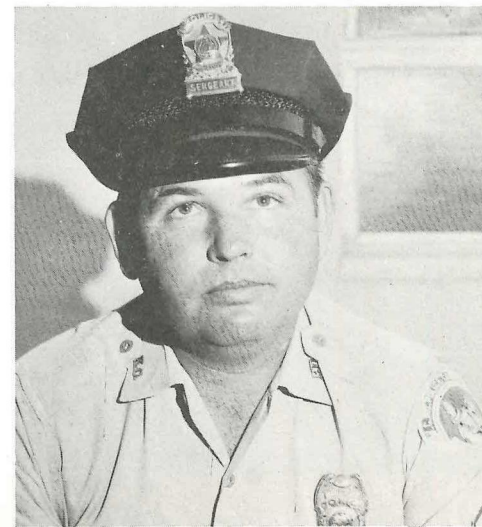
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