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## Three Graduate From National Academy

Three members of the Baltimore Police Department were among those who graduated from the 107th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on December 16, 1976. Members of the Department who graduated were Lieutenant Edward J. Tilghman of the Central District, Lieutenant John Barnes of the Northwestern District and Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger of the Helicopter Unit.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and several members of the Command Staff, who are also graduates of the National Academy, attended the ceremonies.

Lieutenant Raffensberger, who had been selected Class Spokesman, addressed the assembly on behalf of his fellow class members. His remarks, which reflect the prestige of the FBI National Academy, are reprinted below:

"... Welcome to the proudest moment in the careers of 250 professional law enforcement personnel.

"Today, the members of the 107th Session stand at a crossroad in their respective careers. For many, the trip to this crossroad began years ago.

"For all, the final leg began eleven weeks ago. At that time, 250 individuals arrived at Quantico possessing two common thoughts.

"Pride and Apprehension.

"First, pride at being selected by our respective agencies to attend the National Academy, and pride at meeting the high standards set forth by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for that attendance.

"Secondly, apprehension, the feeling of or perhaps fear of not measuring

up to the high traditions of the National Academy.

"Today, after reaching our treasured goal, we can look back. Back on eleven weeks of rigorous concentration and study on examinations and research papers, but also back on eleven weeks of comradeship through mutually shared experiences which developed into life-long friendships with police officers throughout this country and the world. Perhaps this is the true meaning of the National Academy.

"Not only is this facility the finest training complex for law enforcement personnel in the world, but our instructors and the entire staff represent the epitome of professionalism.

"Today, the members of the 107th Session pledge to you, Mr. Kelley, that we rededicate ourselves to knowledge, courage and integrity, the motto of the National Academy, which we have, through this graduation, made our personal creed.

"... And now, ladies and gentlemen, the real unsung heroes of the 107th Session of the National Academy. I ask the class to join me in standing and paying tribute to our families, the wives and husbands, children and parents who have given us the full measure of their support.

"In closing, to my classmates, let me thank you for affording me the honor of being the spokesman for the finest group of professionals with which I've ever had the privilege of being associated. With satisfaction in our accomplishments, and a rededication of effort to our beloved profession, let us through the years remember with pride the 107th Session of the National Academy."

## Policing Baltimore

*In previous installments of the Newsletter the articles on the development of communications in the Baltimore Police Department covered recent innovations being phased into the radio communications network as well as the early communications systems. This final article on the history of the Communications Division traces the establishment of radio communications in 1933 and follows through to our present system.*

The advantages of radio communications applied to police work became obvious when it was attempted in the late 1920's. Baltimore quickly joined other Departments across the nation after it designed its own dispatching console and activated radio station WPFH as the voice of the Baltimore Police Department on March 4, 1933.



The first communications console was operational in 1933 and dispatched calls to the twelve radio cars that were operational at that time. The Unit was designed by then Sergeant William E. Taylor. Shown above are then Chief Inspector George G. Henry and Dispatcher John A. Leland.

Fourteen scout cars were equipped with radios. Two units were assigned on a 24 hour a day basis in each of the then seven districts. The radios though, were only one way and the officers assigned to them could not acknowledge the calls dispatched. Once a call was broadcast to a unit the dis-

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patcher had no way of knowing if the officers received the call until they utilized a call box to return into service.



A new dispatcher's console was introduced in 1937 when two-way communications were developed with the radio cars.

The effectiveness of radio communications was evident by the end of the first year. During this time 3,500 dispatches were made and handled by radio cars.



From 1948 through 1966, a horse shoe shaped dispatching panel was used. The officers dispatched calls on the two channel radio network and also answered calls for service from citizens. The area became known as the "snake pit" by the men who worked there and handled the thousands of calls and dispatches.

In 1934 the number of calls jumped to 29,124 and a second transmitter was built by members of the Department and licensed for use in emergency situations.

By 1937 a two way radio system was introduced. The number of radio cars was also steadily increased and by this time there were 39 units with 2-way radios and 42 units with 1-way receivers. All dispatches were made from the Communications center in the old Headquarters Building. The dispatchers not only made all the transmissions, but also received all calls for service from citi-

zens.

From 1948 through 1966 the radio communications center, which was built with five dispatching consoles creating a horseshoe design, continued utilizing the officers as both dispatchers and receivers of calls from citizens. The center also included a 8 x 10 foot vehicle status map, indicating the availability of 300 radio equipped units.

With two operational channels and the dispatchers doubling as clerks answering telephone requests for police service the room on the 5th floor of the old Headquarters Building became affectionately called the "snake pit" by those who worked there.

The most recent expansion from 10 to 15 channels is nearing completion. This programmed modernization began in 1966 marking the end of one era and the beginning of the current communications network.

*(The NEWSLETTER staff extends its sincere appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes and to Major Robert E. Norton without whose assistance the foregoing series of articles would not be possible.)*



Mr. William Reuter, Chairman of the Board of Santa Claus Anonymous accepts a check from Lieutenant John C. Schmitt, Supervisor-in-Charge of the Tactical Section on behalf of the men in the Section who decided to collect the funds in lieu of exchanging Christmas cards. Also on hand were Lieutenant James W. Madigan and Sergeant John L. Sipes.

*Nothing is more vital to the renewal of an organization ( or society) than the system by which able people are nurtured and move into positions where they can make their contribution.*

- John W. Gardner



As a part of the spirit of the Holiday Season many Districts and Divisions gathered Christmas baskets and distributed them to needy families throughout the city. The Southwestern District Police-Community Council collected enough food to feed approximately 150 people and the Criminal Investigation Division, as shown above, also gathered and distributed many baskets.

## Stolen Coat Recovered

As actress Carol Channing has said many times in song, "diamonds are a girl's best friend." But full length mink coats must place a very close second. While Miss Channing, appearing in the show "The Bed Before Yesterday", was occupying a suite in a local hotel someone made off with her white, full length mink coat which is valued at \$30,000. The theft occurred on December 13, 1976.

The next day Detective Sergeant Joseph P. Newman and Detective Michael J. Andrew of the Criminal Investigation Division received information that an unknown subject was interested in selling the mink coat in question. As a result they made arrangements to "purchase" the coat at a business office located in the 200 block East Lexington Street. At the appointed time two suspects arrived, produced the stolen coat and were placed under arrest. Two hours later Miss Channing had her coat back.

Before her performance, at the Morris Mechanic Theater that evening, Miss Channing called a press conference to thank the Baltimore Police Department and to show her appreciation for the speedy recovery of her coat. At the press conference, she presented both Sergeant Newman and Detective Andrew with souvenir diamond rings. She told the television and newspaper reporters, that a coat had been stolen from her in Lon-

don several years ago and that all of Scotland Yard had been unable to recover it for her. "But the Baltimore Police Department," she said, "was able to get my coat back for me in just one day."

At the conclusion of each performance of "The Bed Before Yesterday" Miss Channing appeared on stage wearing the mink coat to once again compliment the Baltimore Police Department for its swift recovery.



Photograph By PAUL T. WHYTE, NEWS AMERICAN

## M.P.T.C. Class Graduates

Thirty-three police trainees from twelve police agencies within the State of Maryland recently graduated from the Department's Education and Training Center after completing the Maryland Police Training Commission Minimum Standards Course.

The staff at the Academy has been working closely with the Maryland Police Training Commission in developing and presenting a meaningful ten week entrance level training program.

One of the most realistic learning experiences presented to the officers, deputies and agents was the day long Moot Court session.

In preparation for the trials the trainees were presented with practical field problems involving the entire spectrum of investigation and case preparation. This included the investigation of a

crime, the seizure of evidence, the preparation of warrants and the arrest of suspects.

The trials were presided over by the Honorable Marvin Land of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County and the Honorable Charles D. Harris retired Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore. Not only did the judges preside over the Moot Court Exercises, but they also critiqued each trial.

The agencies participating in the program were the following: Bladensburg Police Department, Elkton Police Department, Rising Sun Police Department, Westminster Police Department, Towson State University Police, Laurel Police Department, Morgan State Police Department, Maryland Port Authority, Takoma Park Police Department, Baltimore County Sheriff's Office, Maryland National Capital Park Police and the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit.

Mr. George T. Quinn, Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the guest speaker featured at the Graduation Ceremonies held at the Department's Education and Training Center. Upon completion of the Ceremonies and after a brief reception the graduates returned to their respective jurisdictions to embark on their new careers.



Retired Judge Charles D. Harris listens intently to the cross examination by Sergeant Joel M. Weiner of a trainee during Moot Court Exercises at the Department's Education and Training Center.

## NEWS NOTES

The Frankford Improvement Association recently held its Annual President's Dinner during which time it honors individuals who do outstanding work in the community. During this year's

Awards Ceremony Police Agent Wallace C. Brenton, III, Northeastern District, received their "Policeman of the Year" award and Detective Lieutenant Leon N. Tomlin, Criminal Investigation Division, was presented with a special "Outstanding Service Award."

## Sunpapers Award

Two Western District Special Operations Unit Officers were selected as the recipients of the annual Sunpapers Policeman of the Year Award. The Award was presented to Officers Donald F. Licato and George Mitchell at the annual Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Baltimore Luncheon on December 17th at the Belvedere Hotel.

The officers, who worked as a team during the past year in the Western District, were selected from 58 nominations of law enforcement officers representing the metropolitan area.

They were selected for the Award for Criminal Investigation based on their record of having made 313 arrests, a number which stemmed from extensive investigations. Included in these arrests were 42 for assault and robbery, 6 for homicide, 7 for rape and numerous other violations.

Officer Mitchell is a four year veteran of the Department. During his career the 31 year old officer has received eleven Departmental Commendations including two Bronze Stars. Officer Licato is also a four year veteran and has received four Official Commendations during his career.

Both officers have also been active in narcotics and gambling investigations. During the past year they have been responsible for the arrest of a major non-conventional numbers writer and the seizure of a large quantity of records and money. They also, after the execution of several search and seizure warrants, were responsible for the arrest of a major narcotics dealer and the seizure of a large quantity of narcotics and paraphernalia.

During the ceremonies which followed the luncheon Officers Mitchell and Licato were presented with a check from the Sunpapers and an engraved plaque commemorating the event.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to David Quasny, son of Police Officer George Quasny, upon reaching the rank of Eagle Scout on December 13.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Gary Woodcock, Sergeant John Hucks and Police Officer Bernard Ridgeway.

Bon voyage and congratulations to Sergeant Tom Bull on your recent promotion and good luck in your new assignment.

## RETIREMENTS

**LINGNER, LAWRENCE G.**, Police Officer, Northeastern District, 24 years, December 14.

**O'BRIEN, JAMES A.**, Police Officer, Central District, 13 years, December 14.

**LEYH, JOSEPH F.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 24 years, December 30.

**HOWARD, FRANCIS B., JR.**, Police Officer, Southeastern District, 21 years, January 1, 1977.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LUCAS, NATHAN WALTER**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Allen Lucas, Northwestern District, 8lbs. 3 oz.

**TEANO, MELISSA ANN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Joseph E. Teano, Northwestern District, 6lbs. 6 oz.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BIONDO, FRANK**, father-in-law of Clerk Paul-ette Biondo, Southwestern District, December 8.

**MUMMERT, WALTER**, father-in-law of Detective Julius Neveker, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, December 10.

**LEISURE, SHIRLEY J.**, mother of Police Officer John Leisure, Northwestern District, December 11.

**DUNAWAY, CHARLOTTE**, sister of Miss Dolores Barczak, Administrative Secretary, Services Bureau, December 11.

**CARR, JOHN P.**, brother of Detective William Carr, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Area 2, December 12.

**JACKSON, HERMAN**, father of Police Officer Wendall Jackson, Northeastern District, December 12.

**BURCH, WAYLAND**, uncle of Emergency Call Clerk Margaret Leak, Communications Division, Communications Control Center, December 13.

**FUSCO, ANNA M.**, sister of Police Officer Dominic Pucciarella, Southwestern District, December 15.

**CAMPBELL, GEORGE B.**, grandfather of Police Officer William Bellamy, Traffic Division, December 16.

**HARTMAN, ANNA**, sister of Dispatcher Jack Dailey, Property Division, Motor Pool, December 17.

**FLETCHER, DEWEY**, father of Sergeant Sterling Fletcher, Northeastern District, December 17.

**MURRAY, J. W.**, step-father of Police Officer Daniel Stevens, Southwestern District, December 17.

**BRENNER, JOSEPH**, father-in-law of Police Officer Joseph Lemantowski, Southeastern District, December 18.

**NEWBERGER, MILDRED**, aunt of Police Officer Charles Ittner, Northern District, December 18.

**WARREN, WILLIAM**, grandfather of Police Officer Robert Carre, Southeastern District, December 18.

**KRUTCHMER, DORIS**, mother-in-law of Police Officer James Walters, Northwestern District, December 23.

**JOHNSON, DOROTHY L.**, aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Van Johnson, Communications Division,

Communications Control Center, December 23.  
**FRANCIS, GEORGE A.**, father of Police Officer George Francis, Southwestern District, December 25.

**DICKENS, KATHLEEN A.**, wife of Lieutenant Charles M. Dickens, Northern District, December 25.

**DICKERSON, ROBERT E.**, father of Police Officer Melvin Dickerson, Traffic Division, Radar Unit, December 26.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**BIANCA, FRANK**, Sergeant, retired from Central District, December 21.



Fond memories of Christmases past abounded as members of the Department viewed the Christmas Tree in the old Central District. This Holiday Season was the last to be spent there pending the completion of the new Central District station adjacent to the Headquarters Building. Sergeant Stanley Kusak and Principal Clerk Stenographer Niculina V. Smith placed the finishing touches on the "last" tree.



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## Index Crime Drops 4.1 Percent

Index Crime in Baltimore decreased 4.1% during 1976 as compared with 1975. This follows a 7.6% decrease in 1975 over 1974.

Violent crime was down 11.8%; property crime, down 1.8%. Of the seven Index categories, only Larceny reflected an increase of 4.0%.

The statistics also reflect 59 fewer murders committed in Baltimore during 1976 as compared with 1975. This is the second consecutive year of a decline in this crime category. Murder in 1975 was down 34 incidents from 1974.

A most pronounced decrease is reflected in handgun involvement as mur-

ders involving handguns were down 47 incidents, a decrease of 34.6%. This marked decrease in the use of the handgun follows a similar decrease of 42 murders by handgun in 1975.

Handguns were involved in 44.5% of the murders committed in Baltimore in 1976 as compared with a 51% involvement on a national basis.

131 or 65.5% of the murders committed last year involved a friend, relative or acquaintance and within family situations beyond the purview of police.

Investigations resulted in a 90.0% clearance rate. This compares with the national average of 78%.

## Murder Statistics

COMPARISON OF MURDER WEAPONS USED 1974 - 1976

Year	Murders	Handguns	Long-guns	Knives	Other Weapons
1974	293	178	23	49	43
1975	259	136	20	53	50
Difference	-34	-42	-3	+4	+7
Per Cent	-11.6	-23.6	-13.4	+8.2	+16.3

1975 - 1976

Year	Murders	Handguns	Long-guns	Knives	Other Weapons
1975	259	136	20	53	50
1976	200	89	23	49	39
Difference	-59	-47	+3	-4	-11
Per Cent	-22.8	-34.6	+15.0	-7.5	-22.0

## Trigger Shoes Are Safety Hazards

A "trigger shoe" is a device used on weapons to expand the width of the trigger. According to some experts this piece of metal assists in giving a smoother trigger squeeze during single action target practice. Others dispute this claim and state that it has no effect at all.



A "trigger shoe" when attached to a revolver will make the trigger wider than the trigger guard and can catch on the holster when the weapon is inserted and cause an accidental discharge.

All agree, though, that when this device is attached, the "trigger shoe" makes double action firing of a handgun cumbersome. Studies have shown that single action fire is rarely utilized when the use of deadly force becomes necessary in emergency situations encountered in law enforcement.

When added to a revolver the "trigger shoe" also causes the trigger area to be wider than the trigger guard. The

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## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR YEAR 1976

TYPE OF CRIME	1975	1976	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	259	200	— 59	— 22.8
FORCIBLE RAPE	463	460	— 3	— 0.6
ROBBERY	9,055	7,755	— 1,300	— 14.4
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6,309	5,776	— 533	— 8.4
BURGLARY	15,787	15,319	— 468	— 3.0
LARCENY	30,936	32,162	+ 1,226	+ 4.0
AUTO THEFT	7,602	5,887	— 1,715	— 22.6
GRAND TOTAL	70,411	67,559	— 2,852	— 4.1

Index Crime Comparison/Year 1975 - 1976

Violent Crime*	— 11.8% Decrease
Property Crime**	— 1.8% Decrease
Total Index Crime	— 4.1% Decrease

\* Violent Crime includes Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault

\*\* Property Crime includes Burglary, all Larceny and Auto Theft

## Safety Hazards

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metal protruding from both sides has a potential of catching on a holster as the weapon is inserted causing the revolver to cock and fire double action.

The "trigger shoe," which is attached to the trigger with small hex bolts, also has a tendency to work loose and slide down the trigger. When this happens the "trigger shoe" will jam the trigger against the guard and prevent the weapon from firing.

Various manufacturers of holsters and weapons recognize the dangers caused by attaching "trigger shoes" to revolvers and recommend that gun owners not use the device.

There have been a number of incidents where accidental discharges have been attributed directly to the attachment of a "trigger shoe" to a revolver. In a recent case an officer in this Department

narrowly escaped serious injury when he holstered his off-duty revolver, which had a "trigger shoe" attached, and it discharged.

In view of these hazards the Department recently issued a teletype prohibiting the use of "trigger shoes" on off-duty weapons. The teletype also reminds members that Departmental issue equipment and weapons will not be modified in any manner.

## Auxiliary Police

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau recently announced the establishment of an Auxiliary Police program. Coordinator for the all volunteer force is Colonel Wilbur C. Miller, Chief of the Community Services Division.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 55, be a high school graduate or hold a high school equivalence acceptable to the Maryland Department of

Education, be of excellent moral character and reputation and present a neat personal appearance, with height in proportion to weight. They must also pass a physical examination and psychological evaluation.



This new shoulder patch will be a part of the distinctive uniform designed for use by the Auxiliary Police.

Those who qualify will receive more than 40 hours of special training at the Department's Education and Training Complex. This instruction will include an overview of Departmental procedures and organization, training in the duties and responsibilities of an Auxiliary Police Officer, self-defense training and first aid certification.

After training and certification, members will be assigned, without compensation, to support the force. They will be assigned to various events as an addition to the normal manpower deployment. These will include Stadium and Civic Center events, security details, parades, fires, major disasters, crime prevention and appropriate technical assignments.

The members will be issued distinctive uniforms as well as mace, espantons, whistles and handcuffs. They will not be authorized to carry firearms and will not have the power of arrest beyond that of an ordinary citizen.

Colonel Miller anticipates completion of the recruitment and training process in the next two or three months. The initial class will have approximately 30 trainees and it is anticipated that the program will be expanded to 150 participants.

During the recruitment process the Department hopes to attract a broad spectrum of members of the community. An influx of individuals with technical skills, such as in the medical, chemical and the electronic communications areas, are also being sought.

## Major Hayes Retires

District Commander Francis X. Hayes concluded his law enforcement career, which spanned more than 25 years, with the Baltimore Police Department on January 10, 1977.

Major Hayes began his law enforcement career in August 1951 in the Northern District as a patrolman. He served in the Northern District until he was promoted to Sergeant in August 1959 and assigned to the Northwestern District. He was promoted to Lieutenant in August 1966. As a Lieutenant he served in the Tactical Section, the Training Division, the Community Relations Division and the Chief of Patrol's Office.



FRANCIS X. HAYES

When he was promoted to Captain in March 1971, he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Tactical Section. He later served in the Traffic Division and then was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Northern District. In February 1975 he was appointed to the exempt position of District Commander of the Northern District.

After a sudden illness Major Hayes was transferred to the Personnel Division, Casual Section, in October, 1976. He remained in the Casual Section until

his retirement.

During his career with the Department, Major Hayes received numerous official commendations and commendatory letters from citizens and leaders of the community. He has also been praised for his organizational ability in detailing plans for the effective policing of civic events, disorders and emergency situations.

## Promotional Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has established the following dates for promotional examinations:

Police Lieutenant	April 5, 1977
Police Captain	June 7, 1977
Police Sergeant	December 3, 1977

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

On behalf of Marathon Football for Charity, Inc., I would like to extend to you and every member of your organization a most sincere thank you for your help with the Eleventh Annual Marathon Football Game for Santa Claus Anonymous. Your support will have a direct bearing on the overall success of Santa Claus Anonymous this year.

Planning for the Twelfth Annual

Marathon Football Game for Santa Claus Anonymous under the direction of Mr. Paul A. Kowzan, Jr., President-Elect is already underway. Both Paul and myself look forward to your continued cooperation in this most worthwhile endeavor.

Wishing you, the members of your organization and their families the happiest of holidays, I remain

With kindest regards

Very truly yours,

Marathon Football for Charity, Inc.

/s/ C. B. Melton, III,

President

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

As we reach the end of this year and approach the New Year of 1977, we wish to express our appreciation to you and to the men and women of the Baltimore City Police Department for the support and cooperation rendered us in our mutual efforts to reduce crime and vandalism in our housing developments.

Additionally, I wish to extend my personal good wishes to you, and to the members of your staff for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Ben Van Story Branch

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Director, Division of

Housing Management

## Clearance Rate

SUMMARIZATION ON CLEARANCE RATE FOR THE YEAR 1976

CRIME	Total	Cleared	Percent of Clearance	National Percent of Clearance
MURDER	200	180	90.0	78
RAPE	460	281	61.1	51
ROBBERY	7,755	2,131	28.8	27
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5,776	3,148	54.5	64
BURGLARY	15,319	4,177	27.3	18
LARCENY	32,162	7,819	24.3	20
STOLEN AUTO	5,887	1,354	23.0	14
TOTAL	67,559	19,190	28.4	21

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Police Officers John Dougherty, Joseph Sacco, Bingham Hunt and Charles Porter.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to one and all from the Personnel of the Southwestern District.

**PATROL DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant John Peach.

Good luck to Sergeant John Reintzell in his new assignment to the Tactical Section.

Our best wishes and thoughts are with you Mac. (Officer R.A. Mackessy) hurry back!

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend congratulations to Senior Clerk Typist Jacqueline Kess on her engagement to Mr. James B. Gardner, Jr. A wedding in July is being planned.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome back to Senior Clerk Typist Edith Leedy of the Mobile Unit - it's nice to have you back Ediet

Warm wishes for a speedy recovery to Latent Print Expert Sharon Talmadge who broke her ankle recently.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Darkroom Technicians George Becker and John J. Hardesty to Crime Laboratory Technicians Stephen Thomas and Salvatore Bianca and to Firearms Examiner Joseph Kopera and Criminalist John Schaefer on their recent losses.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer Charles Rummel who celebrated his 25th year with the Department on January 17th.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer Herman Bullinger who had a double "celebration" on January 17th — 31 years of married bliss and 25 years with the

Department.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWENS, PAMELA MEGHAN, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Walter G. Owens, Central District, 8lbs. 3 oz.

HOOD, JASON PAUL, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Charles Hood, Central District, 6lbs. 12 oz., December 16, 1976.

MARTIN, CYNTHIA DIANA, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Gary Martin, Southwestern District, 8lbs. 9 oz., December 19, 1976.

BAUMGARTNER, JASON MICHAEL, grandson of Administrative Assistant Alice Baumgartner, Central District, 8lbs. 14 oz., December 20, 1976.

## RETIREMENTS

DUERR, JOHN P., Police Officer, Northwestern District, 22 years, December 30, 1976.

HAYES, FRANCIS X., District Commander, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 25 years, January 10, 1977.

THOMAS, JOSEPH A., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 20 years, January 1, 1977.

DYKES, LLEWELLYN M., III, Sergeant, Internal Investigation Division, 9 years, January 5, 1977.

McGUIRK, RAYMOND C., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 20 years, January 5, 1977.

## IN MEMORIAM

YOCKEL, CATHERINE J., wife of retired Police Officer Henry J. Yockel, Traffic Division, Foot Traffic and aunt of Sergeant Thomas Worthington, Central District, December 26, 1976.

POMROY, ETHEL F., aunt of Police Officer Gary

Vogel, Southwestern District, December 29, 1976.

CALLAHAN, MICHAEL J., father-in-law of Police Officer Scott Riley, Central District, December 30, 1976.

SACHA, JOSEPH A., father of retired Police Officer Edwin J. Sacha, Traffic Division, December 31, 1976.

MINITOR, RALPH E., father of Police Officer Michael Minitor, Southeastern District and father-in-law of Police Officer Gerald T. Smith, Western District, January 1, 1977.

GAY, ALEXANDER, father-in-law of Police Agent Park Hancock, Southeastern District, January 2, 1977.

LIBERTO, MARY, grandmother of Motor Pool Dispatcher Ralph Schulze, Property Division, January 3, 1977.

TANA, CARRIE, mother-in-law of Lieutenant James M. Gorsuch, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, January 4, 1977.

WILLIAMS, RUTH, mother-in-law of Meter Monitor Joan Williams, Traffic Division, Parking Control Section, January 4, 1977.

HARPER, HARRY E., JR., father of Detective Sergeant Harry E. Harper, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, brother of June Neenan, Communications Division and brother-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Neenan, Traffic Division, T.I.S., January 4, 1977.

BALDWIN, MARTHA, sister-in-law of Police Officer Arthur Cummings, Communications Division, January 5, 1977.

WOOD, LEROY, brother of Police Officer John E. McKinley, Jr., Communications Division and uncle of Police Officer John E. McKinley, III, Tactical Division, January 5, 1977.

GRECCO, THERESA, mother of retired Police Officer Frank A. Grecco, Property Division, January 6, 1977.



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## First "Crime Line" Report Results In Apprehension

*WJZ-TV is to be congratulated for their public service to the Baltimore Police Department and the citizens of Baltimore City. Their airing of Crime Line which involves heinous crimes has already produced major results.*

*I was delighted to learn that the suspect who was the subject of this first broadcast is in police custody. As a result of last night's program, our detectives received numerous leads some of which were significant. Investigators were following up on that information when the suspect surrendered.*

*Crime Line and citizen involvement through that program will enhance our efforts to resolve some of the problems facing the community.*

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"Crime Line," a new weekly series of EYEWITNESS NEWS reports, resulted in the apprehension of Bernard Thomas, a 34 year old man suspected of a double murder, the day after the first "Crime Line" was broadcast, Monday, January 17 at 6:00 P.M. on WJZ-TV 13.

Thomas surrendered himself to police authorities Tuesday, January 18, at 12:15 P.M.

EYEWITNESS NEWS anchorman Jerry Turner outlined the details of police file #3G-63253 on the first "Crime Line" report Monday night: Bernard Thomas was suspected of murdering his wife, Dorothy Louise Thomas and shooting his mother-in-law, Lucy Cunningham.

Following Turner's report, the De-

partment received approximately 15 phone calls, of which a number were considered to be significant. Acting on these tips, the leads were pursued. Thomas surrendered himself to authorities after he saw his case reviewed on the EYEWITNESS NEWS telecast.

The details of the crime are as follows: Shortly before 9:45 P.M. on the night of July 26, 1976, a witness and several others entered a three story house at 1104 Barclay Street and heard gun shots. The witness told police that Bernard Thomas ran downstairs, left the building and disappeared.

The witness excitedly flagged down a radio car, told about the shooting and led the officers to the second floor apartment on Barclay Street. What was found was a grim scene of death. Dorothy Thomas had been shot to death. Her mother was critically injured and later died at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The witness indicated that Thomas and his wife had been arguing all day. The Department had been hunting Thomas ever since. Thomas had been spotted several times at his usual haunts, and suspected that the man was still in the Baltimore area.

"Crime Line" reports, produced in cooperation with the Baltimore Police Department, enable WJZ-TV viewers to help the police catch suspected criminals. Each Monday night on EYEWITNESS NEWS at 6:00 P.M., anchorman Jerry Turner details an unsolved police case. Turner gives a private police phone number where viewers can call with information about the crime. Each phone call is treated with total confidence.

## Deferred Compensation

Did you know that as a member of the Baltimore Police Department you can save more money than you are presently saving, and at the same time receive the same amount of take home pay? And did you know that while doing this you can realize a reduction in your present income tax?

In May, 1975, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore initiated a new benefit for all Municipal Employees, known as the Baltimore City Deferred Compensation Plan (Tax Shelter Program). This plan, which has the approval of the Internal Revenue Service, allows everyone to take advantage of some or all of their taxable income.

Under the terms of the program a member of the Department may defer any amount they choose at each pay period. There is a minimum deduction of \$10.00 per pay.

This savings investment plan allows you to save before taxes and not be liable for taxes on the accruing interest on your savings. Under this plan your savings will grow much faster than in almost any other type of investment.

Effective July 1, 1976 the City of Baltimore elected to pay all service and administrative fees connected with the Deferred Compensation Plan enabling members of the Department to realize the maximum benefits from their savings.

It has been pointed out that this plan is a particularly attractive benefit for members of the Department, especially those for whom Social Security deductions are not made. It will provide a

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## Deferred Compensation

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valuable supplement to retirement income.

Taxes on the deferred income will become due when benefits begin to be received. Most members will realize an

additional advantage in this regard because the taxes which will become due will be based on your lower retirement income.

All full time members of the Baltimore Police Department are eligible to join the more than three thousand Baltimore City Employees who are already enrolled in the program. For additional information call a VALIC representative at 768-2330.

### COMPARISON OF SAVING WITH AND WITHOUT A TAX DEFERRED PLAN:

The charts are based on a gross earnings in a pay period of \$500.00. They are also based on a 30% tax bracket and a desired savings of \$100.00 per pay.

#### #1 WITHOUT A TAX DEFERMENT (All earnings subject to income tax)

Gross Pay	Withholding Tax at 30%	Net Take Home Pay	Savings Deposited In Bank, etc.	Net Pay After Savings
500	150	350	100	250

#### #2 WITH A TAX DEFERMENT (Savings with income tax deferred)

Gross Pay	Savings Tax Deferred	Adjusted Gross	Withholding Tax	Net Pay After Savings
500	100	400	120	280

#### #3 WITH A TAX DEFERMENT RETAINING \$250 TAKE HOME PAY

Gross Pay	Savings Tax Deferred	Adjusted Gross	Withholding Tax	Net Pay After Savings
500	142	358	108	250

The third chart reflects that with the deferment you can save \$42 more than in Chart #1 and have the same take home pay.



Auto theft rings often operate over wide geographical areas making it difficult for local law enforcement investigators to close in. As a result a group was formed in 1974 called the Del Mar Va Auto Theft Investigators. The organization consists of Detectives from throughout the tri-state area as well as Federal agents. During their monthly meetings, members exchange information and develop cooperative strategies when investigating large scale operations. During the recent meeting held at the Headquarters Building, Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau praised those attending for their initiative and highly successful efforts.

## Command Positions Filled

Captains Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr. and Thomas J. Coppinger were appointed to the exempt positions of District Commander by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau during ceremonies conducted on January 24, 1977. Major Bolesta was appointed as District Commander of the Southern District and Major Coppinger was appointed as District Commander of the Northern District.



JOSEPH P. BOLESTA

Major Bolesta joined the Department on November 3, 1966 and was assigned to the Central District. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1970 and assigned to the Southern District. After being promoted to Lieutenant in 1973 he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Patrol and later served as a Lieutenant in the Tactical Section. On February 5, 1975 Major Bolesta was promoted to the rank of Captain and remained in the Tactical Section where he was assigned as the Commanding Officer. On September 20, 1976 he was transferred to Southern District as the Commanding Officer. During his career Major Bolesta has received two official commendations from the Department.

Major Coppinger, a 20 year veteran of the Department, began his career in the Northwestern District in 1956 after graduating from the Academy. As a police officer he also served in the Traffic Division, the State's Attorney's Office and the Chief Inspector's Office. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1963, remained in the Chief Inspector's Office and in

1966 was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division. After being promoted to Lieutenant in 1968 he served in the Criminal Investigation Division, the Southeastern District, the Southwestern District and the Property Division. Major Coppinger was promoted to Captain on February 2, 1975 and served as the Commanding Officer of the Evidence Control Unit. On October 19, 1976 he was transferred to the Northern District as the Commanding Officer.



THOMAS J. COPPINGER

## Fortieth Year Testimonial

The senior active member of the Baltimore Police Department, Thomas J. Keyes, Deputy Commissioner of the Services Bureau will soon mark his 40th Anniversary.



OFFICER THOMAS J. KEYES (1937)

Deputy Commissioner Keyes started his law enforcement career as a patrol-

## Departmental Salary Increases Outlined

Below is listed the salary increases for the sworn members of the Department effective March 1, 1977:

	First Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
POLICE OFFICER	10,403	11,443	11,963	12,484	13,004	14,044
POLICE AGENT	14,668	Flat Salary				
SERGEANT	14,980	15,605	16,354			
LIEUTENANT	16,927	17,694	18,621			
CAPTAIN	19,451	20,414	21,430			

2½% Longevity increment after both 15 and 20 years service. An additional 3% increase July 1, 1977 and an additional ½% increase on September 1, 1977 and January 1, 1978.

CIVILIAN SCALE (Grades 21 through 39) 3% increase or a minimum of \$300.00 effective July 1, 1977.

man in the Northwestern District in 1937. Within eleven years he was promoted through the ranks to Captain which marked the beginning of one of the longest tenures of a high ranking police official in the Department's history. He was appointed to the rank of Inspector of the Traffic Division in 1961 and was appointed to his present position as Deputy Commissioner of the Services Bureau in 1967.



THOMAS J. KEYES (1977)

In recognition of 40 years of dedicated service to Baltimore City and the Department, a Testimonial Dinner Dance will be held on the evening of his 40th Anniversary with the Department, March 11, 1977. The affair will be held at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel. Tickets (\$12.50 per person) and further information can be obtained by contacting Lieutenant Peter Shaulis extension 2385.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner:

I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the United States Secret Service, our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding cooperation rendered by your department during the recent period of the Presidential election.

The professional performance and sacrifice of your department in support of the United States Secret Service greatly lessened the burden of this Agency in fulfilling our protective responsibilities.

With deep appreciation be assured always of our continued cooperation in all matters of mutual concern and interest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew E. Berger  
Special Agent in Charge



The Personnel Service Board recently presented the "Tip of the Hat" award to the Arson Squad for its outstanding clearance rate in arsons and attempts for 1976. The Squad members, under Detective Sergeant Paul J. Lioi, combined their efforts with the Fire Department Arson Investigators which resulted in a 63.8% clearance rate.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Edward (Steve) Stefankiewicz, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 26th.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Congratulations to retired Police Officer and Mrs. Ben Schwartz who celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on January 30th.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Principal Clerk Stenographer Teri Connor, who is recuperating from recent surgery. Hurry back to us, Teri!

Congratulations to Police Officer Louis Konieczny who celebrated his 30th year with the Department on January 30. Best of luck, Uncle Louie, during the next 30.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Captain James A. Kelly.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Criminalist Irvin Litofsky of the Chemical Analysis Section on his recent engagement to Cathy Gordon.

## WEDDINGS

**STOCKTILL, MARION**, Principal Clerk Stenographer, Eastern District, and Mr. William Kelly, January 15.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOHNS, JEFFREY PAUL**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Johns, Eastern District, 5 lbs. 10 oz., December 10, 1976.

**GADOMSKI, HOLLY**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Warren Gadomski, Southeastern District, 6 lbs. 14 oz. December 17, 1976.

**CALHOUN, JEREMY ALISTAIR**, son of Police Officer

and Mrs. Daniel Calhoun, Traffic Division, 9 lbs. 6 oz., December 24, 1976.

**LANG, MANDY KRISTEN**, daughter of Radio Maintenance Technician and Mrs. Robert J. Lang, Communications Division, 7 lbs. 12 oz., January 12, 1977.

**HODGIN, WILLIAM M., JR.**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. William M. Hodgin, Sr., Central District and great-grandson of retired Sergeant and Mrs. Lawrence E. Cooney, 9 lbs. 9 oz. January 13, 1977.

**CLINE, ALINA LYNN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Herbert Cline, Northeastern District, 7 lbs. 11 oz., January 20, 1977.

## RETIREMENTS

**MCDONNELL, MARGARET D.**, Senior Administrative Assistant, Personnel Division, 28 years, January 15.

**WADDELL, JERRY E.**, Police Officer, Eastern District, 2 years, January 24.

**THOMPSON, RICHARD T. L.**, Police Officer, Western District, 17 years, January 27.

## IN MEMORIAM

**HENNEMAN, GRACE**, mother of Police Officer, Edward Henneman, Traffic Division, January 7, 1977.

**DAVIS, DORIS A.**, mother-in-law of Crime Lab Technician Salvatore J. Bianca, January 7, 1977.

**HART, ANGALINE**, aunt of Police Officer Joseph Martin, Tactical Section, K-9 Unit, January 8.

**CLIFTON, LAURA A.**, mother of Sergeant Maurice Clifton, Southwestern District, January 9, 1977.

**ERNST, HARRY A.**, grandfather of Police Officer John Korenstra, Western District, January 10, 1977.

**CRAIG, JAMES**, brother of Police Officer William

J. Craig, Central Records Division, January 10.  
**BOBER, THADDUS**, father-in-law of Senior Clerk Typist Diane L. Bober, Criminal Investigation Division, Administrative Unit, January 14.

**BRILEY, ALFRETTA**, mother of Auto Serviceman Albert Briley, Property Division, January 17.

**PIONTEK, EDITH MAE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Walter Warne, Northeastern District, January 19.

**PRASCH, FERDINAND**, father-in-law of Police Officer John McNamara, Central District and Police Officer Edward Ward, Southern District, January 21.

**TEAGUE, BEULAH P.**, wife of retired Police Officer Samuel O. Teague, Traffic Division, January 22.

**HARIG, CARMELITA M.**, sister of Emergency Call Clerk Joseph McDonald, Communications Division, January 23.

**STEVENS, JEANETTE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Erma Stevens, Southwestern District, January 23.

**FARLEY, MARY MARGARET**, widow of former Police Officer Edward J. Farley, Southern District, mother of Sergeant Donald M. Farley, Youth Section, mother-in-law of School Crossing Guard Helen C. Farley, Northeastern District, January 24.

**COPPER, HARRY THOMAS**, father of Lieutenant Ralph Copper, Traffic Division, Traffic Investigation Section, January 26.

**CITRANO, JOSEPH**, father-in-law of Police Officer Gregory Faherty, Northeastern District, January 26.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**JUNK, GERALD**, Police Officer, retired, Central District, January 9.

**FORREST, JULIAN I.**, Inspector, retired, January 26.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

February 16, 1977

## The Drop In Violent Crime... A National Survey

*"The National Observer" recently published an article by Richard Egan, which is reprinted in part below, entitled 'The Drop in Violent Crime.' A survey of the nation's 12 largest cities by the 'Observer' revealed that violent crime decreased up to 4 times the national average in some of the cities and points out possible contributing causes of the drop.*

"In Baltimore, after police bought 15,000 guns from citizens in 1974, handgun murders fell 23.6 per cent in 1975 and 34.6 per cent last year. In Detroit, after passage of a new rape law and establishment of a rape-crisis center, rapes declined by 8.6 per cent last year. In Indianapolis, after initiation of a program aimed at convicting and jailing hardened hoodlums, robberies dropped by 23.4 per cent last year.

"Across the country, police and prosecutors are testing new ways to cut down on violent crime. Judges are handing down stiffer jail sentences. Citizens are joining the crime fight.

"It all seems to be working. Violent crime - murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault - declined 5 per cent nationwide in the first nine months of 1976 compared with the like period in 1975, according to the latest FBI figures. The declines were even more dramatic in many of the nation's biggest cities. And the decreases appear to be continuing.

"An 'Observer' survey of the nation's 12 largest cities turned up violent-crime decreases two, three, and even four times the national average. Latest avail-

able figures show that violent crime was off 22.6 per cent in San Antonio, 18 per cent in Washington, D.C., 17.6 per cent in Philadelphia, 16.1 per cent in Houston, 11.8 per cent in Baltimore, and 11 per cent in Indianapolis. Eight of the 12 cities showed declines steeper than the national average. New York City had a 3 per cent drop; San Diego showed no change. Only Los Angeles (3.7 per cent) and Detroit (0.9 per cent) had increases.

"Most specialists on crime can pinpoint no broad reasons for the drop. Nor are they willing to speculate about whether it will continue. 'I don't have any idea about why it's happening,' says William A. Hamilton, president of the Institute for Law and Social Research, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. 'It is very hard to determine why this has happened,' agrees Dr. David Abrahamsen, a New York City psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. Possibly for the time being the number of violent crimes has reached a certain plateau, from which it could go up or down.

"But police and prosecutors in most big cities believe that specific programs and approaches are slicing into violent-crime rates, particularly for rape and robbery. Many cities are focusing on repeat offenders. 'You know, it's been said that if we got the right 50 men off the streets, we'd have 80 per cent of the rapists,' says James D. Bannon, executive deputy police chief in Detroit.

"Of the four violent-crime categories, the FBI statistics show declines of 10

## Department Praised For Efforts

*"I am well aware of the great effort put forth to attain the United Fund Achievement Award and I want to extend to each man and woman in the Department my sincere congratulations. All of you, in participating in the 1976 United Fund Campaign, are doing something additional to help those less fortunate.*

*"I would like to thank the Department's United Fund Campaign Coordinator Director William R. DeWeese and Lieutenant Robert H. Jenkins of Fiscal Affairs Division who directed the efforts of this Department. I would also like to thank Director Dennis S. Hill of the Public Information Division for his assistance.*

*"The theme of the 1976 campaign was 'Thanks To You It's Working.' Because so many of you care the campaign is indeed, working."*

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On January 24, 1977, Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer presented an Achievement Award to the Baltimore Police Department for its excellent support of the annual United Fund Campaign.

The total contribution by the Police Department for the campaign was \$48,489.47, which represents an increase of \$4,573.54 over and above the previous year's highly successful effort. This is particularly remarkable in view of the fact that the departmental strength during last year's campaign was lower than the previous year.

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# Violent Crime

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per cent for murder and robbery and no change for rape and aggravated assault. Most police officials are puzzled by the decline in murders. 'Police can do nothing about social conduct or economic conditions leading to homicide because the overwhelming majority are committed by the victim's relatives, friends, or companions of the moment,' explains Detroit's Bannon.

"Baltimore's 1974 gun-purchase program may indicate a way to reduce murder rates. Murders in Baltimore have fallen sharply for two years in a row since the program began. Last year the drop in all murders, including those by handguns, was 23 per cent, steepest among the 12 largest cities. Donald D. Pomerleau, Baltimore's police commissioner, says he's 'not sure' that the program affected the murder rate. But he challenges anyone to prove otherwise. . . ."

## Aircraft Law

Recently Maryland Attorney General Francis R. Burch and Baltimore Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau announced a policy of stringent enforcement of a state law prohibiting the operation of aircraft towing advertisements in the airspace above Baltimore City sports facilities.

The discussions leading to the new enforcement policy were prompted by the near tragic air crash at Memorial Stadium in December of last year.

Current Maryland State Law indicates that it is unlawful for an aircraft to tow an advertisement at an altitude of less than 3,000 feet over Baltimore sporting arenas, including the airspace above a one-mile radius from the arena.

During the next two months, airports in the metropolitan area from which aircraft towing advertisements have operated or where it is possible to rent an aircraft to tow an advertisement will be notified of the Department's intent to strictly enforce the law governing aircraft towed advertisements. Copies of the law and a letter from Com-

missioner Pomerleau outlining its enforcement will be given to the airport managers who will be requested to supply them to anyone flying from that airport. Owners and operators of aircraft will also be asked to execute a letter acknowledging that they will agree to observe the flight restrictions set forth in the statute.

As an enforcement measure, a Baltimore Police helicopter will be stationed in the vicinity of Memorial Stadium, weather permitting when warranted during a stadium activity. The helicopters and their pilots will be prepared to follow any aircraft flying under the 3,000 foot minimum within a one-mile radius of the stadium until the aircraft has landed. After the aircraft has landed and its pilot identified, an arrest warrant will be obtained and served on the pilot and the owner of the aircraft.

Violators of the Law are punishable by a \$500.00 fine.

## Conservation Measures

The winter of '77 will long be remembered by Baltimoreans as one of the coldest ever recorded. Due to unusual meteorological conditions the normally mild winter that Marylanders expected suddenly became unseasonably arctic-like. One of the most unfortunate results of the cold is that as the thermometer falls, the use of petroleum products rise putting a critical strain upon resources already in short supply.

To meet basic needs, immediate steps have been taken to save energy wherever possible.

On November 28, 1973, Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau issued a memorandum outlining the basic steps to be undertaken by this Department as part of the conservation effort. A summary of the procedures now in effect for departmental vehicles are listed below for your information and guidance in this period of crucial need.

While on preventive patrol or administrative/investigative assignments and non-emergency calls for service all personnel should practice conservative and safe driving habits. Foot patrol consis-

tent with established policy is encouraged. Whenever possible motorized patrol officers shall periodically assume visible fixed position surveillance of police hazards.

Travel beyond the Baltimore Metropolitan area with departmental vehicles is to be minimized and only with the prior approval of the respective Deputy Commissioner.

No departmental vehicle shall be left unattended with the engine running.

Additionally, Mayor William Donald Schaefer recently directed that certain emergency conservation measures be taken in all municipally owned buildings due to the unusually cold temperatures. The Police Department will be guided by this directive.

Thermostats in occupied areas are to be lowered to achieve a maximum average temperature of 65 degrees. Storage areas and unused rooms should be heated no higher than 60 degrees, however this may be lowered if practicable.

All electrical appliances put to personal use, such as refrigerators, heaters, radios, etc. are prohibited. Centralized coffee pots used by groups such as C.I.D., District Station Houses or Division Offices are permitted.

All unnecessary lighting is to be turned off when offices are not occupied. The number of light fixtures turned on during bright sunny days should be reduced where natural lighting permits. The last person leaving an office in the evening should turn off all lights except those which must remain on for security purposes.

Conservation is not just a problem for the city of Baltimore but a long term problem for us all. Energy savings can result from the decisions we, as consumers, make when purchasing various products for home use. Here are some buying choices that can lead to energy savings.

If at all possible, purchase products made from recycled materials or those that offer opportunities for recycling such as aluminum, paper, glass and steel among others. More energy is used in the production of products from virgin materials than from recycled or reclaimed materials.

When buying garments, linens or fabrics, try to choose those that require little or no ironing. Purchase products that will last. Products that will last may cost a little more initially but the additional use will compensate for the added cost.

Purchase equipment such as appliances and automobiles on the basis of initial cost and operating costs rather than on the basis of purchase price alone. Often products that are more expensive initially but are energy efficient will cost less over their useful life than lower priced products that consume more energy.

Ask for information about the energy efficiency of the products you purchase.

There will be no shortage of fuel oil or any other source of energy for municipal and home use if each person does his or her part to curtail consumption. In order to secure the maximum benefits to be derived from our environments dwindling natural resources, conservation must be viewed as a way of life for now and for the foreseeable future.

## NEWS NOTES

The Winchester Police Department, Winchester, Virginia recently announced their 3rd Annual Invitational Bowling Tournament to be held on February 24, 1977. The ten pin tournament is a team event, each team consisting of 5 departmental members. Entry fee is \$15.00. Further information may be obtained by contacting Officer C. D. Pitcock, Tournament Director, Winchester Police Department, 126 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Virginia. All applications must be received by February 21, 1977.

United States Treasurer Francine Neff has announced the official opening of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bicentennial Museum unveiling 200 years of often unique Americana.

Exhibits depict the history and mission of ATF which regulates the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives industries.

Visitors can browse among a wide selection of displays and exhibits, most

of which feature recorded commentary.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The Museum is located in room 1315 of the Federal Building, 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.

## Department Praised

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Based on the present strength of the Department the per capita contribution for this year is \$12.84.

Because of the contributions of members of the Department the agencies which benefit from the United Fund Campaign will be able to maintain and improve services to this community. United Fund agencies represent just about every area of the health and welfare field and provide services, in some cases, which are not available from any other source.

## Emergency Energy Order

On February 1, 1977 an emergency energy order issued by Governor Marvin Mandel became effective to combat energy short falls during this unusually cold winter season. Fuel oil and natural gas shortages have become critical.

The order basically requires that all lighting used for decorative or advertising purpose and all lighting not essential for public safety on parking lots be extinguished. The order does not require, however, a total black-out of parking lots which may create security problems or personal hazards for customers.

The Governor has requested that police officers, whenever noting violations and when time permits, contact the violator and request cooperation with his order.

Persistent violators may be prosecuted by the Attorney General and are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000.

## Furloughed Officers Return

Shortly before July of last year the City of Baltimore was faced with a short fall of municipal operating funds. This shortfall was caused primarily by two events. The first was a pay increase for municipal workers and the second an increase in the cost of municipal services through inflation.

The Baltimore Police Department, as a result of budgetary considerations, was faced with absorbing the pay and inflationary increases. Immediate steps were necessary to maintain public service and yet reduce expenditures. One of the steps was the reduction of manpower in the Department.

Two classes of trainees were in the Police Academy at the time of the manpower reductions. Class 76-2 composed of 34 men and women had completed 12 weeks of the 19 week curriculum; Class 76-3 composed of 37 people had completed 5 weeks. On July 15, 1976 these 71 individuals were furloughed. Administrative personnel were transferred to overcome the normal attrition rate of the Patrol Division and by January enough salary savings were realized to allow for the return of the men.

On January 22 of this year members of Class 76-2 were notified that their Academy Class would recommence on January 24. Of the 34 trainees furloughed, 29 returned. Class 76-2 will graduate March 11 having already completed 12 weeks of training. A brief refresher course is being given the class before resuming their studies.

A few days after Class 76-2 was recalled, Class 76-3 was notified to return to the Academy on January 31. Class 76-3 had 31 officers return from their original class of 37. This class is also undergoing a refresher course and is scheduled to complete the Academy on May 13, 1977.

On February 14, Class 77-1 began. This marks the first new class to begin the Academy since February 16, 1976. This class is comprised of 35 individuals some of whom were furloughed before their Academy class started last year, cadets who have been reclassified as Police Officers and new employees.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to Sergeant George T. Kibler who has received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Towson State University.

Good luck to Agent Richard S. Clark, II in his new assignment.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Paul Egbert, son of Lieutenant Glenn Egbert, celebrated his 13th birthday in January by winning a gold medal in the Maryland State Junior Olympic Weightlifting Championship Meet. Competing as a lightweight, young Paul lifted 265 lbs. He was awarded the "Best Lifter" trophy for the Meet.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Clerk Typist Rosanne DiCarlo.

Congratulations to Warren Heuer, son of Police Officer Walter Heuer, on winning the V.F.W. Trophy award for his composition entitled "What the Flag Means to Me". Warren is a fifth grader at Fort Smallwood Elementary School. Keep up the good work, Warren.

Good luck to John Melling on his entrance to Duke University, Durham, N.C., in January. John is the son of Clerk Gertrude Melling.

## WEDDINGS

**COPELAND, GLENN**, Maintenance Section of the Tactical Section, and the former Rita A. Miller, December 20, 1976.

**STEVENS, ROY A.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, and the former Mary Jo Holecheck, January 8, 1977.

**POWELL, ROBERT LEE**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, and the former Donna Jean, January 21.

## IN MEMORIAM

**JAGGERS, STANLEY**, father of Police Officer Brian Jaggers, Southwestern District, January 28.

**WINTERROAD, ARTHUR L.**, father of Police Officer Addison Willie, Western District, January 30.

**PARROTT, RACHEL**, grandmother of Police Officer Morris E. Brown, Northeastern District, January 31.

**LUCEY, MICHAEL**, uncle of Police Officer Gary Vogel, Southwestern District, February 1.

**ROHR, DOROTHY**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Michael Cuffley, Southern District, February 1.

**ABRAMS, SARAH**, aunt of Detective Joseph Kimmel, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft

Unit, February 2.

**DZIEWANOWSKI, BRONISLAW**, father of Stanley Dziewanowski, General Services Bureau, February 3.

**APOLONIO, MICHELINA**, mother-in-law of Police Agent Daniel Aquilio, Fiscal Affairs Division, February 3.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**FISHER, WILLIAM**, Police Officer, retired from Central District, February 2.

**MONTGOMERY, MELVIN**, Sergeant, retired from Northern District, February 5.

**JONES, CHARLES**, Police Officer, retired from Tactical Section, February 6.



On January 17, 1952, 54 "Third Grade Patrolman" were sworn into the Baltimore City Police Department. Twenty-five years later twelve of the fourteen men remaining from that academy class posed for a "class" picture.

Reading from left to right; First row, Lt. William T. McCarthy, C.I.D.; Lt. Casper W. Klein, C.I.D.; Col. Bishop L. Robinson, Chief of Patrol; Lt. Donald J. Sutton, S.D.; Lt. Leslie J. Stickles, C.I.D.; Second row, Sgt. William A. Burke, Community Relations; Sgt. James L. Davis, C.I.D.; Sgt. Joseph A. McMann, C.I.D.; Officer Joseph C. Weih, S.W.; Officer Herman J. Bullinger, Communications Div.; Officer Charles L. Rummel, Traffic Div.; Officer Ernest H. Gardner, N.E. Not photographed: Officer Fred J. Luthardt, Toc., and Officer Harold W. Sanders, E.D.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

March 2, 1977

## New Patrol Holsters To Be Introduced

After a review of the status of the current swivel type holsters used in uniform patrol duty the Police Commissioner directed a staff study be made to evaluate possible alternatives to the current swivel holster.

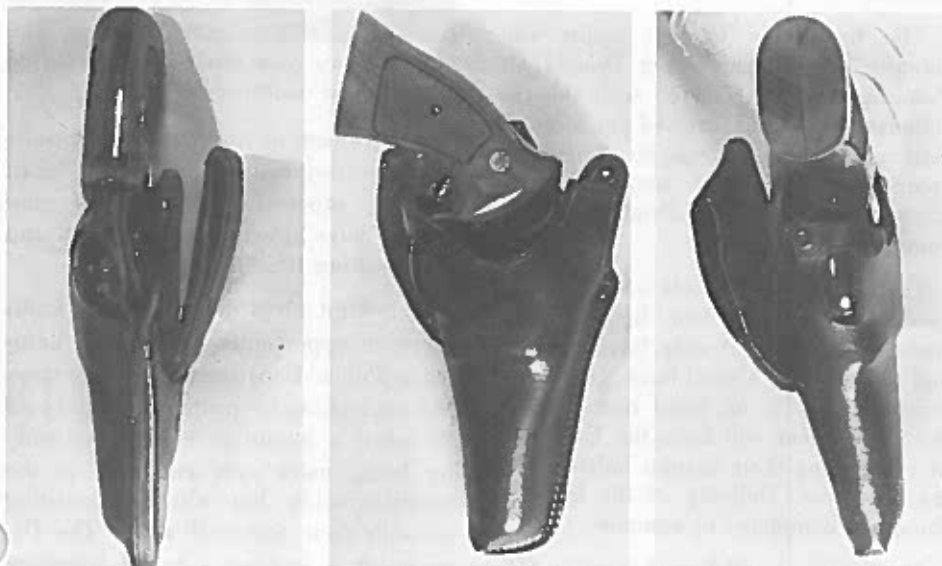
A review of the various holsters commercially available resulted in the selection of seven different types for testing and evaluation. Officer safety, which was the primary consideration during the selection process, dictated the elimination of those holsters which required placement of the finger in the trigger guard during the initial stage of the drawing motion. Following the acquisition of test holsters, a three phase testing and evaluation process was initiated.

The first was a preliminary evaluation completed in conjunction with Sergeant

James W. Freeman of the Armory Unit, and staff members of the Skills Section of the Education and Training Division. Suitability tests were conducted under controlled conditions to determine and eliminate from field testing those holsters with problem potential. These initial tests included use on the Practical Pistol Course at the Department's Gunpowder Range by members of the Skills Section as well as by trainees. Trainee involvement was deemed essential as they had a minimum level of expertise with police equipment and therefore would be the first to experience difficulty with the holster.

As a result of the preliminary tests five holsters were selected for further examination.

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Distribution will soon begin on the unique holster recently adopted by the Department for the uniformed officer. The holster incorporates many desirable features found in a number of other types. The final product is the result of extensive field testing and subsequent design changes.

## Auxiliary Police Outfitted

The Baltimore Police Department recently unveiled the new uniform and badge that will be worn by members of the Auxiliary Police Unit.

The uniform was developed by the Department's Property Division in cooperation with the current manufacturer of the Department's uniforms. It was designed to be distinctive from the uniform worn by sworn members of the Department.



The Auxiliary Police Officers uniform is distinctive from that of sworn officers.

The coat is of the same style as the famous Eisenhower Jacket but without a

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## New Patrol Holsters To Be Introduced

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The second phase consisted of field testing. A total of twenty-four holsters were distributed to officers selected by the Chief of Patrol, who were assigned to patrol posts in all of the Districts. Participation in the project was purely voluntary.

The officers involved were instructed on the use of the test holsters. Test participants were informed they could discontinue participation in the evaluation at any time, for any reason. During the field test period, officers submitted weekly evaluation reports dealing with: overall security, comfort while in a patrol vehicle and on foot patrol, performance with uniform coats, accessibility while in a patrol vehicle, speed of draw and overall desirability. Their experience with the present Departmental issue served as a baseline for comparison. Field test officers varied in height and build, representing a cross section of the physical stature of members of the Department.

During the third phase, input from the tests were evaluated. As a result two styles were deemed unsuitable and eliminated from further consideration. While three styles were, according to field tests, suitable for Departmental use, there were sufficient reservations expressed to warrant further exploration. A redesign of field test models was undertaken. This design, based on officer input, minimized the shortcomings of the test holsters without sacrificing their positive aspects. Fifteen production prototypes of this unique holster were produced for testing.

The same three phase evaluation was performed on this prototype. The field test officers, who previously volunteered and participated, were then asked to field test the new model. Their input after a three month evaluation was overwhelmingly in favor of the new design, finding it the most suitable of all tested. Durability tests were then conducted with positive results.

This holster evaluation project found:

1. The quality/safety aspects of the present Departmental uniform holster has now been exceeded by holster manufacturers.
2. A properly designed non-swivel holster, properly worn, can be used effectively and comfortably with present uniform design.
3. The thumb snap release is a safe and effective method of securing a revolver in a duty holster while not impeding the draw of the weapon.
4. A properly constructed and worn non-swivel holster increases both officer comfort and access to the revolver while riding in a patrol car.
5. A non-swivel holster was generally perceived as safer than a swivel holster.
6. There is no single holster universally acceptable/desirable. (regardless of a holster design there will be some usage problems with some officers.)

The holster designed to meet specifications established by field test officers is a non-swivel, Jordan Type, thumb snap release holster with adjustable jacket slot.

The Evaluation Project report was submitted to Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau who concurred with the recommendations and directed the Services Bureau to finalize specifications for competitive bid. Early last month the contract was awarded. Production has commenced.

Delivery will be made in stages as production allows. New holsters will first be issued to entrance level trainees and to others on a need basis. Once sufficient supply is on hand members of the Department will have the OPTION of exchanging their current holsters for the new ones. Delivery of the holsters should be completed by summer.

Notification to all Patrol Division Officers will be made when delivery is completed and the holsters are available for full distribution.

## Auxiliary Police Outfitted

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tight fitting waistband and is cut lower. It also has zipper side vents and light blue epaulets. The pants are a light blue and have 1/4" wide dark blue piping from the waist to the cuff.

The badge is distinctive and clearly identifies the wearer as a Baltimore Auxiliary Police Officer as does the hat piece and the shoulder patch. The badge is similar to a Police Officer's but carries a reproduction of the Department's official logo in the center.



The Auxiliary Police Officer badge features the official logo of the Department.

Recruitment of Auxiliary Police Units is progressing and will continue to be an ongoing process. A number of candidates have already been accepted and are awaiting training.

This Unit gives the citizens of Baltimore an opportunity to help the Baltimore Police Department reduce crime. We are looking for people who can spare 20 hours a month to help us not only by being extra eyes and ears in the neighborhoods but also by assisting us with their technical skills. The Department is seeking a broad spectrum of the community including lawyers, lab technicians, secretaries, file clerks, electronic specialists and doctors.

## Exchange Club's Policemen Of The Year

During the recent observance of National Crime Prevention Week, the Exchange Clubs of Baltimore presented two Baltimore Police Officers their "Policeman of the Year" awards for 1976.

The Exchange Clubs, whose members include many professional and business leaders, annually present the awards to those officers who, in their judgment, excelled in their service to the community during the performance of their duties.

The Exchange Club of Baltimore presented its "Policeman of the Year" award to Central District Officer Edward C. Reisch during a noon luncheon held in his honor at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on February 9, 1977.

Officer Reisch, who was appointed to the Department in June of 1975, was singled out by the Exchange Club for the outstanding manner in which he has effectively performed his duties and his dedication to the people of Baltimore.

During Officer Reisch's relatively short career, he has received 1 Official Commendation and has been nominated for 3 others which are still pending. He has on several occasions, supplied information which has been instrumental in leading to the arrests of suspects or clearances of open cases.



Officer Edward C. Reisch receives his "Policeman of the Year" Award from Deputy Public Defender Alfred J. O'Ferrall, III as Mrs. Gail Reisch and Lt. Charles L. Blondell look on.

Officer Reisch's investigative technique is well illustrated in an incident he handled shortly before Christmas of last year. The young officer responded to a rape call and in doing so was later to effect an arrest and spend many additional hours working to resolve several other related crimes. A twelve year old girl had been raped by a suspect

known both to the victim and to Officer Reisch. Officer Reisch directed several other officers to detain the suspect and to preserve the crime scene. With the suspect in custody Officer Reisch and Officer Andrew J. Stefankiewicz, began conducting an investigation. During the course of the investigation, they were to recover property taken in an assault and robbery and beating of an elderly couple which caused the death of one of the victims. Also recovered were items taken in a commercial burglary and residential burglary. The suspect was indicted by the Grand Jury and court action is pending.



Officer Horace F. Comegna addresses the Highlandtown Exchange Club.

Following the luncheon, Officer Reisch was awarded a United States Savings Bond and a trophy that he will retain for a year. His wife, Gail, was presented with a watch. Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia, Major Harwood W. Burritt and members of the Command Staff were on hand to congratulate Officer Reisch.

The Exchange Club of Highlandtown presented its "Policeman of the Year" award to Southeastern District Officer Horace F. Comegna, a two year veteran of the Department.

Officer Comegna was honored at a banquet presided over by retired Major Robert L. Larkin, former District Commander of the Southeastern District and featured Dr. H. Mebane Turner, President of the University of Baltimore and President of the Jail Board. In attendance were Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Special Agent George T. Quinn of the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore States Attorney William Swisher, Chief Judge Robert F. Sweeney and other members of the Bench. Representing the Department were Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia, Major Daniel O. Caulk and members of Officer Comegna's command.

Officer Comegna was selected for being not only an exceptional officer, but a devoted family man and an active citizen in civic affairs. Commendatory letters from citizens have praised his efforts on behalf of robbery victims, disabled motorists and others in need of police assistance who were aided by this officer in a courteous, considerate and professional manner.

During 1976, Officer Comegna made 100 arrests of which 20 were for felonies. He received a Bronze Star Commendation for his single-handed arrest of three armed robbery-homicide suspects shortly after they robbed and shot a store owner to death. At the time of the arrest, the suspect who committed the shooting still had the death weapon, a .38 caliber revolver in his possession. Officer Comegna's arrest of the three suspects was a great peril to his life. In addition to his Bronze Star, Officer Comegna has received another commendation and has been nominated for a third.



Officer Edward D. Sweren, Traffic Division, was tragically killed on February 12, 1977 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Park Heights Avenue near Caves Road. Officer Sweren, a 16 year veteran of the Department died when his small car ran over a patch of ice on an otherwise clear Park Heights Avenue and spun out of control. Officer Sweren was pronounced dead at the scene as a result of multiple injuries.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Sincere sympathy to Crime Lab Technicians Arthur Fassio, Howard Rosenkoff, Edgar Greene and to Criminalist Thomas Jenkins on their recent losses.

Best wishes to Officer George Trainor who recently entered the Police Academy.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Senior Clerk Typists Mary Hicks, Iris Robinson, Sharon Fleming, Janise Snow, Judy Myers and Brenda Courts and also to Report Reviewer Trainees Mary DeShon and Colleen Gulley.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Head Clerk Agatha Wilburn.

Identification Section - Congratulations to Fingerprint Technician Dorothy Boulware and to SCT Shirley Waller on their recent reclassifications.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Sergeant Kenneth S. Peach, Staff Inspections Section, who is recuperating at home from recent surgery.

## PROMOTIONS

**THOMPSON, JOANN M.**, Police Records Section Supervisor, Central Records Division, February 9.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ERHARDT, SUSAN ROSE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Alfred E. Erhardt, Tactical Section, 7 lbs. 1 oz., January 24.

**NELSON, EMERY**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Melvin Gallion, Central District, 7 lbs. 11 oz., February 4.

**BROWN, ROBERT ALAN**, son of Police Agent and Mrs. David Brown, Southeastern District, 9 lbs. 5 oz., February 8.

**DOUGLAS, CHRISTOPHER**, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Robert Douglas, Central District, 8 lbs. 8 oz., February 15.

**STURGEON, JOHN NORMAN, JR.**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. John Sturgeon, Central District, 9 lbs. 6 oz., February 16.

## RETIREMENTS

**CITY, JOHN L.**, Senior Accountant, Fiscal Affairs Division, 34 years, February 26.

**FEULNER, JOHN W.**, Police Officer, Property Division, 24 years, March 1.

**WALKER, EDWARD H., II**, Chauffeur, Property Division, 26 years, March 1.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**STICKELL, BENJAMIN**, Police Officer, retired from Old Northeastern Annex, February 6.

**ZARAS, HERMAN**, Sergeant, retired from the Northeastern District, February 12.

**SWEREN, DENNIS**, Police Officer, Active Duty, Traffic Division, February 12.

**YOCKEL, HENRY J.**, Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division and uncle of Sergeant Thomas Worthington, Central District, February 15.

**FREY, CARL G.**, Sergeant, retired from Western District, February 17.

**MCANALLY, JOSEPH H., SR.**, Sergeant, retired from Pine Street Station, February 19.

**SILK, HARRY J., SR.**, Police Officer, retired from Central District and father of Police Officer Harry J. Silk, Northern District, February 19.

## IN MEMORIAM

**THOMAS, MILLARD, SR.**, father of Police Officer Barkley Thomas, Northeastern District, February 4.

**SCHULTZ, WINIFUR M., (MRS.)**, mother-in-law of

Police Officer John Swann, Southwestern District, February 5.

**KENT, DONALD L., SR.**, uncle of Sergeant Donald Kent, Southeastern District, February 7.

**CHEW, ELEANOR T.**, grandmother of Police Cadet Alyce King, Personnel Division, Medical Section, February 9.

**WHITE, RAYMOND**, father-in-law of Police Officer Stanley Willis, Central District and detailed to Criminal Investigation Division, February 10.

**DAVIDSON, CARL C.**, father-in-law of Police Officer James George, Southern District, February 11.



Mr. John L. City, Senior Accountant assigned to the Fiscal Affairs Division, retired on February 26, 1977, culminating a 34 year career with the Department.

Director William R. DeWeese, Fiscal Affairs Division, said that Mr. City is "one of the oldest employees in the Department in terms of service and one of the most valuable, effective, and well liked persons, not only in the Police Department but among the many city employees with whom he deals."



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## Graduation and Commendation Ceremonies

Twenty-eight Probationary Baltimore Police Officers graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on March 11, 1977. The ceremonies marked the first graduation since last July when the members of Class 76-2 as well as 76-3 were furloughed due to a shortfall of operating funds experienced by the City of Baltimore.

Mr. Ralph G. Murdy, Chief of Protective Security and Safety, Social Security Administration delivered the Commencement Address. After his remarks to the officers, their families and friends, Mr. Murdy assisted Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in distributing the Certificates of Graduation to the new officers.

Commendation Ceremonies immediately followed. Eight civilians were awarded Certificates of Honor for their outstanding service to the community and eleven members of the Department were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duty.

### BRONZE STAR

As Officer Edward Reisch, Central District, arrived at the location of a call for a burglary in progress he spotted a male suspect fleeing the scene with a gun in hand. The Officer pursued the gunman on foot, finally overtook him and ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. The gunman, who had his weapon pointed at Officer Reisch, complied with the order and dropped the gun and was placed under arrest.

After receiving a sick case call Officer James Rankin, Western District,

came upon an unconscious male lying on a lawn. A preliminary examination indicated that the victim was in the advanced stages of cardio-pulmonary arrest and Officer Rankin began resuscitation measures until the arrival of the ambulance. Upon arrival at the hospital the attending physician stated that the victim's chances for survival were immensely improved by the quick utilization of the pre-cardial chest thump, closed chest massage and mouth to mouth resuscitation administered by the Officer at the scene.

It was a tense situation as Sergeant Edward Bishoff and Officers Thomas Sloan and Larry Dunson, Northwestern District attempted to prevent a seriously mentally ill person from committing suicide or inflicting injury to those who were attempting to offer assistance. The subject, who had apparently suffered a nervous breakdown, had slashed his wrists, arms and throat with a razor and armed with a pistol went to an outside balcony threatening to shoot himself or jump. The Sergeant and the two Officers were able to intervene by forcibly removing the would be suicide from the balcony after a violent struggle. The subject is now receiving care in a State hospital.

While patrolling his post, Police Agent Craig Grossman, Western District observed smoke and flames coming from the third floor of a convalescent home for elderly and bedridden patients. He immediately called for the fire department and alerted the staff at the home to begin evacuation. Agent Grossman

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## Helicopter Unit Sets National Safety Record

The Department's Helicopter Unit recently reached another milestone. On Tuesday, February 22, 1977 at 0145 hours Flight Officer John Rennie and Aerial Observer Gary Mitchell had the distinction of flying the 20,000th hour of accident-free operation.

According to Regis R. Raffensberger, Lieutenant-in-Charge of the Unit, this represents the longest continuous accident-free record of any law enforcement aviation unit in the United States.



Members of the Helicopter Unit have exceeded 20,000 hours of accident free flight time. This is believed to be the best law enforcement aviation unit safety record in the nation.

Since the activation of the first helicopter on October 23, 1970, the Unit has become a nationally recognized leader in helicopter patrol and was the recipient of the 1975 Hughes Law Enforcement Award for making the most "... worthy contribution to the advancement of the crime suppression concept of the helicopter patrol service. . ." in the nation. The Unit has also received three Safety Awards from the Helicopter As-

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## Commendations

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then rushed to the third floor, where he was joined by Officer John Goodwin, Northern District. They found the fire to be spreading rapidly and began a room to room search to warn patients. In order to evacuate the disabled patients the two officers made numerous trips carrying the victims to safety. As a result of their action both officers suffered from minor smoke inhalation, but recovered fully.

When the shot from a sniper's rifle rang out, Officer Morris Allen, Western District, was parked in his patrol vehicle in the 1800 block of Lanvale Street. The shot passed through the windshield of the vehicle but missed the Officer. Officer Allen sought cover and requested assistance. Officers Donald Licato and George Mitchell were the first to respond and quickly cleared the area as well as established a perimeter and a command post. Further reports of shots were also received by near-by residents. The location of the assailant was unknown and the Officers began a building and rooftop search. As they approached one location a subject jumped from a porch and attempted to flee down the alley, but was quickly apprehended. The Officers then concentrated on the residence and located a second suspect on the porch who was taken into custody after a struggle during which the suspect attempted to throw the Officers off the porch. A further search uncovered a sawed-off .22 caliber rifle on the roof.

When questioned about the incident one of the suspects stated he wanted to see how it felt to kill someone. Further investigation revealed that one of the suspects was also wanted for a series of armed robberies and shootings in the Western District and was suffering from a serious mental disorder.

When Officer Gerald Sax, Northern District, spotted an armed homicide suspect he began to flee. The Officer pursued the gunman on foot and when he overcame the suspect, Officer Sax was threatened by the suspect. The Officer used restraint by not resorting to deadly force, for fear of endangering the safety of bystanders and apprehended him.

## Helicopter Unit

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sociation of America.

During 1975 the Unit responded to 12,892 calls for service and assisted ground units in the arrest of 488 suspects. During 1976 the number of calls, which ranged from isolating a crime scene, spotting suspects to discovering victims who were in need of assistance, increased to 13,261 and the number of assists to ground units in the arrest of suspects rose to 553.

This new record of accident-free operation is equivalent to 27 months of continuous flight and is attributable to the unique recruitment and training standards developed and maintained by the Department for both the pilots and aerial observers.

In commenting on the safety record, Lieutenant Raffensberger praised the efforts of Chesapeake and Potomac Airways, which, under a contract, provides maintenance for the aircraft. Craftsmen at C & P have also been recognized nationally for the high quality of maintenance services provided.

## Crime Line Apprehension

As a result of a new weekly series produced by WJZ-TV (Channel 13) in cooperation with the Baltimore Police Department a second wanted suspect has been apprehended. The suspect, Andre Crawford, has been actively sought since 1975 on a warrant charging him with the murder of a 48 year old mailman. The victim had just met a friend in the rear of the 1200 block Popular Grove St., and as they approached his vehicle a gunman confronted them and announced a hold-up. As the friend threw her purse into the vehicle the victim struggled with the suspect who then shot and killed the mailman by inflicting two bullet wounds in the abdomen.

Almost immediately after the broadcast on EYEWITNESS NEWS at 6:00 P.M., Monday, February 28th a citizen contacted Homicide Detectives and told them where he was hiding. They responded to the location and Crawford surrendered without resistance.

The "Crime Line" reports are shown

on WJZ-TV each Monday night on EYEWITNESS NEWS at 6:00 P.M. During the show anchorman Jerry Turner details an unsolved police case or the description of a suspect wanted by the Department. The show is designed to enable WJZ-TV viewers to help the police in solving crimes and catching criminals by requesting those with information to call a special number that is manned by Detectives 24 hours a day.

## Longevity Increment Request Approved

Effective February 24, 1977, the Board of Estimates approved, at the request of the Police Commissioner, an additional two and one-half per cent (2½%) longevity step pay increase for those sworn members of the Department with 25 years or more of continuous service.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in making the request to the Board of Estimates pointed out that the "... Honorable Board has recognized and upheld a long standing tradition to render equal treatment to police officers and firefighters in matters pertaining to pay and monetary benefits." And brought to their attention the fact that, under the most recent Fire and Police Salary Schedule published in Section AM-290-7 of the City Administrative Manual, effective July 1, 1976, an additional 2½% longevity step was provided for members of the Fire Department after 25 years or more of continuous service and not for sworn members of this Department.

A hearing was held on the request before the City Economy Control Committee and subsequently the committee recommended approval to the Board of Estimates and the Board concurred.

Paychecks covering the pay period from February 24 to March 9, 1977 are the first to reflect this new increase.

## NEWS NOTES

Anyone interested in attending the "Good Bye Joe Party" for Colonel Joseph Carroll, Criminal Investigation

Division, to be held at Overlea Hall, 6809 Belair Road, April 28, 1977, 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., full dinner with open bar, \$10.50 per person, contact J. Rogers, extension 2694; K. Walz, extension 2650 or C. Kurth, extension 2067.

## Walk-A-Thon

The Baltimore 1977 March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, April 17th. This will be the 7th Annual Walk which is held by the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes applies the funds raised to protect the unborn and new born from birth defects.

The theme for this year's walk is "Keep Baltimore A Step Ahead." It is a tribute to the fact that since its inception in 1970 this city has annually had the largest walk in terms of participation and dollars raised than the 1,300 others held throughout the nation.

This year's walk will begin at the Inner Harbor and end at the J. P. Rash Memorial field off of Key Highway. Registration is under way and those who wish to participate should call 752-4500.



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WALK-A-THON**  
Sign Up Now 752-4500

*There's no heavier burden than a great potential.*

- Charlie Brown

## Northern District Gym Renovated

The Northern District Stationhouse is one of the oldest stationhouses currently in use by the Department. Although many changes have been made to the nearly 100 year old station, a recent re-addition has been made to the Victorian style building in the form of a "new" gymnasium.



Members of the Northern District devoted many hours of their spare time to give their gym a face lift.

Shortly after Major Thomas J. Copinger assumed command of the Northern District, he and Lieutenant Charles J. DiPino, the Administrative Lieutenant of the District, were discussing how the District could be improved. Among the items discussed was that the Operations Sergeants were confined to a small room off the equally confining roll call room. Also the small recreation room adjacent to the front desk had to be passed through while going to the District's Administrative Offices or to the roll call area. It was also noted in the discussions that the employees lockers were located in the garage area in the courtyard. This area was unheated and provided less than maximum security for the officers personal property.

In searching for a solution to these problems, it was suggested that perhaps the storage area on the third floor could be reactivated. It had once been used as the District's gymnasium and has ample room for a recreation area, a basketball court as well as a locker room. Long out of use, its once shiny floors

were blackened and dented with age and the walls dirty with peeling paint.

A renovation proposal was placed before the men of the District which was enthusiastically passed.

All of the pool tables, ping pong tables and other recreational equipment were removed from the old room. Cubicles were built by the men in the Construction and Repair Unit of the Services Bureau for the use of the Sergeants. On the third floor a room was cleaned, paneled and furnished as the new recreation center. New lockers were installed in the area which afforded the personnel a safe and secure area to store equipment. The cost of the renovation was almost entirely paid for by the stationhouse fund. Not to be delayed in their task however, when expenditures were needed for cleaning or working supplies, the men dug deep into their own pockets to keep the project progressing.

While work progressed on the recreation room, the men started looking at the old gymnasium and decided that it also could be renovated. The officers started to work on the time worn gym in their off duty time. Baltimore City College, which was in the process of demolishing their gymnasium, was contacted to see if any of their old fixtures could be acquired. As a result of this action, the backboards, tumbling mats, benches and even the old scoreboard became the property of the Northern District. With the equipment at hand, the walls were scraped, striped and repainted. The floor, which was nearly black, was sanded down, sealed and revarnished. A commercial firm was contracted and lines for a basketball and volley ball court were applied. As a final touch, the backboards and scoreboard were mounted and the mats were hung from the walls at both ends of the court.

The personnel and command of the Northern District are very pleased with the results of their efforts. So pleased, in fact, that the District is contemplating future basketball and volley ball games with other organizations in the Department to not only show off the home team but the "home court" as well.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels, Custodial Worker, on her recent loss.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Members of this Section extend sincere sympathy to Police Officer and Mrs. Stephen F. Grenfell on their recent loss.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. John L. Krebs who will celebrate their FIRST wedding anniversary on April 10.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Typist Peggy Walker who is at home recuperating from recent surgery.

**YOUTH SECTION** — Bon voyage to Major James P. Stromberg who left on a trip to Ireland on March 14.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend sincere sympathy to Senior Clerk Typist Edith Leedy on her recent loss.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — On March 8, a luncheon party was held on behalf of Police Officer Henry J. Zukowski's retirement from the Department. Members of this Division presented him with a plaque to commemorate his 30 years of devoted and unselfish service. Best wishes, Hank, for a long and happy retirement - you will be missed by your many, many friends throughout the Department.

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — Members of this Division all wish a speedy recovery to Lieutenant William H. Bowen who is convalescing at his home from recent surgery.

## RETIREMENTS

**McDONALD, JOSEPH C.**, Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, 17 years, March 2.  
**SCHOFF, VERNON M.**, Police Officer, Criminal

Investigation Division, 18 years, March 9.  
**ZUKOWSKI, HENRY J.**, Police Officer, Inspectional Services Division, 30 years, March 9.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KUHL, MICHAEL DANIEL**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. John Kuhl, Southeastern District, 7lbs. 8 oz., February 8.

**MALY, LISA KATHLEEN**, daughter of Detective and Mrs. Thomas Maly, Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigation Section, Auto Theft Unit, 8lbs. 1 oz., February 10.

**MEYER, MELISSA MARIE**, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. John C. Meyer, Tactical Section, 6lbs. 14 oz., February 18.

**TALMADGE, STACEY LYNN**, daughter of Latent Print Expert Sharon and husband, Glen Talmadge, Laboratory Division, 7lbs. 8 oz., February 24.

**ALLEN, VERONICA BERNICE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Morris Allen, 6lbs. 7 oz., February 27.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**DeVOE, JAMES W.**, Sergeant, retired from Traffic Division, February 24.

**ZEILER, JOHN J.**, Police Officer, retired from Western District, February 25.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SHARON, HELEN**, sister of Police Officer Nicholas Latanishen, Central Records Division, Staff Review Section, February 11.

**SHOCKLEY, WILLIAM**, grandfather of Police Officer Scott Thomas, Eastern District, February 12.

**GEIGER, PAUL**, brother of Police Officer William Geiger, Tactical Section, Headquarters Security, February 15.

**BARCLAY, FRANK E.**, uncle of Sergeant Charles Barclay, Southern District, Police Officer Leo D. Barclay, Southwestern District and Detective Vernon G. Barclay, Criminal Investigation Division, February 20.

**LAWS, LEON W., SR.**, grandfather of Police Officer Francis R. Laws, Southern District, February 20.

**KURTZ, RICHARD FINLEY, JR.**, age 2 months, grandson of Meter Monitor Shirley Kurtz, Traffic Division, February 20.

**HAWK, HATTIE**, mother of Police Officer Carroll Hawk, Northern District, February 21.

**ADELHARDT, MARGARET G.**, aunt of Administrative Assistant Barbara M. Brandner, Chief of Patrol's Office and Sergeant Gerard C. Brandner, Criminal Investigation Division, February 22.

**WILLIAMS, DAVID O.**, uncle of Police Officer Verion May, Sr., Western District, February 23.

**SNYDER, HILDA**, mother of Detective John D. Clark, III, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, sister of retired Police Officer Howard Frank, Traffic Division, Mounted Unit and aunt of Detective William Wedemeyer, Criminal Investigation Division, Fugitive Unit, February 23.

**RUGGIERO, ANNA**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Fred Weidner, Traffic Division, February 24.

**DONALDSON, EUNICE**, grandmother of Senior Clerk Typist Kathy S. Lucas, Chief of Patrol's Office, February 24.

**THOMAS, LOUIS**, uncle of Police Officer Ronald Thomas, Northeastern District, February 25.

**BARNES, ANNE**, mother-in-law of Senior Clerk Typist Doris Merritt, Traffic Division, March 2.

**EMICH, EDWIN L.**, father of Police Officer Edwin Emich, Northern District, March 2.



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## Mobile Crime Resistance Educational Center Dedicated

When a crime is prevented from happening everyone benefits. The potential victim avoids a very stressful experience and the police officer can dedicate his time to solving crimes committed against those who were victimized and work towards keeping others from becoming victims.

Realizing the advantages of crime resistance, many individuals and groups within the Department have used initiative in introducing on District and Unit levels innovative crime prevention programs and projects in addition to the crime prevention responsibilities mandated to all operational divisions. In order to maximize these efforts on a city-wide level the Crime Resistance Unit was formed in compliance with General Order 15-77. The Unit is assigned to the Community Services Division whose Chief has the responsibility of coordinating the Department's participation in Crime Resistance Programs.

Assigned to the Unit is a new crime fighting tool which is being introduced to the citizens of Baltimore today. It consists of a converted recreational vehicle that has been outfitted by members of the Unit in cooperation with a number of concerned businesses and contains numerous displays and tips on how to resist crime.

The clearly marked van features exhibits on how to burglar proof your home or business ranging from cost free methods such as Operation Identification to effective locks and grating to elaborate electronic alarm systems.

The twenty-seven foot long exhibition area also features pictorial displays of

other crime problems and shows how a citizen can effectively make it more difficult if not impossible for the criminal to commit unlawful acts.

Other visual aids include movies. The van was designed so that it can be quickly converted into a mini-theater where members of the Unit plan to show films on such varied topics as how to deal with a rapist and self-defense tips.



Final touches were still being made on the converted recreational vehicle by members of the Crime Resistance Unit before it is put into service today.

The Unit will work closely with the Department's Patrol Division as well as the Planning and Research Division. Whenever a crime problem develops in any neighborhood in the City, and indications are that the Education Center on wheels could be an aid in addition to the on-going "crime prevention" efforts by members of the Patrol Division, members of the Unit will contact the local community organizations, develop an effective educational program, and locate themselves in the areas where the problem exists.

The Unit is also involved in other areas of crime resistance such as per-

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## Police Agents Appointed

On March 15, 1977 Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented certificates of appointment to thirty-one new Police Agents.

The ceremonies marked the first appointment since a freeze was placed on the position last July in a successful effort by the Department to maintain public service while absorbing pay and inflationary increases caused when the City of Baltimore was faced with a short fall of operating funds.

To qualify for the position a candidate must complete a minimum of one year in the Patrol Division as a Police Officer and hold a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university.

The selection process involves an oral interview, a physical examination, psychological testing and a review of the officer's past performance.

The Police Agents and their assignments are as follows:

### NORTHERN DISTRICT

Dennis A. Chaloux, Erroll E. Etting, John P. Sannie

### EASTERN DISTRICT

Walter H. Dustmann, III, William C. Mercier, James M. Miller, William J. Ritmiller, Jr.

### SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Albert G. Dyer, Daniel P. Hipsley, Stephen B. Jones, William T. Redden, Jr.

### TACTICAL SECTION

Robert G. Leonik, Brad P. Lowe,

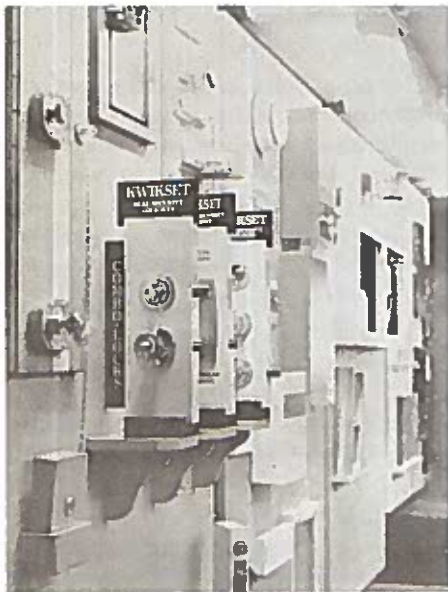
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# Crime Resistance

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forming crime resistance surveys in commercial establishments and when time allows at private homes.

The philosophy behind the surveys is simple: the typical burglar or robber is an opportunist and will strike at the point or establishment that offers the least resistance. During the surveys the men in the Unit inspect every aspect of the building. Their trained eyes spot deficiencies and they point out problems and then suggest solutions to them.



Locks and alarms are an important part of crime resistance and the most effective are displayed in the new educational center on wheels.

A typical example is the one most frequently encountered. There is a tremendous difference between a privacy device on a door and a security device. A privacy device is a door lock that can be shimmed or forced by a burglar with little effort. A security device is a lock, such as a dead bolt, which requires a considerable amount of skill or force to open and has a success rate in deterring the less skillful or determined.

The men keep abreast of all commercially produced crime prevention devices. They are not only familiar with locks and window grating, but also alarm systems.

The Unit is designed to supplement the efforts of the members of the opera-

tional divisions. Officers and Detectives daily answer questions and make suggestions on how to prevent crime. Occasionally though, a situation is encountered where complete surveys or in depth analysis is necessary. These are the situations in which the Crime Resistance Unit encourages members to call upon them on extension 2441.

This is an additional effort aimed at getting to the people who are potential victims of crime, getting them together through joint endeavors with the Baltimore Police Department to make this City the most undesirable locale in the nation for the criminals to ply their trade.



Numerous displays aimed at crime resistance are mounted throughout the converted recreational vehicle and are designed by members of the Unit to educate the citizenry.

## Police Agents Appointed

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Frederick W. McGowan, Peter V. Mione, Stephen C. Savage, Roy A. Stevens.

### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Charles D. Elkins, James H. Rowe, Jr.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

Edward A. Eshmont, James J. Flatley, Richard S. Garvey, David J. McGowan.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Joseph J. Hands, John M. McGrath, Thomas J. Uzarowski.

### WESTERN DISTRICT

Henry Herold, Jr., Raymond G. Jones, Margaret A. Mullen.

### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Jonathan G. Lusher.

### PERSONNEL DIVISION

Harlow Fullwood, Jr.

## C.I.D. Examination

The Criminal Investigation Division has announced that the written entrance examination will be given to all eligible sworn members of the Department on April 21, 1977. The location of the test will be determined by the number of applications received.

The examination is limited to those members below the rank of Sergeant who have served at least one year in the Patrol Division. Those who desire to participate must submit a written request to their respective commanding officer no later than April 7, 1977.

The test will be based on knowledge in areas of Constitutional issues, Criminal Law, the Drug Abuse Manual and Evidence.

Oral interviews will be given to those candidates who obtain a passing score on the written examination. A background investigation of each applicant will also be conducted during the selection process.



Members of the Mounted Unit held a review and demonstration recently in front of the Headquarters Building. The ceremonies followed the graduation of Class 76-3 and has become a long standing annual tradition held in conjunction with the first signs of spring in Baltimore.

# Fortieth Year Testimonial

On March 11, 1937 a young man was appointed to the Baltimore Police Department. In the more than forty years which have passed since that first day that young officer became Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes.



Commissioner Pomerleau praises the most senior member of the Department, Thomas J. Keyes as his wife Flora and Mr. Tully look on.

On March 11, 1977 his fortieth anniversary was the occasion of a celebration at the Downtown Hilton Hotel. Nearly 800 members of the Department, friends and other well-wishers took the opportunity to salute Deputy Commissioner Keyes in recognition of forty years of outstanding service to the City of Baltimore.

It was a happy occasion and highlights of the Deputy's outstanding career in law enforcement were brought out by speakers representing many disciplines.

Along with kind words and thoughts there were numerous presentations made that evening. Former Deputy Commissioner Ralph G. Murdy, representing Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer, presented a Proclamation and a pewter plate. Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented a Certificate of Outstanding Citizenship signed by Governor Marvin Mandel.

Retired Officer Francis Kavanaugh, representing the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers Association also presented a specially dedicated plaque.

In recognition of his long service in the Traffic Division an engraved plaque was presented to Deputy Commissioner Keyes by Colonel Maurice M. Guerasio.



One of the highlights of the evening was when members of the Services Bureau presented mementos of the evening to Deputy Commissioner Keyes which included an oil painting presented by Director Muller.

The Directors of the four Divisions which comprise the Services Bureau also made presentations. Major Robert E. Norton of the Communications Division presented an engraved silver plate, Major William F. Rochford, Director of the Central Records Division presented a commemorative plaque. Mrs. Flora Keyes was the recipient of an engraved gold bracelet presented by Major John G. Kollmann, Director of the Property Division.

One of the finer surprises of the evening was the presentation of an oil

portrait of Deputy Keyes which was painted by Lieutenant Thomas F. Hennessey. That presentation was made by Director Thomas Muller of the Laboratory Division.

Special sentiments for the evening were voiced by Mrs. Susan Welsh, Deputy Commissioner Keyes' youngest daughter and by his grandson.

## Sergeant Promotions

Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia awarded certificates of promotion to four new Sergeants during ceremonies held at the Headquarters Building on March 24, 1977.

The Sergeant and their assignments are as follows:

### INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Sergeant Roger L. Carroll

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Sergeant George B. Kirchenbauer

### TACTICAL SECTION

Sergeant Bruce H. Patten

### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Sergeant Robert S. Schmelz, III



Dr. William A. Niermann the Oriental Potentate of the Boumi Temple presented a \$500.00 check to Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau while the Shrine Circus was appearing at the Civic Center. The Commissioner accepted the check on behalf of the Department's Boys Clubs which will use the funds to provide additional support for the well organized recreational outlet provided by the Clubs for inner city youth. Oriental Guide Frank U. Stewart and Sergeant John A. Dutton of the Traffic Division look on.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Vice Control Section — Members of this Section extend sincere sympathy to Captain and Mrs. Donald E. Einolf on their recent loss.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Any District or Division wanting to play the Southern District Softball Team contact Police Officers Floyd Jacobs or Jim Miller at extension 2499.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Albert Dyer, Daniel Hipsley, William Redden and Stephen Jones, recently appointed to the position of Police Agent.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Deepest sympathy to Crime Laboratory Technician Dean C. Weil, Mobile Unit, on his recent loss.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish to welcome aboard Agent Michael Simko, Computer Typers Edith Hawthorne and Azarie Perry.

## PROMOTIONS

**CIERI, CAROLE G.**, Senior Account Clerk, Personnel Division, March 11.

**BELL, CHARLOTTE M.**, Principal Clerk, Personnel Division, March 17.

## WEDDINGS

**LEASE, MARIE (Mitzi)**, Computer Programmer, Planning and Research Division and Mr. Wayne Fitch, February 12.

**MATTEO, DENNIS P.**, Police Officer, Northern District, and the former Maureen Craig, February 19.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOODARD, GUY JASON, JR.**, son of Police Officer

and Mrs. Guy J. Woodard, Eastern District, 7 lbs. 7 oz., March 7.

**KRAUCZYK, LAURIE MELISSA**, daughter of Cadet and Mrs. James Krauczyk, Jr., Planning and Research Division, 7 lbs. 10 oz., March 9.

**BRECHTEL, SHAWN PATRICK**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Harry Brechtel, Southwestern District, 8 lbs., March 13.

**BAKER, AMY LYNN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Eugene Baker, Northeastern District, 5 lbs. 2 oz., March 14.

## RETIREMENTS

**CURRERI, CARMELO S.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 19 years, March 21.

**KUPER, EDWARD J.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 9 years, March 21.

## IN MEMORIAM

**RICASA, MARIA**, grandmother of Police Officer Bert Ricasa, Northeastern District, March 3.

**BROSEKER, ELIZABETH C.**, mother of Police Officer Leonard Broseker, Southern District, March 4.

**VANSKIVER, WILLIAM H.**, stepfather of Captain Donald E. Einolf, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Control Section, March 5.

**WINTERSTEEN, ROLAND B., SR.**, father of Police Officer Roland B. Wintersteen, Jr., Northern District, March 6.

**JONES, HANNAH**, step-mother of Hostler Curtis Jones, Communication Division, March 5.

**NIMMO, SADIE V.**, mother-in-law of retired Police Officer Joseph W. Welzant, Northwestern District, March 7.

**CREAMER, FLORENCE**, wife of retired Police Officer Thomas A. Creamer, Personnel Division, March 11.

**WINDISH, GERTRUDE**, grandmother of Police Officer George L. Windish, Northern District, March 11.

**BRETZIK, SOPHIE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Robert Ashmun, Traffic Division, March 12.

**BRADFORD, ALICE F.**, sister of Police Officer Philip Goodwin, Northeastern District, March 16.

**WEIH, GEORGE F.**, father of Police Officer Joseph Weih, Southwestern District, March 17.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**ZEILER, JOHN N.**, Police Officer, Active Duty, Traffic Division and brother of Sergeant Stephen M. Zeiler, February 25.

(Note: It was incorrectly published that Police Officer John J. Zeiler, Retired from Western District had passed away February 25. The Staff of Public Information Division regrets this error.)



During the Custom Motorcycle Show held recently at the Timonium Fair Grounds, Officer Marion S. Wiczulis of the Enforcement Section of the Traffic Division devoted his spare time to display one of the Department's motorcycles and also helped promote motorcycle safety in conjunction with members of the Baltimore County Police Department.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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## The New IBM 370 Computer An Invaluable Aid To Operations

The Baltimore Police computer exists to support the men and women of this agency in their dedicated service to the Baltimore community.

Operational 24 hours a day its various on-line and batch systems meet a wide variety of operational, administrative and service needs. The Department's teletype network, on-line booking, inventory control, calls for service data and Uniform Crime Reporting system are all computer assisted.



The new IBM 370 computer can handle more programs and process data about five times faster than the old IBM 360 system and do it more economically.

Designed for maximum availability, throughout 1976 the Department's computer was "up" (operational) 90 percent of the time. The 10 percent non-availability results primarily from time required to reorganize storage files and to a much lesser degree machine malfunctions. This fine level of performance will even now be improved upon by the Department's newly acquired IBM 370 system.

At present the computer terminals in use in the Communications Division do not inter-face with our computer, but are hooked directly to the State (MILES) computer system, then to the National Crime Information Center network and the State Motor Vehicle Administration.

A patrol unit's request for warrant or license and registration information usually goes via his dispatcher into MILES, SMVA or NCIC files. When Communications Division dispatchers notify field forces that the computer is down they are referring to one of these agencies and not the Baltimore Police computer.

For almost two years the Department's computer has supported our on-line arrestee booking and criminal history systems. Central Records Division manual criminal histories data have been partially converted. Once completed, criminal histories will be available to authorized personnel in a matter of seconds. Known as CHASE, the system is designed, controlled and utilized in keeping with federal and state security and privacy guidelines. In addition to being an invaluable investigative tool, this system serves to insure against delays in processing prisoners. It is also the foundation of an automated local warrant control file which will be implemented by fall 1977.

Computerized warrants will eliminate the need to manually search our paper files for possible outstanding warrants and search time will be reduced from minutes to seconds. Communications

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## Crime Resistance Center Dedicated

After several months of planning the Baltimore Police Department's Mobile Crime Resistance Educational Center was dedicated on March 30, 1977. Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau cut the ribbon to officially open the vehicle at 9:30 a.m.

Immediately after the ribbon cutting the Mayor and the Police Commissioner joined in a tour which was designed to point out the various uses to which the specially outfitted recreational vehicle can be oriented.



Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer assisted by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau "cut the ribbon" to mark the official opening of the "Community Crime Resistance Unit."

The "Community Crime Resistance Unit" is designed to be utilized in areas in which citizen input to the law enforcement process is deemed essential in order to effect a reduction in crime. Aside from the obvious Community Relations advantages the vehicle is actually a mobile classroom designed to instruct members of the community in the various methods of crime prevention which can be practiced by every citizen.

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# New IBM Computer — An Invaluable Aid To Operations

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Division dispatchers will have the capability of inquiring into the local automated files for patrol officers.

The entire Departmental teletype network is governed by the computer. This system provides both internal and external communications and is a part of the National Law Enforcement Teletype System. Through its utilization rapid communications can be accomplished with all member law enforcement agencies. It is also linked in with the Motor Vehicle Administration in nearly forty states. When an officer requests foreign jurisdiction operators information through one of the teletype terminals located in each of the Districts, Tactical Section, Criminal Investigation Division, Central Records or Communications Division a response is usually received in just a few seconds.

By summer all District and Division teletype units will be replaced by a more sophisticated high speed visual display and printer terminal. Over heated teletype machines will be a thing of the past.

The Department is already deriving benefit of its recently developed automated departmental property control system. Accurate inventories are maintained for accountability purposes. Property which is transferred from one division to another or is no longer usable can be easily accounted for. Time consuming searches of voluminous files are a thing of the past.

An on-line evidence control system is now in the concept stage, but should move quickly to operational reality.

The Uniform Crime Reporting and calls for service data which have been the backbone of the computer's batch system should soon be on-line with immediate access capability. These programs deal annually with information contained in about 70,000 crime related reports and three-quarters of a million calls for service. From each of these documents anywhere from 90 to 180 descriptive codes are entered.

Much of the success the Department has enjoyed in crime reduction is attributable to these programs. Computerized data enables the Department

to deploy manpower specially and temporarily based on the demand for police service in general and in crime in particular. Workload equalization is also achieved through this re-allocation.

For years the Department has shared its data and computer related abilities with numerous agencies on a local, state and national basis. Often times, Baltimore Police data is the basic or only data used for evaluation of federally funded projects within agencies other than police.



Each data module, shown in foreground, can store 70 million characters and recently replaced the old units which took the same room but could hold only 30 million characters. The units reduce the cost of storing the information and retrieve the data three times faster than the old.

Crime specific data print outs are also utilized by field force personnel as another tool against crime in our city. Analysis data, properly used, provides a foundation for decisions regarding tactical patrols, crime resistance programs and investigative pursuits. Baltimore Police Detectives have, through their own abilities, also made outstanding use of the Department's computer. The arrest data is also now assisting our Laboratory Division's Latent Print Unit's identification efforts.

These systems were first developed on the Department's now retired IBM 360 model 40 computer. Acquired in 1968 the "360" served the Department well for many years.

The recent acquisition of an IBM 370 computer, however, greatly increases the capacity and capability of the Department's automated systems while reducing the overall fiscal cost for retention of police related data. The new system is about five times faster than the old, can handle more programs and is also

more compatible with other computer networks within the various criminal justice agencies. With appropriate core storage levels this new system will support the attainment of the Department's long sought goal, Computer Assisted Dispatching. While this requires considerable planning and the creation of new systems and files, it is now a possibility.

Soon to be operational in an automated mode is the Department's personnel data file. This system will not only insure timely availability of accurate, vital information, but it will also allow for rapid response to those special skill needs that often confront the patrol officers.

Obviously the record keeping, retrieval and analysis of law enforcement data requirements of a major urban area such as Baltimore very rapidly expanded in recent years. Fortunately advancing technology has kept pace with this ever increasing demand and through the use of computers, what would normally have required hundreds if not thousands of man-hours or that which could not have possibly been done can be relegated to minutes, seconds and sometimes even milli-seconds.

In 1968 computerization of data first began in the Baltimore Police Department. With a comparatively small but dedicated staff of men and women in the Operation Crime Analysis Section, the Department has come a long way. The momentum of systems development presently being maintained promises even greater accomplishment in the future.

## NEWS NOTES

The "Loyola Retreat" will be held this year on May 9, 10 and 11. The fee this year is \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. Any member of the Department who is interested in attending should contact Officer Frederick A. Kestler, Jr., Messenger Unit, Ext. 2052.

Any female employee seriously interested in playing softball within the department, please contact Ruthie Folio, Central Records Division, Ext. 2321.

# Crime Resistance Center

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In areas where residential burglaries are a particular problem, for example, the "Community Crime Resistance Unit" will target on that crime. Special displays which show the citizen how to protect his own property will be highlighted. In addition the unit's projection facilities will be utilized to show films and slide programs which will be beneficial to the residents who view them.



Mayor Schaefer and Commissioner Pomerleau observe as the Chief of the Community Services Division Colonel Wilbur C. Miller and Sergeant George Boston demonstrate some of the security devices carried aboard the "Mobile Crime Resistance Unit."

One of the easiest ways for members of the community to really become involved in crime prevention is for them to join the Baltimore Police Department Auxiliary Police Force. The "Community Crime Resistance Unit's" personnel are well versed on the requirement for membership as an Auxiliary Police Officer and an ample supply of application forms is kept on board at all times.

Commissioner Pomerleau, after touring the mobile facility, said that it will become another, "valuable tool for law enforcement in this urban area." He pointed out that for the first time many members of the community will be able to come into direct contact with members of their Police Department in an educational-instructional environment. The Commissioner expressed his confidence in the desire of the residents of the community to "get involved" and said

that the "Community Crime Resistance Unit" is a good focal point for this effort.

Immediately after the dedication ceremonies members of the Command Staff toured the unit followed by members of several high school classes which were touring the Headquarters Building.

## "Operation Briar Rabbit"

A representative of the Baltimore Police Department recently participated in a conference sponsored by the Major Frauds Unit of the Washington, D.C. Police Department concerning itinerant people who travel throughout the country and victimize citizens with various frauds, flim-flams, larcenies and other schemes.

These groups tend to come through this area during the warmer months, are highly mobile and usually stay in one jurisdiction only long enough to victimize a few people and then move on.

This mobility creates problems for those in law enforcement and as a result of the meeting in Washington, D.C., "Operation Briar Rabbit" was established. The participants, which included law enforcement officers from essentially every state on the East Coast, established the program in an effort to keep track of these groups as they pass through various jurisdictions.

As soon as any information is received by a participating jurisdiction all potentially helpful facts are sent via teletype under the heading "Operation Briar Rabbit" to all other members. The information includes methods of operation of the group, descriptions of suspects and vehicles used by them and whether any warrants have been obtained.

Their methods of operation vary greatly and can cause considerable distress among the victims.

The individuals have been known to pose as independent home improvement contractors who are willing to, since they are in the neighborhood and have some materials left over from a just completed nearby job, re-surface a drive-

way, paint the roof of a house, exterminate for pests, water-proof a basement or some other type of work at a reduced rate.

The individuals use diluted or defective materials that seem satisfactory upon completion of the work, but as in driveway resurfacing the materials wash away at the first rainfall.

Other plays used by these groups include posing as Gas and Electric men or some other type of service person. Their intent is solely to gain entrance into the home and once inside they will try to distract their intended victim while they steal cash and easily concealable valuables.

Recent experience has shown that when the distraction ploy doesn't work or when they are caught in the act of theft by their intended victim some of these individuals will resort to violence.

"Operation Briar Rabbit" is an informational endeavor which is designed to keep all member Departments informed about the operations of these groups. Upon their arrival into this jurisdiction advance notification will be made to all members of the Department. Coordinator for this endeavor is Detective Sergeant Jon J. Grow, Area I of the Crimes Against Property Section of the Criminal Investigation Division.

## Post Scripts

Sir:

For the past two weeks we were in Baltimore appearing in "Grease", the musical at the Morris Mechanic Theatre.

On several occasions almost every member of our cast and crew had to ask directions around Baltimore from a policeman, and on every occasion each of us was treated with such courtesy, and the officers were so nice and helpful that we just want to say "Thanks."

New York and many other cities could certainly follow your example.

Sincerely,

/s/ The Cast & Crew  
"Grease" National  
Company Theatre  
Now, Inc., N.Y.C.

It was incorrectly printed in the "IN MEMORIAM" column that the step-mother of Hostler Curtis Jones, Communications Division had passed away. Please note Hostler Curtis Jones is a member of the Traffic Division. Public Information regrets this error.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Emergency Call Clerks Nancy Geatty, Annie Gilmore, Carolyn Hare, Susanna Hughes, Minnie Johnson, Patricia Majewski, Susan Porss, Vickie Reed and Pauline Spellman.

Members of this Division wish to congratulate David J. Wise on his promotion to Radio Technician Foreman.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District wish to congratulate Sergeant Bruce H. Patten on his recent promotion and wish him success in his new venture.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District would like to congratulate Police Officer Gary West on his 25th Merit award from the "Diet Workshop".

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Auto Theft Unit — Congratulations to Detective Julius Neveker who is the coach of the Towson-Lions Squirts Hockey Team. Coach Neveker's Ice Hockey Team won the Squirt Championship this year with a record of 11 wins, 1 loss and 3 ties. His 8 year old son, Walter was the 2nd leading scorer on the team.

## RETIREMENTS

**HUNT, BINGHAM A.**, Police Officer, Southwestern District, 24 years, March 22.

**KACKRITZ, WILLIAM R.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 24 years, March 22.

**STEIN, NICHOLAS J., SR.**, Police Officer, Eastern

District, 11 years, March 22.

**MINSTER, WILLIAM A., JR.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 20 years, March 28.

**SWEM, WALTER B., JR.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 24 years, April 1.

**GREENE, MARY E.**, Principal Clerk, Northeastern District, 16 years, April 1.

**NELKA, STANLEY A.**, Sergeant, Northwestern District, 30 years, April 7.

## PROMOTIONS

**WISE, DAVID J.**, Radio Maintenance Foreman, Communications Division, March 24.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOCKENFUSS, ROBERT**, grandson of Sergeant and Mrs. George Wockenfuss, Western District, 8lbs. 10 oz., March 2.

**SCHIRMBECK, BECKY JEANETTE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Larry Schirmbeck, Northern District, 8lbs. 3 oz., March 21.

**PEACOCK, CHRISTOPHER OLIVER**, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Howard J. Peacock, Western District, 7lbs. 4 oz., March 25.

**OLIVER, DAWN MARIE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Glenn Oliver, Central District, 7lbs. 1 oz., March 27.

## IN MEMORIAM

**GILES, LUTIE**, grandmother of Police Officer Edward Eilerman, Southern District, March 16.

**LOFTON, PORTIA**, grandmother of Police Officer Ronald P. Stewart, Tactical Section, March 17.

**WORTHEN, BIRDIE**, grandmother of Police Officer James C. Beverly, Southern District, March 19.

**WILLIAMS, REGINALD**, uncle of Police Officer Edward Williams, Western District, March 19.

**GARDNER, JOHN H.**, uncle of Emergency Call

Clerk Milford Van Johnson, Communications Division, March 19.

**BURGESS, ETHEL**, mother of Principal Clerk Lillian Fletcher, Northwestern District, March 19.

**SHEEHY, HELEN A.**, mother of Sergeant Eugene McGraw, retired from Communications Division, March 22.

**COSTER, NEWTON**, grandfather of Police Officer Kenneth Kincaid, Eastern District and Detectives Donald Kincaid and William Kincaid, both of Criminal Investigation Division and father of Crossing Guard Dorothy Kincaid, March 23.

**COLEMAN, CHARLES**, uncle of Captain Donald E. Elnoff, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, March 23.

**PARIS, EDWARD A.**, uncle of Police Officer Mitchell Paris, K-9 Unit, Tactical Section, March 24.

**SMITH, CHARLES R., SR.**, father of Sergeant Leroy Smith, Central District, March 27.

**BUETTNER, JOSEPH C.**, father-in-law of Sergeant Charles S. Moser, Operations Bureau, March 28.

**GOODEN, GERALD T.**, father of Police Officer Reginald Gooden, Southwestern District, March 28.

**LOIACONO, TINA**, grandmother of Sergeant Wayne Loiacono, Northeastern District, March 28.

**JOHNSON, BETTY**, grandmother of Detective Andre Street, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Area II, March 29.

**TABOR, CALOTTA**, mother of Police Officer Donald Aull, Communications Division, March 29.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**CLIFTON, MAURICE**, Sergeant, Active Duty, Southwestern District, March 28.

**LEMMON, JOHN J.**, Police Officer, Active Duty, Communications Division, April 4.



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## BART...Citizens At Work

On any given evening, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays the Citizen's Band Radios heard in Baltimore include a lot of traffic which is of a rather unique nature. Along with the usual "Truckers Code" and "handles" like Rubber Duck, listeners to CB channels in Baltimore are hearing other types of conversation and "handles" like "Blue Grand Prix", "Mr. Raven", "Red Cat", "Black Widow" and "Bemore Capricorn". These "handles" belong to just a few of the more than 108 members of the Baltimore Alert Radio Team which is making a valuable contribution to the safety of the community in which they live.

The Baltimore Alert Radio Team, BART, was created in April of 1975, when a group of citizen's band radio operators met with Police Department representatives to discuss their mutual concerns and goals. The primary concern is crime and how to assist the police in both prevention and apprehen-

sion. The goal is service to their fellow citizens.

Becoming a member of BART is not exactly an easy thing to do. The requirements are strict and the demands are great. Those who are participating give freely of their own time and energy with no monetary compensation.

Shortly after it's creation BART began a training program, coordinated with the Baltimore Police Department. This program was designed to make optimum use of the volunteer's skills and provide each individual with knowledge, through training, which allows them to be of genuine assistance to the Police Department.

Meeting for training sessions every other Saturday BART volunteers were trained in the various aspects of Human Relations, The Function of the Police, Techniques of Patrol, Observation, Reporting and First Aid. This training

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## Colonel Carroll, C.I.D. Chief, Retires

Colonel Joseph F. Carroll concluded his law enforcement career on April 21, 1977. His service to the Department and the City of Baltimore spanned 34 years and began in the Northwestern District.



JOSEPH F. CARROLL

The Baltimore Police Department was a major part of Colonel Carroll's life long before he took the oath of office. By the time he reached age 16 his father, Joseph F. Carroll, Sr., had attained the rank of Detective Sergeant. His outstanding career ended abruptly though on the evening of November 19, 1928.

That evening, Detective Sergeant Carroll heard gunshots in front of the Headquarters Building. When he went to investigate he found a fellow Detective engaged in a gun battle with an armed suspect. He immediately joined in the lethal exchange. Early on he was wounded in the shoulder, but continued the exchange of shots until the fatal bullet struck.

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Some citizens of Baltimore have discovered that there is something that can be done about crime. In a cooperative effort with the Baltimore Police Department members of B.A.R.T. act as extra eyes and ears for members of the Patrol Division and have received high marks from the Department and the community.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR FIRST 3 Months January - March 1976 - 1977

TYPE OF CRIME	1976	1977	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	59	39	— 20	— 33.9
FORCIBLE RAPE	94	97	+ 3	+ 3.2
ROBBERY	2,020	1,775	— 245	— 12.1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,203	1,281	+ 78	+ 6.5
BURGLARY	3,616	3,350	— 266	— 7.4
LARCENY	7,673	6,703	— 970	— 12.6
AUTO THEFT	1,362	1,415	+ 53	+ 3.9
GRAND TOTAL	16,027	14,660	— 1,367	— 8.5

Index Crime Comparison/First 3 Months January - March 1976 - 1977

Violent Crime*	— 5.5% Decrease
Property Crime**	— 9.4% Decrease
Total Index Crime	— 8.5% Decrease

\* Violent Crime includes Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault

\*\* Property Crime includes Burglary, all Larceny and Auto Theft

## BART

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continues with members meeting for study at the Northwestern District Station House the first Saturday of each month.

Since July of 1975 members of BART, using their own radio equipment, vehicles, time and gasoline have volunteered a total of 6,045 hours. A total of 398 crimes have been reported to the police of which 73 were serious offenses. The members work on an individual basis except on Friday and Saturday nights when they patrol in a "team" configuration from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

BART has rules and regulations, which are strictly enforced, and its own Trial Board, which has the authority to suspend from duty, dismiss or assign extra duty to any member for any violation.

Each team member must possess a valid F.C.C. License, a Citizen's Band

Radio and/or a base station and have a sincere interest in serving the community at his own expense.

The members are required to attend all monthly meetings, be on call in emergency situations, observe the city's streets, parking lots, and other public places and report to the base station any situation which requires police service. In addition each member is required to keep a "log" of incidents which he has reported to the police.

Members of the BART do not interfere with the police, but do render assistance when requested. They do not leave their vehicles except to render first aid, and they do not make unnecessary calls on their CB units.

This type of service represents only one segment of the Baltimore Alert Radio Team's activities. In addition to direct patrol activities BART members participate in worthwhile community related efforts, such as chaperoning the Halloween parties in the Northwestern District in 1975 and 1976. They also delivered Christmas baskets to the needy

for the past two years. Additionally BART members were active participants in the 1975 and 1976 Baltimore City Fair, and they've acted as chaperones at the Pimlico Junior High School Christmas Show. Team members have also "adopted" the Saint James Teen Center as one of its on-going community service projects. A base station and antenna were installed at the Center and classes are taught in the use of the equipment. On Friday nights, teenagers from the Center ride with the Team and learn observation and reporting techniques.

Dedication to the community has earned BART not only praise from all sectors but also some more tangible recognition. They have received the Northwestern District Police Community Relations Council Award for Community Service and Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer's "Baltimore's Best Award". They have also been nominated for the "Roscoe Pound National Award."

A look at the "record" reveals the extent of participation of the members of the Baltimore Alert Radio Team. Between July, 1975 and March, 1977 BART reports were responsible for police responses to 214 serious traffic accidents which involved personal injury. Members, while making their nightly patrols discovered and reported 12 fires of significant intensity. During the period 17 hit and run accidents were reported by team members. They participated in searches for 8 lost children. Assistance was rendered to motorists on 438 occasions. BART citizen's band radio contacts brought life-saving aid in 19 cases involving sick or unconscious persons. A total of 367 out of state travelers received information and directions from team members and 398 crimes were reported to police. Seventy-two serious crimes are included in that figure.

The Police Advocate for the BART program is Lieutenant Colonel James H. Watkins, Deputy Chief of Area II. Program coordinator is Sergeant Mercedes Rankin of the Northwestern District.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomereau recently expressed his personal appreciation for the valuable volunteer efforts by BART. "This is the type of community involvement," he said, "that has a very real impact on crime. When

someone asks what they can do in order to support the Baltimore Police Department I often point out the accomplishments of the Baltimore Alert Radio Team. These men and women, donating their time and their talents are doing something which visibly improves their community.



Final preparations and assignments are being made by members of B.A.R.T. prior to starting their duties.

## Colonel Carroll

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The suspect also wounded two other detectives during the exchange, but was also shot seven times by Sergeant Carroll and the others and later died as a result of the wounds. Investigation revealed that the gunman was wanted in New York for three armed robberies and shooting a policeman and that the other detective was in the process of arresting him when the exchange began. Detective Sergeant Carroll was the 21st member of the Department killed in the line of duty and he is memorialized in the Department's museum.

Colonel Carroll trained in the Academy until September 30, 1942 when he was assigned to the Northwestern District. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in December, 1950 and remained in the Northwest until March, 1951 when he was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division.

During his career in C.I.D., Colonel Carroll was appointed to the rank of Acting Lieutenant in December, 1953, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in February, 1955 and was promoted to Captain in August, 1957. Among his assignments until 1973 was service in the old Headquarters Narcotics Division, the old Rackets Division and also in the Crimes Against Property Section.

On June 7, 1973 he was appointed to

the exempt position of Lieutenant Colonel and was designated as the Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division. As the Chief of C.I.D., Colonel Carroll insured the effective direction of criminal investigations. The Division, which is divided into four Sections, Crimes Against Persons and Property, Vice and Special Investigation, through effective investigations annually clear thousands of cases involving murder, rape, serious aggravated assault, robbery, escape, burglary, larceny, narcotics, prostitution, illegal gambling, arson, auto theft and various types of fraud.

During his career Colonel Carroll received eleven official commendations and has always been a dedicated contributor of time and effort to worthwhile programs and projects such as the Department's Red Cross Blood Assurance Program.

The Colonel plans to spend many hours of his newly acquired free time hunting and fishing.

## Safety Cities Start Tenth Year

The Traffic Safety Education Unit of the Traffic Division has developed a well received comprehensive Traffic Safety Education program that touches almost every junior citizen of Baltimore between the ages of 5 to 9. Important aspects of this program are "Safety Cities" East and West which began their 10th year of operation on April 12th.

Members of the Traffic Safety Education Unit conduct orientation programs during the fall and winter months by visiting hundreds of elementary school classes to discuss pedestrian safety. By using such devices as slide shows, the "Talking Bicycle" and the "Talking Stoplight" they fascinate the students and make learning fun. The officers also include in this program a segment emphasizing the importance of school attendance as a part of the Mayor's citywide anti-truancy program.

These efforts are then followed up by inviting the classes and the individual students to "Safety City" East located in the 4900 block Eastern Avenue or "Safety City" West in Druid Hill Park for the springtime walk through tours or the summer sessions.

During the tours the students are introduced to the cities in miniature which are realistically equipped with automatic signals, stop signs, and pedestrian walk-don't walk devices. They are taken down the streets passing tiny churches, schools, stores and homes and shown the proper methods to cross alleys, driveways and intersecting streets as well as the meaning of the traffic control devices.

More realism is applied through the use of miniature electric cars which the students are allowed to drive.

The summer sessions will be held from June 20th to August 28th. This expanded phase gives each visitor 4 hours of instruction over a two day period. The sessions deal with the various problems encountered by young pedestrians and how to solve them.

Bicycle safety is also an important aspect of the program. At "Safety City" East a two hour comprehensive safety program, featuring a bicycle rodeo will be conducted on Wednesdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The officers also have electric engravers at each location. These are used in conjunction with "Operation Identification" to mark bikes with their owner's identification for ready recognition in case of theft.



As the recipient of a Fellowship Senior Sergeant Neville B. Trenderle of the Legal Section of the New Zealand Police Department has been studying various aspects of law enforcement throughout the United States during the last 21 months. As a part of this training he recently spent a week with the Baltimore Police Department and was greeted by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau. During his stay he was the house guest of a fellow International Police Association member, Major William F. Rochford, Central Records Division.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Cadets Joseph Costantini, Stephen Kuhn, Andre Parker and Keith Leon.

Best wishes to Sergeant Earl McCurdy and his wife, Rita, who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on April 27.

Congratulations to Dolores Coogan on her recent promotion to Police Report Reviewer.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Vice Section — Members of the Vice Section wish a speedy recovery to Detective Edward Johnson who is convalescing at home after recent surgery.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Senior Clerk Typist Jean Sobus and Senior Clerk Typist Mrs. Fran Foutty.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — The Western "All Stars" Softball Team, managed by Police Officer Robert "Rabbit" Rabold, won their first two games of the season - 12-10 and 31-5. Both games over the "Struggling" Northeastern District.

Any "Departmental" teams that are able to play games (Softball) during the day, over the next 8 weeks, contact Police Officer Robert Rabold, Western District, Ext. 2477.

## WEDDINGS

**GWIAZDOWSKI, GENE**, Detective, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section and the former Miss Lupe K. Murphy, April 2.

**WOODCOCK, GARY**, Lieutenant, Northwestern District and the former Police Officer Joanne Thorpe, Northeastern District, April 11.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**O'BRIEN, ERIN KATHLEEN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. John M. O'Brien, Eastern District,

7lbs. 12 oz., March 7.

**BOYLE, EAMON**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Edward Boyle, Central District, 7lbs. 5 oz., April 4.

**LaMARTINA, LYNN MARIE**, granddaughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Anthony LaMartina, Central District, 5lbs. 15 oz., April 4.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**LUERS, EDWARD**, Police Officer, Active Duty Southwestern District, April 7.

**TIRABASSI, LOUIS**, Sergeant, retired from Eastern District, April 16.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SNYDER, EMMA**, grandmother of Police Officer Robert Floyd, Northwestern District, March 30.

**TAYLOR, WALTER, SR.**, father of Sergeant Walter Taylor, Jr., Southern District, March 31.

**JANKINS, CLYDE C.**, uncle of Detective Sergeant Edward Adelhart, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Control Section, April 1.

**AIREY, CATHERINE**, mother of Detective Irvin Airey, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Area 2, April 1.

**DILLION, ELSIE**, aunt of Police Agent Douglas E. Cash, Internal Investigation Division, April 2.

**LUSTER, BENJAMIN F., JR.**, brother of Police Officer Edith Owens, Western District, April 2.

**FARCEY, EARL**, father-in-law of Police Officer Ronald Lizotte, Central District, April 4.

**GIBSON, JOSEPH F.**, uncle of Sergeant John Lewis, Eastern District, April 6.

**ADAMS, LOUISE**, aunt of Police Agent Christine Ames, Communications Division, April 8.

**HORTON, MARY B.**, mother of retired Emergency Call Clerk Louis G. Wills and mother-in-law of retired Emergency Call Clerk Frank Wills,

both of Communications Division, April 9.

**BLACKWELL, CEPHUS**, uncle of Police Officer John E. Blackwell, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, April 11.

**CARTER, SUSAN**, sister of Police Officer Marvin Carter, Northeastern District, April 11.

**NEWELL, JAMES E.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Edward Keith, Northern District, April 12.

**HAYES, IRENE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Mason, Northwestern District, April 13.

**ELLIS, JAMES D.**, father of Criminalistic Section Supervisor John E. Ellis, Laboratory Division, April 14.

**GLEZMAN, CECILIA**, mother of Sergeant Richard Glezman, Northwestern District, April 15.

**LEWIS, ELLA**, aunt of Police Officer Robert Addison, Communications Division, April 16.

**SCARDINA, LORRAINE E.**, wife of Police Officer Salvatore S. Scardina, Southern District and sister-in-law of Police Officer Paul M. Scardina, Central District, April 18.

**CHASE, VERD**, aunt of Police Officer Wilson Lucas, Northeastern District, April 18, 1977.

**SCHERRER, JAMES VINCENT**, uncle of Police Officer Don Helms, Eastern District and uncle of Police Officer Earl Kurth, Southern District, April 18, 1977.

**STAUFFER, ANNIE**, grandmother of Police Officer Richard F. Parker, Northwestern District and Police Officer Nelson Parker, Northern District, April 20, 1977.

**DRONEY, ANN C.**, mother-in-law of Sergeant Charles Clemens, Northwestern District, April 21, 1977.

*It is the act which has consequences.*

- George F. J. Lehner



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## Hostage Negotiation Seminar... A Part Of Ongoing Training

Hostage situations have become an ever increasing problem for law enforcement agencies across the United States. Ongoing training sessions on an entrance and in-service level have been conducted and coordinated by the Education and Training Division and have involved virtually every member of the Department.

In an effort to acquire the best insight into situations and how they were handled by other law enforcement agencies the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Baltimore Office recently presented a series of two day seminars to members of the Command Staff of the Department.

The program, which also has been presented to all Operations Bureau supervisors, is designed not to show how to handle a hostage situation, but to show what has been done in the past and what works. Video tapes made of actual situations encountered by other agencies are shown and are used as a tool to identify the steps taken that have proven to be the most effective and those that have not.

No two situations are exactly alike and there is no simple way or procedure that will work in every encounter, but the Special Agents who conducted the seminars recommend a number of basic guidelines that have proven their effectiveness in the past and might be beneficial during an encounter and negotiation.

The use of time is stressed for a number of reasons. When the first contact is made with a hostage holder, experts state that the suspect's anxiety level is

at its highest point and is most dangerous at this time. As minutes and hours pass this level decreases as the subject has time to realize the hopelessness of any success and will begin to talk and act more rationally. This is also an important aspect to remember when developing negotiations. It is recommended that contact is established without a face to face encounter at least until the individual has time to calm down.

The Agents also go deeply into successful strategies that have been used in the past while negotiating with the various types of hostage holder including recommendations on how to handle terrorist and the mentally disturbed.

These seminars are a part of an ongoing effort by the Department to keep all members of the force abreast of all the latest strategies and philosophies concerning hostage situations and negotiations.

## Swedish Police Visit Baltimore

The Baltimore Police Department and Region #16 of the International Police Association recently hosted 96 members and their guests of the Swedish National Police Force. Among the visitors who came to this country for a nine day stay were active and retired ranking members of their Department as well as officers and detectives from almost all facets of police work in Sweden.

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## Department Hosts Cabinet Meeting

Representatives from neighborhoods located throughout the city gathered at Baltimore Police Headquarters on Monday, May 2, 1977, to attend Mayor William Donald Schaefer's Neighborhood Cabinet Meeting. The purpose of this series of meetings with the City's Chief Executive is to provide citizens with a first person look at what is going on in Baltimore.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer praised the Department's crime fighting efforts during a Mayor's Neighborhood Cabinet meeting held in the Headquarters Building.

The topic for the Monday evening meeting was crime. Mayor Schaefer, Mr. Richard W. Friedman, the Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and other officials told the nearly 150 in attendance about what the crime picture looks like in the city and what efforts are being made to insure a continuing decrease in the coming years.

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## Cabinet Meeting

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Residents were given the opportunity to ask the Mayor and Police Commissioner questions relating to crime prevention and the various activities of the Police Department.



During the meeting Richard W. Friedman, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice described the efforts of his Council in helping Baltimore fight crime through Operation Crime Stop.

Following that session the guests were taken on a tour of the various areas of the Headquarters Building. Additionally an Emergency Vehicle Unit, the Department's Crime Resistance Unit, and specialized police vehicles were on display. Members of the Department explained the functions of their particular specialty unit and answered many questions about police work in general.



As a part of the meeting participants had an opportunity to talk with members of the Department and tour the Headquarters Building.

As Commissioner Pomerleau pointed out during his presentation to the neighborhood representatives the Headquarters Building "belongs to every member of the community. I hope that when you

return to your neighborhoods, church groups and social groups that you will extend my invitation to them to visit their Police Department."

The Mayor's Neighborhood Cabinet Meetings are held approximately every six to eight weeks. They are conducted in various areas of the city so that our citizens will have an opportunity to hear about Baltimore and to express their thoughts to the Mayor and other officials.

## Retiree's Day Plans

Preliminary planning is underway for the First Annual Baltimore Police Department "Retiree's Day" to be held later this summer.

Many retired members of the Baltimore Police Department have been away for a number of years, and although some visit the various station houses from time to time the vast majority remain out of contact. It has been suggested that a special program be designed for retired sworn and civilian members of the Department so that they will be able to share the innovations and improvements which have taken place in recent years.

The special day will feature a tour of the Headquarters Building, special displays of equipment and vehicles and a presentation in which officials of the Department will bring retired men and women and their families up to date on what has occurred since they left active duty status. Light refreshments will be served.

It is hoped that many retired members of the Department who presently reside out of state will plan vacations in the Baltimore area to coincide with the Retiree's Day so that they will be able to avail themselves of the opportunity to meet old friends and renew acquaintances.

A date for this special occasion will be announced in the near future. If any retired members of the Department have any suggestions to make regarding what they would like to see or do on Retirees Day a note to the Public Information Division will put their ideas into consideration.

## Swedish Police

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The evening visit began with a welcoming in the Headquarters Auditorium by Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes and included a tour of the Headquarters Building.

Many of the visitors were bi-lingual and a local Swedish organization provided interpreters to assist those who weren't.

During the tour, keen interest was expressed in the extent of the use of handguns in violent crimes across the United States and the fact that law enforcement officers in this country carry weapons. Their Nation has a long stand-



Deputy Commissioner Keyes flanked by Inspector Erik R. Neilson and Major Rochford welcome the visiting members of the Swedish National Police Department to the Baltimore Police Department's Headquarters Building.

ing prohibition against the possession of handguns and none of the members of their force carry weapons except in unusual circumstances.



Members of the Swedish Police Force gathered in the Headquarters Auditorium for greetings by Deputy Commissioner Keyes prior to touring the Building.

At the conclusion of the tour the group went to a dinner and reception hosted by the local chapter of the International Police Association. During the affair information and mementos were exchanged between the members of the respective police departments.

Currently visiting Baltimore are 40 members of the Irish Police Force. During their three day stay they are being hosted in the homes of various members of the local region of the International Police Association and are visiting various facilities within the Department as well as various sights in the City and the State.



Inspector Erik R. Neilson of the Swedish Police Force and Chairman of Region #8 of the I.P.A., displays a pewter plate presented to him by Mr. Paul J. Nevin of the Mayor's Office as a memento from the City of Baltimore.

## Sergeant Promotions

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded certificates of promotion to six new Sergeants during ceremonies conducted in the Commissioner's Board Room on May 3, 1977.

A brief reception followed during which the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff extended their best wishes to the new Sergeants in this important new phase of their law enforcement careers.

The Sergeants and their assignments are as follows:

Tactical Section - Sergeant Thomas S. Grimes

Northwestern District - Sergeant Bernard Harper

Southwestern District - Sergeant Daniel J. Calhoun

Northern District - Sergeant George E. Bewley

Inspectional Services Division - Sergeant Francis J. Napfel, III

Planning and Research Division - Sergeant Eugene T. O'Sullivan.

## Lieutenant Gutierrez Dies From Illness

Lieutenant Francis M. Gutierrez of the Department's Property Division died on April 26, 1977, as a result of illness. The twenty year veteran of the Department served in the Property Division as Supervisor in Charge of the Headquarters Building Security, the Armory Unit, the Inventory Control Unit, the Quartermaster Unit and the Maintenance and Repair Unit.



FRANCIS M. GUTIERREZ

Lieutenant Gutierrez joined the Department in 1957 and served in the Northwestern District, the Tactical Section, the Southeastern District and the Traffic Division.

He was promoted to Sergeant in 1968 and after being transferred to the Property Division in 1974, he was promoted to Lieutenant.

During his career he was the recipient of two official commendations and received numerous commendatory letters from citizens.

The 45 year old member of the Department is survived by his wife Elizabeth

and two sons Joseph J. and Francis M. Jr.



Recently retired from the Department's Mounted Unit of the Traffic Division under the "Adopted Horse Program" was "Buck" a sixteen year old gelding who served the Department for seven years. He will be spending his retirement on a 186 acre farm in Crownsville, Maryland.

## NEWS NOTES

On April 17, 1952, members of class number 7094 were sworn in as patrolman in the Baltimore Police Department. Twenty-five years later there are still 21 active members who gathered recently with 19 retired members to celebrate the occasion. The active members are: Detective Lee M. Beauchamp, Officer Franklin Blake, Detective Sergeant Waldemar S. Bradshaw, Sergeant John C. Brown, Major Richard L. Connelly, Lieutenant Edward S. Eben, Officer Joseph R. Engle, Lieutenant Phillip C. Farace, Officer Earl K. Gabel, Sergeant Joseph J. Garpstas, Detective Lieutenant James M. Gorsuch, Lieutenant Charles H. Hellams, Officer Charles M. Kline, Detective Melvin E. Neff, Sergeant Michael J. Pucci, Lieutenant Francis J. Riedy, Officer Robert J. Ross, Sergeant Howard R. Stansbury, Officer Ignace M. Thibodeaux, Officer Ralph J. Wolfe and Officer Bernard A. Zilinski.

*If you are not afraid to face the music, you may get to lead the band someday.*

- Edwin H. Stuart

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Welcome aboard to Police Agent Brad Lowe and Police Officers Larry W. Guderjohn and George M. Immler.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Deepest sympathy to Criminalistic Section Supervisor John D. Ellis, Mobile Unit, on his recent loss.

A big welcome back is extended to Latent Print Expert Sharon Talmadge, Latent Print Unit.

Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technicians Gerald Brown and Leon White, Mobile Unit. Best of luck.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Farewell and good luck to Lieutenant Fred Neubauer on your new assignment.

Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Gary Woodcock.

Congratulations to Police Officer James A. Kelly on his recent retirement.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Audrey Hanna.

Congratulations to Miss Sharon Verna Brown, daughter of Administrative Assistant Verna Brown, on her engagement to Mr. Robert S. Lindsay. An August wedding is being planned.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — On April 28 about 250 people attended a "Good-bye, Joe" party at Overlea Hall to honor Colonel Joseph F. Carroll on the occasion of his retirement from the Department after more than 34 years of service. Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented the Colonel his retirement certificate with a wish that he enjoy his well deserved "leisure." Among the gifts presented to Colonel Carroll was an engraved coffee urn from members of the C.I.D. Coffee Fund. The tedious task of engraving all those names was performed by Detective Julius Sas, Administrative Unit.

Those who attended the affair have asked that their thanks be conveyed to Joyce Rogers, Kathy Walz and Detective Charles Kurth, Property Crimes Section, who worked so hard to make the occasion the success that it was.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FORTENBAUGH, JOSHUA**, grandson of Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling, Planning and Research Division, 7 lbs., 6 oz., March 25.

**GERMAN, ARRON MATTHEW**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Mark German, Western District, 7 lbs., 9 oz., March 27.

**TUMMINELLO, ANJANETTE BIANCA**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Gaetano T. Tumminello, 10 lbs., 2 oz., April 10.

**ESBRANDT, CARLA LANE**, granddaughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Anthony LaMartina, 6 lbs., 15 oz., April 22.

## RETIREMENTS

**GILLESPIE, EARL R.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 12 years, April 5.

**CARROLL, JOSEPH F.**, Colonel, Criminal Investigation Division, 34 years, April 21.

**KELLY, JAMES A.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 22 years, April 27.

**LOMBR, RALPH**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 24 years, May 5.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**POWERS, HARRY L.**, Sergeant, retired from Southern District, April 21.

**GUTIERREZ, FRANCIS M.**, Lieutenant, active duty, Property Division, April 26.

## IN MEMORIAM

**KESECKER, JOSEPH R.**, grandfather of Police Offi-

cer William J. Cysyk, Tactical Section.

**GLENN, WALTER**, uncle of Police Officer Ronald T. Townsend, Tactical Section.

**YOUNG, RALPH**, uncle of Police Officer James Bowen, Tactical Section.

**THOMAS, ROSALIE**, aunt of Police Officer Thomas C. Green, Tactical Section.

**MEKOLON, SKIP**, uncle of Police Officer William J. Cysyk, Tactical Section, March 11.

**PARKER, NORMAN**, uncle of Police Officer David E. Monning, Tactical Section, April 3.

**WINKLER, FANNIE**, aunt of Police Officer Alvin A. Winkler, Tactical Section, April 9.

**SCHILLENBERG, LAWRENCE**, uncle of Police Officer Wilbur Schillenberg, Southern District, April 22.

**SMITH, JAMES H.**, grandfather of Police Officer Roland Logan, Communications Division, April 23.

**MAYO, ELEYA**, grant-aunt of Detective David Paris, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Area II, April 23.

**SNEAD, CHRISTINE A.**, mother of Police Officer Milton Snead, Eastern District, April 24.

**PRICE, DORA**, aunt of Police Officers David James, Eastern District and Richard James, Central District, April 25.

**GRIFFIN, GEORGE**, father of Police Officer Norman Griffin, Traffic Division, April 27.

**HARTOBEY, SOPHIE**, grandmother of Police Agent Charles M. Block, Internal Investigation Division, April 27.

**CARBERRY, JAMES L.**, uncle of Police Officer John F. Carberry, Communications Division and brother of retired Sergeant William P. Carberry, formerly of Southern District, April 27.

**TRAIL, CLARENCE A.**, father of Policewoman Anna Carter, Community Services Division, Youth Section, April 27.

**PETRALIA, ANNA**, grandmother of Police Officer Anthony Petralia, Eastern District, April 30.



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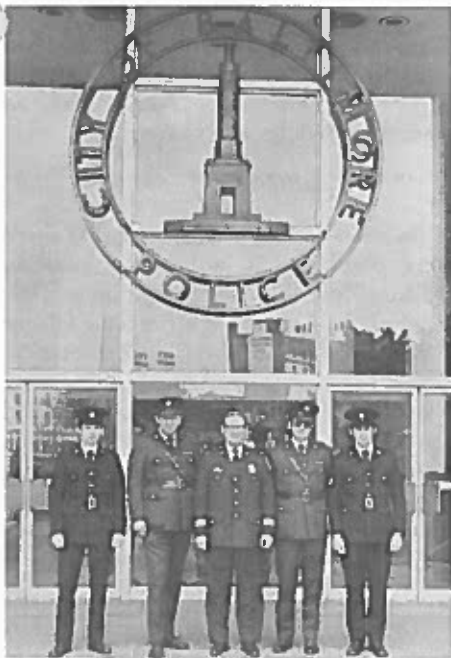
May 25, 1977

## Enforcement Concepts Exchanged During Irish Police Visit

The image created by movies and books of the policeman patrolling his beat in New York, Boston, Baltimore and other east coast cities who talked with a heavy Irish accent during the turn of the century was rekindled here recently when a group of Irish Policemen and their families and friends visited this City.

Many found jobs in law enforcement and the continuing presence of their descendants is reflected in the roles of the Baltimore Police Department which show a heavy scattering of names such as McDonald, Sinclair, Scally, McNamara, Murphy, Hogan, Brennan and many others.

During their three day stay, which was hosted by the local chapter of the International Police Association, the guests visited the Department's Headquarters Building as well as other points of interest throughout the city and state such as the refurbished City Hall, the Maryland Science Center, Fort McHenry and the U.S. Naval Academy. The Irish officers were also taken on a Moonlight Cruise of Baltimore's Harbor aboard the M. V. Port Welcome.



Four members of the Irish Police Force, a Patrolman, a Superintendent, an Inspector and a Sergeant displayed their uniforms during the tour of the Headquarters Building, coordinated by Major William F. Rochford, Director of the Central Records Division.

When the Great Potato Famine hit the homeland of the Irish in the 19th Century thousands immigrated to the United States and settled in the major cities.

## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

Certificates of completion were presented by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau to thirty-one officers graduating from the Department's Education and Training Division on May 13, 1977. The ceremonies marked the end of a rigorous training program which was interrupted when the members of Class 76-3 were furloughed due to a shortfall of operating funds experienced by the City of Baltimore.

Mr. Quinn Tamm, former Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police delivered the Commencement Address. After his remarks to the officers, their families and friends, Mr. Tamm assisted Commissioner Pomerleau in distributing the Certificates of Graduation to the new officers.

Commendation Ceremonies immediately followed. Twelve civilians were awarded Certificates of Honor for their outstanding service to the community and twenty-two members of the Department were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duty.

### SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

During routine patrol, Officer Michael Seglinski, Southern District and Officer John Macken, Central District, knew immediately that something was amiss when they drove by a motel and the night manager wasn't in the office. They alerted other officers that there might be a hold-up in progress and began to approach the office. Two gun-



The Computer in the Crime Analysis Section and its many uses were a point of interest to the Irish Police during their tour of the Headquarters Building.

The forty visitors stayed with various members of the Department who belong to the I.P.A.. They exchanged

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## Concepts Exchanged

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insight on how their respective Departments operate. The Republic of Ireland is seldom confronted with the problems their neighbors in the North have and even with the City of Dublin with its population of almost 800,000, they deal with a much lower crime rate.



Mr. Paul J. Nevin of the Mayor's Office presented Superintendent Moriarty with a memento during their tour of City Hall.

Handguns are outlawed and only a few specially designated members of the police force carry weapons. Footpatrol is their primary mode and all members carry walkie-talkies and night sticks. When a confrontation is made with an armed suspect and armed men are needed, the police department contacts the military and they respond and deal with the situation.



Fort McHenry and a review of its role during the War of 1812 in repelling the English was another part of the tour.

The visitors were highly impressed with the operation of this Department, especially the Helicopter Unit and the innovations being introduced at the

Department's almost completed Education and Training Center on the 9th and 10th floors of the Headquarters Building.



The Department's uniforms and equipment were of special interest to the Irish Policemen.

The visitors programs sponsored by the I.P.A. are bringing a number of police officers from throughout the world to Baltimore. The resultant exchanges of information between the visitors and members of this Department reveal that while there are some differences between the methods and attitudes towards law enforcement, there are many more similarities. The beat officer in such cities as Dublin, Stockholm, and Kashiara, all become frustrated and angry when they come upon a senseless killing or when they know in their hearts that a suspect committed a crime but can not prove it to the satisfaction of their respective courts of law. Regardless of the difference in language or uniform law enforcement officers worldwide have a highly unique dedication to serve in their chosen careers and have a common goal, to protect life and property and to bring the criminal to justice.

## NEWS NOTES

Today, Wednesday, May 25th, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the War Memorial Building. Members of the Department who belong to the Blood Assurance Program who wish to donate may do so at this time.

Any police officers and cadets wishing to work with young boys at the Police Boys Club Summer Camp located at Fort Ritchie, Maryland, contact Sergeant Donald M. Farley at extension 2099.

## Graduation And Commendation

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men appeared and opened fire on the officers. Once other back-up units arrived the suspects surrendered, but not until one of them had to be removed from the ventilating system where he refused to come from hiding after the use of tear gas. The manager of the motel was unharmed.

As members of the Central District Plainclothes Squad began to close in on a major narcotics dealer, the suspect spotted them and made an effort to flee. The officers blocked his route of escape with their vehicles, but the suspect rammed the radio cars with his. Officer Ronald Jones exited his car and as he began to approach the suspect's vehicle, the suspect accelerated and struck the officer and then repeatedly attempted to run over him. The other officers opened fire at the suspect and were able to apprehend him. Officer Jones received a Special Commendation and Sergeant Jeffrey Wright, Sergeant Jerry Rice and Officer John P. Barton were awarded Bronze Stars.

### BRONZE STAR

As soon as they discovered that there were occupants in a burning building Officers Rodney Ward and Francis Huffman of the Central District and Officer Frank Stewart of the Tactical Section began rescue efforts. As a result of their decisiveness and bravery they effected the rescue of two adults and a nine year old girl from the structure. All three officers escaped physical harm although their uniforms were ignited by the intense heat and flames.

The use of information from informants has been acknowledged as an effective basis in which to develop a case against a suspect. Officer Steven Crumrine, Central District was able to build on his informant's information while investigating an armed robbery. As a result of the officer's efforts, many hours of which were spent on his own time, he effected the arrest of three suspects who have been implicated in 21 armed robberies.

While off-duty at home Officer Albert Marcus, Northwestern District, heard a shot fired. When he looked outside he saw a young man placing a revolver under his belt. Officer Marcus went outside and overtook the gunman who drew his weapon and pointed it at the officer. The officer did not reveal his identity and while engaging the suspect in a conversation he returned the weapon to the inside of his belt. At that time Officer Marcus identified himself, disarmed the suspect and placed him under arrest.

Officer Richard Sprouse, Central District, upon responding to a fire scene discovered that there were a number of persons inside. Disregarding his own safety he rescued a number of people including a firefighter who was overcome by smoke from the burning building.

While off-duty and driving in the 4300 block of Hillen Road Officer Kevin G. Lloyd, Tactical Section, spotted what appeared to be an armed robbery in progress. As he began to stop, one of the two suspects shot the victim. Officer Lloyd pursued the fleeing suspects and managed to apprehend them without resorting to deadly force although one of them had threatened the officer with his gun. The hold-up victim died as a result of the fatal wound. Subsequent investigation disclosed that the suspects were also involved in nine burglaries in the Northeastern District.

As a subject was attempting suicide by drowning in the Jones Falls Officer Albert Bleakley, Tactical Section, came upon the scene. In an effort to effect the rescue Officer Bleakley jumped into the Jones Falls and in spite of violent resistance he was able to hold the victim's head above water until additional help arrived to remove the victim.

While off-duty Police Agent Richard Mosquera and Officer Stanley Lawrence, Tactical Section, saw a female firing a gun at a second individual fleeing from her. The officers identified themselves and ordered the woman to stop and drop the weapon. This order had to be repeated several times to her, as she was now pointing the gun at the officers. Finally the subject dropped the gun and

was apprehended as she attempted to run away.

When Officer George Freeman, Northern District, arrived at the scene a seriously injured accident victim needed immediate attention. In his efforts to revive the victim the officer effectively applied closed chest massage and mouth to mouth resuscitation until the arrival of the ambulance.

A vehicle fire at a service station has a high potential for tragedy. Officer John J. Weiman, Southeastern District immediately realized the hazard upon his arrival and was able to contain the fire and move the vehicle to a less congested area.

Upon arrival to a call for a shooting Officer Frank Stewart, Tactical Section and Officer Jere Hoffert, Central District began immediately administering emergency first aid to the victim. Special complications were present since the gun shot victim was also a hemophiliac. The officers were able to block the chest wound and permit breathing, curb the flow of blood and administer mouth to mouth resuscitation until the ambulance arrived.

When Officer Joseph M. Backike, Southeastern District came upon the elderly citizen, the individual had lost consciousness and stopped breathing. Through his persistent efforts the victim resumed normal breathing and recuperated.

Officer Steven T. Colburn and Police Agent Joseph Beling, Jr., Tactical Section acted quickly when they spotted a fire victim. Their efforts in extinguishing the burning clothing and body of the victim were instrumental in saving his life.

## Conservation Measure

In an effort to conserve paper and reduce operating costs members of the Department are reminded to utilize interdepartmental envelopes in all instances when appropriate when corresponding with all city and Department officers in lieu of using 4 1/8 x 9 1/2 inch white envelopes.

## Preakness Parade





## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Farewell and good luck to Police Officers Robert Bowman, George Dickerson, Anthony Ingoglia, Francis Owens, Martin Seltzer and Thomas Stein, in your new assignments.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers Brian Averi, Lawrence Fulton, Charles Johns, Robert Leeper, Brian Sperry, Anthony Swiderski and Donald Weeks.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Vice Section - Members of this Section wish a speedy recovery to Detective Daniel Bernhardt who is convalescing after a recent accident.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Senior Clerk Typist Brenda Wilson, Administrative Section, on her recent loss.

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Frances R. Street, who celebrated her 26th year in the Department on May 10.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard and best of luck to Crime Laboratory Technician John French, Mobile Unit.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Computer Typer Azarie Perry.

Congratulations to Agent Eugene O'Sullivan on his recent promotion to Sergeant.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Sergeant John Kennedy and to Senior Clerk Phyllis Brockington on their recent losses.

**LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE** — Congratulations to Sergeant Michael J. Fedock, III, who recently passed the Maryland Bar Examination.

## WEDDINGS

COVINGTON, ROGER F., Crime Laboratory Tech-

nician Laboratory Division and the former Shelley Grim.

RYAN, STEVEN, Sergeant, United States Air Force and Senior Clerk Typist Janet Humphries, Planning and Research Division.

FLATLEY, JAMES J., Police Officer, Central District and the former Mary Ann Malfatto.

KNIGHT, TIMOTHY L., and Senior Clerk Typist Ruthie A. Folio, Central Records Division.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAPSTONE, MICHELE LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. William Mapstone, Central District, 7 lbs. 14 oz., March 23.

GREER, LESLIE DANIELLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Jerome E. Greer, Southern District, 7 lbs. 3 oz., April 29.

ROBERTS, ALLISON ELAINE, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. Earl Roberts, Planning and Research Division, 7 lbs. 8 oz., May 3.

PAUGH, DAWN MARIE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. David Paugh, Central District, 8 lbs. 11 oz., May 5.

LIVINGSTON, JEFFERY SCOTT, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Jeffery Livingston, Northeastern District, 7 lbs. 3 oz., May 8.

## RETIREMENTS

WEIR, ROBERT E., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 14 years, May 6.

LANSEY, JOHN E., Police Officer, Internal Investigation Division, 20 years, May 13.

NELSON, JAMES W., Jr., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 22 years, May 16.

LOETZ, AUGUST B., Sergeant, Southern District, 25 years, May 19.

CLAYTON, WILLIAM B., JR., Sergeant, Property Division, 30 years, May 26.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

McNEIR, HENRIETTA, Charwoman, retired from Southwestern District, May 11.

CRISPENS, ROBERT E., Police Officer, Active Duty, Central Records Division and father of Police Officer Robert E. Crispens, Jr., Southern District, May 11.

JENKINS, MARION, Matron, retired from Pine Street, and aunt of Police Officer Robert Jenkins, Northern District, Lieutenant Robert Jenkins, Fiscal Affairs Division, Detective William R. Jenkins, retired from Criminal Investigation Division, Detective John Edwards, retired from Criminal Investigation Division and Police Officer James Babka, retired from Central District, May 12.

GARVEY, THOMAS G., Police Officer, retired from Central District, May 13.

## IN MEMORIAM

REICH, JOHN, grandfather of Police Officer Charles Reich, Southeastern District, April 30.

MEINHARDT, VICTOR A., father of Police Officer Kenneth Meinhardt, Northwestern District, May 1.

FRENCH, TARRIE, grandmother of Sergeant John Kennedy, Planning and Research Division, May 2.

FOSTER, HARRY M., uncle of Police Officer Joseph R. Mueller, Northwestern District, May 7.

HUNT, ANNIE, mother of Police Officer Bingham Hunt, retired from Southwestern District, May 8.

MAISTROS, GEORGE, brother of Police Officer Michael Maistros, Eastern District, May 10.

COX, SARAH, sister of Senior Clerk Typist Brenda Wilson, Traffic Division, May 10.

POWELL, BERTHA, aunt of Police Officer Leroy L. Page, Southern District, May 12.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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## The Central District ... "A City Within A City"

*Each one of the Baltimore Police Department's nine Districts could easily be called a "city" in and of itself. The land areas range from 2.70 square miles to 15.90 square miles, the population from about 56,000 to more than 165,000 residents. The United States Bureau of Census considers any town or municipality with a resident population of more than 100,000 to be a "major City." If Baltimore were to be divided into separate "towns" according to 1972 Census figures, four Districts would qualify as "major cities," and three others would fall just a few thousand below the "major city" population requirement.*

*Policing each of the nine Police Districts is almost as unique as working in different towns across the country. Assignments in the Patrol Division range from protecting quiet tree lined residential areas in the north, to concentrated areas of business activity in the center, heavily industrialized areas in the south and east, to highly concentrated residential areas located in each of the nine Districts.*

*This is the first of a series of articles which will focus on the individual Districts and how, due to their diversity, each must deal with problems differently.*

Of the nine Districts, the Central is the smallest in land area and permanent resident population. It is also assigned the greatest number of police officers. The higher concentration of manpower reflects the fact that the Central District includes the main business and shopping areas, as well as the seat of government for the City of Baltimore. It is estimated that because of these factors the popula-

tion in the 2.70 square mile District swells by more than one million persons on the average business day.

The density of the business population is remarkable. There are, for example, 124 banks and financial institutions within the Central District. Like other businesses which deal directly with the consumer each one must be checked frequently. In One Charles Center alone there are 240 different business offices, and One Charles Center is just one of the impressive structures which dot the downtown skyline.

The Central District is the focal point of the city as well as its cultural center. Massive development and renewal have greatly increased the daytime working population. The modern plazas and centers, used for various festivities, cause an additional influx of visitors and tourists not only from the metropolitan areas, but from throughout the world. Many of these visitors populate the areas in the evening hours and on weekends and holidays. Attractions at the Lyric and Morris Mechanic Theaters, Center Stage, the Civic Center and the Inner Harbor, create the opportunity for more visits to the downtown area. This makes the Central District responsible for manning an average of 15 to 20 special details and police responses each week. The manpower requirement can call for more than a dozen specially assigned officers for a specific period of time.

Close liaison and coordination is maintained with the Tactical Section and the Traffic Division which are called upon to maintain effective manpower

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## Policing Baltimore... Central District

Police services have been provided, on an organized basis to the residents of "Baltimore Towne" for more than 200 years. Early police activities met contemporary needs. "Officers of the Watch" did just that, watched the streets to be certain that all was well. Reports of fires, horse-cart accidents, births and deaths were made by the "Watch Officers". They also reported to the citizenry of the conditions in their part of town at any given hour. "Watch Officers", in later years, also lighted the street lamps at dusk and extinguished them by dawn, an early effort at conservation for which they were solely responsible.



The first Central District Station House was built in 1802 and was used as a Watch House. The small structure housed the men of the Central District until 1870.

The Baltimore Police Department, as we know it today, actually had its beginning in the 1820's. Officers were uniformed, they policed assigned areas, and had specific chains of command. On March 9, 1826 a new City Ordinance gave the Mayor the power to ap-

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## "A City Within A City"

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allocations for special events. Without this support the Central District would be hard put to maintain essential services, while at the same time providing coverage for these events.

The grossly expanded daytime population of the Central District causes special law enforcement problems. Each must be approached individually with an eye toward both prevention and solution.

The ability of the individual officer to respond to a call for police service can become a major problem as the morning and evening rush hours clog many downtown streets. There have been times when, because of an accident or malfunctioning traffic signal, some officers find it easier to park their patrol car and respond to a call on foot.

Because of the number of business establishments and heavy pedestrian traffic there are more footposts in the Central District than in any other. One downtown sector includes six footposts and two motorized posts.

A supplemental deployment of officers from the Department's Tactical Section also provides additional coverage in both the pedestrian and motorized modes.

Because of the massive pedestrian traffic in the business district special attention must be given to "people safety". Pickpockets, for example, may be attracted to pedestrian choked sidewalks downtown. Various methods are successful in dealing with this particular problem in the Central District. There is an adequate deployment of both uniformed and plainclothes officers. Officers on rooftops use binoculars to spot a potential pickpocket two blocks away.

Central District personnel encountered more than 17,000 prisoners last year. In addition to those arrested by District officers, the Central's lock-up is made available for the overnight detention of prisoners taken into custody by various Federal Law Enforcement Agencies.

Many of those who are arrested in the Central District have no roots in that section of the City. Because they often live outside the District it is often difficult for the District officers to know suspects by sight. They must, therefore,

be constantly vigilant to pick up on the behavior patterns which typify those who would be potential violators of the law.

So-called "Victimless Crimes" are a problem in every major city. Baltimore is no exception and the violators tend to gravitate to the center of the City. Central District personnel must confront this problem head-on on a daily basis. Result: 25.7% of all the vice arrests during the first quarter of the year were made by Central District officers.

Prostitution is a major part of the "vice" problem. It is presently being approached, by the District, in a three pronged attack. Arrests are being made of the prostitutes for solicitation, through the use of decoys, officers have been arresting the male customers, and finally numerous persons have been apprehended while actually engaging in illegal acts.

Central District Commander, Major Harwood W. Burritt calls his area of responsibility a "city within a city." Because members of the Central District are in the center of the City they come into contact with tens of thousands of people daily. Many are non-resident workers or they are visitors from out of state who quite often make their first contact with members of the Department in the Central District area. Many have been so favorably impressed with the courtesy and the high degree of professionalism displayed by the officers of the Central District that Major Burritt receives numerous letters which reflect the visitor's view that the Baltimore Police Department is among the best in the nation.

Like each of the eight other police Districts the Central is a busy place. For the men and women who patrol her streets, plazas and alley ways the Central District is very special. Like other areas of the City the Central does have a strong resident population. Fifty-six thousand actually reside there, others come to work or to play. All are welcomed by officers of the District who count on their cooperation, understanding and good will so that the center of Baltimore will continue with its dramatic change for the best. As an "All American City" Baltimore is especially proud of her thriving downtown area.

## Daytime Curfew

The Curfew Ordinance was amended recently by Ordinance No. 316 and provides for a daylight curfew for minors between the ages of 6 to 15 years, to be in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during any school day.

The provisions of the ordinance do not apply to a minor who has written proof from the school excusing him from attendance at that particular time or when accompanied by a parent or guardian or person 21 or older.

Police Commissioner's Memorandum 27-77 provides that "... departmental action for the remainder of the current school year shall be primarily informative in nature; concentrated enforcement efforts to commence with the start of the 1977-78 school year in September."

"Flagrant violations, however, may be brought to the attention of the Director, Youth Section, via appropriate departmental report."

## *Post Scripts*

Dear Commander Francis,

The Violetville Community Association held its Annual Parade on Saturday, May 14, 1977.

I would like to commend Officers James Wagner, David Prettyman, Dennis Puciato and Richard Spicknall for the excellent job they performed for the smooth operation of our Parade and Community Day Activities. These officers were extremely helpful before, during and after our program on Saturday. This was a fine display of excellent cooperation between the Violetville Community and the Baltimore City Police Department.

The above mentioned officers certainly deserve a commendation for their excellent performance.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Kathy Kremer  
Parade Chairman

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau,

Once again we can sit back and relax

after a tremendous job well done. It makes the entire day really worthwhile to read that this was the biggest day in Pimlico's 102 year history.

The appearance of the Baltimore City Police Department was, once again, a contributing factor to the success of the day. Their presence, conduct and patience during the tedious day was splendid in every way.

All of us at Pimlico owe each and every member of your contingent a debt of gratitude.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Chick  
Chick Lang  
General Manager

## Central District

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point Police Captains, Lieutenants and Officers. Three Districts were established by the Ordinance of 1826. They were the Middle District (Central), the Eastern and the Western.



In the 1870's a new Central Police Station was constructed at North Street near Lexington. The then new station had a number of features including a gym. Displayed on a large plaque in the gym was the motto of the Central "Semper Paratus" and "Semper Fideles" -- "Ever Ready" and "Ever Faithful".

The original Middle District Station House was located at Saratoga and Holiday Streets. Built as a "Watch House" in 1802 it was the oldest of the three

District Station Houses at the time of its occupancy. It was a small building, just two stories high. Small windows and doors were the outstanding features in a facade constructed of deep red brick which had been manufactured from Maryland Clay. On the first floor was



The current Central Station was built in the 1920's and also housed Headquarters Personnel until the construction of the new Headquarters Building.

space for the District Administrative activities, the area where the "Police Docket" was maintained and an area where officers reported for duty. Above these cramped quarters was the "lock-up". This consisted of two small rooms, barely furnished. One room was reserved exclusively for male prisoners, females who had been taken into police custody were housed in the other.

By the 1870's the old Middle District Station House proved to be inadequate for the needs of the members of the Department who were assigned there. So construction of a new station was authorized. The "new" stationhouse was located at North Street near Lexington. The new building was the first to be known as the Central District Station House.

By 1888 the Central District had a force of 174 men and the District boundaries were set. Those boundaries are today somewhat familiar: Howard and Pratt to Liberty Street, then to Greenmount Avenue; from the west side of Greenmount to Madison Street, to Aisquith Street, to Baltimore Street, and to Central Avenue, Pratt Street, West Falls and the water front around to Pratt and Howard.

The City of Baltimore grew immensely through the turn of the century. By October of 1926 the Central District needed a new building to house facilities for police services. The current Cen-

tral District Station House was built in 1926. The structure, designed to house both the Central District and Headquarters personnel was an impressive structure. It boasted several elevators to take police personnel and citizens to their various floors. Its lock-up, the largest in the city, was considered modern and well lighted. The building served as Departmental Headquarters through the early 1970's and will end its role as the Central District Station House in the very near future.

Soon the hallways of the present Central District will fall silent. The dark wood doors leading to the court room and the roll call room will open and close no more. Some 51 years after it first opened its doors the Central District building will become a victim of change. And that is not a sad note. Change is what keeps the valuable services to citizens of the city the prime objective of the Central District. From its new Station House, in the 500 block East Baltimore Street, officers of the Middle District will continue a proud tradition of service to the center of Baltimore.



The construction of the new Central District Station located in the 500 block East Baltimore Street will soon be completed and will be the new base of operations for the officers serving the center of Baltimore.

*The Baltimore Police Department is proud of its history. In more than 200 years of existence it has grown from an organization of "night watchmen" to a modern law enforcement agency, dedicated to providing varied services to the people of Baltimore.*

*In order to make these articles as complete as possible the Newsletter is soliciting historical information, articles and photographs from the Districts. Information should be forwarded to the Public Information Division, Special Attention: "District Features".*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to the Southwestern District Bowling Team - Gus' Lantern, which won first place in the Department's Blue Division - INCREDIBLE.

Deepest sympathy to Police Officers Carl Coates, Charles Simmons and Wilbert Markins on their recent family losses.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Lieutenant Charles Sinnott who recently underwent surgery and is presently at home recuperating.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Special Investigation Section — Members of this Unit are looking for softball teams within the Department that are interested in playing on Friday evenings. The Unit has a field reserved beginning July 1. Any interested teams should contact Detective Pavis, Arson Squad, ext. 2645.

**PATROL DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to retired Police Officer Milton Arczynski, confined to University Hospital, Room 1125.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to Police Agent Robert Jud and Fran Peres on their recent engagement.

The Metropolitan Flag Football League is looking for new teams for the 1977-78 season. Anyone interested contact Stan Cholewsky, 676-0099 or Paul Nowak, 686-5254.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer Thomas E. Douglas, Motorcycle Section, who earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, Magna Cum Laude, in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. On May 1, he was initiated in the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Congratulations to Sergeant George Glick, who celebrated 30 years with the Department

on May 12.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division send their warm wishes to Principal Clerk Verna Ackerman for a happy retirement. We'll always remember you Verna!

## PROMOTIONS

DUGAR, SUMER M., Criminalistics Section Supervisor, Laboratory Division, May 25.

MULLEN, MARVIN L., Principal Criminalist, Laboratory Division, May 25.

JARJOURA, FUAD A., Principal Criminalist, Laboratory Division, May 25.

HURLEY, ROBERT J., Senior Criminalist, Laboratory Division, May 25.

LITOFISKY, IRVIN B., Senior Criminalist, Laboratory Division, May 25.

VAN GELDER, DANIEL, Criminalists, Laboratory Division, May 25.

SROKA, ROBERT, Criminalists, Laboratory Division, May 25.

ROHLEDER, MICHAEL G., Criminalists, Laboratory Division, May 25.

THOMAS, STEPHEN L., Criminalists, Laboratory Division, May 25.

MURRAY, CARMEN B., Principal Clerk Stenographer, Operations Bureau, May 25.

JOHNSON, CYNTHIA L., Principal Clerk Stenographer, Central District, May 25.

TURNER, JOYCE A., Principal Clerk, Western District, May 25.

WOLFF, BRENDA F., Principal Clerk, Internal Investigation Division, May 25.

KREIPL, JACQUELINE M., Principal Clerk, Northeastern District, May 25.

HENDERSON, BEVERLY A., Principal Clerk, Laboratory Division, May 25.

BACON, MARGARET, Principal Clerk, Eastern District, May 25.

LUCAS, KATHY S., Principal Clerk, Office of the Chief of Patrol, May 25.

ZNAMIROWSKI, GERALDINE P., Senior Clerk Stenographer, Personnel Division, May 25.

## RETIREMENTS

MARKOWSKI, VALENTINE W., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 22 years, May 23.

PORTER, CHARLES, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 12 years, May 27.

GARPSTAS, JOSEPH J., Sergeant, Central District, 25 years, May 31.

FREEMAN, JAMES W., Sergeant, Property Division, 30 years, June 1.

COLLINS, LESLIE F., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 27 years, June 1.

ACKERMAN, VERA E., Principal Clerk, Eastern District, June 2.

## IN MEMORIAM

WALDER, JESSIE W., uncle of Police Officer Calvin G. McRae, Tactical Section, May 11.

GREEN AVESTA, aunt of Principal Clerk Stenographer Jayne R. George, Criminal Investigation Division, Administrative Unit, May 12.

SHURWIN, DOROTHY, mother-in-law of Police Officer Edward Wisniewski, Tactical Section, May 12.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

COURTNEY, GEORGE, Lieutenant, retired from Northwestern District, May 16.

HUBBARD, EDWARD G., Chauffeur, retired from Property Division, May 22.

DUFFY, LEO F., Lieutenant, retired from Bureau of Identification, May 26.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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## Speed Detection Enhanced

The speeding motorist, especially if he has consumed too much alcohol, is a very real danger to both himself and others who travel the streets on which he is driving. Effective enforcement of the City's speed law is, therefore, an essential effort to save lives and to prevent serious injury.

The capability of the Baltimore Police Department's Traffic Division to accurately detect the speeding motorist increased substantially with the recent deployment of the Speedgun I. This highly portable unit enables an officer to detect a speeding vehicle up to a mile away.



The Speedgun has a digital readout window that gives the speed of a vehicle when it is pointed and the trigger is pulled.

The first Speedguns were purchased by the Department in 1974. They are used primarily for Identification and Surveillance of High Accident Locations. During the past few months additional Speedgun units have been

displayed to augment the existing vehicle mounted radar units. All cars of the Traffic Investigation Section have now been issued new Speedgun units.



Officer Richard A. Freeman, Traffic Investigation Section, sights the Speedgun near an intersection and can get speed reading of traffic going in any direction by simply pointing the lightweight Speedgun at a suspected speeder and pulling the trigger.

The Speedgun "radar" unit is easily adaptable for use by an officer assigned to a patrol car, a motorcycle or even on foot. The operation is simplified to the point where the officer now needs only to aim the instrument at an approaching or passing vehicle and pull the trigger to get an accurate digital readout of that particular vehicle's speed.

This sophisticated "radar" unit is the successor to earlier models which were originally designed to detect approaching aircraft or ships during the Second World War. Law enforcement agencies first began using "radar" devices to ascertain the speed of vehicles in 1948.

The "radar" unit, whether fixed or

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## Department Joins CB Jamboree

Thousands of people gained a little more insight into the crime fighting efforts of the Baltimore Police Department as they stopped by the Department's display at the "Good Buddy Jamboree" held at the Civic Center June 17, 18 and 19. The Jamboree was sponsored by a local citizen band radio group and attracted people from throughout the East Coast.

Many who attended stopped by the Department's display area with their radio units. Larcenies from automobiles of these highly portable and expensive radios have become a growing law enforcement problem as these units gained in popularity. As a part of the Department's ongoing effort to cut the number of CB thefts, members were available throughout the three day affair with



electronic engravers. The CB radios were engraved with the owner's motor vehicle operator's number as a part of the highly successful Operation Identification Program. Experience has shown that thieves shy away from stealing the marked radios and when one is stolen

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## Open House

At the conclusion of the 1976-1977 Officer Friendly visitation program, members of the Community Relations Section of the Community Services Division conducted an Open House at Police Headquarters. The evening's program was developed to familiarize parents with the project as it is presented by police and students in the public schools.

Since its inception in 1970 the Officer Friendly Program, which is financed in part by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, has become an important part of the Baltimore City Public School system. Members of the Unit visit the classrooms of all elementary school children in grades one through three and in grade eight. The five Officer Friendlies contribute to the development of a better understanding on the part of the youngsters of the role of the police in the community.

More than 270 residents of the community attended the Open House. Those who attended viewed special displays which included an art exhibit of winning safety posters from the Mayor's Poster Contest and attended a program in the auditorium, which included a

skit by the third grade students from Beechfield Elementary School entitled "The Beechfield Beavers Are Busy Working At Being Good Citizens And Neighbors."

In addition members of the Department and of the Department of Education participated in the activities.

## Speed Detection

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portable, utilizes a theory of physics called the Doppler Principle. This principle states that radio waves emitted from the "radar" unit will bounce back when they strike another solid object. The frequency of the waves vary with the relative motion between the source of the wave the object it strikes and its return to the transmitting unit.

Deployment of the Speedguns in addition to the more standard fixed radar units now gives the Traffic Division the capability of monitoring speed on dozens of streets at the same time. It is hoped that more effective detection of speeding motorists will continue to serve as an aid in saving the lives of drivers and pedestrians alike.

## Post Scripts

Dear Friends,

The time goes very fast, and now we have been back in Sweden for three weeks. We will never forget the wonderful week we spent in U.S.A., and particularly the time spent in Baltimore.

Our philosophy has always been that policemen all around the world have something to learn from each other, and we can really promise that we in Uppsala have learned a lot from your police force.

We were all very impressed when two patrolmen on motorcycles met the bus outside Baltimore. Suddenly we also noticed a police helicopter above the bus. What a good reception. All the group really appreciated your police force in Baltimore for the fantastic hospitality you gave us that day and evening in your company. Every time we meet each other, here in Uppsala, we discuss the wonderful party the police in Baltimore gave us. You had really arranged a nice evening for us. We were also surprised that so many of your officers were able to be present at the party. It was fantastic how well you could take care of 100 guests from Sweden. During the trip back to New York City from Baltimore after the party, we were all discussing and saying that now we want to see you all in Uppsala.

Finally, we in Uppsala, IPA-Region 8 will say THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED for your kindness and generosity during the day and evening in Baltimore.

Best regards,

/s/ Erik Nielsen

/s/ Bengt Ritzen

Gentlemen: (District Court of Maryland)

Enclosed find my check in the amount of \$30.00 covering a fine for a traffic violation which came about when I inadvertently made a left turn where such a turn was not permitted.

I cannot make out the name of the motorcycle policeman on my copy of the citation ticket which is a pity because I would like to inform his superiors that he, in doing his duty, was efficient, polite and reflected credit on the Baltimore Police Force. This sort of conduct is



When the Department acquired a nearly new former Mass Transit Administration Bus to replace the old one in use since 1972, Mr. George Barrick, Head of the Art Department of Lake Clifton Senior High School, agreed to use the talents of his art students to make it appear more "Friendly." The Officer Friendly Bus will be used at fairs, festivals, parades and schools to help educate the City's young citizens on various aspects of safety by featuring posters and other art work made by 5th and 6th graders from the City's School System.

appreciated by us all, even when we are the victims of our own folly.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Henry L. Page, Jr.

*The officer mentioned is Hallet Davenport, T.E.S.*

## Colonel Attains Professorship

Colonel Bishop L. Robinson, Chief of the Patrol Division, has achieved another milestone in his twin careers as a law enforcement official and an educator.



Colonel Bishop L. Robinson

On June 3, 1977, Colonel Robinson received notification from Geraldine R. Waters, Dean of Graduate Studies at Coppin State College in Baltimore, that he has attained the rank of Full Professor in that institution's Graduate Division.

In that letter M's Waters stated, "I congratulate you on having reached the rank of Full Professor and I look forward to another year of your highly exemplary performance as an outstanding adjunct professor."

Among the institutions at which Colonel Robinson has taught are Coppin State College, the University of Baltimore, University of Louisville, visiting lecturer, Bellarmine College, Louisville, Kentucky, visiting lecturer, American University, College of Continuing Education, visiting lecturer and the University of Maryland, Donaldson Brown Center, visiting lecturer.

In addition Colonel Robinson has been selected as the Discussion leader for the Symposium on "Criminal Justice" at Morgan State University which starts this weekend.

## CB Jamboree

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it can be more readily identified and when recovered ownership can be quickly established.

Growing interest and utilization of Citizens Band Radios by a cross section of the community has paid many dividends. One of them has been a growing number of reports to police agencies of crimes in progress and of citizens who need emergency assistance. An extension of this citizen involvement and the desire to do something to help the community is the Department's Auxiliary Police Force. Members of this innovative Unit also participated in the Jamboree and explained how those who want to do something to help fight crime can by helping the Baltimore Police Department by joining the Auxiliary Police Force.



Also on display was one of the Department's Helicopters and its Mobile Crime Resistance Unit. Both drew a lot of attention and the officers assigned were busy all three days explaining how their unique pieces of equipment are utilized to help make Baltimore a safer place in which to live, work and play.

## Police Agents Appointed

On Wednesday, June 15, 1977 Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented certificates of appointment to twenty-three new Police Agents. To be eligible for appointment to the position of Police Agent a candidate must have a Baccalaureate Degree from an ac-

credited college or university, serve in the Patrol Division for a minimum of one year and successfully complete a rigid selection process.

The Police Agents appointed are as follows:

### NORTHERN DISTRICT

Lawrence B. Bennet, Ronald D. Callender, John C. Gentry, Charles T. Hagan.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Michael M. Berlin, Gerard J. Hogan.

### WESTERN DISTRICT

John W. Betso, Daniel T. Koach.

### EASTERN DISTRICT

James J. Callery, Stanley R. Dorsey, Johnny W. Fisher.

### TRAFFIC DIVISION

Thomas E. Douglas.

### TACTICAL SECTION

Michael J. Mulligan.

### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Daniel J. Fickus, Richard A. Russell.

### SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Debra L. Fox, Willis K. Shepard, David L. Wood.

### NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Burton S. Israel, Leroy Thomas, David M. Werner.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

Patricia L. Kirby.

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Ronald A. Starr.

Following the ceremonies, members of the Command Staff offered their congratulations to the newly appointed Agents in this new phase of their careers.

These appointments bring the total number of Police Agents in the Department to 181.

## NEWS NOTES

Nominations are currently being accepted to fill the expiring terms of one Sergeant and two Police Officers on the Personnel Service Board.

Members of the rank of Sergeant, Police Agent or Police Officer who wish to be nominated can obtain nomination forms from their respective Administrative Lieutenant for the election which will be held on July 20, 1977.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Retired Sergeant and Mrs. Ben Askin will celebrate their "Golden Wedding" anniversary on June 22. A surprise party, planned by the couple's son, Alvin and daughter Helen was held on June 18. May they both live for many more to come.

Any officer or cadet interested in becoming an Assistant Scout Master, contact Police Officer Michael Dunn, Southern District, extension 2499.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Senior Clerk Typist Sandra L. Rusk on receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree from Coppin State College, June 5.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District wish the best to Mrs. Verna Ackerman on her recent retirement.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Crime Lab Technician Thomas Bodrogi, Mobile Unit, who received his Master of Arts Degree in Geography and Environmental Planning from Towson State University on June 5.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant Francis J. Napfel, III, upon his recent promotion.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — What could be another Baltimore Police Department "First" has been uncovered by virtue of the appointment of Police Officer Deborah A. McCullom on April 12, 1977. It so happens that Officer McCullom is the daughter of Officer John E. McKinley, Jr., of this Division, a veteran campaigner who joined on August 6, 1953. Not so unique? Well, another feature is that John E. McKinley, III, son of Officer McKinley, Jr., is also a member of the Department, assigned to the Tactical Section and having joined the Force on October 13, 1971.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRICE, AMY ELIZABETH**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Richard Price, Southeastern District, 8 lbs. 8 oz., May 7.

**PALMERE, JENNIFER LYNN**, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph J. Palmere, Jr., Inspectional Services Division, Staff Inspections Section, 7 lbs. 14 oz., May 19.

**HOWELL, CRAIG STEVEN**, son of Polygraph Examiner and Mrs. Larry Howell, Laboratory Division, 7 lbs. 1 oz., May 25.

**LEONE, JOHN VINCENT, JR.**, grandson of Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert H. Jenkins, Fiscal Affairs Division, 7 lbs. 8 oz., May 26.

**SMEDBERG, AMANDA MARGARET**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Ronald M. Smedberg, Eastern District, 8 lbs. 2 oz., May 15.

**JUPITZ, STEPHEN RICHARD**, grandson of Lieutenant Leander S. Nevin, Communications Division, 7 lbs. 6 oz., May 25.

**SERIO, SALVATORE JOSEPH**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Salvatore Serio, Northern District, 9 lbs. 1 oz., May 30.

**HEID, SUZANNE MARIE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Gerard Heid, Northeastern District, 6 lbs. 14 oz., June 8.

## RETIREMENTS

**HARRIS, JAMES H.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 6 yrs., June 2.

**LOVETT, JOSEPH B., JR.**, Sergeant, Criminal Investigation Division, 22 years, June 16.

**WOLFE, RALPH J.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 25 years, June 23.

## IN MEMORIAM

**CLOUSE, CLAYTON E.**, father of Police Agent Harold D. Clouse, Northwestern District, May 13.

**BOCKLAGE, CHARLES F.**, father of Police Officer James Bocklage, Northeastern District, May 17.

**WEIMER, HARRY**, grandfather of Police Officer Harry Weimer, Northeastern District, May 14.

**PIERSON, PAUL**, uncle of Police Officer Wilbert Markins, Southwestern District, May 14.

**ENND, LORETTA**, mother of retired Detective William J. Ennd, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Squad and grandmother of Police Officer Alvin Martin, Southeastern District, May 15.

**VAKOUTIS, JAMES W.**, father-in-law of Principal Clerk Stenographer Linda J. Vakoutis, Office of Chief of Patrol, May 16.

**CLARK, ERNEST**, father of Police Officer Raymond Clark, Western District, May 17.

**ALFORD, DOROTHY E.**, wife of Police Officer John Alford, retired from Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, sister-in-law of Police Officers Thomas H. Alford, retired from South-eastern District and Albert Alford, retired from Personnel Division, Casual Section, May 17.

**SCHAEFER, ALBERT**, uncle of Detective Frank Trcka, Criminal Investigation Division, Administrative Unit, May 18.

**DeHAVEN, PATRICK**, brother of Police Officer Michael DeHaven, Traffic Division, Motorcycles, May 20.

**SEWELL, ANDREW P.**, brother of Police Officer John Sewell, Western District, May 20.

**CARTER, JAMES**, uncle of Police Officer Jeron Carter, Eastern District, May 21.

**KOJACK, CHARLES**, father-in-law of Police Officer James Kline, Northeastern District, May 21.

**LEPSON, PEARL**, aunt of Sergeant Howard B. Fromm, Southwestern District, May 24.

**DeMURIA, FRANK A.**, father of Lieutenant Frank Russo, Traffic Division, May 24.

**CARROLL, VIRGINIA F.**, mother of Sergeant Roger L. Carroll, Internal Investigation Division, May 28.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

On July 1, 1977 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented thirty-one new Police Officers with Certificates of Graduation from the Department's Education and Training Division.

Mr. S. B. Billbrough, Deputy Regional Director, Drug Enforcement Administration, delivered the Commencement Address to the members of Class 77-1 as they embarked on their new law enforcement careers. After his remarks to the graduates, their families and friends, Mr. Billbrough assisted Commissioner Pomerleau in distributing the Certifi-

cates to the graduates.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies twenty-eight members of the Department and twenty citizens received Certificates of Honor for their outstanding service to the community.

### BRONZE STAR

When Officer Fred McGillvary, Northwestern District entered the bank, three armed suspects who were in the process of robbing the institution, confronted him. With such overwhelming odds

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## K-9 Graduation

Eight Baltimore Police Officers along with one member of the Annapolis Police Department, one member of the Chessie System Police Department, one member of the University of Maryland Police Department and two members of the Kings County Washington Department of Public Safety concluded the final phase of their intensive fourteen week K-9 Training Program with Graduation Ceremonies on June 30, 1977.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presided over the ceremonies conducted at the Education and Training Division's K-9 Training Center and presented Certificates of Completion to the graduates.

Three of the graduates were prior K-9 Officers who received new dogs after their old "partners" had been retired.

Deputy Sheriffs Gary D. Davis and William M. Dickinson of the Kings County Department of Public Safety will continue training at the Training Center for an additional four weeks. This additional training includes a 40 hour course in K-9 instruction as well as explosive and narcotic instruction and specialized training. Upon their return to Kings County the Deputies will form the core of their Department's K-9 Unit and be qualified as instructors. The Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Corps has a national as well as an international reputation for its excellence and has on many occasions trained both officers and instructors of many Police Departments within the United States and of foreign nations in dog handling skills.

Refreshments and a demonstration followed the graduation and Commissioner Pomerleau, members of the Command Staff and guests offered their congratulations to the officers as they entered a new phase of their law enforcement careers.



The Department is currently receiving delivery of 190 new patrol vehicles. 160 of the marked units are Pontiac LeMans and 30 are Mavericks which will be deployed to test their adaptability to uniform patrol. 30 of the Pontiacs are equipped with bucket seats to test comfort, support and wear as opposed to the conventional bench seats. These white vehicles with red and blue striping are all air conditioned and will replace all the older blue and white cars assigned to the Patrol Division.



Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau praised the support given by Gino's Inc. and Kunz, Inc. of the "Summer Film-Recreation and Educational Program" at a luncheon held recently in the Headquarters Building. The "Summer Program" is a cooperative effort between the Baltimore Police Department and the Bureau of Recreation in which inner city youngsters ranging in ages from 4-17 years are treated to a series of summer movies at the various recreational centers throughout the City and to educational tours and visits to local museums, historical sites, zoos and other places of interest.

## Ceremonies

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against him Officer McGillvary complied with the suspects' demands and when placed inside the vault with several employees and customers he was able to reassure and calm the citizens and contact other units by the phone in the vault. His presence of mind was further demonstrated when he closed the vault door when he overheard one of the suspects discussing the possible use of hostages. As a result of his actions no one was injured and the suspects were arrested by responding officers.

While off-duty and in plainclothes, Officer Frank Phillips, Northwestern District, was at the scene of an armed hold-up. During the robbery the suspect turned toward the officer pointing his weapon. Officer Phillips identified himself, fired and wounded the suspect before he could escape.

As the flames began to engulf a burning building, Officer Thomas Chalmers,

Southwestern District entered it and began to evacuate those inside. Through numerous reentries he was able to assist twenty people, but also received severe smoke inhalation. Officer Chalmers was treated in an area hospital and was released.

When Agent Robert Jud, Tactical Section, spotted an armed suspect wanted for a hold-up he realized that surprise would be the most effective way of apprehending him in the highly congested area. As a result of his determined efforts the suspect did not have an opportunity to use his weapons which could have easily caused injury to some of the many pedestrians in the area.

While responding to the area of a bank hold-up call, Officer Bernard Harper, Southwestern District, spotted a suspect fitting the description of the wanted bank robber enter a cab. After calling for assistance, Officer Harper followed the cab and stopped it as back-up units arrived. The passenger, who had the proceeds of the robbery in his possession, was arrested and turned over to Federal authorities.

When Officer Charles Wernz, Traffic Division, came upon a burning building and learned that there were occupants, he disregarded his personal safety and was able to arouse and evacuate nine residents. During the rescue Officer Wernz suffered a case of smoke inhalation and was treated at an area hospital and released.

As Officer Jack Hurley, Southeastern District, approached an armed suspect who had just shot a citizen, he was able to quickly force the subject's surrender. His decisiveness made the gunman realize that to resist would be foolish.

Planned reaction and teamwork by Officers Dennis Wise, Garry White, Lawrence Bowles and Edward Schwiegerath of the Southwestern District resulted in the release of two hostages and the apprehension of the suspect who was armed with a shotgun. When they arrived the suspect was observed holding a young woman around the neck with one hand and pointing a shotgun at her with the other. The gunman forced his hostage into an apartment, locked the door and refused to surrender threatening to resist if an arrest attempt was

made. The Officers were able to resolve the situation without resorting to gun fire.

Upon arrival to the scene of a call for a man with a gun, Officers Donald Licato and George Mitchell, Western District found the suspect in an apartment hallway pointing a sawed-off shotgun at another man. As the Officers approached the gunman, he pointed the weapon at them. Due to the numerous bystanders they were forced to hold their fire and rushed the suspect, disarmed him and placed him under arrest. Subsequent investigation revealed that they interrupted an armed robbery.

When the breathing stops on a 13 month old child immediate life saving efforts are a necessity. Officers John Kuhl and Ronald Krulock responded to just such a situation and quickly began mouth to mouth resuscitation. The Officers continued their life saving measures as the child was being transported to an area hospital and as a result of their efforts the child resumed breathing.

While on routine patrol Officers Robert Cohen and Ronald Smedberg, Eastern District, heard a broadcast of a bank hold-up. The Officers knew of a suspect bank robber who lived in the vicinity of the hold-up and proceeded towards his house. While on route they saw the subject carrying a wig and a paper bag and holding his other hand in his coat pocket. As the Officers approached, the subject dropped the wig and fled on foot. The suspect was arrested after a short chase and the proceeds of the robbery were recovered. Subsequent investigation implicated the subject in another bank robbery and he was turned over to Federal authorities for prosecution.

The spreading flames and smoke of a fire in a building can quickly overcome and kill its occupants. The decisiveness of Officers George Glick, George Singleton and Milton Snead, Eastern District resulted in the rescue of the occupants of a burning building at great personal risk to themselves.

Officer Samuel Cannan and Harry Weiner, Northeastern District both disregarded their personal safety when they rescued the occupants of a burning building. As a result of their actions both Officers were treated at an area

hospital for smoke inhalation and later released.

While on routine patrol Officer John Blondell, Western District saw a subject assault another with a handgun. As the Officer approached the scene the suspect fired four shots at him and ran into a dwelling, where he was disarmed and arrested.

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## NEWS NOTES

Fallen Heroes Day will be held on Thursday, July 14, 1977 at the Ocean City Convention Hall, Ocean City, Maryland at 10:00 A.M. The ceremonies will honor the 368 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty in the State of Maryland.

During the ceremonies, which are sponsored by the American Legion and the Fallen Heroes Committee, members of the American Legion will present commemorative plaques to the executive officials of the various jurisdictions within the State on which is inscribed the names of those police officers and firefighters who made the supreme sacrifice.

The American Legion and the Fallen Heroes Committee have invited any members of the Department who wish to attend.



Sergeant Harry Sizelove, Traffic Division (R), graduated recently from the nine month college accredited Traffic Police Administration Training Program at the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University. He was among 71 law enforcement officers from throughout the United States and also from Singapore and Taiwan who completed this intensive training program.

## Captain Klander Retires

On June 30, 1977 the Traffic Division bade farewell to retiring Captain George F. Klander whose career with the Department spanned more than thirty-nine years. The third most senior active member of the Department spent almost thirty-four of the thirty-nine years as a member of the Traffic Division.



GEORGE F. KLANDER

Captain Klander began his law enforcement career on April 22, 1938. After completing a brief training period he received his first assignment to the Northwestern District. He remained in the Northwestern for five years before he was transferred to the Traffic Division.

During his long career with the Traffic Division he was promoted to Sergeant in 1952, Lieutenant in 1958 and to Captain in 1961. During his ascent through the ranks and as Captain, Captain Klander took part in the many changes that occurred within the Department and within the Traffic Division.

Colonel Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of the Traffic Division states that Captain Klander "... has two interests in life, the Baltimore Police Department and his family. He knows every man, not only under his command, but in the Division by their first name, and also knows their spouse's names and how many children they have. He has the ability to get maximum effort out of his men while maintaining high morale."

A retirement Dinner-Dance was held in his honor on June 27th, and a retirement luncheon on June 29th. During both affairs members of the Department extended their best wishes on his well earned retirement. Captain Klander plans to go into business for himself after a brief holiday.

## Colt Nite - Family Day

Tickets are selling briskly for Colt Nite to be held at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland at 2:00 P.M. on July 23, 1977. The regulation game will be between the Baltimore Colts and the Washington Redskins.

Prior to the game "Family Day" will be held. This event, which begins at 12 Noon will give those attending an opportunity to meet the players, take photographs and really get to know the team.

The proceeds from the game will benefit Buddies Incorporated. This is a non-profit volunteer organization which funds the activities planned by the Department's Youth Section for the Police Boys Clubs as well as Camps Ritchie and Perkins. These camps provide summer recreation to inner-city children who otherwise would probably never have the opportunity to attend any type of camp.

All tickets are general admission and are available at any District for \$2.00.



Recently as a part of the Maritime Heritage Festival, the Pride of Baltimore sailed into the Inner Harbor. The four day Festival featured more than thirty sailing vessels and numerous special events. The festivities attracted tens of thousands of spectators and participants and caused few problems for the many officers assigned to the area.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard and best of luck to Dr. Shiv Soni, Principal Criminalist, Chemical Analysis Section.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Jerry Landsman, Jr., son of Sergeant Jerry Landsman, who received his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Maryland College on May 29. He majored in Criminal Justice and will be pursuing a law enforcement career.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Congratulations to Lakita C. Kess, sister of Senior Clerk Typist Jacqueline Kess, who graduated from Eastern High School and ranked 6th highest in her class. She received a \$12,000 Scholarship to the Maryland Art Institute for 4 years.

Congratulations to Sister Bernadette Therese Melling, S.S.N.D., daughter of Senior Clerk Typist Gertrude Melling and the students of Most Holy Name School, Pittsburg, Pa., for receiving the Junior Red Cross award for their outstanding projects of helping others throughout the year. The plaque will be displayed at the school.

## WEDDINGS

**SNYDER, DEREK M.**, Police Officer, Northern District and the former Betty Jane Kramer, June 5.

**ENTZ, FREDERICK W., III**, Police Officer, Tactical Section and the former Fannie T. M. Smith, June 8.

**HYDE, RONALD W.**, Police Officer and the former Senior Clerk Typist Brenda J. Wilson, both of the Traffic Division, June 11.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HUFFMAN, KRISTINA ANN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Francis J. Huffman, Central

District, 8 lbs. 1 oz., May 22.

**MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER LEE**, son of Detective and Mrs. Leo F. Martin, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, 8 lbs. 2 oz., June 5.

## RETIREMENTS

**HIGH, PAUL A.**, Police Officer, Central District, 24 years, June 25.

**KLANDER, GEORGE G. F.**, Captain, Traffic Division, 39 years, June 30.

**FOWLER, CHARLES W.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 23 years, July 1.

**STEINWEDEL, WILLIAM H.**, Police Officer, Central District, 26 years, July 1.

**KRIEGLSTEIN, FRANCIS H.**, Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, 8 years, July 2.

## IN MEMORIAM

**WATTS, LILLIAN**, grandmother of Police Officer Nyne W. Britt, Jr., Southeastern District.

**DAPP, STEWART**, uncle of Police Officer Robert Dapp, Northeastern District.

**EVANS, LILLIAN**, sister of Police Officer Charles Hannan, Tactical Section, Building Security Unit, May 23.

**COCKRUM, ALLIE**, grandmother of Police Officer James Davis, Northeastern District, May 29.

**LUNDELL, BLANCH**, mother of Police Agent Pern Lundell, Central District, June 2.

**TYLER, FLORENCE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Louis R. Distefano, Southern District, June 3.

**LEVIE, HAROLD CHARLES**, father-in-law of Police Officer John Cree, Jr., Central District, June 3.

**HOERNER, ELIZABETH**, grandmother of Detective William Hulseberg, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, June 5.

**BRYANT, JUNIUS**, uncle of Police Agent Godwin DeLillye, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, June 8.

**HOLLAND, ALLEN**, grandfather of Police Officer Floyd Stokes, Tactical Section, June 8.

**DAVEY, HELEN**, wife of retired Sergeant Joseph Davey, Old Northwestern District and mother-in-law of Police Officer Joseph Fonte, Western District, June 9.

**HARRISON, HILDA**, step-mother of Police Officer Douglas Harrison, Property Division, June 9.

**GARTRELL, ANN MARGARET**, mother of Police Agent Charles T. Gartrell, Southwestern District, June 9.

**CRAIG, JOHN JOSEPH**, brother of Police Officer William J. Craig, Central Records Division, June 10.

**JAMES, HEZZIE**, grandfather of Police Officer Byron P. Williams, Tactical Section, June 14.

**ROWZEE, EMILY A.**, mother of Police Officer Floyd Rowzee, Southwestern District, June 14.

**HOFFMAN, BRUCE N.**, uncle of Sergeant Wilbur Holland, Northeastern District, June 14.

**QUEEN, HEZZIE J.**, grandfather of Principal Clerk Mary L. Williams, Personnel Division, Recruitment Unit, June 14.

**FRANKLIN, LOUISE**, grandmother of Police Agent Robert Franklin, Tactical Section, June 15.

**McMAHON, JOSEPH, SR.**, father of Police Officer Joseph McMahon, Jr., Central District, June 15.

**MEYER, ALPHONSE**, grandfather of Police Agent John Meyer, Tactical Section, June 17.

**ABDU, JESUS**, father-in-law of Sergeant Bruce Green, Education and Training Division, June 17.

**MORGAN, FANNIE**, aunt of Police Officer Thomas Lloyd, Tactical Section, June 18.

**GIORDANO, JENNIE**, grandmother of Police Officer Andrew Giordano, Eastern District, June 18.

**GEARY, WILLIAM, SR.**, brother-in-law of Sergeant Kenneth Warzyniak, Tactical Section, June 18.

**REED, SOPHIE**, mother of Police Officer Kevin Reed, Eastern District, June 19.

**SIMMONS, EVELYN**, aunt of Police Officer William Roberts, Southeastern District, June 19.



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## Command Staff Positions Filled

A new Colonel, a Major and a District Commander received their appointments from Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau recently.

William F. Rochford was appointed to the exempt position of Colonel as Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division. McNeal Brockington, Jr. was appointed to the exempt position of Major and was assigned as Director of the Central Records Division. Edward V. Woods was elevated to the rank of District Commander. He now commands the Eastern District.



WILLIAM F. ROCHFORD

Colonel Rochford began his law enforcement career as a member of the Department in January, 1949. Since that time he has served in the Northwestern District, Northern District, Southeastern District, the Criminal Investigation Division, the Planning and Research Division and most recently in the Central Records Division. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1958, Lieutenant in 1963,

Captain in 1969 and was appointed Major in 1974. His appointment as Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division fills the position vacated by the retirement of Joseph F. Carroll. During his career he has received twelve Official Commendations including three Commendatory Letters.

Major Brockington, a 28 year veteran of the Department, was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Colonel Rochford's appointment. Prior to assuming command of the Central Records Division, the Major served in the Northeastern District, the Eastern District, the Planning and Research Division, the Inspectional Services Division, Central District, the Community Services Division and the Tactical Section. He was



MCNEAL BROCKINGTON, JR.

promoted to Sergeant in 1963, Lieutenant in 1968, Captain in 1973 and was appointed District Commander of the Eastern District in 1975. He has received

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## Pistol Teams Complete Season

The Sergeant Mike Burda Memorial Police Pistol League recently completed its 1976-1977 Winter Indoor season and members of the Baltimore Police Department's Teams received a total of twenty honors as a result of their efforts.

In Division "A" Baltimore Police Team #1 placed second and Baltimore Police Team #2 placed fourth. In Division "B" Eastern District won first place followed closely by Southern District Team #1 which took second place with an identical win-loss record, but a lower total match score. In Division "C" the newly formed Southern District Team #2 placed fourth out of a field of nine law enforcement organizations.

Officer Edward S. McCarthy, Property Division received an individual honor for having the highest slow fire average of all participants during the 24 matches. He scored an overall average of 98.13 out of a possible 100.

Twenty-five Maryland area federal, state and local law enforcement teams participated in the competition which was held at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Pistol Range. The officers representing the Baltimore Police Department are as follows:

Baltimore Police #1: Officer Edward S. McCarthy, Property Division; Officer Robert E. Myers, Services Bureau; Sergeant John W. Laufert, Central District; Officer William F. Markwordt, Jr., Eastern District; and Officer Alexander, Pelsinski, Jr., Southern District.

Baltimore Police #2: Officer Harry D. Twigg, Eastern District; Officer Lawrence A. Tawney, Northeastern District;

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## Command Staff

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three Official Commendations including a Bronze Star.



EDWARD V. WOODS

District Commander Woods joined the Department in July, 1959 and was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. Since that time he has served in the Southwestern District, the Inspectional Services Division, the Central District, the Office of the Police Commissioner, the Northern District and the Community Services Division. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1969 and Lieutenant in 1974. He was appointed as Commander of the Eastern District to fill the vacancy made there by the appointment of Major Brockington to the Central Records Division.

## NEWS NOTES

The past District Commander and Chairman of the Annual Memorial Day Services for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elwood Bell recently presented a plaque to Officers Wayne D. Garrity and Barry W. Wood of the Department's Helicopter Unit commemorating the Department's contributions to the Annual Memorial Day services held at Loudon Park National Cemetery.

For the past four years the Department's Helicopter has been used to fly over the Memorial Day Services and drop flowers over the graves of those

who had fought gallantly in the nation's foreign wars.

## Department Receives Electric Engravers

Mr. W. C. Meagher, Jr., President of the Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown recently presented the Department's Crime Resistance Unit with forty-four electric engravers for use in the Operation Identification.

The engravers were presented to Sergeant George Boston and Sergeant Robert E. Wilson at a brief ceremony following the Kiwanis Club Luncheon at the Johns Hopkins Sheridan Hotel. Following the presentation, members of the Kiwanis Club toured the Crime Resistance Unit's Mobile Instructional Unit that was on display for the occasion.

The electric engravers will be distributed to the District Community Relations Sergeants who will in turn make them available to the citizens of Baltimore.

The Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown, Inc. has been working with the Crime Resistance Unit in conjunction with the Kiwanis Community Service Program called, "Safeguard Against Crime." The

purpose of the program, according to Mr. Meagher is to bring to the attention of the public the problem of crimes against person and property and to suggest ways that individuals can prevent crime.

## Good Guys Nite

Tickets are now on sale in all Districts and Divisions for the 3rd Annual "Good Guys Nite" baseball game at Memorial Stadium, on Sunday, August 28, 1977. The Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" will again take on the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smoke-eaters" immediately following the Baltimore Orioles-Kansas City Royals game which begins at 2.00 P.M.

Tickets are \$3.00 for upper reserved chairback seats and can also be purchased at the Advance Sales window at the Stadium.

The proceeds from the game will be donated to Angels Haven, a non-profit non-sectarian home for mentally retarded children.

Make your plans now to bring the entire family to Memorial Stadium, Sunday, August 28, 1977 and support your team.

## Pistol Teams Complete Season

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Officer Melvin H. Robinson, Central District; Officer James W. McGuire, Community Services Division; and Officer Herman J. Bullinger, Communications Division.

Eastern District: Officer Don W. Helms, Criminal Investigation Division; Officer John E. Zartman, Northeastern District; Officer Leon H. Slaght, Eastern District; Officer Mark W. Nelson, Northern District; Officer Scott M. Thomas, Eastern District; and Officer Dorothy J. Charles, Community Services Division.

Southern District #1: Sergeant Salvador Torres, Southern District; Officer John B. Stasiuk, Jr., Southern District; Officer Earl J. Kurth, Southern District; Sergeant Frank H. Reitterer, Southwestern District; and Officer William J.

Council, Southern District.

Southern District #2: Officer Robert D. O'Connell, Southern District; Officer George H. Whittingham, III, Southern District; Agent Joseph J. Hands, Southern District; and Officer Wayne A. King, Southern District.

A banquet was held recently at Overlea Hall to honor the teams and the individual team members. Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes, Services Bureau; Major Joseph P. Bolesta, Commander of the Southern District and Major Richard L. Connelly, Commander of the Northeastern District attended and presented trophies to the members of the Department. During the ceremonies Southern District Team #1 was the recipient of the first Sergeant N.J.W. Lloyd Memorial Trophy for being the most improved team.

# Commendations

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During routine patrol Officers Jerome Wilkins and Jessie Peaker, Northwestern District came upon two male subjects repeatedly stabbing a male victim lying at the base of a tree. The Officers rushed to the scene and were able to subdue and arrest one of the subjects, the other fled on foot. Subsequent investigation revealed the identity of the second suspect who was also taken into custody. The victim died from the wounds and both suspects were charged with homicide.

When Sergeant Silas G. Summers, Northwestern District spotted two suspects wanted for armed robbery of a bar, they began to flee. The pursuit lead into an alley where one of the subjects turned and discharged a shotgun directly at the Sergeant. He was able to assume a prone position in time and returned the fire. As one of the subjects fell, the Sergeant approached and was again shot at by the armed subject, who made his escape, but was subsequently arrested by another police unit.

Officer Richard E. Sandlass, Eastern District spotted a robbery suspect and began pursuit. After an extensive chase which called for persistence on the Officer's part, Officer Sandlass apprehended the suspect and recovered the proceeds of the crime.

At first Officer Gary E. Raub, Western District, thought he was going to make a routine car stop when he observed a vehicle being operated in an erratic manner. As he approached, the vehicle increased speed and after several blocks the vehicle stopped and the driver and occupants fled on foot. Officer Raub chased and apprehended the driver and when he returned to the vehicle he spotted nine oriental rugs on the rear seat. Investigation revealed that the rugs were taken in a commercial burglary and the identity of the two other suspects was determined. The vehicle was identified as being owned by an individual who had been listed as an unidentified homicide victim found shot to death. As a result of Officer Raub's actions three suspects were arrested. A homicide, a commercial burglary, a larceny of an automobile and a missing persons case were cleared.

## B. S. A. Honors Lieutenant Codd

Lieutenant Charles S. Codd, Youth Section, recently received the highest citizens award from the Boy Scouts of America for his "exceptional and noteworthy service to boyhood . . ." The Silver Beaver Award is given to those individuals whose "... nature to their service to youth and the wide range of their professional and civic responsibilities are in support of Scouting's aim of bringing all boys everywhere into the company of good mature adults."

His participation and leadership in Scouting spans almost four decades and began when he was a youth and continued upon becoming a member of the Baltimore Police Department.

As a member of the Youth Section, Lieutenant Codd organized and serves as an advisor and committee chairman for Sea Explorer Ship 409 and Explorer Post 9033, both of which are sponsored by the Department. He has also been active in the planning of the Baltimore Area Council's Law Enforcement Day program since its inception.

The twenty-seven year veteran also serves as supervisor and counselor to the Police Boys Clubs and summer camp and has also found time to act as chairman for the Explorer area in Expo '77.



Officer Leonard O'Conner, Northeastern District, was honored on June 21st by the Northeastern District Police Community Relations Council as the Officer of the Year. His felony arrest record as well as his dedication to the Community was cited.

## Post Scripts

Dear Sir,

This past weekend I had occasion to attend the funeral of one of our Marianist Brothers, Brother John Strickroth. Brother John was a native of Baltimore, though he taught at our school in Hollywood, Florida.

The purpose of this communication is to express commendation to the very excellent and appropriate services and respect rendered by the Police Department to the funeral entourage as it went from Cardinal Gibbons High School to Sacred Heart Cemetery. The individuals with whom I was driving were impressed with the fact that every intersection was police managed by the two motorcycle officers who escorted us. In addition, they were pleasantly surprised and edified to see that every police officer saluted the casket as it passed through the city, through the harbor tunnel, and along the streets.

Since funerals are a very touching and special thing in the life of those closest to the deceased, this tradition has very special significance.

I imagine it would be difficult to relay my appreciation to all of the officers concerned, but I would like you to know that they are a credit to the city. Little things mean a great deal when it comes to courtesy and respect. Obviously, the men of your department have been well trained in that realization.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Thomas N. Trager, S.M.  
Brother Thomas N. Trager, S.M.  
Executive Director



The Disabled American Veterans, Department of Maryland, recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Police Officer Orlando V. Palmere of the Baltimore Police Department's Traffic Division.

Department Commander Conrad E. Baker (shaking hands) presented the certificate as D.A.V. Post Commander Charles M. Harris, Colonel Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of the Traffic Division and Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia look on.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officers Floyd Rowzee and Robert Kehr on their recent family losses.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officers David Allport and Wayne Miller.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Many congratulations and best wishes to Colonel William F. Rochford on his recent promotion to Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division. We will miss you!

Welcome aboard to Major McNeal Brockington, Jr., our new Director of this Division.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Members of this Section extend deepest sympathy to Lieutenant Gilbert O. Karner on his recent loss.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend sincere sympathy to Latent Print Examination Supervisor Al Woolridge on his recent loss.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MILES, JANELLE FRANCES**, granddaughter of Emergency Call Clerk Orneeda Miles, Communications Division, June 1, 4 lbs. 11 oz.

**FRANK, BRANDON SEAN**, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Larry Frank, Tactical Section, June 17, 6 lbs. 7 oz.

**KISNER, LARI MICHELLE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Michael Kisner, Southwestern District, June 23, 6 lbs. 7 oz.

## RETIREMENTS

**WALMER, FRANK C.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 7 years, June 29.

**SCHULTZ, JAMES M.**, Police Officer, Southeastern District, 21 years, June 30.

**WALDHAUSER, JOHN M.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 20 years, June 30.

**BROWN, JOHN H.**, Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 24 years, July 8.

**PANOWICZ, GREGORY A.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 22 years, July 8.

**LEUTBECHER, ROBERT E.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 25 years, July 14.

**GREAVER, ALBERT M.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 22 years, July 21.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**WOODARD, GUSSIE**, Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, June 27.

## IN MEMORIAM

**RATECHE, ALBERT**, uncle of Police Officer Kevin G. Lloyd, Tactical Section, June 19.

**THOMAS, DAVID**, brother-in-law of Police Officer William Geiger, Property Division, Security Unit, and uncle of Police Cadet William Geiger, Jr., Central Records Division, Hot Desk, June 20.

**BLOODSWORTH, ERNEST W.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Louis Kulaga, Southeastern District, June 21.

**BAILEY, ELMER**, father-in-law of Police Report Reviewer Brenda Bailey, Central Records Division, Staff Review Section, June 21.

**OURSLE, HERBERT**, uncle of Police Officer Gary Hoover, Southern District, June 21.

**CRAMER, ARLENE K.**, wife of Police Officer Clarence R. Cramer, retired, June 22.

**COOK, IRENE**, grandmother of Detective George Desch, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, June 22.

**BOSSE, GEORGE E.**, father of Police Officer Richard Bosse, Eastern District, June 23.

**ELLWOOD, MARY ELLEN**, wife of Police Officer

Richard Ellwood, Sr., retired from Traffic Division, and mother of Detective Richard Ellwood, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit, and Sergeant John Ellwood, Northwestern District, June 24.

**KEHR, ROBERT, JR.**, son of Police Officer Robert Kehr, Sr., Southwestern District, June 25.

**DOUGHERTY, EDNA**, stepmother of Police Officer Everett Dougherty, Northern District, June 25.

**STOCKER, FRANK EDWARD**, son of Lineman Edward W. Stocker, Communications Division, June 26.

**JONES, SARAH W.**, grandmother of Police Officer John Zartman, Northeastern District, June 26.

**LEWIS, ANN**, mother of Police Officer Edward Lewis, Southern District, June 26.

**BERGBOWER, GRANT M.**, brother of Police Officer John Bergbower, Eastern District, June 26.

**GWALTNEY, JACK**, brother of Police Officer Robert Gwaltney, Northeastern District, July 1.

**MACK, JOSEPH W.**, father-in-law of Sergeant Allen Martinez, Central District, July 2.

**TOWNSEND, DEBRA**, daughter of Lieutenant Gilbert O. Karner, Tactical Section, Supportive Services, July 3.

**NESBIT, EVA L.**, sister of Sergeant Lewis E. Taylor, Criminal Investigation Division, July 3.

**WEST, SELMA**, aunt of Police Officer John Mitchell, Northeastern District, July 5.

**BEUTELSPACHER, THOMAS W.**, brother-in-law of Sergeant Robert E. King, Sr., Criminal Investigation Division and uncle of Police Officer Robert E. King, Jr., Central District, July 6.

**WILKES, JOHN**, father of Emergency Call Clerk Joyce Willis, Communications Division, July 7.

**CAVANAUGH, JOSEPH M.**, uncle of Sergeant Charles E. Reed, Communications Division and Police Officer Francis A. Reed, Traffic Division, July 9.



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## UNITED FUND-CICHA CAMPAIGN The United Way of Central Maryland

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In a few weeks we will again begin hearing about the United Fund-CICHA Campaign in Baltimore. Last year payroll deduction pledges by members of the Baltimore Police Department, combined with similar donations throughout Central Maryland made it possible for approximately one hundred agencies to provide services to people in need.

Giving through the United Fund-CICHA Campaign makes it possible

to make services available to those in need. In fact members of the Department and their families have been among the beneficiaries of this fine program.

"People Helping People" is the theme for this year's campaign. And "people" is what United Way giving is all about. The campaign depends on volunteers to the extent that the total cost for the campaign is less than 6% of each dollar

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## Good Guys Nite

The Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" are gearing up for a rematch with the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smokeaters" who are anxious to make a come back after last year's defeat.

Both teams are practicing diligently in anticipation of a hard fought encounter. Neither side is treating the other lightly after experiences at the ball park over the past two years.

The first confrontation resulted in a one to one tie after 5½ innings. The second match last year resulted in a 6 to 4 run victory for the "Gangbusters" who predict a second win at this year's game.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1977

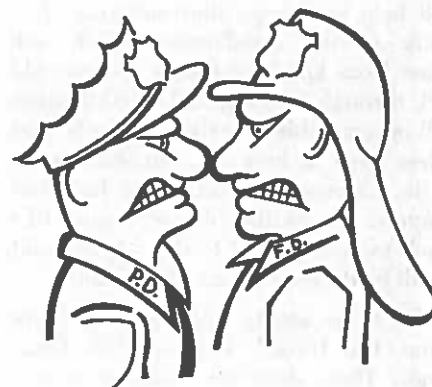
TYPE OF CRIME	1976	1977	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	103	77	— 26	— 25.2
FORCIBLE RAPE	213	208	— 5	— 2.3
ROBBERY	3,636	3,557	— 79	— 2.2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2,752	2,833	+ 81	+ 2.9
BURGLARY	7,308	7,101	— 207	— 2.8
LARCENY	15,879	14,746	— 1,133	— 7.1
AUTO THEFT	2,771	3,030	+ 259	+ 9.3
GRAND TOTAL	32,662	31,552	— 1,110	— 3.4

Index Crime Comparison/First Six Months 1976-1977

Violent Crime\* — 0.4% Decrease  
Property Crime\*\* — 4.2% Decrease  
Total Index Crime — 3.4% Decrease

\* Violent Crime includes Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault

\*\* Property Crime includes Burglary, all Larceny and Auto Theft



Although they look angry it will all be for charity when members of the Department play the Fire Department on August 28th for the benefit of Angels Haven.

Predictions of victory abound from both teams which are highly secretive about strategy and even where and when they practice. The game is certain to be a hard fought contest.

Tickets for the 3rd Annual "Good Guys Nite" are available in all Districts

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## The United Fund-CICHA Campaign

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given, the best percentage record in the United States.

This means that what you give really does go directly to people in need.

Your contribution will make a lot of people oriented programs work. For example, for just a little more than a dollar a week you can provide an entire week of diagnostic teaching and rehabilitation for a preschool child with severe communication problems. Can you imagine how a three year old child must feel, being able to hear and understand what is going on around him but not being able to communicate with the world outside? Lots of kids, who would otherwise be sentenced to a life of silence, are able through programs of the United Way of Central Maryland, to lead the normal life that every child has the right to enjoy.

When your telephone rings it's a simple matter to walk across the room and answer it. For you it is. But there are hundreds of people right here in Baltimore who can't. Your contribution to the United Fund-CICHA Campaign will help to change that situation. Just think of the satisfaction which will come from knowing that a 16 year old girl, through training and rehabilitation will become able to walk . . . maybe just a few steps at first . . . but she'll walk to the telephone or just to her bedroom window. Maybe that doesn't sound like much to you . . . but to that 16 year old it will be the experience of a lifetime.

You'll be seeing and hearing more about the United Fund-CICHA Campaign. These days we realize that our own dollars don't stretch as far as they used to. But that very same problem, and to a much greater extent, is faced by both those in need and by the agencies which provide services for them. How would you like to be the one to tell the parent of a severely handicapped two year old that although there is the technology to help that child to a normal life, there just isn't any money with which to do it? Who wants to say no?

This year please say yes . . . say yes to people . . . isn't that what we're all about?

## Good Guys Nite

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and Divisions. They are \$3.00 for upper reserved chairback seats and can also be purchased at the Advanced Sales window at the Stadium.

The proceeds from the game will be donated to Angels Haven, a non-profit, non-sectarian home for mentally retarded children. The Home is self-sustaining and the \$120,000 spent annually to support it is acquired through contributions from throughout the city, counties and state.

As a warm up for the fans on Sunday, August 28, 1977, the price of admission also includes the Baltimore Orioles-Kansas City Royals game which begins at 2:00 P.M. It is a double header that you won't want to miss.

Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening at the ball park.

## Elections

The following members of the Department were elected on July 20, 1977 as representatives of the Personnel Service Board and to the Board of Trustees, Death Relief Fund.

### PERSONNEL SERVICE BOARD

#### Police Officers/Agent:-

Richard L. Ayres (Elected)  
Thomas J. Pavis, Jr. (Elected)  
Dorothy A. Woods (Alternate)  
James R. McAbee (Alternate)

#### Sergeants:-

Edmund W. Huppman, Sr. (Elected)  
John E. Grams (Alternate)

### DEATH RELIEF FUND

#### Major:-

John G. Kollmann, Jr.

#### Sergeant:-

Stanley L. Kusak

#### Police Officers:-

John W. Dillon  
Ronnie C. Grace

## Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1977

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1976	1977	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	140	98	— 42	— 30.0
FORCIBLE RAPE	212	198	— 14	— 6.6
ROBBERY	1,674	1,528	— 146	— 8.7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	955	1,030	+ 75	+ 7.9
BURGLARY	2,250	2,425	+ 175	+ 7.8
LARCENY	4,114	4,204	+ 90	+ 2.2
AUTO THEFT	887	967	+ 80	+ 9.0
GRAND TOTAL	10,232	10,450	+ 218	+ 2.1

Index Arrest Comparison/First 6 Months 1976 - 1977

Violent Crime Arrests\* — 4.3% Decrease

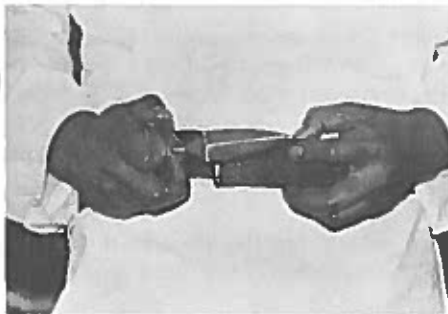
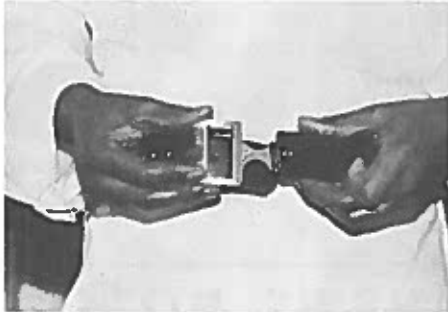
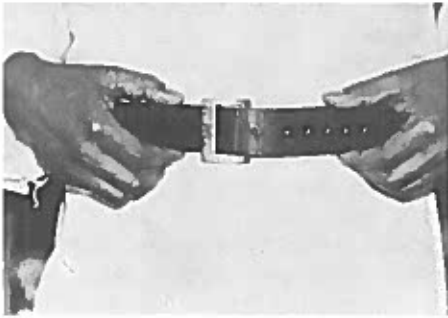
Property Crime Arrests\*\* + 4.8% Increase

Total Index Crimes Arrests + 2.1% Increase

\* Violent Crime includes Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault

\*\* Property Crime includes Burglary, all Larceny and Auto Theft

## Officers Beware



What appears to be a common belt buckle can turn out to be quite a deadly weapon. This belt buckle knife is being sold across the country and is hard to detect unless the belt is removed from the suspect. (Photos courtesy of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. by H. T. McNamara.)

### *Post Scripts*

Dear Sir:

Having lived for many years in what is a really bad neighborhood and seeing constantly how the "other half" live I also have much opportunity to observe our police as they go about their thankless work.

My recreation is reading and most of all listening to my police band radio. I keep it tuned in to the Southern but since the frequency has been changed I get the Western and Southeastern in

along with the Southern. Nevertheless I hear enough to know what gallant men our officers are.

It seems to me that the public in general are completely indifferent and apathetic to the danger these brave men and women face constantly. As far as police brutality, it doesn't exist, more's the pity. If there is brutality it is inflicted on the police rather than otherwise.

Thanks to my police band radio I have come to admire and respect our unsung heroes, for they are heroic, no one can deny that in my presence.

The promptness with which they respond to calls, their patience with all types of people, their unfailing politeness and their sincere eagerness to help, no matter what the situation, these things should be recognized and applauded by everyone.

Whenever I hear a signal 13 my prayers are quick and fervent. An injured officer is almost a personal sorrow to me.

Please don't think this is a crank letter. It is just that I know that our police department is the greatest in the country.

I also believe that these splendid officers deserve the highest praise and respect from every citizen, not just a few.

Yours very truly,  
/s/ Virginia W. Hodek

## "Policeman Of The Year"

The Greater Baltimore Northeast Community Association selected Officer Dennis P. Carr, Northeastern District as its "Policeman of the Year". He was honored at Ceremonies conducted at Memorial Stadium during the 4th of July Celebration.

Officer Carr, a fourteen year veteran of the Department was assigned during 1976 to a foot post that encompassed the Northwood Shopping Center. While assigned there the officer effected more than 90 arrests and was able to build up an impressive information network. Officer Carr was also able to develop key information that he forwarded to the Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire-

arms Unit concerning the whereabouts of numerous stolen automatic weapons. The resultant recovery of these weapons prevented them from being offered for sale to criminals and radical groups.

Expressions of congratulations were made by members of the Association and also from those who he had daily contact with on his post, such as the following note he received from one of the young citizens who lives in the area:  
Dear Officer Carr,

I am proud to say that my brother David, my friend Jack and I were at the Stadium when you received an award for Policeman of the Year. I am sure you are proud of yourself and my family are happy for you too. Congratulations. . . .

Your friend,  
Janet Gweninger

## Colt Nite — Family Day

More than 17,000 fans were on hand at the Navy Marine Corps stadium in Annapolis on July 23rd and witnessed the Baltimore Colts rookies play the Washington Redskins in a benefit football game for Buddies, Incorporated.

The day began at twelve noon when those attending had an opportunity to meet the players, take photographs and get to know the team.

The sale of Colt Nite tickets are the primary source of funding for the Police Boys' Clubs through Buddies, Incorporated. In addition to the Boys' Clubs the organization also provides support for our Boy Scouts and Camps Ritchie and Perkins. These camps are wholly supported by the funds collected as a result of "Colt Nite" which provides summer recreation to inner-city children who otherwise would probably never have the opportunity to attend any type of camp.

It was a hard fought contest between the first and second year members of each club. By half-time the Colts were trailing only 17-14. The final half was disappointing though when the Redskins tallied a final score of 41 to 14.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Police Officer Gary P. West.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer Charles Clark, who celebrated his 25th year in the Department on July 10.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Lieutenant Francis M. Hutson, who completed his 25th year in the Department on July 10.

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Billy Zittle, son of Police Officer William Zittle, who, on July 17, with his Little League Team, "The Loch Raven Indians", won the Little League World Series. The age group was 9 to 10 years. Billy Zittle was named the "Unsung Hero" and received a trophy.

## RETIREMENTS

**BURNS, JOHN E.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 9 years, July 25.

**OPOLKO, CONSTANTINE, JR.**, Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 26 years, July 29.

**McGILL, MARGARET I.**, Senior Clerk Typist, Criminal Investigation Division, 20 years, August 1.

**LEWIS, STARKIE M.**, Police Officer, Northern District, 25 years, August 1.

## WEDDINGS

**GOETZ, FRANK E., II**, Police Cadet, Communications Division and the former Theresa A. Jones, June 18.

**THOMPSON, DAVID B.**, and the former Patricia K. Garret, Computer Typist Operator, Central Records Division, July 12.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KNILL, AMY**, granddaughter of Police Officer and

Mrs. Herman Bullinger, Communications, 91bs. 12 oz.

**MATARAZZO, LISA MARIE**, daughter of Detective and Mrs. Thomas Matarazzo, Criminal Investigation Division, Career Criminal Unit, 61bs. 5 oz., June 22.

**SMITH, DALE ALLEN**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Terry Smith, Southwestern District, 71bs. 9 oz., June 29.

**LONGO, JOSEPH ROBERT**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Joseph Longo, Traffic Division, 71bs. 11 oz., July 8.

**ROOF, BRIAN LEE**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Ronald Roof, Southeastern District, 81bs. 11 oz., July 12.

**MARTIN, JAMES, JR.**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. James Mitchell, Western District, 71bs. 11 oz., July 17.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**ALFORD, JOHN VERNON**, Police Officer, retired from Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, July 25.

## IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAMS, JAMES**, father-in-law of Sergeant Albert Chaney, Central District, June 20.

**WEST, SELMA**, aunt of Police Officer Walter Vaughn, Northeastern District, July 11.

**PRIDE, CHARLES**, grandfather of Police Officer Harold Street, Northern District, July 12.

**SACCO, LENA**, mother of Police Officer Joseph Sacco, Southwestern District, July 15.

**BROWN, MICHAEL W.**, 2 years of age, nephew of Detective Roger Brown, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, July 16.

**KOHLER, EDWARD**, father of Police Officer Edward Kohler, Southern District, July 17.

**FERTITTA, JOSEPHINE**, grandmother of Sergeant

Charles J. Fertitta, Northeastern District, July 17.

**ATEN, NELSON, E., SR.**, father of Police Officer Nelson E. Aten, Jr., Communications Division, July 18.

**DAVENPORT, HALLET L.**, father of Police Officer Hallet E. Davenport, Traffic Division, July 18.

**CHES, STEPHEN T., SR.**, father of Detective Stephen T. Ches, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons Section, July 21.

**PARSONS, HARRY S.**, grandfather of Principal Clerk Stenographer Margaret Talbott, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, July 21.

**TILGHMAN, SAMUEL**, uncle of Emergency Call Clerk Jeanne C. Carr, Communications Division, July 22.

**HALL, HUETT P.**, father of Police Officer Robert Hall, Traffic Division, July 23.

**HOPKINS, ALBERT R.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Edward Gonce, Southern District, July 23.

## NEWS NOTES

For the seventh consecutive year members of the Department who belong to the American Red Cross Blood Assurance Program successfully filled their annual obligation. A total of 1,015 pints of blood were given between July, 1976 and July, 1977.

In return for the periodic donation, which averages about once every two to two and one half years, every member receives, when needed, a limitless supply of blood for himself and his family, which also includes the member's and spouse's parents.



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## Police Memorial Under Construction

Motorists driving east on Fayette Street can see a sign as Fayette intersects with the Fallsway. The sign, at an apparent construction site, designates that particular site as the "Shot Tower Park." But the sign doesn't tell the entire story. In that park will be the Baltimore Police Department's "Police Memorial."

The term "Police Memorial" usually produces a mental image of a monument or an "eternal flame" designed to commemorate those heroic law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties. These "monuments" are, indeed, a suitable reminder of brave men and women and brave deeds.

For a number of years officials and members of the Baltimore Police Department have been discussing plans to establish a truly unique memorial in recognition of those who have served the Department past and present.

When plans for the new park at the Shot Tower were unveiled the Department was given the unusual opportunity to participate in its planning. Within that park will be a "living memorial" of considerable magnitude. When completed it will become one of the most notable police monuments in the United States.

Appropriately placed between the Headquarters Building and the Shot Tower the entire western portion of the park will become a "living memorial" to members of the Department, sworn and civilian; past and present. With nearly fifty trees, flowering shrubbery and sculptured art, the memorial will afford members of the Department and the community an appropriate setting for remembering those who serve.

In addition to the formal plantings there will be walkways, benches and a formidable granite wall as a focal point to the Police Memorial. Centered on the granite wall, elevated above the main ground level, will be a bronze memorial plaque which dedicates the area to members of the Baltimore Police Department.

The cost of design and construction for the new park is being borne by the City of Baltimore.

The Baltimore Police Department is committed to provide the funding for the purchasing and planting of various species of trees and for the memorial plaque.

When the park is completed this Fall a dedication ceremony for the Police Memorial will be scheduled. Officials of the Department and members of each of the districts, divisions and units will participate.



On Wednesday afternoons hundreds of Senior Citizens have been visiting the Department's Headquarters Building Auditorium to view such movies as "Under the Yum Yum Tree". The weekly series is jointly sponsored by the Community Relations Section and Gino's Inc., under the direction of Mr. George W. Larkins, Public Relations Manager and is free of charge.

## Graduation And Commendation

Thirty-three Probationary Baltimore Police Officers along with five Auxiliary Police Officers graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on August 5, 1977.

The Ceremonies marked an end of a rigorous training program for Class 77-2 which included a move to the new Training Center on the 9th and 10th floors of the Headquarters Building.

The five Auxiliary Officers are the first to complete the 40 hour training program of the recently instituted program and will form the core of the Auxiliary Police Force for this Department.

This new Unit is designed to give the citizens of Baltimore an opportunity to help the Baltimore Police Department reduce crime. These individuals have all volunteered to donate a minimum of 20 hours a month to help the Department not only by being extra eyes and ears in the neighborhood and civic events, but by assisting us with their technical skills.

Mr. George T. Quinn, Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation delivered the Commencement Address. After his remarks he assisted Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in distributing the Certificates of Graduation to the new officers.

Commendation Ceremonies immediately followed the graduation. Twenty-one civilians were awarded Certificates of Honor for their outstanding service to the community and law enforcement and twelve members of the Department were commended for the exemplary

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# Graduation

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manner in which they discharged their police duties.

## SPECIAL COMMENDATION

When members of the Southeastern District heard gunshots in the vicinity of City Hospital they responded and reacted quickly and decisively to a bizarre series of events. A prisoner under guard by a correctional officer overpowered him and escaped with his weapon. During a short gun battle with other correctional officers the suspect wounded a hospital worker and took a female hostage and her car. The responding officers quickly gained control over the situation and were able to chase down the suspect after a wild pursuit over several miles. Once trapped the suspect wounded the hostage and came out of the vehicle firing at the officer who returned fire and fatally wounded him.

The Southeastern District Officers involved were Michael Bender, Frederick Kinder, Michael Lasky, Robert Manley, and Michael Sloman.

## BRONZE STAR

Agent Reginald Gooden, Southwestern District, as a result of his quick action was able to save the life of a woman already shot and wounded by her husband and to disarm and arrest the husband before he could inflict further bodily injury.

Discovering that a small child had fallen into the water, Officer Robert Gwaltney, Northeastern District, entered the water, located the child under water and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation while still in the pool until back-up units arrived to assist him.

The child was rushed to an area hospital and was released after treatment.

A call for a mental case always has the potential for a dangerous situation. Officers Ralph Greaves and James Lampson, Southwestern District displayed foresight and coolness in just such a situation. Confronted by an armed emotionally disturbed woman, the officers were held at bay until they succeeded in diverting her attention long enough

to disarm her and take her into custody.

After arresting two suspects, one of whom was carrying a gun, Officers John Schaffer and William McCallister of the Northeastern District became suspicious since the weapon was similar to the one used in previous commercial robberies. As a result of their follow-up efforts the Officers cleared seven commercial robberies in addition to one bank robbery, one assault and robbery and an attempted robbery of a motel.

When Officer Ronald Cooley, Southwestern District, came upon a seriously wounded citizen he immediately administered first aid and when reassured of the victim's safety went after the armed assailant and successfully affected the arrest.

## Department's United Fund Drive Begins

The 1977 United Fund — CICA Campaign officially got under way with a kick off meeting at the Police Headquarters Building on Wednesday, August 10, 1977.

Members of the Department's Command Staff previewed plans for the 1977 campaign. The Baltimore Police Department, because of its outstanding performance during the 1976 United Fund — CICA Campaign has been designated a Pacesetter for 1977. This means that the solicitation for the Department will be initiated and completed before the General Campaign takes place in Central Maryland beginning in late September.

This year the United Fund — CICA Campaign is focusing on the fact that the monies collected during the fund drive help people in need. "People Helping People the United Way", is the slogan which you will be hearing during the Department's campaign.

Every member of the Department will have the opportunity to view a new United Fund film entitled "You Are There" as the campaign gets underway in individual districts and divi-

sions. Featuring Tony Curtis the film underscores in very vivid terms what a contribution to the United Fund does.

It is important to note that just a little more than 5% of the money contributed to the United Fund is used for campaign expenses. This means that money which is contributed actually goes to provide real services to people in need.

## Uniform Inspection

The Quartermaster Unit of the Property Division has announced that this year in addition to the regularly scheduled clothing inspections in the respective divisions, districts and units those who are unable to stand inspection at their assigned station may respond to the Quartermaster Unit at the below listed dates between 0800 and 1530 hours:

Southeastern District	Sept. 6, 1977
Eastern District	Sept. 7, 1977
Northeastern District	Sept. 8, 1977
Youth Section	Sept. 8, 1977
Northern District	Sept. 9, 1977
Northwestern District	Sept. 20, 1977
Western District	Sept. 21, 1977
Southwestern District	Sept. 23, 1977
Southern District	Sept. 26, 1977

The below listed units will attend inspection at the Quartermaster Unit between 0800 and 1530 hours between September 27 to 30 and October 3 to 7:

Central District — Tactical Section — Traffic Division — Communications Division — Central Records — Recruitment Unit — Inspectional Services — Community Relations Section — Planning & Research — Criminal Investigation — Education and Training — Internal Investigation Division — Chief of Patrol.

*Learning is like rowing upstream:  
not to advance is to drop back.*

• H. H. Hart

# The Word "Police"

On July 1, 1977 Mr. S. B. Billbrough, Deputy Regional Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration delivered the Commencement Address to the members of Class 77-1 as they graduated following their training at the Education and Training Center.

His remarks, while aimed at the newly graduated police officers, are of interest to all members of the Department. Excerpts of his remarks are printed below:

"... In considering what message I could deliver to you and a method to emphasize it, I selected the word "Police" to cite the key ingredients, as I see, them, in performing the law enforcement function.

1. The letter "P" in the word Police can stand for *pride*. *Pride* in your department, which, as I have indicated, you have every reason to have. You are a member of an outstanding organization.

*Pride* in your work. There is no more honorable profession than law enforcement. You stand between a safe, productive and peaceful society and those who would destroy all that decent people treasure. Your actions will protect the property, and literally the very lives, of your fellow citizens

You serve as the stabilizing influence in our society, the first and only line of defense against domestic attack. Without your efforts, we would have chaos in our cities.

*Pride* in yourself. You are the city's finest young men and women. You have proven this by your selection, in your training efforts and you will prove this over and over again in the days ahead.

2. The "O" in the word police can stand for *Operations*. This relates to the technical duties you will perform.

You have been given the finest basic training available. You must apply this specialized knowledge deliberately and diligently. The effectiveness of the tech-

niques of patrol, the investigation of crimes, the application of human relations procedures, the proper use of the statutes, ordinances and arrest procedures and like skills is essential to your work.

You must resolve to continue your training and education throughout your careers if you are to be truly successful.

We live in dynamic times. Things around us are changing almost daily. The effect of changes related to technology, economics, energy, terrorism, laws and the like will have dramatic effects on how we do our jobs in the future.

3. The "L" in the word Police can stand for *loyalty*. *Loyalty* to our country, to our institutions, to our department and its leaders. This is essential for both an efficient police organization and to your personal well being.

We are all familiar with those who see little of value in anything around them. Who destructively criticize, who through pessimistic and negative statements, cause confusion and discord. These are the people who reach conclusions without benefit of the facts. Unfortunately, some may be found in police uniforms.

Your options today are open. I urge you to think and act positively. Strive to serve well. Do a good job. Speak well of your agency, your supervisors and your fellow officers.

If there are real problems and there will be some, get the full facts and work patiently and constructively, within the system, to suggest and try to change those things that need to be improved.

If you are *loyal*, your fellow officers and your department will be *loyal* to you.

4. The "I" in the word Police can stand for *Integrity*. This is absolutely essential. How can we arrest and bring before the bar of justice other individuals if we are guilty of the same or similar transgressions?

You must conduct your personal lives with considerable circumspection. Because of our positions, the news media and our neighbors rightly look at our actions closely. Remember, if you should slip, you let down all of the law enforcement community, your families

and yourself. We have no place among us for bad cops.

3. The "C" in Police can stand for *Courage*. *Courage*, both physically and mentally. Our work is difficult and, at times, dangerous. The plaques in this building which honor those Baltimore City Police Officers who have given their lives in the service of their community, serve as a daily reminder of this.

There are times when you will be tired and discouraged. You, and the department, will be criticized, frequently unfairly. You will lose cases in court. You will, at times, be insulted and assaulted.

Your *Courage* will carry you through.

6. Finally, the "E" in Police can stand for *Equality*. We must do our jobs fairly and without favor to any individual or group.

This means we must treat each person equally without regard to race or color, national origin, religious or economic status.

In our Democracy, we cannot be successful by operating any other way.

The word "Police", then, can serve as a guide to aid each of us in doing our job properly . . . *Pride* . . . *Operational Efficiency* . . . *Loyalty* . . . *Integrity* . . . *Courage* . . . *Equal Treatment* for all."

## Good Guys Nite

In just about 10 days the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" will be taking on the "Smokeaters" of the Baltimore Fire Department as the second part of a double header at Memorial Stadium.

The first game will feature the Baltimore Orioles and the Kansas City Royals.

Tickets for the Sunday afternoon game are \$3.00 for upper reserved chairback seats. Tickets are still available at the Advanced Sales window at the Stadium. Most districts and divisions still have a small supply of tickets on hand.

Proceeds from the game will be donated to Angels Haven, a non-profit, non-sectarian home for mentally retarded youngsters.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**FISCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Michael E. Daniel, son of Anne M. Daniel, Principal Clerk Stenographer, of this Division and Police Officer George L. Daniel, Traffic Division on his promotion to Sergeant with the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Senior Computer Typer Jeanne Dandy on her 25th year with the Department on July 31.

Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Supervisor Mary Kaiser, a patient in Sinai Hospital.

## RETIREMENTS

CAVE, THOMAS R., Police Officer, Central District, 14 years, July 28.

EICKER, CARL W., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 19 years, July 28.

WHEATLEY, RAYMOND W., JR., Police Officer, Western District, 14 years, July 28.

KUHN, ROBERT M., Sergeant, Southeastern District, 27 years, August 3.

SHARPE, ALBERT D., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 19 years, August 5.

VANCE, LILLIE K., Principal Clerk, Tactical Section, 18 years, August 13.

STREETT, FRANCES R., Administrative Assistant, Traffic Division, 26 years, August 18.

## WEDDINGS

CRABB, LEROY E., Police Officer, Northern District and the former Maria S. Testa, July 30.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANLEY, WILLIAM RAYMOND, son of Police Of-

ficer and Mrs. Robert Manley, Southeastern District, 8lbs. 5 oz., July 14.

LILLY, MARK RUSSELL, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Leroy R. Lilly, III, Northern District, 8lbs. 12 oz., July 17.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

REESE, THOMAS M., Police Officer, retired, Northwestern District Annex, July 25.

MESSNER, LESTER N., Detective, retired from Bureau of Identification, Detective Bureau, and brother of Captain Walter Messner, retired from Civil Defense Unit, August 5.

## IN MEMORIAM

MORGAN, FANNIE, aunt of Police Officer Thomas Lloyd, Tactical Section, June 18.

MOREY, EDWARD, grandfather of Agent Edwin W. Schillo, Tactical Section, July 14.

WILSON, VENTON, uncle of Sergeant John Boyle, Northwestern District and father-in-law of Police Officer Anthony Sergi, Community Services Division, July 23.

THOMAS, EUGENE, uncle of Police Officer Joseph Darchicourt, Southeastern District, July 26.

MYERS, MARGARET, aunt of Police Officer George Heine, Northern District, July 27.

STRICKLAND, WILLIAM R., husband of Custodial Worker, Madeline Strickland, Northwestern District, July 27.

CAPWELL, HARMON H., uncle of Sergeant Stanley Nicodem, Northern District, July 28.

COLE, ROBERT M., brother of Police Officer David Cole, Traffic Division, Radar Unit, July 28.

WOLFF, FRANK E., grandfather of Police Officer William Hackley, Northwestern District, July 29.

DERRENBARGER, JOHN P., brother of Police Of-

ficer Gordon Derrenberger, Tactical Section and retired Sergeant Gilbert Derrenberger, Office of Chief of Patrol and retired Police Officer William Derrenberger, July 30.

DRISCOLL, KENNETH J., brother of Police Officer Michael Driscoll, Northeastern District, July 30.

FINK, EDWARD H., father of Lieutenant John Fuller, Northeastern District, July 31.

QUIGLEY, RAYMOND, father-in-law of Radio Technician Frederick Bougard, Communications Division, Radio Repair Section, August 1.

CUNNINGHAM, MYRTLE, sister of Police Officer Michael Daugherty, retired, Central District, August 1.

LANE, ELIZABETH A., aunt of Police Officer John O'Brien, Eastern District, August 1.

CASSIDY, DOROTHY, mother-in-law of Sergeant Richard Concannon, assigned Central District and detailed to Planning and Research Division, August 2.

McMEEKIN, SONDR A., daughter of Police Officer Paul S. McMeekin, Tactical Section, Building Security Unit, August 2.

KANGAS, RONALD, brother of Police Officer Allan Kangas, Southern District, August 3.

BROWN, ANNA, aunt of Detective Roger Brown, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, August 4.

D'ADAMO, MICHAEL A., SR., uncle of Detective Thomas Matarazzo, Criminal Investigation Division, Career Criminal Unit, August 4.

HELFRICH, MICHAEL, grandson of Stores Supervisor John O. Helfrich, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, August 5.

MILLER, ALICE B., mother of Police Officer Wendell Miller, Northern District, August 7.

LENTZ, MARIE, aunt of Police Officer Charles Kreiner, Communications Division, August 7.



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## Reporting Area Search Concept Works For Latent Prints

Recently, a Supreme Bench Judge for Baltimore City praised the Baltimore Police Department for presenting as evidence an increasing number of latent fingerprints recovered at crime scenes that matched with suspects charged with the offense.

The presentation of this conclusive element of circumstantial evidence is a result of an innovative program initiated through the cooperative efforts of members of the Department's Property Crimes Section of the Criminal Investigation Division and the Latent Print Unit of the Laboratory Division.

An intensive study was undertaken in a burglary prone area of the North-western District. The results were somewhat surprising. It was found that in approximately eighty percent of the cases studied, the perpetrator lived within three to five blocks of the location of occurrence. Of the remaining twenty percent, nearly all of the perpetrators had some personal ties within a three to five block radius of the location of the offense. This was based on friends or relatives living in the area, a previous address of the offender, former school or a similar tie-in.

The pattern was somewhat different for commercial burglaries. Although the perpetrators of these offenses often traveled twenty-five to thirty blocks, they committed the offenses within a three to five block area.

Until September of last year, the Latent Print Unit filed latent prints recovered at burglary scenes by district only. When a request was made by detectives or district personnel for an

open case search of a possible burglar, members of the Unit would make a complete search of the district in which the suspect was believed to be operating. With almost 22,000 latent prints recovered at burglary scenes on file, this effort was a tedious, time consuming process that caused a tremendous backlog.



Reporting areas have been used since 1966 for Manpower Deployment and are now being used by detectives and latent print examiners to track down burglars.

The latent prints are now placed in the open case file by reporting areas. Baltimore City is divided into 594 reporting areas. Established by the Police Commissioner in 1966, reporting areas are smaller than district and post boundaries, but never change as posts do, and are used by the Department through its computer system to determine special and temporal manpower apportionment. Every post in the city is established by the weighted number of crimes and calls for service recorded in these reporting areas. Some

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## Nighttime Curfew Enforcement

The following letter was sent by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau to the President of the Baltimore City Council on August 22, 1977. The letter summarizes the report submitted to the Council regarding the effectiveness of Ordinance 1046 (Nighttime Curfew).

Dear President Orlinsky:

In response to the request of the Baltimore City Council as expressed in Ordinance 1046 (Nighttime Curfew), I am forwarding herewith a report of the results of its passage with respect to law enforcement.

Seventeen months cumulative enforcement efforts have resulted in 1,490 individual violations; 1,088 from curfew interviews, 402 incident to other offenses — 51.5% of those interviewed were white, 48.5% non-white.

Forty-seven cases have been presented to the District Court, after two or more citations. . .

Cumulative crime and arrest data summaries for sixteen months prior to curfew enactment are compared with a like period following in Ordinance effective date, 1 March 1976. Total Index Crime decreased 6.1%, with only slight increases reflected in the reported Rape and Larceny Categories. . . This parallels the decreasing crime trend of the six-year period using 1970 as a base year, as well as the 1975-76 annual and first six months 1976-77 comparisons. . .

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# Latent Prints

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posts have a number of reporting areas within them, while others have but one or two. The reporting area is recorded on every call for service card and on every field report. This information is then entered into the computer's historical data bank and is used as the basis of the Department's manpower/workload studies.

By re-filing all recovered latent fingerprints in reporting areas rather than by district, members of the Latent Print Unit have a more feasible way of searching latent prints through the open case file. By using the new search method and the fact that eighty percent of the burglaries committed are by suspects who live within five blocks of their residence, the Latent Print Unit found that they could make more searches in less time.



Comparing requested prints on file with latents is a time consuming process, but with the new system latent print examiners, such as Mr. Frank B. Bowles, Jr., can compare more prints in less time and get equal or better results.

So far this year members of the Unit have made 341 positive cases based on searches of the latent print file. This success rate stems directly from requests for examinations filed by members of the Criminal Investigation Division, the Patrol Division and open case searches made by the Latent Print Unit.

When a member of the Department submits the name of a suspect to be compared to an initial complaint, he also submits the reporting areas he wants searched. The request most often includes the reporting area (and those surrounding) in which the individual is a primary suspect in a burglary as

well as the areas surrounding his home address. In eighty percent of the requests these two locations coincide.

The Crimes Against Property Section at the same time converted their case filing system to reporting areas. The detectives quickly found that the system enables them to make an eye level determination of the development of a burglary problem in a specific area and also enables them to quickly spot similarities in *modus operandi*, suspects and type of property taken. Also, because the data in the Department's automated system can be retrieved by reporting area, requested investigative information can be utilized more effectively.

The following recent cases are cited by Mr. Alfred M. Woolridge, Supervisor of the Latent Print Unit as examples of the efficiency of the new system. One involves two juveniles who were arrested by a Patrol Division officer for burglary. The prints of the suspects were compared to the latent prints from that particular case with positive results. Although the suspects lived in Baltimore County their prints were compared with all open cases in the reporting areas surrounding the original complaint, as a result the Latent Print Unit identified the juveniles prints in 13 other burglary cases. In this case Mr. Woolridge points out that the juveniles involved had never been arrested before and points out the importance of fingerprinting all juveniles who are arrested for delinquency cases that would be a felony or a misdemeanor whose punishment includes time in the penitentiary if committed by an adult and the victim or subject of the criminal activity is either a person or property as required under General Order 72-5.

In another case a detective received information that an individual might be the burglar who was plaguing a neighborhood. He found that the suspect had a previous arrest record and submitted his name on a Request for Examination form (70-236) and listed the reporting area where the suspects resides. The Latent Print Unit pulled the individual's prints and compared them to all the latents recovered from burglary scenes in the reporting area requested as well as those surrounding it. As a result they made seventeen open case identifications and the suspect was charged in all the cases.

In order for the system to work,

effectively, the reporting areas must be included in the request form. In using this method, members of the Latent Print Unit are able to search more suspects through the open file in less time, thus aiding the officer or detective in their investigations. Experience has also shown that the system can save investigative time. When a suspect is arrested for a burglary or becomes a suspect, an open case search might not only help clinch the case under investigation, but also tie in the suspect with one or more additional cases.

## Captain Kelly Retires

Captain James A. Kelly will conclude his law enforcement career, which spanned 25 years with the Baltimore Police Department, tomorrow, September 1, 1977.



JAMES A. KELLY

Captain Kelly began his career in law enforcement in August, 1951 when he completed entrance training and was assigned to the Northeastern District. He remained in the Northeastern until May, 1959 when he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Northwestern District. When he was promoted to Lieutenant in February, 1966, Captain Kelly was assigned to the Eastern District where he served for two years and then returned to the Northwestern District. He was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division in December, 1971 and remained there when he was promoted to Captain in November, 1973.

In January, 1974 Captain Kelly as-

sumed command of the Central District where he remained until he was assigned as Captain of the Southern District. In February, 1975 after the new position of District Commander was established Captain Kelly was appointed to the position of District Commander of the Southern District.

Due to a serious illness he was transferred to the Casual Section of the Personnel Division in July, 1976. When he recovered Captain Kelly requested that he be relieved of his command of the Southern District and his District Commander designation due to illness. His request was honored and he was transferred to the Traffic Division in December, 1976 where he remained until retirement.

During his career with the Department, Captain Kelly received one official commendation and numerous commendatory letters from citizens and leaders of the community. His retirement plans include extensive travel, fishing and relaxation.

## Daytime Curfew

On May 6, 1977 Article 19, Section 14A-F of the Baltimore City Code was amended by Ordinance No. 316, and provides for a Daylight Curfew for school age minors during school hours.

The provisions for the Daylight Curfew are similar to the Nighttime Curfew, which has been in effect since March 1, 1976, with a few exceptions:

It prohibits a minor between the ages of 6 and 15 years from remaining in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. on any school day. The provisions do not apply when the minor has written proof from school authorities excusing him from attendance at that particular time or if he or she is accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person 21 years of age or older.

The procedures for enforcement are the same as the Nighttime Curfew and places the responsibility on the parent or guardian who will be notified through the Youth Section when the child is found in violation. The parent will be summoned to court if the child violates the Ordinance a second time within twelve (12) months and will be subject to a fine up to \$100.00 or be imprisoned up to 10 days for failure to pay the fine.

## Nighttime Curfew

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Applying the same sixteen-month comparison periods to our Index Offense Arrest data, arrests of persons under 16 years of age decreased 13.0%, while arrests of persons 16 years and over decreased 7.8%. Persons under 16 years arrested for Aggravated Assault and Burglary, however, increased 6.4% and 5.5% respectively. . .

A sixteen-month cumulative data comparison of arrests for offenses other than Index Crimes is also provided. Six categories were selected for their consistently higher numbers of arrests effected over the years. These categories also fall within the purview of the department's Limited Adjustment Program. Arrests of persons under 16 years for these other than Index Offenses decreased

20.7%, while arrests of persons 16 years and over increased 0.5%. . .

We are pleased to note, as previously assured, enforcement has been carried out in an objective, professional manner by the members of the patrol force, consistent with established policy. This Ordinance, as enacted, is enforceable. Additionally, and probably more meaningful is the community at large, particularly the parents, appear most supportive.

At this time, no change is offered should the Council decide to continue the nighttime curfew beyond this calendar year. With regard to such extension, our position remains supportive, consistent with that offered prior to passage. Reductions in crime are the result of a variety of factors. . . certainly the Curfew Ordinance is one. . ."

Sincerely,  
D. D. Pomerleau  
Commissioner



It was a hard fought contest between the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" and the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smokeaters" when they competed at Memorial Stadium on Sunday August 28th. The proceeds from the tickets sold by members of the Department will go to Angel's Haven, a home for mentally retarded youngsters. Shown above with Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Colonel Wilbur C. Miller are the following members of the team:

(Row 1, left to right) Officer Clayton H. Wright, SED; Officer Edward A. Piccioni, CD; Officer Ronald C. Hubbard, SED; Officer Albert L. Johns, CD; Agent Edward M. Parker, CID; Agent Gary T. Childs, CID; (Row 2, left to right) Officer Robert B. Dapp, NED; Officer John R. Bailey, Jr., NED; Agent Richard K. Boronyak, CID; Officer Gary T. Dunnigan, ED; Officer John P. Grosskopf, SED; Officer Robert C. Harrison, Traffic; Agent John C. Meyer, Tactical. Final score "Smokeaters" 8, "Gangbusters" 3.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend sincere sympathy to Principal Criminalist Dr. Shiv Soni, Chemical Analysis Section and to Crime Evidence Detection Supervisor Don R. Jennings, Mobile Unit, on their recent losses.

Warm wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Crime Lab Technician David Mundt, Mobile Unit, who is recuperating at home from a recent operation.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant Thomas Whalen, Mounted Unit, who celebrated 35 years with the Department on August 17.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Welcome aboard to Police Officers Edward C. Reisch, John K. Swann and Gus Christofield.

Good luck to Lieutenant James W. Madigan in his new assignment.

Good luck and best wishes to Principal Clerk Lillie Vance on her recent retirement.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to the members of the Southern District Softball Team. They won the First Annual Baltimore Police Slow Pitch Softball Tournament held at Druid Hill Park on August 12. The Team defeated the runner-up, Central District by a score of 5 to 4. Members of the Team are as follows: Floyd Jacobs, James Miller, Michael Hurm, Robert Cowley, Rick Curley, Jack Baker, Rodney George, John Cunningham, Steve Machlinski, Eugene Yeager, John Sanders, John Wissman, Glen Grymes, David Bowen, John McGrath and Tom Gerst.

## WEDDINGS

WIGHTMAN, JOHN, and the former Joan Trisanti, Senior Clerk Typist, Laboratory Division.

LITOFSKY, IRVIN B., Senior Criminalist, Laboratory Division, and the former Cathy Gordon.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer recently joined Mr. John Burkley, Chairman of the Emphasis Committee of the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore, Sergeant Robert E. Wilson and Colonel Wilbur C. Miller, Chief of the Community Services Division for the kick-off of the "Lock Your Car-Key Program." The new program, developed by the Department's Crime Resistance Unit and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, involves the placing of decals, in the shape of keys, reminding citizens to "Lock Your Car! Remove Valuables," on all of the 10,044 parking meters in Baltimore.

Arrangements have been made with several service groups including the Boy Scouts of America to place the decals on the meters.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BESSLING, BRYAN, JR., grandson of Detective Sergeant and Mrs. Vernon L. Bessling, Jr., Inspectional Services Division, August 9.

WALSH, COLLEEN MARIE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Richard Walsh, Tactical Section, 61bs. 13 oz., August 10.

KEY, CYNTHIA, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Charles J. Key, Jr., Tactical Section, 71bs. 13 oz., August 13.

BILLING, JAMES EDWARD, II, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James Billing, Tactical Section, 71bs. 11 oz., August 14.

STEIMETZ, BRYAN KEITH, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Paul Steimetz, Central District, 81bs. 1 oz., August 17.

BASS, JACQUELINE DAWN, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. Michael D. Bass, Tactical Section, 61bs. 13 oz., August 20.

## RETIREMENTS

BROWN, JOHN C., Sergeant, Communications Division, 25 years, August 12.

MAY, MICHAEL P., Sergeant, Criminal Investigation Division, 7 years, August 12.

BERUBE, CHARLES E., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 10 years, August 12.

BORAM, ALBERT E., Police Officer, Communications Division, 23 years, August 12.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

HUSTER, WILLIAM B., retired, Police Officer, Traffic Division, August 14.

## IN MEMORIAM

KLANDER, MARIE C., mother of retired Captain George Klander, Traffic Division, August 7.

ADVANI, DHARAM DAS, father-in-law of Principal Criminalist Dr. Shiv Soni, Laboratory Division, Chemical Analysis Section, August 8.

PENNINGTON, J. A., grandfather of Police Officer Jerry H. Young, Northeastern District, August 8.

LANCASTER, PEARL P., aunt of Police Officer Charles Litner, Northern District, August 9.



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## Thirteen Promoted To Captain

On September 9, 1977 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented Certificates of Promotion to thirteen new Captains. In addition, nine of the newly promoted Captains were assigned as Assistant District Commanders.



LEON N. TOMLIN

Office of Police Commissioner  
(Detailed to C.I.D. - Narcotic Unit)

The exempt rank of District Commander was created on October 24, 1974 under authority contained in the Public Local Laws of Baltimore. The rank was designated in recognition of the fact that each of the nine police districts encompasses large areas and populations and that a commander of a district assumes greater responsibilities than those of a majority of police chiefs throughout the United States.

During the promotional ceremonies the Police Commissioner noted that the District Commanders have performed in an excellent manner, as evidenced by a continuing decrease in the number of Index Crimes reported to police. He

pointed out, however, that the challenges presented by modern law enforcement in the urban area call for new approaches. For this reason it was decided that an Assistant District Commander could add a new dimension to the patrol effort. "The Assistant District Commander," according to Commissioner Pomerleau, "will broaden the Command overview of District operations." He said that, "the addition of the Assistant District Commander will allow top echelon police officers to become more directly involved in the Department's commitment to Crime Resistance by working directly with community based groups and interested individuals."



JOHN C. SCHMITT  
Tactical Section

The addition of a captain in each district will extend the ability of the Department to provide essential leadership throughout the Police Districts. This will result in the continuing improvement of the delivery of services to the residents of the community.

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## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

Certificates of completion were presented by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau to twenty-three Probationary Baltimore Police Officers who graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on September 9, 1977. Class 77-3 concluded twenty weeks of intensive academic and law enforcement training in preparation for their careers and are the last class to graduate this year due to budgetary considerations.

The Commencement Address was delivered by Mr. Edwin R. Tully, Deputy Secretary for the Maryland State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. After his remarks to the officers, their families and friends, Mr. Tully assisted Commissioner Pomerleau in distributing the Certificates to the graduates.

Commendation Exercises were held immediately following the graduation ceremonies. Fifteen Baltimore Police Officers and three Civilians received awards for outstanding service to the community.

### SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

While off-duty Officer Willard Hardesty, Southern District, was in plain clothes and in a business establishment when two suspects entered, drew guns and announced a hold-up. Before he could initiate action, one of the suspects pointed his weapon at the officer and threatened to shoot him. Officer Hardesty instinctively grabbed at the weapon and a fierce struggle ensued. He disarmed the suspect but before he could

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# Captain Promotions



**JOSEPH H. COOKE, JR.**  
Central District



**ROBERT L. DISTEFANO**  
Northern District



**RICHARD A. LANHAM**  
Eastern District



**JOHN C. PEACH**  
Western District



**ROBERT T. LEWANDOWSKI**  
Traffic Division



**ELMER R. TURNER**  
Southwestern District



**JOHN C. LEWANDOWSKI**  
Northeastern District



**WILLIAM J. EUSINI**  
Northwestern District



**HERBERT F. ARMSTRONG**  
Southern District



**JOSEPH W. NIXON**  
Criminal Investigation Division



**CHARLES M. DICKENS**  
Southeastern District

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Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer assisted the Police Commissioner in the awarding of promotional certificates to the new captains at ceremonies which were conducted in the student lounge of the Education and Training Division.

## Graduation Ceremonies

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obtain his service revolver the second suspect aimed and fired his gun at the officer. The weapon misfired and Officer

Hardesty was able to fire at the suspect who fled to a vehicle where a driver was waiting. A responding unit saw the departing vehicle and arrested the remaining occupants.

### BRONZE STAR

When Officer Philip L. Rossetti, Southern District, arrived at a burning dwelling, before fire units arrived, the inside was densely filled with smoke. He disregarded his own safety, entered the house and conducted a search which resulted in the rescue of its unconscious resident.

While responding to the area for a robbery in progress call, Officer William Council, Southern District, spotted a vehicle fitting the description just broadcast of the get-away car. A suspect was reported to be armed with a sawed-off shotgun. Officer Council effected a car stop and ordered the occupants out at gun point. As he approached the vehicle the officer saw the weapon lying on the front seat and placed the suspects under arrest. A search of the vehicle uncovered the proceeds of the robbery.

Upon arriving at an accident scene Officer Joseph Geffert, Southwestern District, discovered a severely injured victim who had stopped breathing and was wedged in his seat. Officer Geffert was able to pull the victim through the window and carried him to safety while the car was on fire following the accident. He then applied first aid until arrival of the ambulance.

In spite of the intense heat and smoke, Officers Daniel Boone, Michael Skerry and Marion L. Trimper, Western District, entered a burning building and conducted a rescue operation of its occupants. In the rescue process, Officer Trimper was overcome by smoke inhalation and had to be assisted to safety by Officer Skerry. By working as a team the officers were able to save the occupants and lead them to safety.

After a knife welding subject had stabbed two citizens in a crowded shopping mall, Officers Donny Tew, Kenneth Mellott and Frederick Lane, Southeastern District, arrived at the scene and were able to surround the suspect. The suspect repeatedly lunged at the officers who

withheld their fire until the suspect had been maneuvered into a clear location, and then only resorting to deadly force after the suspect renewed his attack on one of the officers.

When Officer James White, Eastern District, arrived at the scene of an apartment building fire he learned that some of the residents were trapped in the upper floors. In spite of the dense smoke and flames he re-entered the building on several occasions and assisted and carried out two senior citizens of advanced years from their apartment.

As Sergeant Martin Beauchamp and Officer Richard Sandlass, Eastern District, were returning home from duty they observed four young men in an automobile. One of the occupants was holding a gun to the head of another. Officer Sandlass, driving his car, began to pursue the subjects and after a chase of several miles lost the vehicle. The officers obtained the license number of the vehicle and when they informed a Baltimore County officer they were told that three of the suspects were wanted for assault, robbery and kidnapping. After obtaining a listing on the license number, the officers joined the local authorities and proceeded to the owners address where he was identified by the officers and taken into custody. Following the arrest, the officers then identified the other two suspects through mug shots. They were also taken in custody.

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As part of the kick-off of Traffic Safety Week, September 5 - 9, 1977, Mayor William Donald Schaefer presented Officers George F. Eckert and Raymond J. Butler Safety Council of Maryland awards for instructing more than 1500 police officers defensive driving. All City vehicles turned on their headlights in recognition of Traffic Safety Week, the theme of which was "School is Opening - Take an Extra Step for Safety."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION — Youth Section** — There will be a Testimonial Dinner/Dance on September 23, 1977 (Friday) for Sergeant Daniel L. Peterson. Sergeant Peterson retired on September 6 after 30 years service with the Department. The affair will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Highland Avenue from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. There will be a hot buffet - open bar. Price per person \$9.50. Contact Officer Chris Steeg or call 396-2334. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome back to Major James Stromberg returning from his vacation.

## RETIREMENTS

**PETERS, MORRIS W.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 18 years, August 24.  
**EAGAN, LEO L., JR.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 28 years, September 1.  
**SANDERS, HAROLD W.**, Police Officer, Eastern District, 25 years, September 1.  
**KELLY, JAMES A.**, Captain, Traffic Division, 26 years, September 1.  
**HENNESSEY, JOHN H., SR.**, Police Officer, Southern District, 25 years, September 6.  
**PETERSON, DANIEL L.**, Sergeant, Community Services Division, 30 years, September 6.  
**GLATZEL, GORDON C.**, Lineman, Communications Division, 22 years, September 12.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SIMMONS, THOMAS, JR.**, grandson of Senior Clerk Typist Mary Simmons, Community Services Division, Youth Section, 6lbs. 4 oz.  
**HARDISKY, MARCIA DANIELLE**, granddaughter of Police Officer Leroy Meley, Communications Division, 7lbs. 1 oz., August 31.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**YOUNG, JOHN J.**, Police Officer, retired, Southern District, August 24.  
**UTZ, KASPER L.**, Sergeant, retired, Eastern District, September 9.

## IN MEMORIAM

**DUFFY, ANDREW J.**, father of retired School Crossing Guard Winifred Zawadski, Northeastern District.  
**YOUNGER, ALLEN L.**, uncle of Police Officer Edmund Lubinski, Tactical Section, August 8.  
**WEHR, GRACE M.**, mother of Police Officer Jennifer Wehr, Southwestern District, August 9.  
**JENNINGS, WILLIAM B.**, father of Crime Evidence Detection Supervisor Don R. Jennings, Laboratory Division, Mobile Unit, August 10.  
**KEARNS, JACK**, uncle of Police Officer James Zeitschel, Tactical Section, August 10.  
**BUKER, MARY**, aunt of Detective Donald Steinhice, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, August 11.  
**CLARK, WILLIAM**, step-father of Police Officer Herbert Swinson, Central District, August 11.  
**REINSFELDER, JOSEPH**, brother of Sergeant Paul Reinsfelder, Southeastern District, August 12.  
**TRIPODI, JOSEPHINE**, mother-in-law of Police Agent Charles C. Rothrock, Criminal Investigation Division, State's Attorneys Unit, August 12.  
**TIGHE, JOSEPH E.**, brother of Administrative Secretary Agnes E. Tighe, Administrative Bureau, August 12.  
**MASTROMATTEO, ANTONIO**, father of Sergeant Dominic Mastromatteo, Property Division, August 16.  
**CALLO, JOHN H.**, father of Meter Monitor Shelia McAbee, Traffic Division, August 16.  
**LOWMAN, THOMAS L.**, uncle of Police Officer

Charles Callison, Tactical Section, August 16.  
**ALLPORT, CAROLYN**, mother of Police Officer David Allport, Southwestern District, August 18.  
**SCHELLENSCHELAGER, MARY**, mother of Police Officer Donald Licato, Western District, August 18.  
**GADWALE, EVA**, grandmother of Police Officer William Stopfer, Western District, August 20.  
**GLACE, GEORGE**, uncle of Police Officer Salvatore Serio, Northern District, August 21.  
**TABELING, STEPHEN B., JR.**, father of Lieutenant Stephen B. Tabeling, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Section, August 22.  
**KARL, JOHN J., SR.**, father of Police Officer Paul Karl, Southwestern District, August 23.  
**LEVIN, KAREN**, wife of Police Officer Daniel Levin, Traffic Division, Traffic Enforcement Section, August 25.  
**HLAFKA, JOSEPH, JR.**, son of Police Officer Joseph Hlafka, Sr., Western District, August 25.  
**WHITEHEAD, HENRY**, uncle of Police Officer Donald Aston, Northeastern District, August 29.  
**FRENTZ, WILLIAM F.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Charles Dillon, Western District, August 29.  
**BURRITT, HARWOOD R.**, father of Major Harwood W. Burritt, Central District, September 2.  
**WICZULIS, GENIEVE**, mother of Police Officer Marion Wiczulis, Traffic Division, Motorcycle Section, September 2.  
**STOVER, PALMER**, uncle of Police Officer William T. Stover, Jr., Southern District, September 3.  
**KOERNER, NELLIE**, mother of Emergency Call Clerk George M. Koerner, Communications Division, September 4.  
**LEWIS, ISABELL**, aunt of Police Officer Nathaniel Johnson, Northwestern District, September 6.



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## Move To New Central District Building Completed

In 1926 the Baltimore Police Department moved into what was then a brand new headquarters building. Persons entering that facility from the Fallsway stepped into an impressive lobby with vaulted ceilings and either stepped onto an elevator to visit one of the headquarters offices or walked through the lobby to the Central District which occupied the first floor of the structure.



The new Central District Station House located at 500 E. Baltimore Street became operational at 0001 hours on September 12, 1977.

Nearly fifty one years later the Central District has occupied another new building, this one located on the 500 block of East Baltimore Street. The move from the old station to the new was completed by September 12, 1977.

The move of a police station house is not accomplished easily. Members of the Central District coordinated with the Department's Property Division during the construction of the new building so that when the time came the move could be made quickly without disruption to the business of the district.

The preparation and planning paid off as the enormous task began on

September 5th. Many officers, while off duty, assisted in the transfer of equipment.

Major Harwood W. Burritt, Commander of the Central District, said the move required one hundred percent cooperation from his entire command. "I got much more," he said.

The new Central District building is modern and is large enough to accommodate the various activities which are part of a police district. Work areas are spacious providing a professional setting in which members of the district can perform their duties.

In addition to the Central District the new building provides modern facilities for the Women's Center and the Department's Youth Section. The Community Services Division and the Baltimore Police Department's Crime Resistance Unit are also housed in the building.

Security personnel on duty at the station direct visitors to the proper location within the building.



The new Central District Roll Call room is quite a change from the old, which had been in use at the old Station House for more than fifty years.

## Two Eastern District Officers Stabbed

The evening of September 9th had been routine when Officers Kirby R. Croft and Edward P. O'Byrne, Jr., Eastern District, received a call to meet a Northern District Unit. The officer had a disturbing the peace warrant for a 33 year old male, which had been obtained by his sister. She said that her brother, recently released from a mental institution, was acting strangely.



EDWARD P. O'BYRNE, JR.

The officers went to the house and an additional unit was assigned to watch the rear entrance. They were let in by the suspect's grandmother who said that he was asleep. The officers went up the stairs and were lead down the dark hallway by the suspect's sister who called for her brother and opened the door.

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# The "Baltimore City Fair" And The "I Am An American Day Parade" Displays Baltimore's Vitality

## Parade



Two major events in the City made the month of September a busy one for members of the Department. No hostility or violence was displayed at either event as those assigned to the details were confronted with the smiling faces of thousands of people who were having fun.

The "I Am An American Day Parade" again this year included members of the Baltimore Police Department. Various Units participated this year and included the Mounted Unit, the Honor Guard, the Crime Resistance Unit, the Motorcycle Unit and Class 77-3 from the Education and Training Division. Hundreds of marching units and floats came from all over the area to participate.

The East Baltimore Parade route was lined with hundreds of thousands of people who were greeted with pleasant weather and quite a parade. The biggest problem of the day was traffic control, but there were few short tempers and the officers assigned to the detail kept the traffic moving until it cleared.

The Eighth Annual Baltimore City Fair again this year attracted more than a million people to the Inner Harbor area. The three day event featured neighborhood booths, rides, live entertainment, food, and displays from various community and municipal agencies including the Baltimore Police Department.

The displays of the Helicopter Unit, the Youth Section, the Recruitment Unit, the Community Relations Section and the Crime Resistance Unit attracted thousands of interested spectators who kept the officers assigned to them busy all three days.

With elevated platforms and roving foot assignments, the officers assigned to crowd control were highly visible and were able to readily assist the fairgoers in locating the lost children booth as well as finding features of the fair that attracted them.

## Fair



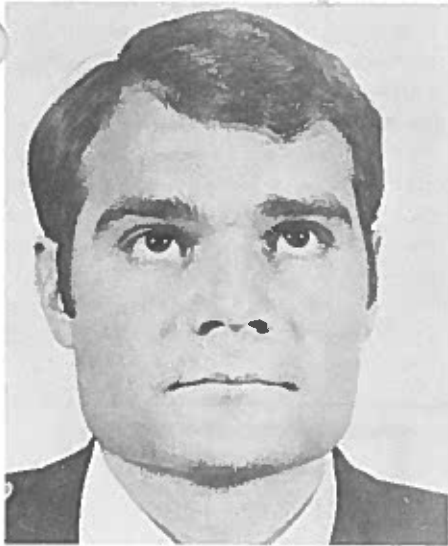
# Officers Stabbed

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The suspect came out swinging with a 9" folding knife which had a 4" blade. Surprising the officers he was able to stab both before they could subdue him or call for additional help. He first stabbed Officer Croft in the lower abdomen causing him to fall and then wheeled around and stabbed Officer O'Byrne several times.

Although injured, both officers were able to disarm the suspect, subdue him and call for assistance. Once he was under control and adequate back-up units arrived, both officers were transported to an area hospital.

Officer Croft was admitted for treatment of the stab wound of the abdomen and was released two days later. Officer O'Byrne was treated for stab wounds to the chin, the left elbow, the right hand, the right side and an injury to his right hand and was then released from the hospital.



KIRBY R. CROFT

A later examination of Officer Edward O'Byrne's clothing told a more chilling story than the incident itself. There was a 1/2 inch wide hole in the officer's right front shirt pocket and inside the pocket was Officer O'Byrne's I.D. carrying case which had been cut half-way through. The knife though, did not penetrate through the case nor the soft body armor the officer was wearing nor did he receive injury as a result of the thrust.

Another hole was on the right side of the shirt about 5 inches from the shirt

pocket hole. The same area of the soft body armor showed a puncture as did the officer's undershirt. The officer received a slight puncture wound as a result of this thrust.

A third hole was discovered through the shirt in the upper stomach area. Examination of the soft body armor revealed that this thrust had only penetrated half way through and there was no injury as a result.

Both officers agree that the suspect must have heard them come in and was waiting for them to come to the bedroom. The incident took only a few seconds in the dark hallway and Officer O'Byrne didn't even realize he was stabbed until they had disarmed and subdued the suspect.

Officer O'Byrne believes that had it not been for his I.D. case and the soft body armor his injuries would have been more disabling if not fatal. Experts in the field of blunt trauma agree that the force used to penetrate the Department's soft body armor would be disabling if not fatal to an individual not wearing it.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

I wish to commend Officers James C. Birch, Josiah F. Massey and Claude Davidson of the Baltimore Police Department for their outstanding performance of duty on Friday afternoon, 5 August 1977, when as a result of their superior training, professional development, and thorough knowledge of the area and its occupants, they recovered my wife's handbag and its contents within a period of thirty minutes.

As we were leaving Baltimore at 1:00 p.m. I made an incorrect turn and arrived at the first stop light in Westport. At this point a youth reached through the right car window, grabbed my wife's large white canvas handbag and ran with it into the "Cabbage Patch." Within a minute I was able to flag the Police Cruiser in which the three officers were on duty in the area.

The actions that occurred were as follows. Despite my incorrect description and failure to identify the culprit when he was first seen, the officers called in a helicopter and two other police cruisers. Together they swept the area,

got a description of the youth from a witness who had seen him with the handbag in his possession and recovered the handbag less my wife's wallet and keys. They then returned me to my car, while another police cruiser picked up the youth. While I stayed at the car they took my wife to a line up where she identified him as the one who had taken her bag. By the time they returned another officer arrived with her wallet, containing her driver's license and credit cards, and her keys.

We greatly appreciate the service and assistance we received and are immeasurably impressed with the manner in which Officers Birch, Massey and Davidson conducted themselves and carried out their mission. They reflected great credit upon themselves and the Police Force of the City of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lukas E. Hoska, Jr.  
Colonel, USA (Ret.)

## Graduation Ceremonies

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While on routine patrol Officers Ronald Savage and Edward Henneman, Tactical Section, observed the unusual action of two men running down the street. As they entered a cab the Communications Division broadcast a hold-up alarm of a nearby bank. The officers affected a car stop on the taxi and observed a white plastic bag with money laying on the rear seat of the cab. The occupants were placed under arrest and as a result three additional bank robberies and two commercial robberies were cleared.



During the Promotional Ceremonies for thirteen Captains on September 9, 1977, Mayor William Donald Schaefer joined Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in presenting the certificates and congratulating each of the new Captains.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations and good luck to Captain John C. Schmitt on his recent promotion and as Commanding Officer of the Tactical Section.

Congratulations and best of luck to Captain John C. Lewandowski on his recent promotion and new assignment.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Captain Robert Lewandowski on his recent promotion.

Welcome aboard to Captain Elmer Turner and Police Officers Edmund White, Ernest Howe, Robert Barnard, John Dodge and Michael Smith.

Congratulations to Captain Joseph Cooke, you will be sorely missed and to the Central District, we envy you.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Narcotics Unit - Congratulations to Captain Leon N. Tomlin on his recent promotion. We are very proud of you. **THE NARCS.**

**PATROL DIVISION** — Welcome back to Administrative Assistant Barbara Brandner from her leave of absence.

Members of this Division extend sincere sympathy to Administrative Assistant Barbara Brandner on her recent loss.

Good luck to Captain John C. Peach in his new assignment at the Western District. . . their gain is our loss, especially the "Goodies."

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend good wishes and best of luck to Lieutenant John Ryan in his new position.

Welcome aboard to the following Senior Clerk Typists: Josephine Johnson, Anita Whitley and Shirmaine Newby.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Captains Robert Lewandowski and Theodore Weintraub.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Welcome back to Senior Administrative Assistant Gloria Davis after her recent operation.

Get well wishes are extended to Typer Operator Ernestine Williams and Supervisor Mary Kaiser.

Welcome aboard to Cadets Glen Smith, Samuel Morant, Kenneth Stokes, Marco Harris and Martin Carrington.

Happy anniversary to Major and Mrs. McNeal Brockington, Jr., September 29.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Clerk Ina Smith who was installed as Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 34, on September 10.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU** — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Stenographer Nella J. Altadonna on her engagement to Mr. Jim Tucker.

## WEDDINGS

**JUD, ROBERT K.**, Detective, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics Unit, and the former Frances Peres, September 10.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POWELL, ROBERT FREDERICK**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Powell, Tactical Section, 8 lbs. 14 oz., August 23.

**OWENSBY, MICHELLE DAWN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Dana Owensby, Central District, 7 lbs. 5 oz., September 4.

**SCHMITT, RENEE JEAN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Kenneth Schmitt, Southeastern District, 6 lbs. 15 oz., September 7.

**FREEMAN, KATHLEEN MARIE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Richard Freeman, Traffic Division, T.I.S., 7 lbs. 15 oz., September 7.

**MANTEGNA, ANNA KATHARINA**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Joseph Mantegna, Tactical

Section, 7 lbs. 1 oz., September 8.

## RETIREMENTS

**PERRY, WILLIAM J.**, Police Officer, Western District, 8 years, September 20.

**PRESSEY, ISIAH H.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 21 years, September 20.

**NEFF, MELVIN E.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 25 years, September 27.

**SAMUELS, WILLIAM F.**, Auto Maintenance Worker, Bureau of Transportation, 30 years, September 28.

## IN MEMORIAM

**FINCH, EDGAR L.**, uncle of Police Officer Oscar Requer, Tactical Section, August 29.

**WILHELM, DONALD L.**, cousin of Detective Sergeant Vernon Wilhelm and Detective Richard Ayres, Criminal Investigation Division, September 7.

**NAGEL, BENJAMIN**, uncle of Police Officer John Nagel, Southeastern District, September 8.

**ROBINSON, BERTHA**, mother of Police Officer Kenneth Robinson, Northeastern District, September 9.

**DOUGLASS, HARRY M.**, father of Sergeant Charles H. Douglas, Northern District, September 10.

**SEITZ, JACK**, brother of Police Officer Paul Seitz, Eastern District, September 10.

**BURKART, BERNARD A.**, father of Police Officer Charles Burkart, Southern District, September 12.

**WILSON, ALBERT S.**, brother-in-law of Principal Clerk Stenographer Marie T. Mattes, Criminal Investigation Division, States Attorney's Unit, September 15.

**MYERS, IRA**, stepfather of Sergeant William Wiley, Communication Division and Police Officer Jerry Wiley, Northwestern District, September 17.



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## The Southeastern District . . .

### *A Tradition Of Service*

*This is the second in a series of articles which focuses on the individual police districts. The purpose of this series is to highlight the history of the Baltimore Police Department and point out some of the unique features of each of the nine districts.*

The Southeastern Police District has existed for a long time even though it hasn't always been called the Southeastern District (See article at right).

A report of the "Baltimore County Comptroller," dated December 15, 1796 bears the earliest record which we could find concerning law enforcement in the southeastern section of what is now a part of Baltimore City. This early document showed the expenditures for the "Fells Point Watch." The exact location of the "Watch" was not detailed, however, there were entries noting the purchase of firewood, candles and "house rent."



The Southeastern District Station located at 5710 Eastern Avenue was dedicated in 1959 and replaced the old Eastern District Station House at Bank and Bethal Streets.

By 1857 the District was comprised of 75 patrolmen. The larger share, 44 officers were assigned to night duty, 22 worked during the day and 9 officers were detailed as reserve patrolmen.

Thirty-one years later the personnel roster showed a compliment of manpower including a captain, two lieutenants, nine sergeants, one clerk, two turnkeys and seventy-nine police officers.

There are at present more than 200 officers, supervisors and civilians employed at the Southeastern District.

A look at the economic history of the City of Baltimore reflects an area, which was developed many years ago as a vital industrial center. The workers, drawn from Middle and Western Europe and from Africa, settled in areas near the factories in which they worked.

An early account describing the Southeastern part of the City described it as the residence of a "polyglot population from every quarter of the globe," with its extensive waterfront and the center of "great commercial concerns" and the "harbor where the vessels ride which make the commerce of this City so important."

Today a number of the residents of the area remain first generation immigrants with little knowledge of the English language. Police officers, today as they have in years past, have had to overcome what is sometimes a troublesome language barrier. Often the officer knows of bi-lingual residents who are willing to assist in easing some of the communications problems. Neighborhood priests were and still are called upon for their expertise in language.

The officers of the Southeastern District patrol an area of 8.76 square miles. They serve a population of nearly 103,000 residents in an area which is di-

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## The Oldest Station House

The oldest police building in the Southeastern District is the Eastern District Station House.

A Baltimore City Ordinance, which became effective on March 9, 1826 is the first to mention any designation of Police Districts. At that time the police force was called a *Watch*. The *Watch* was divided into three Districts: the Western, the Middle (Central) and the Eastern.



The old Eastern District Station as shown above in an 1888 photograph has not changed much since it was built sometime prior to 1826. Located at Bank and Bethal Streets it is the second oldest station in the history of the Department and is still being used today as the headquarters for the Southeastern District Boys Club.

The number of Districts and the authorized strength of the Department has increased in stages since 1926. The 350 men assigned to the three Districts was increased steadily through the years. By the 1950's the City was divided into seven Police Districts and two additional annexes. By 1959 four new Station Houses were constructed and the City reached its present compliment of nine

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## Southeastern

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verse in geography and population density. Officers are called upon to respond to calls for service along the busy waterfront, in high rise apartment buildings, along the neat rows of townhouses with their gleaming white marble steps, in a massive park and recreation center, heavily industrialized areas and other centers containing such diverse uses as hospitals and what amounts to a series of ethnic villages.

The boundaries of the District, of course, have changed somewhat over the years. In 1857, the boundary line of what was then called the Eastern District ran along Baltimore Street to the City line to the river at Canton and then along the harbor's edge to Jones Falls, then to Pratt Street, Central Avenue and back to Baltimore Street.

The present District boundary runs along Madison Street to Monument Street, then along Pulaski Highway to Erdman Avenue to North Point Road out to the City line, then down to the edge of the harbor and along East Falls Avenue until it reaches West Falls Avenue, then along the Fallway back to Madison Street.

The problems faced by police officers have changed over the years. However, a look at some of the old Docket Books tells the reader that things really haven't changed too much. For example:

On June 17, 1862, James and John Cooper were arrested by police, after hours and in an obviously inebriated state. The Magistrate meted out a penalty of a dozen lashes for each.

Nearly a year later Officer Chambers was making his rounds when at about 11:30 p.m. he chanced upon a six year old boy in the Fells Point Market. Someone had obviously abandoned the child, telling him to sit on one of the market's benches. Officer Cooper took him to the Station House. Ms. Garrett who lived down the street heard some officers talking about the youngster's plight and came into the Station House, asking for the child whom she said she'd raise as her own. Since she had no children, officials sent the youngster off to be cared for by Ms. Garrett.

On December 11, 1863, there was quite a ruckus down by the waterfront. Officers arriving at the Ramsey Wharf found the British ship "Perthshire" alive with activity. There had been a mutiny on board. Captain William Pricker ordered three British sailors committed to the Baltimore City Jail.

The Southeastern District has been in existence for a long time. Her boundaries have changed somewhat, her population has increased and even her name changed. But the tradition of service, the concern of the District's personnel for the people they serve remains a proud heritage.

## Station House

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Police Districts.

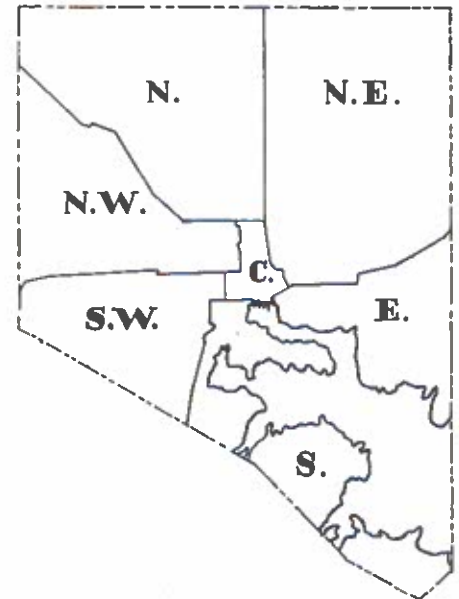
The Southeastern District Station House, at first glance, appears to be one of the new Districts. It was, however, essentially only a change in name designation. The Southeastern District is comprised of the same territory as the former Eastern District which was headquartered on the southeast corner of Bank and Bethal Streets. The Eastern District's personnel became the complement of the Southeastern District.

The new Eastern District Station, which was dedicated in 1960, replaced the Northeastern District and its boundaries comprise some of the area patrolled by the members of the Northeastern District. The members assigned to the Northeastern came from its Annex.

The structure at Bank and Bethal Streets was designated as the Watch-House of the Eastern District when the first three Districts were created in 1826. It is the second oldest station House used by the Baltimore Police Department pre-dated only by the Middle (Central) District station house which was built in 1802 at Saratoga and Holiday Streets. It remains the oldest police building still in existence and it still serves the Baltimore Police Department as the Headquarters for the Southeastern District Police Boys Club.

The Eastern District station house has evolved through the years with modifications being made from time to time to meet the changing needs of the community. In 1843 it contained but one cell in which to house prisoners. In 1867 it

was recognized that the building was not meeting the demands of the by then reorganized police force. So money was made available to enlarge and modernize the structure.



This map depicting the district boundaries in 1957 show how similar the old Eastern District boundaries are to today's Southeastern District and reveal that at that time the City was divided into seven districts.

By the 1880's the horse drawn patrol wagon had come into existence. In 1887 stables were added to the structure and a gymnasium was constructed on the second floor. Subsequent alterations in the building kept up with the ever increasing needs of District personnel.

In 1959, with the construction of a new and modern facility, the Eastern District station house was closed. Its personnel moved to a new building with a new name, the Southeastern District. Youngsters from the Southeastern area of the City still roam the hallways of the former Eastern District Station which remains the oldest police building in the Southeastern District.

## United Fund-CICHA

The 1977 United Fund Drive within the Baltimore Police Department is now nearing its conclusion. As a United Fund Pacesetter Agency this year the Department's fund raising efforts are drawing to a close just as the general campaign for Central Maryland gets underway.

While the pledges for this year's campaign are still being tabulated and final figures are not yet available it appears that many individual contributors thought enough of the work done by the various United Fund-CICHA agencies to increase their pledges for payroll deductions.

At the present time a number of pledge cards, which had been distributed to every member of the Department, have not been returned. There is still time to accomplish this by completing the card and passing it along to the United Fund representative in your District or Unit. Those who wish to make a pledge, but who have misplaced their pledge card may obtain a new card simply by contacting the Fiscal Affairs Division.

Thanks to all of you, the 1977 United Fund-CICHA campaign appears to have been a success in that it will provide funds to allow more than 100 agencies to achieve the United Fund goal of helping people in need.

## Investigators Training Program

A unique training program, designed to further increase the professionalism of members of the Department was developed and recently instituted in a cooperative effort by the Criminal Investigation Division, the Education and Training Division, Laboratory Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Called the Investigator Training Program, this forty hour course is designed as an update and refresher on current investigative techniques and resources.

Participating in the program are select members of the Patrol Division and all members of the Criminal Investigation Division and other investigative units. The practicums, panel discussions and lectures cover such topics as Investigative Resources, Informants, Crime Scene Searches, Search and Seizure with and without a warrant, Principles of Interviewing, Investigative Statements, Case Preparation and others. Guest speakers in addition to those acknowledged experts in the field from within the Department include representatives from the States Attorney's Office and

the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The program was developed as the result of a Staff Conference of supervisors from the Criminal Investigation Division from which a committee was formed to study training needs. The entire format was designed and developed by these members and members of the Education and Training Division's Staff.

The new program has been recognized by the Maryland Police Training Commission and by the Community College of Baltimore which is awarding three college credit hours for Criminal Investigation for those members who successfully complete the course. Other law enforcement agencies have expressed an interest in the program and are sending members to attend upcoming sessions.

Once the current series of presentations is completed the program will be re-introduced as the need arises. Also in the planning stages are one and two day seminars that will cover specific investigative areas.

## *Post Scripts*

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

I have such enormous respect for you and your department in regard to the degree of professionalism constantly exhibited to the public, it is hard to express a meaningful 'thank you.'

Your men take any and all problems with a degree of casualness that immediately relaxes a concerned individual. This reassurance could not have been more vividly demonstrated than at the Jewish-American Festival during the Labor Day week-end. The personnel ranging from Transit and Traffic, and TAC to the foot patrolmen from the Southern District were completely briefed and prepared for any unusual situation that may have arisen. As an example, there were some inviting targets at our Festival such as the Ambassador from the Israeli Embassy and El Al Airlines, that made tempting targets for some terrorism particularly in view of the recent bombings in Montgomery County.

Your men knew all about the details of the bombings and were prepared to take precautions against such a thing

happening at our Festival. We were confident that everything would be done to protect the participants in the Festival which made for a joyous occasion.

Baltimore is fortunate indeed, to have the best trained Police Force in the Country.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edward Oppel

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

This is to thank you and your constables on my behalf and that of my crew for your splendid assistance which made our visit to Baltimore a really enjoyable one. I was much impressed by the enthusiastic professionalism they all showed.

I would be most grateful if you would pass my thanks and congratulations to your policemen and, in particular, to those from the Broadway Pier who coped so courteously and efficiently with their demanding visitors.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Hans Schafer

Zerstorer "Rommel"

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

## *Sergeant Examination*

The promotional examination for the position of Police Sergeant will be held on December 3, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center, Hopkins Place. All applications must be filed through respective Commanding Officers to the Department's Personnel Division by October 28, 1977.

To qualify all officers/police agents must have three years experience with the Baltimore Police Department as of January 1, 1978 and hold a valid state and Departmental motor vehicle operators license.

The examination will be based on General Orders, Rules and Regulations and Manual of Procedure, Digest of Laws, Training Keys Volumes 4-10 and the Police Reference Notebook (IACP) Section II. It will cover such subjects as Police Operations, Organizational Procedures, Principles and Practices of Supervision and City, State and Federal Laws as related to police work.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard Captain Robert L. DiStefano, Police Agent David Brown, and Police Officers Valentine Markowski, Jr., Johnny C. Whitehead and Grace E. Palabon.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations and welcome aboard to Captain Herbert F. Armstrong on his recent promotion and new assignment to this District.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard to Captain Richard Lanham.

Congratulations to Principal Clerk Ruth Glenn on her recent retirement and good luck.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations and welcome aboard to Captain William J. Eusini.

Welcome back to this District to Police Officer Mark Wiedefeld.

Bon voyage and good luck to Police Officer Robert Philburn on his recent retirement. May you do all the good things you've always wanted to do.

Bon voyage to Police Officer Frederick MacGillivray and good luck in your new assignment.

Congratulations to Principal Clerk Etta Goldstein on becoming the Department President of Maryland, Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Inc. We all wish you a very good year.

Congratulations to Police Officer Bertina Silver. A baby shower was held by the personnel of this District in her honor.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Pensmith, mother of Detective Sergeant Ralph Clements, who gave her first gallon of blood to the Blood Assurance Program on September 6 and also to Mrs. Cheryl Clements, the Sergeant's wife, who, on that same date, gave her second gallon of blood to the program.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Get well wishes to Senior Clerk Typist JoEllan Mingilino and Head Clerk Agatha Wilburn. Hurry back!

Welcome aboard to Cadets Larry Clarke, Raymond Nelson, Harvey Waters and William Webster.

Congratulations to Police Officer John Rybarczyk who will celebrate his 25th year with the Department on October 16.

Rash Memorial Field, Inner Harbor, was the setting for a team of special investigators from C.I.D. who failed to uncover the mystery of the elite and energetic cadets who stole the softball game with a score of 17 - 12. Detective Malley is still trying to locate any available clues or leads which might explain his loss.

## WEDDINGS

**GARDNER, JAMES BERNARD, JR.**, and the former Senior Clerk Jacqueline Kess, Planning and Research Division, August 17.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CARR, MICHAEL**, grandson of Sergeant John Henderson, Northwestern District, 7 lbs.

**GOODEN, REGINALD GERALD**, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Reginald Gooden, Southwestern District, 8 lbs., September 7.

**STAMBAUGH, JESSICA JAMIE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Carl Stambaugh, Eastern District, 7 lbs. 1 oz., September 11.

**KRAFT, JANINE A.**, granddaughter of Sergeant and Mrs. John Grams, Planning and Research Division, 7 lbs. 11 oz., September 5.

**TRIMBLE, THOMAS NATHAN**, grandson of Senior Clerk June Voight, Planning and Research Division, and husband, Tom, 8 lbs. 3 oz., September 7.

**WILLIAMS, REBECCA JILL**, granddaughter of Police

Officer Richard Henry, Southern District, 10 lbs. 4 oz., September 16.

## RETIREMENTS

**GLENN, RUTH H.**, Principal Clerk, Eastern District, 12 years, September 29.

**SOBOLEWSKI, DANIEL J.**, Police Officer, Property Division, 21 years, October 3.

**THANNER, BERNARD F.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years, October 3.

**PHILBURN, ROBERT I.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 29 years, October 6.

**KESTLER, FREDERICK A., JR.**, Police Officer, Property Division, 19 years, October 7.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**LIBERATORE, EDO**, Police Officer, retired, Southeastern District, September 24.

## IN MEMORIAM

**JONES, JOHN E.**, father-in-law of Senior Clerk Typist Dana Jones, Central Records Division, September 12.

**MAGSAMEN, BERNARD W., SR.**, father of Crime Lab Technician Bernard W. Magsamen, Jr., Laboratory Division, September 19.

**SKARUPA, ANTHONY**, uncle of Police Officer Thomas Skarupa, Traffic Division, T.I.S., September 19.

**SMITH, CHRISTIAN**, brother of Police Officer Albert Smith, Northwestern District, September 20.

**SURDYKA, LEO MARK**, son of Police Officer Leo Surdyka, Central District, September 20.

**GARMER, CATHERINE**, aunt of Police Officer Richard Bosse, Eastern District, September 20.

**CROWE, GLADYS**, aunt of Sergeant Maurice Duncan, Southern District, September 22.



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## Index Crime Down 1.7 Per Cent

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau announced that Index Crime in Baltimore decreased 1.7% during the first nine months of this year as compared with the first nine months of 1976.

There were 35 fewer murders and murder by handgun is down 22.7 per-

cent. These decreases in murder follow the trend of 1976 — last year there were 59 fewer murders and murder by handguns had decreased 34.6 percent.

Clearance rates and arrests of juveniles for Index Offenses continue above the national averages.

## DEA Support

Baltimore Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, the Chairman of the Major Cities Chief Administrators, accompanied by Michael J. Codd, the Police Commissioner of New York City, James M. Rochford, Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department and Maurice J. Cullinane, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington D.C. met recently with the Attorney General of the United States, the Honorable Griffin B. Bell, to urge him to retain the Drug Enforcement Administration as a single mission agency with responsibility for drug enforcement at the domestic and international levels instead of acting on a proposal to merge it with another federal agency.

The Major Cities Chief Administrators include the Heads of the Police Departments of the 28 largest cities in the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and two Sheriffs of large jurisdictions with highly professional departments.

Commissioner Pomerleau reminded the Attorney General of a Resolution adopted by the Major Cities Chief Administrators, at a meeting in Houston, Texas in which 27 of 28 members attending called upon him not to abolish the D. E. A.

Communications urging retention of the D. E. A. as a separate entity made by a Border Crime Conference in San Diego, California, were also discussed. That conference "concluded that a single — purpose drug enforcement agency at the federal level is critical. Therefore, it is recommended that the U.S. Attorney General not reorganize or combine the Drug Enforcement Administration" with another federal agency.

### MURDER - WEAPONS

January - September 1976 - 1977

Year	Murders	Handguns	Long Guns	Knives	Other
1976	153	66	18	40	29
1977	118	51	9	32	26
Difference	— 35	— 15	— 9	— 8	— 3

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1977

TYPE OF CRIME	1976	1977	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	153	118	— 35	— 22.9
FORCIBLE RAPE	338	362	+ 24	+ 7.1
ROBBERY	5,510	5,465	— 45	— 0.8
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4,496	4,644	+ 148	+ 3.3
BURGLARY	11,245	11,023	— 222	— 2.0
LARCENY	24,329	23,215	— 1,114	— 4.6
AUTO THEFT	4,251	4,632	+ 381	+ 9.0
GRAND TOTAL	50,322	49,459	— 863	— 1.7

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## DEA Support

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The Police Commissioner also recalled for the Attorney General the fact that at its first annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives passed a resolution which stated in part "It is the opinion of this body that any merger of drug enforcement efforts may represent a de-emphasis of illicit drug trafficking enforcement on the part of the federal government." And further, "That the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives urges the President of the United States to continue the Drug Enforcement Administration as a separate and distinct agency of the Department of Justice."

Commissioner Pomerleau and the other Police Administrators recommended that the Attorney General monitor the effectiveness of the Drug Enforcement Administration during the next two years. Attorney General Bell indicated that he would do this, holding back a decision until late in 1979.

The Police Commissioner said that he is "confident that the Attorney General will see the wisdom in retaining the Drug Enforcement Administration as a single mission agency dedicated solely to Drug Law Enforcement on the domestic and international levels."

## Traffic Safety

Although the two miniature "cities" known as "Safety Cities" East and West are deserted now, the officers of the Department's Traffic Safety Education Unit, who guide Baltimore's junior citizens through them during the spring and summer months, are kept busy with on-going traffic safety education programs throughout the city.

Under the direction of Colonel Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of the Traffic Division, members of the Unit developed and introduced a new program this year aimed at Senior Citizens. More than forty bookings have been made in cooperation with the State Office on Aging under their "Eating Together Program."

During their presentation officers from

the Unit stress pedestrian safety and the fact that with increased age comes a lessening of reaction time. They also give tips to drivers and pedestrians on the soon to be implemented "Right Turn On Red" law. The Program is being well received by the participants who are asking many questions about the traffic laws as they apply to them in their roles as drivers and pedestrians.

These presentations are in addition to the orientation programs presented yearly to hundreds of classes in Baltimore's public and parochial kindergarten and elementary schools. By using such devices as a movie called "Otto the Auto," slide shows, the "Talking Bicycle" and the "Talking Stoplight" members of the Unit are able to attract the undivided attention of the kindergarten, first and second grade students and effectively instruct them on the benefits of pedestrian safety.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students are given instruction on pedestrian safety and are also given elements on the

proper use of bicycles and skateboards. The officers also include a segment emphasizing the importance of school attendance as a part of the Mayor's Anti-Truancy Program.

These presentations to the students are followed up in the spring and summer when all are invited by the officers to join them at Safety Cities East and West. There the junior citizens are given walk through tours of the Cities in miniature during the springtime and in the summer are given in-depth instructions on how to deal with the various problems encountered by young pedestrians and how to solve them.

At the Cities, bicycles and miniature electric automobiles are used as instructional aides. Other programs at the Cities include bicycle rodeos and Operation Identification where electronic engravers are used to mark bikes and other valuables.

These endeavors are a major part of the Department's effort to promote traffic safety to save lives.

## Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1977

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1976	1977	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	216	143	— 73	— 33.8
FORCIBLE RAPE	308	332	+ 24	+ 7.8
ROBBERY	2,439	2,246	— 193	— 7.9
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,594	1,633	+ 39	+ 2.4
BURGLARY	3,330	3,473	+ 143	+ 4.3
LARCENY	6,287	6,297	+ 10	+ 0.2
AUTO THEFT	1,376	1,487	+ 111	+ 8.1
GRAND TOTAL	15,550	15,611	+ 61	+ 0.4

Index Arrests Comparison / First 9 Months 1976-77

Violent Crime Arrests*	— 4.5% Decrease
Property Crime Arrests**	+ 2.4% Increase
Total Index Crime Arrests	+ 0.4% Increase

\* Violent Crime includes Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault

\*\* Property Crime includes Burglary, all Larceny and Auto Theft

## Arson Detective Honored

Detective John Dillon of the Baltimore Police Department's Arson Unit has been recognized by Baltimore Fire Chief Thomas J. Burke as the result of Detective Dillon's participation in the investigations of a series of fires.



Detective John Dillon recently received an appreciation award from Chief Thomas J. Burke, of the Baltimore Fire Department, for his arson investigation efforts. (Fire Department Photo).

At one of its regular meetings the Board of Fire Commissioners presented a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing the "excellent manner in which he investigated numerous fires which resulted in the indictment of several . . . property owners who were trying to defraud their insurance companies."

One of the investigations in point resulted in the issuance by the Baltimore Grand Jury of 11 indictments totaling 11 counts against two Baltimore area landlords.

A 59 year old man was indicted for arson and conspiracy to commit arson at 516 North Pulaski Street on February 3, 1975 and at 4004 Groveland Avenue on March 18, 1976. This individual was also charged with False Pretenses involving claims against the Harford Mutual Insurance Company relative to the Groveland fire.

A 63 year old suspect was indicted for arson, conspiracy to commit arson and false pretenses against the Harford Mutual Insurance Company for fires at 1825 and 1827 West Baltimore Street on November 11, 1976.

Another individual was indicted by the same Grand Jury as part of the continuing investigation.

Detective Dillon and other members of the Baltimore Police Department's Arson Unit work in close cooperation with members of the Baltimore Fire Department's Fire Investigation Bureau. When the Fire Department determines that a fire is arson related the two Departments investigate in a cooperative manner to bring the cases to a resolution with appropriate charges being placed against the suspected offenders.

## Ft. Ritchie Police Boys Camp

*The following article is excerpted from the Fort "Ritchie News" and is reprinted here by permission.*

FT. RITCHIE, MD. — For the 33rd year a love affair has occurred with Ft. Ritchie as the stage and backdrop.

Ft. Ritchie, commanded by Col. Daniel F. Schungel, provides logistic and house-keeping support to the 7th Signal Command, the Alternate Joint Communications Center and a number of other government activities located on or near the Army post.

The love affair recurs each summer between Baltimore's men in blue and the boys who have become a part of their lives through the Baltimore Police sponsored boys' clubs.

An observer described the experience this way: "Eighty wide-eyed little boys tumbled out of buses today, dragging battered suitcases and paper bags. In front of them lay Lake Royer, bigger than the biggest swimming pool they had ever seen; and behind that, the cool Catocin mountains. There were trees galore, grass with no "Keep Off" signs, and behind them long white barracks-type buildings."

But that's only half of the love story. The other half involves 21 policemen who spend their summers showing these young lads that the world is not all bad; that there can be something out there for them.

Policemen detailed to the facility perform such tasks as cooking, baking, lifeguard duties, first aid training, crafts and athletic instructor duties. Counselors are the real fathers to these boys during their stay at camp and are responsible for the boys conduct and entertainment. Many of the boys come

from homes without fathers and greatly benefit from the father-son relationship. BBC camp operated for three two-week sessions this year between June 20 and mid-August.

Many of the facilities of the post are available to the boys. They go to church at the Post Chapel, receive first aid treatment, if necessary, at the Post Health Clinic and share in many of the recreational facilities. They have a private beach and fishing dock but share the lake with its real owners — the hundreds of ducks who spend the majority of the year cruising and feeding on its quiet waters.

What makes men like these Baltimore policemen devote so much of their lives to boys? (Some of the men have been coming to Ft. Ritchie each summer for the full 33 years and some came as boys off the streets of Baltimore.)

One instructor put it this way: "I guess you just get hooked on 'em. The famous Catholic priest — Father Flannigan of Boys' Town, Neb., once said, 'There is no such thing as a bad boy.' Well, I believe that and through the years we've proved it. We now have more than 500 men on the Baltimore Police Force who at one time or another were members of the Baltimore Boys Club. We'd far better have them on the force than in the cell block," he said.

Buddies, Inc., a group of Baltimore's leading business men carry most of the burden. Fund raising is a continuous effort. On one summer Saturday this year, Buddies arranged for the Baltimore Colts rookies and the Washington Redskins rookies to play ball at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium at Annapolis, Md. Proceeds went to help the program.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau is a staunch supporter. His guiding rule: "There is only one Baltimore" has driven him to devote a good part of his life to its youth.

As is the case with most love stories an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play are emphasized at all times and the city of Baltimore reaps the benefits year after year, generation after generation.

MajGen. Milton A. Reckord, adjutant General of Maryland, instituted Ft. Ritchie's commitment to these boys and the Army joins hands each year with the Baltimore Police Department to see that the tradition is continued. . .

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Crime Lab Technicians Bernard Magsamen, Jr. and Gerald Brown on their recent losses.

Members of this Division send warm wishes for a speedy recovery to Senior Typist Anna Krause who is recuperating at home from a recent operation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU** — Best wishes to Evelyn Snyder for a speedy recovery from recent surgery. We look forward to her return to the office and to good health.

Best wishes to Diane Campisi, Legal Advisor's Office, for a speedy recovery and good health, after recent surgery.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Rubin on the marriage of their daughter, Vikki Kay and Mr. Gordon Kirby, Jr., on October 1.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Cadets Cook, Kalinski, Reason, Rodrigues and Zittle. Good luck on your assignments.

Farewell to Cadets Goetz, McCleese and Towers who are now attending the Academy. See you on Graduation Day!

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Stenographer Patricia Quinn on her recent engagement.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District extend get well wishes to Police Officers James Saunders, Larry Strickland and Thomas Sloan.

Bon voyage to Police Officer William Burch who recently retired. We wish you good luck and may you do all the good things you've always wanted to do.

Bon voyage to Police Officer Richard Blizard and good luck in your new venture.

Congratulations to Sergeant John Ellwood on your recent graduation from D.E.A., Washington, D.C. Also, our condolences to Sergeant John Ellwood on his recent loss.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend sincere sympathy to the family of Professor Franklin Hochreiter recently deceased.

## RETIREMENTS

CLAYTON, ELMER E., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 25 years, October 20.

GRIFFITH, ROBERT H., JR., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 25 years, October 20.

SPEAR, PAUL C., Police Officer, Communications Division, 24 years, October 28.

## WEDDINGS

SROKA, ROBERT, Criminalist, Laboratory Division and the former Linda Brown.

PROFILI, MARK ST. CLAIR, Crime Lab Technician, Laboratory Division, and the former Daphne Garrett.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WISNEWSKI, PAUL A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wisnewski, Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, 8lbs. 15 oz., September 29.

FERRIS, MATTHEW MARTIN, grandson of Major and Mrs. Lon F. Rowlett, Personnel Division, 8lbs. 10 oz., October 4.

SIPES, BRIAN J., son of Sergeant and Mrs. John L. Sipes, Tactical Section, 7lbs. 8 oz., October 6.

PARKER, TERESA JoANN, granddaughter of Emergency Call Clerk Julia Berger, Communications Division, 7lbs., October 10.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

WALPER, GEORGE W., Police Officer, retired from Southeastern District, October 5.

ELLWOOD, RICHARD J., SR., Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division, and father of Detective Richard Ellwood, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit and Sergeant John Ellwood, Northwestern District, October 9.

## IN MEMORIAM

BROADDUS, ETHEL, mother of Police Agent John T. Broadus, Jr., Southwestern District, September 21.

DIAMARCO, ANTHONY, father-in-law of Sergeant Salvatori Tiburzi, Eastern District, September 23.

IRELAND, VITA LENORA, grandmother of Police Officer Charles Ireland, Eastern District, September 26.

MARKS, CHARLES H., father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Floyd, Northwestern District, September 26.

CARTER, BESSIE, grandmother of Police Officer Marvin Carter, Northeastern District, September 26.

CUMMINGS, GEORGE ALBERT, brother of Police Officer Edward Cummings, Southwestern District, September 27.

MURRAY, JEANNINE L., mother-in-law of Police Officer Nicholas Prevas, Central District, September 29.

GILLET, J. McCLURE, Present Treasurer and Past Chairman of the Police-Community Relations Coordinating Council, September 30.

BROYLES, LLOYD, grandfather of Police Officer William Countess, Southern District, October 1.

SNAPP, EDGAR, uncle of Police Officer Paul L. Stout, Communications Division, October 1.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Police Commissioner Appointed To President's Strategy Council



DONALD D. POMERLEAU

Nov. 7, 1977, Washington (UPI) - President Carter today said there was a need to control barbiturates, which he said "Probably cause as many deaths" as the illegal drugs smuggled into the United States.

He said his administration was trying to seek a "control of the so called legal drugs, the barbiturates, which probably cause as many deaths as . . . the other drugs."

"We have had a remarkable success already in the first ten months" in trying to bring the nation's drug problem under control, Carter told a meeting of his newly sworn in Strategy Council, formed to halt drug abuse.

Talking about the quality of street sales, Carter said, "the purity of the heroin is at the lowest point it has been in seven years."

"In the first six months of this year we've had a seven point reduction in

the national crime index, which I think is quite often directly related to heroin use," he said.

"We also had unprecedented communication and cooperation between the agencies involved . . . as we try to control" drug abuse in the United States.

The group met with Carter shortly after being sworn in by Vice President Walter Mondale.

Members of the panel include Donald Pomerleau, Police Commissioner of Baltimore; Harvey Sloane, Mayor of Louisville; Milton Bryant, Atlanta Surgeon and Emory University Professor; Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League; David Musto, Associate Psychiatry Professor at Yale and Joyce Lowinson, Director of Drug Abuse Service at the Einstein College of Medicine.

The President has designated Dr. Peter Bourne, his Special Assistant for Health Issues, as Executive Director of the Council. Other members are Secretary of State Cyrus Vance; Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal; Secretary of Defense Harold Brown; Attorney General Griffin Bell; Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano; Acting OMB Director James McIntyre; and Veterans Affairs Administrator Max Cleland.

The President's Strategy Council is mandated by law to:

- (1) Engage in the planning necessary to achieve the objectives of a comprehensive, coordinated

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## Conservation Program

As the winter months approach and the consumption of fuel increases memories are aroused of years past, energy shortages and conservation efforts that have been put into effect to help save our vital resources.

The Department's efforts have been in effect since 1973 when Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau issued a memorandum outlining steps to be undertaken by this agency as a part of the conservation effort.

A summary of the procedures and programs are listed below for information and guidance:

### VEHICULAR OPERATION

While on preventive patrol or administrative/investigative assignments and non-emergency calls for service all personnel should practice conservative and safe driving habits. Foot patrol consistent with established policy is encouraged. Whenever possible motorized patrol officers shall periodically assume visible fixed position surveillance of police hazards.

Travel beyond the Baltimore Metropolitan area with departmental vehicles is to be minimized and only with the prior approval of the respective Deputy Commissioner.

No departmental vehicle shall be left unattended with the engine running.

### HEATING

Thermostats in occupied areas are to be lowered to achieve a maximum average temperature of 65 degrees. Storage areas and unused rooms should be heated

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## Conservation Program

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no higher than 60 degrees, however this may be lowered if practicable.

### ILLUMINATION

All unnecessary lighting is to be turned off when offices are not occupied. The number of light fixtures turned on during bright sunny days should be reduced where natural lighting permits. The last person leaving an office in the evening should turn off all lights except those which must remain on for security purposes.

### WASTE WATCHERS

Through the Waste Watchers Program numerous suggestions have been received by City employees on how to conserve resources. Incentive awards are paid for those suggestions that, upon implementation, result in a net savings of \$250.00 or more of resources for the first year after adoption. The cash awards are presented for these suggestions by the Incentive Awards Board and have ranged up to \$500.00.

All employees, whether full or part-time, are eligible to submit suggestions.

For suggestions to be considered, they must be submitted in writing on a special Improvement Suggestion Form. These forms are available from the Administrative Lieutenant of each District or at the Headquarters Building, Evidence Control Unit.

A coordinator and representative from the supervisory staff of every division, district and unit in the Department were appointed for the overall Waste Watcher effort. As a result of these measures energy savings have been realized in many areas. Captain Donald E. Woods, Commanding Officer of the Evidence Control Unit and coordinator of the Department's Waste Watcher Program states that these savings are a direct result of the efforts made by every member of the Department and he is certain that continuing cooperation and concern by all will make the Baltimore Police Department a leader in the City's conservation effort.

## Promotional Ceremonies

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded certificates of promotion to eleven new Lieutenants and nineteen new Sergeants during ceremonies conducted in the Headquarters Auditorium on October 27, 1977.

A brief reception followed during which the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff extended their congratulations to the new Lieutenants and Sergeants on the new phase of their law enforcement careers.

The Lieutenants and their assignments are as follows:

Criminal Investigation Division — Joseph P. Newman  
Tactical Division — Marcellus Boles, John R. Wagner  
Northern District — Patrick L. Bradley, Herman R. Ingram  
Internal Investigation Division — Arthur M. Jones  
Central District — Charles J. Key, Joseph W. Pugh  
Western District — James A. Durner, William R. Helmick  
Southwestern District — Charles V. Fertitta, Jr.

The Sergeants and their new assignments are as follows:

Western District — Thomas A. Brett, William M. Honeycutt  
Southwestern District — Joseph J. Meililer  
Northwestern District — Jack N. D'Amario, Irving H. Frey, Lawrence E. Knott, Jr.  
Southeastern District — William F. Markwordt, Harry L. D. Twigg  
Northeastern District — Alfred A. Hall, III, James R. Schmidt  
Northern District — George T. Henne-man, Thomas V. Keavney  
Southern District — Lawrence A. Frank  
Eastern District — Arthur R. Smith  
Tactical Section — William C. Sekinger, Jr., Buford L. Viars  
Criminal Investigation Division — Gary T. Childs  
Legal Advisors Office — Alan C. Woods, III  
Internal Investigation Division — James K. Anderson



While off-duty on October 23, 1977, and out with some friends, Officer Frank J. Lorah, Central District, came upon a large altercation as he was exiting a club in South Baltimore. He attempted to break up one of the fights and three of the combatants turned on him. During the fracas they disarmed the officer and one of the suspects stabbed him. Southern District Units responded, gained quick control of the situation and rushed Officer Lorah to an area hospital. The 27 year old Officer was cut on the left cheek, stabbed in the right elbow and received a serious stab wound of the upper left abdomen. The suspects were arrested and charged and the officer's gun was picked up by an alert citizen who hid it until the arrival of other units. Officer Lorah at last report is recovering from his wounds at South Baltimore General Hospital.

## Boys Clubs' Support

The annual Shrine Circus at the Baltimore Civic Center provides happy entertainment to thousands each year.

The Boumi Temple, which sponsors the circus each year, has assured members of the Baltimore Police Department's Boy's Clubs of a continuation of those Club's continued activities.

At the Shrine Circus on November 1, 1977 the Illustrious Potentate of Boumi Temple, J. Robert Bixler and Circus General Chairman, C. Albert Ruppberger presented Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau a \$500.00 check for the Boy's Clubs.

Commissioner Pomerleau accepted the check in behalf of the Boy's Clubs citing the fact that the Boy's Clubs are just one of many organizations which are supported by the Shriners.

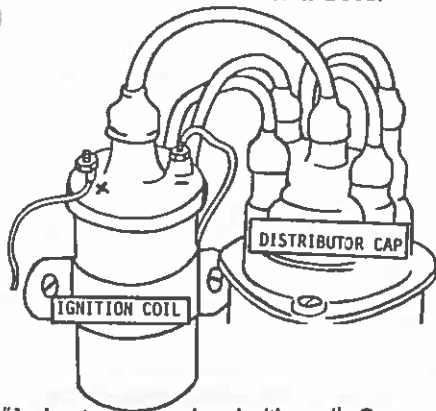
## Resist Auto Theft

There are many simple ways to resist crime and the Department's Crime Resistance Unit is composing a series of fliers to show the public how it can be done.

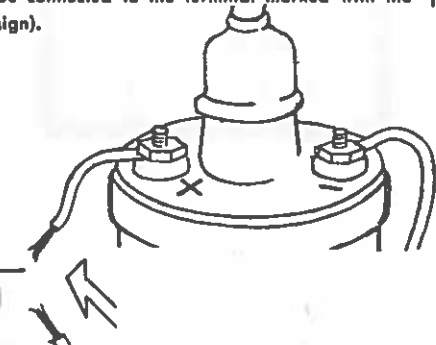
The first shows an inexpensive way anyone can install an ignition cut-off switch in their automobile. The materials needed are (1) a 10 amp. rated toggle switch (2) approximately 8 feet of insulated wire and (3) plastic electrical tape.

The ignition cut-off switch, when in the off position, will prevent your automobile from being started even with the use of a key. When you park your car and remove the keys you simply turn the hidden switch to the off position. If a car thief attempts to steal your car by breaking the ignition switch or using a master key the motor will not start unless the concealed switch is in the on position.

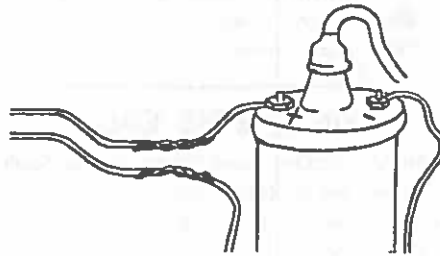
Fliers on this subject and others are available to members of the Department for general distribution by the Crime Resistance Unit on extension 2441.



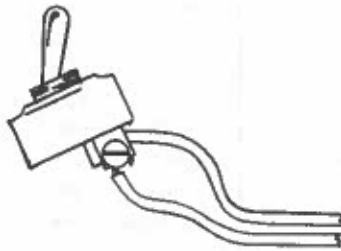
#1 Locate your engine's ignition coil. Once you have found the ignition coil locate the positive wire attached to the screw terminal on the top of the ignition coil. (The positive coil wire will be connected to the terminal marked with the + sign).



#2 Cut this wire and splice in the leads from your ignition cut-off switch. Carefully insulate the connections with plastic electrical tape.



#3 Carefully run the leads from your ignition coil through the vehicle's fire wall under the dashboard. Be sure to keep the leads from any of the engine's moving parts and tape it securely in place.



#4 Attach the switch to the ends of your leads. Mount the switch at a hidden location of your choice.

**IMPORTANT:** Remember unless this switch is in the on position the vehicle's engine will not start.

## Strategy Council

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long term Federal strategy, including examination of the overall Federal investment to combat drug abuse;

- (2) At the request of any member, require departments and agencies engaged in Federal drug abuse prevention functions and drug traffic prevention functions to submit such information and reports and to conduct such studies and surveys as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the National Drug Abuse Strategy and;
- (3) Evaluate the performance and results achieved by Federal drug abuse prevention functions and drug traffic prevention functions and the prospective performance and results that might be achieved by programs and activities in addition to or in lieu of those currently being administered.



On October 16, 1952, 175 patrolmen were sworn into the Baltimore Police Department making it the largest known class to ever start at the Academy. Twenty-five years later 37 are still serving the Department and were congratulated by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau on their Silver Anniversary.

First row left to right: Police Officer William H. Ault, ND., William W. Arnett, Youth Sect., William J. Burch (retired from NWD.), Walter E. McGovern, Traffic Div., Sgt. Edward S. Chlan, WD., Thomas T. Marlowe, Traffic Div., Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, George L. Daniel, Traffic Div., Thomas J. Neenan, Traffic Div., John J. Golebiewski, Tactical Sect., Sgt. Earl J. Potter, SD., Nicholas R. Wingrave, ND. Harmar C. Hiltz, Jr., Communications. Second row left to right: Police Officer George J. Hughes, Traffic Div., Harry J. Kaplan, Property Div., Edward J. Kneavel, C.I.D., David P. Daddario, NWD., Charles H. Lucas, SWD., Edwin F. Duke, Youth Sect., Tomex O. Murdock, SD., Lt. Melvin P. Freeman, SD., Vernon A. Potter, E & T, Eugene M. Price, Communications Div., Sgt. John C. Robertson, Youth Sect., Edgar A. Hart, C.I.D., John F. Rybarczyk, Jr., Central Records Div., Joseph M. Sullivan, Casualty Sect., Carroll H. Wise, C.I.D. Not Photographed: Police Officer William H. Braxton, Jr., Operations Bureau, Milton N. Bruchey, SD., Joseph V. Fonte, WD., John L. Hammett, ND., Bernard Henthorn, Property Div., Wilbur T. Langville, SWD., Nathan R. Lamoreaux, Tactical Section, Melvin J. Lipinski, Traffic Div., Andrew J. Marchalek, SD., Stanley M. Zawadski, CD., John T. Matthews, Youth Sect.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. George Eckert on the adoption of their beautiful baby daughter, Molly Elizabeth, October 19.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Marcellus Boles on his recent promotion and good luck in his new assignment.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Cadets Edward Calvert, David Currence, James Loudon and Michael Kutchev.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to Supervisor Charles Schoenhaar after recent surgery.

Get well wishes to Supervisor Margaret Kaiser, Agatha Wilburn, Senior Clerk Typist JoEllan Mingilina and Police Officer Richard Cullum.

Welcome back to Computer-Typer Operator Ernestine Williams after a long illness.

**RETIRED OFFICERS** — Attention retired officers who reside in Florida and who would like to meet or write to retired Sgt. Richard B. Martin. He may be contacted by writing 968 Tomes Court, Orlando, Fla. 32807.

## RETIREMENTS

**BURCH, WILLIAM J.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 25 years, November 1.

**HOUCK, LEONARD**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 29 years, November 1.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAKER, STEPHANIE JOY**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Frank Baker, Southeastern District, 8lbs. 13 oz., October 1.

**REINHARDT, MICHAEL STANLEY**, son of Sergeant and Mrs. William Reinhardt, Southeastern District, 8lbs. 8 oz., October 17.

**LONGO, TIMOTHY VINCENT**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Joseph Longo, Traffic Division, 7lbs. 13 oz., October 22.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**EHMLING, ALBERT**, Police Officer, retired, Southwestern District, October 15.

**MYERS, JAMES A.**, Police Officer, retired, Central District, October 18.

## IN MEMORIAM

**DeLOZIER, HOWARD**, father-in-law of Police Officer David McGurie, Southwestern District, October 1.

**DRUM, ZEB V.**, uncle of Police Officer Roy Smoot, Communications Division, October 3.

**BOSWELL, LYDIA M.**, aunt of Police Officer Raymond Boswell, Southeastern District, October 4.

**TALLEY, VERNA**, sister-in-law of Police Officer Charles M. Markiewicz, Personnel Division, Recruitment Unit, October 5.

**CZAWLYTKO, JOHN E.**, brother of Police Officer Walter D. Czawlytko, Property Division, October 6.

**LEIDICH, RUTH**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Edward Stuckrath, Tactical Section, Headquarters Security, October 6.

**HARRIS, HERBERT L., SR.**, father of Police Officer Eric Harris, Education and Training Division, detailed to Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons Unit, October 7.

**WATKINS, PAULINE**, mother-in-law of Sergeant William Helmick, Southwestern District, October 8.

**GLEASER, ANGELO (MRS.)**, aunt of Clerk Jacqueline Kreipl, Northeastern District, October 8.

**DONOHUE, JUNE M.**, sister-in-law of Lieutenant John P. Donohue, retired, Southeastern District, October 9.

**HILL, RUTHIE**, mother of Police Officer James Hill, Central District, October 10.

**BLAIR, ALBERT**, uncle of Police Officer Paul Blair, Southwestern District, October 10.

**SHRIVER, LUTHER E.**, father of Police Officer John Shriver, Tactical Section, October 12.

**HOFFMAN, JACOB A.**, uncle of Sergeant Wilbur Holland, Northeastern District, October 12.

**COOKLEY, ARTHUR**, father-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Birchett, Northeastern District, October 15.

**MILLS, HUGH H., SR.**, father of Lieutenant Hugh H. Mills, Jr., Tactical Section, October 15.

**GOWL, HERBERT W.**, father of Police Officer Philip Gowl, Tactical S/S E.V. Unit, October 16.

**WEBSTER, ESTELLE E.**, sister of Police Officer Thomas W. Webster, Personnel Division, Medical Section, October 18.

**HOFFMAN, ROY L.**, uncle of Sergeant Wilbur Holland, Northeastern District, October 20.

**POTTS, ANNA**, aunt of Police Officer James Bocklage, Northeastern District, October 21.

**KACZYNSKI, JOSEPH J., SR.**, father of Police Officer Joseph J. Kaczynski, Jr., Communications Division, October 22.

**MILLER, HOWARD L.**, father of Police Officer Melvin Miller, Southeastern District, October 22.

**COLLISON, FREDERICK**, uncle of Police Officer Charles Collison, Tactical Section, October 23.

**PHILLIPS, MELVIN**, father-in-law of Police Officer Norman Rondeau, Northern District, October 24.

**STROMBERG, ALOYSIUS C.**, father of Major James P. Stromberg, Director, Youth Section (Community Services Division), October 25.

**ROWLETT, CURTIS S.**, brother of Major Lon F. Rowlett, Director, Personnel Division, October 26.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## You Need To Know...

*A recent special message from Director Rex D. Davis of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is of importance to everyone in law enforcement.*

*A description of firearms within the purview of the National Firearms Act, which is also printed below is also relevant.*

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It has come to our attention that all law enforcement agencies may not be aware that all firearms falling within the purview of Title II of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (the amended National Firearms Act) must be registered to the possessor with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Treasury Department, in order to be lawfully possessed.

Definitions of National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons (machineguns, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, destructive devices, mufflers and silencers, and a category known as "any other weapon") may be found in the attachment to this message.

Federal regulation (27 CFR 179.104) provides that any State, any political subdivision thereof, or any official police organization of such a government entity engaged in criminal investigations, which acquires an NFA firearm for official use, by abandonment or forfeiture, will register such firearm with the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, by filing Forms 10.

When registrations of firearms by governmental entities are approved on Forms 10, subsequent transfer of such firearms will be approved *only* to other governmental agencies for official use. Otherwise, such firearms must be destroyed or abandoned to ATF. Firearms registered in this manner *may not* be subsequently transferred to licensed firearms dealers or to individuals.

Agencies desiring to register firearms need not make a request for registration information prior to submitting ATF Form 10. If the firearm is already registered to your agency, the application will be returned, without action, with a certified copy of the registration. If it appears that the firearm is registered to someone else, the application will be held pending the results of an investigation in order to preclude the possibility of having dual registration of the same firearm. If the firearm is not registered to anyone, the application will be approved and the original returned to your agency.

All issues of Forms 10 printed prior to April 1977 are obsolete and should not be submitted for registration. If you need Forms 10, please contact the ATF Distribution Center, 3800 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22206 (telephone: 557-7850).

Alternatively, if you wish to know if particular firearms in the possession of your agency are registered to your agency, please make a written request on your official stationery to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Technical Services Division, NFA Branch, Washington, D.C. 20226. For further information, please write to the above address or contact us by telephone (202-566-7371).

Rex D. Davis

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## Eastern District Agent Shot

Shortly before 9:00 p.m., on November 14, 1977, Police Agent Andrew Leso of the Eastern District was patrolling in the 2000 block of Harford Road. He had conducted several field interviews on the street and was returning to his patrol car when he saw a man in his early 20's who he had arrested previously. Agent Leso recalled that this suspect's name had been read out at roll call several days earlier as an escapee.



ANDREW LESO

Agent Leso approached the suspect, called for a patrol wagon and attempted to place the suspect against a wall so that he could be searched as part of the process of arrest. The suspect resisted, turning toward the officer and at the same time placing a handgun, which he had concealed in his belt, against the

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## You Need To Know...

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### Firearms Within The Purview Of The National Firearms Act

#### Firearm

The term "firearm" means (1) a shotgun having a barrel or barrels of less than 18 inches in length; (2) a weapon made from a shotgun if such weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel or barrels of less than 18 inches in length; (3) a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16 inches in length; (4) a weapon made from a rifle if such weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel or barrels of less than 16 inches in length; (5) any other weapon, as defined below; (6) a machinegun; (7) a muffler or a silencer for any firearm whether or not such firearm is included within this definition; and (8) a destructive device. The term "firearm" shall not include an antique firearm or any device (other than a machinegun or destructive device) which, although designed as a weapon, the Secretary or his delegate finds by reason of the date of its manufacture, value, design, and other characteristics is primarily a collector's item and is not likely to be used as a weapon.

#### Machinegun

The term "machinegun" means any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any combination of parts designed and intended for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.

#### Muffler or Silencer

Any device for silencing or diminishing the report of any portable weapon, such as a rifle, carbine, pistol, revolver, machinegun, submachinegun, shotgun, flowing piece, or other device from which a shot, bullet, or projectile may be

discharged by an explosive, and is not limited to mufflers or silencers for "firearms" as defined.

#### Any Other Weapon

The term "any other weapon" means any weapon or device capable of being concealed on the person from which a shot can be discharged through the energy of an explosive, a pistol or revolver having a barrel with a smooth bore designed or redesigned to fire a fixed shotgun shell, weapons with combination shotgun and rifle barrels 12 inches or more, less than 18 inches in length, from which only a single discharge can be made from either barrel without manual reloading, and shall include any such weapon which may be readily restored to fire. Such term shall not include a pistol or revolver having a rifle bore, or rifle bores, or weapons designed, made, or intended to be fired from the shoulder and not capable of firing fixed ammunition.

#### Destructive Device

The term "destructive device" means (1) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas (A) bomb, (B) grenade, (C) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, (D) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, (E) mine, or (F) similar device; (2) any type of weapon by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, the barrel or barrels of which have a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter, except a shotgun or shotgun shell which the Secretary or his delegate finds is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes; and (3) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device as defined in subparagraphs (1) and (2) and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. The term "destructive device" shall not include any device which is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon; any device, although originally designed for use as a weapon, which is redesigned for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety, or similar device; surplus ordnance sold, loaned, or given by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the provisions of Section 4684(2), 4685,

or 4686 of Title 10 of the United States Code; or any other device which the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate finds is not likely to be used as a weapon, or is an antique or is a rifle which the owner intends to use solely for sporting purposes.



Members of the Grand Jury of Baltimore were recently hosted by Colonel William F. Rochford, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division, during a tour of the Headquarters Building. As a part of the tour the Jury, which was impaneled for the Fall Term, was given an overview of the organizational structure of the Department by Major Ronald J. Mullen, Director of the Planning and Research Division.

## Agent Shot

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officer's side. In the ensuing struggle for possession of the suspect's weapon both Agent Leso and the assailant were knocked to the street.

The suspect at one point pulled back aiming his weapon at Agent Leso's head, threatening to shoot if the officer moved. At the same time the suspect reached for the officer's still holstered weapon. Once again Agent Leso attempted to gain possession of his assailant's weapon when the suspect moved back slightly and fired point blank at the officer who was lying on his back in the street.

The bullet struck Agent Leso's soft body armor, near the collar bone. The suspect immediately retreated through a three foot wide alley-way which runs parallel to 20th Street from the 2000 block Harford Road. Agent Leso was able, because of the protection offered by the soft body armor, to pursue the assailant returning the fire.

Officers responding to the shooting scene found Agent Leso standing next to his patrol vehicle. A description, including the name and age of the assail-

ant was broadcast, and the victim was taken to the emergency room at Johns Hopkins Hospital a short distance away. Doctors examining the wound found what amounted to a very serious bruise, a result of the blunt trauma of the projectile hitting the protective soft body armor. Doctors say that without the protection of the soft body armor the wound could very well have been fatal. Instead, after spending the night at the hospital, Agent Leso was released 12 hours later.

Crime laboratory technicians recovered the .32 caliber bullet from the soft body armor. It had not penetrated the protective fabric.

A little more than an hour after the shooting incident officers arrested a 23 year old escapee from a Maryland Correctional Institution on the street not far from where the shooting occurred. He was arrested without incident and was charged with assault with intent to murder Police Agent Leso. Additional handgun violation charges were also placed against the suspect.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau provided the soft body armor to all members of the Department after supervising its development late in 1975. The protective fabric was first developed by the DuPont Corporation to replace steel in radial tires. It was incorporated in the soft body armor, which was developed to specifications after intensive field testing by the Department and experts from Edgewood Arsenal in Harford County.

Soft body armor is not a "bullet proof vest." It is instead a lightweight garment which is designed to minimize the impact of projectiles from weapons which are commonly found in the urban area. Although the wearer is most often protected from the damages which can be inflicted by a bullet penetrating his skin, he still runs the risk of serious injury as the result of the blunt trauma or impact of the projectile against the soft body armor.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

I am writing to bring to your attention the fine work done by a member

of the Baltimore City Police Department, Officer M. S. Wiczulis.

Recently Mrs. Floraine Applefeld, volunteer coordinator for the Baltimore's Best program was driving through downtown on her way to represent me at a breakfast meeting when her car broke down. Officer Wiczulis came to her help, and thanks to his speedy and effective assistance the car was taken to a garage to be repaired while Mrs. Applefeld was able to attend the meeting as my representative. Accordingly, Mrs. Applefeld asked me to convey to you her appreciation of Officer Wiczulis' efforts.

I expect such work from all City employees, and I was pleased to learn of Officer Wiczulis' actions in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ William Donald Schaefer  
Mayor

## Blood Program Receives Award

Members of the Department who belong to the American Red Cross Blood Assurance Program have successfully filled their annual obligation for the seventh consecutive year.

In recognition of the efforts the Red Cross held their Annual Blood Program Award Dinner recently at Martin's West. Among the representatives of the Department were Deputy Commissioner C. Jared Glauser, Administrative Bureau; Colonel William F. Rochford, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division; Captain Joseph G. DiCarlo, Special Investigation Section and member of the Blood Committee; Assistant Accountant James W. Korona, Fiscal Affairs Division and Chairman of the Blood Committee; Sergeant Charles R. Daugherty, Personnel Division and Chairman of the Personnel Service Board; Officer Francis J. Huffman, Central District and a nine (9) pint donor; and Officer Thomas J. Gummer, Western District, a seventeen (17) pint donor.

Total donations from the Department for this past year (July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977) were 1,015 pints. Total donations for the Baltimore Region reached almost 96,000 pints. Although the total

has not as yet equalled community needs continuing concern and growth of the program could reach this goal within the next two or three years.

This year's obligation which is based on the total membership of each group, is 775 pints of blood. This averages out to a donation once every two to two and one half years for each member.

In return for the periodic donation every member receives, when needed, a limitless supply of blood for himself and his family which also includes the member's and spouse's parents.

Notification is made by the Department when a member is due to donate and if a member wishes to give, without notice, no prior arrangements are necessary. The Regional Red Cross Headquarters is located at 2701 N. Charles Street. Blood may be donated any Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

## Driver's License Alert

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has notified the Department that due to a theft of photo-license equipment they are recalling all photo-licenses with camera number 033.

The MVA is asking the 8,654 motorists who have been issued photo-licenses bearing 033 to appear at any MVA office before December 15, 1977 to secure a replacement license. Those bearing the 033 camera number will be cancelled after that date.

After December 15th those drivers license with number 033 will immediately be recognized as invalid.



Number five (5) shows the camera number on the new MVA photo license. After December 15th those bearing 033 will be invalid. The number staggers the background of the photo and the license.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Farewell and good luck to Radio Technician John M. O'Loughlin. You'll be greatly missed!

Welcome aboard to Cadets Benvenga and Hatcher.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Narcotic Unit - Congratulations to Lieutenant Joseph P. Newman and Sergeant Gary T. Childs on their recent promotions. Also, welcome aboard, to this Unit, to Sergeant Childs.

**FISCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION** — Members of this Division and many of the Divisions throughout the Department wish a speedy recovery to retired Senior Accountant John L. City.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations and best of luck to Sergeants George Henneman and Joseph Meiller and good luck in your new assignments.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to the newly appointed Sergeants.

Best of luck to Sergeant Wayne Hartel on your assignment in the Traffic Division.

Get well wishes to Lieutenant Francis Elder Police Officers Thomas Esposito and Berry Blocker.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Good luck and best wishes to Sergeant Earl J. Potter on his recent retirement. You surely will be missed!

Congratulations to Sergeant John Scales whose grandson, William Webster, entered the Department as a Cadet. This is the third generation for the Scales family.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District wish to welcome aboard Lieutenants Herman Ingram and Patrick Bradley and Sergeants

George Henneman, Thomas Keavney, Clarence Blackwell and John Rorke.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Report Reviewer Charles Baxter who celebrated his 25th year with the Department.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOUSE, JENNIFER LOUISE**, granddaughter of retired Police Officer Walter A. Grabowski, Jr., grand niece of retired Police Officer Lawrence J. Grabowski and niece of Police Officer Paul Zmijewski, Southeastern District, September 12.

**RAMSEY, MATTHEW JONATHAN**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James Ramsey, Northwestern District, 5 lbs. 13 oz., October 19.

**BERGER, SARA ANN**, granddaughter of Radio Technician and Mrs. John W. Nash, Communications Division, 7 lbs. 13 oz., October 20.

**SILVER, ROBERT**, son of Police Officer Bertina Silver, Northwestern District, 6 lbs. 14 oz., October 24.

**D'ADDARIO, DARIA MARIA**, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Gary D'Addario, Northern District, 7 lbs. 4 oz., October 24.

**ORSINI, DAVID MICHAEL**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Ernest Gardner, Northeastern District, 7 lbs. 15 oz., October 29.

**JOHNS, KRISTINA NICHOLE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Albert L. Johns, Central District, 7 lbs. 10 oz., October 31.

**DAPP, KAREN DENISE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Dapp, Northeastern District, 5 lbs. 11 oz., November 3.

**AYESTAS, JASON KEITH**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Arturo Aiestas, Southeastern District, 8 lbs. 8 oz., November 5.

## RETIREMENTS

**POTTER, EARL J.**, Sergeant, Southern District, years, November 7.

**TEVIS, ROBERT E.**, Senior Clerk Typist, Southeastern District, 18 years, November 10.

**HILTZ, HARMAR C., JR.**, Police Officer, Communications Division, 25 years, November 16.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**ROLLINS, J. GOULD**, Captain, retired from Traffic Division, November 4.

**SCHLEIGH, NORMAN**, Major, retired from Education and Training Division, November 5.

**MILLAND, LANA LEE**, School Crossing Guard, retired and mother of Sergeant Charles F. Milland, Legal Advisor's Office, November 7.

## IN MEMORIAM

**KRETCHMER, CHARLES**, father-in-law of Police Officer Sam Walter, Northwestern District, October 26.

**STEPHENS, RUTH**, aunt of Detective Richard Hite, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Area 2, October 26.

**DUFF, LAURA**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Donald Crabill, Communications Division, October 31.

**CRABILL, BENJAMIN**, father of Police Officer Donald Crabill, Communications Division, November 1.

**DENT, WALTER**, brother of Police Officer Harold Dent, Central District, November 1.

**SAWYER, WALTER**, uncle of Sergeant Ellis Baldwin, Northeastern District, November 2.

**SCHWARTZ, ANNE E.**, grandmother of Police Officer Charles Schwartz, Northeastern District, November 2.



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## CRTs Replace Teletype Terminals

The ability of the Baltimore Police Department to communicate telegraphically was greatly enhanced last week when a new computerized high speed communications system went "on line."



The IBM 1050 teletype terminals, in use since 1968, were shut down last Wednesday and replaced by IBM 3270 stations.

Information about wanted persons, notifications and listings of out-of-state motor vehicles has been routinely processed via the Department's teletype system which interfaces through the Department's recently installed IBM 370 computer, with the National Law Enforcement Teletype System. Additionally, inter-departmental inquiries and responses were carried by the system, used since 1968, utilizing an IBM 1050 teletype terminal.

As a result of advances in the state of the art, messages are now being sent over more sophisticated high speed visual displays and printer terminals. These new units, called Cathod Ray Tube (CRTs) IBM 3270 display and printer stations, are more maintenance free, easier to operate, faster and are capable of performing other functions, once operational. They also have built in security features and can recall messages that are sent and stored in the computer's memory bank for up to

forty-eight hours.

With the CRT the operator can quickly type out the desired message, read it visually on the CRT-screen and make necessary corrections quickly and effortlessly.

The message can be sent to any member law enforcement agency or motor vehicle administration and more often than not replies are received within minutes. All the teletypes that are sent to other jurisdictions are routed through the teletype room of the Communications Division. Here they are edited and inventoried to prevent duplication and maintain quality control.



The new CRT, IBM 3270 teletype terminals are easier to operate, faster and more versatile than the old units they replaced.

The CRT unit itself is not new to the Department. The introduction of the units into the teletype network was preceded by the introduction of other units. Other CRTs are being used to make entries for the on-line arrestee booking and criminal history systems, the entry of offense and dispatch data, necessary for the facilitation of crime reduction and prevention efforts and manpower deployment and for the property control system.

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## "Thematic Modular Programming"

A new instructional format introduced this year at the Baltimore Police Department's Education and Training Division, by Major Charles G. Vanderbosch, has generated national and inter-national interest from other police agencies.

The format, called "Thematic Modular Programming," is the application of three basic concepts which, when combined, more effectively meet the ever-increasing challenges in police training for our contemporary society.

By applying the organizational principle of grouping similar functions together the instructors combine related areas of subject matter into complete units. Secondly, the principle of complete immersion enables the trainee to concentrate in one area of training rather than being presented with unrelated matter in a sequential pattern.

The third principle is the application of learning by doing. After instruction of a module is completed a block of situational training is introduced. This training includes various practicums and ends with three weeks of field training with an experienced Field Training Officer.

By taking the "Arrest Module" as an example the concept works as follows: The student is first exposed to the legal requirements for an arrest. He is then taught operational procedures as they apply to arrest as well as instruction on frisking, searching and handcuffing. Prior to the simulation segment the trainee is given instruction in preparing Arrest Reports and Statements of Charges. During the final simulation

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## CRT Terminals

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When a communication was sent or a reply was received on the former units, the messages were received simultaneously by all teletype terminals in the Department. With the introduction of the CRT this has been eliminated. The units have built in destination codes, which allow one District to send or receive a message to or from another District or jurisdiction without it being received by other non-designated printer terminals. This operation eliminates unnecessary communications and enables other units to send or receive messages at the same time.

The teletype system is a vital communications link which has proven its value to law enforcement repeatedly.

## "Thematic Modular Programming"

phase the individual officers apply what they have learned in a practicum in which a situation is presented to him so that the officer must evaluate a situation, affect an arrest if necessary and prepare the appropriate reports.



Sergeant John F. Meeks, Education and Training Division, hosted Sergeant Robert H. Nievaard and Lieutenant John B. Bywater of the Salt Lake Police Department during their three day stay with the Department.

Prior to Thematic Module Programming again using the "Arrest Module" as an example, trainees were taught the laws of arrest as a part of the Law block of instruction, operational arrest procedures as a part of the Patrol block and

arrest report writing as a part of the Report Writing block. The old method gave the trainee the necessary tools, but with the Module system he is able to apply immediately what he has learned to simulated or actual situations.

Other modules include Criminal Justice, Juvenile Delinquency, Crisis Intervention, Narcotics and Community Relations.

An article on Thematic Modular Programming, by Major Vanderbosch, was published in the August, 1977 issue of the Police Chief Magazine. After reading the article the Chief of the Salt Lake City, Utah Police Department, E. I. Willoughby sent two members of his Training Academy to Baltimore to gain further insight into the program.

Lieutenant John B. Bywater and Ser-

geant Robert H. Nievaard examined the modular concept during their recent three day stay. Salt Lake City is in the process of forming an entrance level academy for its 370 sworn members. Lieutenant Bywater and Sergeant Nievaard feel confident that their Department will incorporate the concept into many of their training formats.

Other inquiries have come in from across the country and from Ireland.

The most impressive aspect of the program is a marked improvement in the continuity and cohesiveness over the old method of Entrance Level instruction. Its effectiveness has proven itself in this Department and is being applied to In-Service and other specialized training conducted by the Education and Training Division.

## 22 Police Agent Appointments

On Wednesday, November 30, 1977 Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented Certificates of Appointment to twenty-two new Police Agents during ceremonies in the Student's Lounge of the Education and Training Division.

To be eligible for appointment to the position of Police Agent a candidate must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, serve in the Patrol Division for a minimum of one year and successfully complete a rigid selection process.

The Police Agents appointed are as follows:

Northeastern District — Joseph C.

Adams, Dwight S. Johnson, John J. Parker, Joe L. Shaw  
 Western District — Mark W. Bennett, Brad A. Michael, Gary E. Raub  
 Southeastern District — Alan W. Cope-land, Steven R. Herstich, Eric P. Husok, Matthew O. Summerlin, Jr.  
 Northern District — Errol L. Dutton, Innes R. Foster, Mark W. Nelson, Robert B. Trader  
 Eastern District — Victor D. Gregory, Elmer R. Mooring  
 Southern District — Joseph Johnson  
 Central District — Albert Scrivens, Jr.  
 Northwestern District — David R. Sweet  
 Inspectional Services Division — Charles H. Gaskins, Jr., Robert T. VanKeuren, Jr.



As a result of appointments made last Wednesday the number of Police Agents in the Department is now 189



## "Do TV News Crews Inspire Violence?"

The following is reprinted from the September, 1977 edition of *INTERFACE* a publication of Search Group, Inc., with permission:

Does the presence of TV news crews, carrying as they do an implication of possible appearance on the evening news, intensify disturbances or even inspire participants to perform for the cameras and microphones?

Conceding that such assertions have been made, but apparently stopping short of accepting their validity, CBS News has set down a set of standards for its crews in search of legitimate news stories.

CBS News, in recognition of its "journalistic responsibility" to cover and report newsworthy events insists that its reporters do so with "complete objectivity, accuracy and restraint". The organization has developed standards to aid in making on-the-spot news judgments about coverage of events where the presence of the TV crews might encourage irresponsible actions on the part of those being filmed.

The CBS guidelines are extensive but generally encourage TV crews to assume a low profile at disturbances, and in circumstances where the presence of the TV crew is "clearly inspiring", newsmen are told to conceal their microphones and cap their cameras.

Crews are told to avoid any "staging" and to make no requests or suggestions to influence participants to do, or not do, anything.

In addition to the admonition to maintain a low profile, newsmen are told to report a disturbance "soberly, factually and unemotionally". Finally, CBS News crews are instructed that, "Live coverage of a disturbance is prohibited unless specifically approved in advance by the President or a Senior Vice President of CND", and reports of disturbances are not to be broadcast until the "seriousness of the situation, the extent of the damage and the number, mood and intensity of the participants have been appraised cautiously and with restraint".



During Thanksgiving week Nurses Gayle Everly and Phillis Wise presented a cake to Lieutenants John T. Warren and Bernard H. Barker, Western District. The annual presentation from Bon Secours Hospital to members of the Western District is made in appreciation of their crime fighting efforts in the area.

## "THANK YOU"

The Edward F. Shenk family would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation to all those, especially members of the Police Department, for their cooperation and prayers concerning the illness of our son, Edward Leland Shenk.

It is most gratifying to know that when things of this nature occur, many people come forth to offer their assistance, which helps ease the burden.

We cannot over emphasize the expression, "thank you from the bottom of our heart." God Bless You All!

/s/ Officer Edward F. Shenk  
Communications Division

## 1978 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day .....	January 1, 1978
King's Birthday .....	January 15, 1978
Lincoln's Birthday .....	February 12, 1978
Washington's Birthday .....	Feb. 20, 1978
Good Friday .....	March 24, 1978
Maryland Day .....	March 25, 1978
Memorial Day .....	May 30, 1978
Independence Day .....	July 4, 1978
Labor Day .....	September 4, 1978
Defender's Day .....	September 12, 1978
Columbus Day .....	October 12, 1978
Election Day .....	November 7, 1978
Veteran's Day .....	November 11, 1978
Thanksgiving Day .....	November 23, 1978
Christmas Day .....	December 25, 1978

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

On behalf of the entire membership of the Baltimore City Grand Jury, September 1977 term, we would like to sincerely thank you and your staff for the courtesy extended to us on the occasion of our visit to the Baltimore City Police Headquarters.

We feel that as a result of this visit we will all be in a much better position to know and execute our duties as members of the Grand Jury.

To know something about the administrative and operational functions of your department together with the visual experience and terminology will certainly assist us in the performance of our duties.

We shall go on record that such a visit by future Grand Juries be a must to assure their effective performance.

We again sincerely thank you and your staff for a wonderful, exciting and profitable experience.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John A. Chitwood  
Grand Jury Foreman



The Marine Unit of the Tactical Section recently received a new boat for use in harbor patrol. The Boston Whaler, noted for its stability and maneuverability, will be used to patrol the increasingly busy Inner Harbor.

*We never have time to do it right, but we always have time to do it over.*

- Anonymous

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CHIEF OF PATROL** — Members of the Patrol Division would like to wish a speedy recovery to Police Officer Raymond A. Mackessy, Jr. who is presently confined to St. Agnes Hospital.

**WE MISS YOU MAC!**

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Major and Mrs. Richard L. Connelly on their recent 25th Wedding Anniversary November 7, 1977. Also, Happy Birthday Mrs. Connelly, November 7, 1977.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Welcome aboard to: Lieutenant Marcellus Boles, Lieutenant John Wagner, Sergeant William Sekinger, and Sergeant Buford Viars.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HANNA, SOMMER ALYSIA**, daughter of Detective Agent and Mrs. Martin J. Hanna, Jr., C.I.D., and granddaughter of Senior Clerk Typist Audrey H. Hanna, Planning and Research Division, 10 lbs. 3 oz., November 12.

**HUBBARD, AMY MARIE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Frank Hubbard, Jr., Traffic Division, 9 lbs. 3 oz., November 27.

## RETIREMENTS

**PERKOWSKI, FRANCIS J.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 17 years, November 2.

**SPORNEY, BERNARD T.**, Police Officer, Communications Division, 28 years, November 19.

**NEUBAUER, JOHN J.**, Police Officer, Eastern District, 17 years, November 24.

**PONTON, WILFRED E., Jr.**, Police Officer, Northern District, 8 years, November 24.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**DUNN, FREDERICK T.**, Captain, retired from Youth

Division, brother of retired Sergeant John T. Dunn, Southwestern District, November 20.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SMITH, LILLIE**, grandmother of Detective Barrington Branch, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, November 3.

**HARRIS, HOUSTON**, father-in-law of Police Officer Louis Eckels, Central District, November 4.

**BREEZE, GERTRUDE B.**, grandmother of Police Officer Ronald L. Daniel, Western District, November 5.

**HARMAN, CONNIE**, aunt of Clerk Paulette Biondo, Southwestern District, November 6.

**BARGER, GEORGE F., SR.**, retired Sergeant Baltimore County Police Department and father of Detective Richard Barger, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, November 7.

**WALES, THELMA**, aunt of Police Officer Melvin C. Parker, Northeastern District, November 8.

**COLLIGAN, HOWARD M.**, father of Police Officer Ronald Colligan, Northeastern District, November 8.

**EGBERT, RAYMOND**, father of Lieutenant Glenn A. Egbert, Southeastern District, and Sergeant Paul A. Egbert, Central District, November 9.

**BENIK, STANLEY**, uncle of Lieutenant Kenneth L. Crispens, Criminal Investigation Division, November 9.

**POWALLA, AMALIA**, mother-in-law of Detective Michael Vannostrand, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes, Area II, November 11.

**COLVIN, FRANCES**, mother of Sergeant George Colvin, Eastern District, November 11.

**BARBER, WEBSTER E.**, father-in-law of Police Officer John Kutchev, Northern District and grandfather of Cadet Michael Kutchev, Central Records Division, November 12.

**JANISZEWSKI, STEPHEN J.**, father of Police Offi-

cer John Janiszewski, Central District, November 12.

**McHARGUE, MARY E.**, mother of Sergeant George McHargue, Northwestern District, November 13.

**PHILLIPS, HELEN**, aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Barbara Olczak, Communications Division, November 13.

**RICHBURG, ISABELL**, mother of Police Officer Julius Richburg, Jr., Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, November 13.

**HEBERLE, JOHN L.**, uncle of Police Officer Joseph E. Reynolds, Tactical Section, November 11.

**VAETH, EMMA M.**, paternal aunt of Clerk Katherine Walz, C.I.D., Administrative Unit, November 13.

**SWAFFORD, RICHARD L.**, grandfather of Police Agent Roger Rose, Tactical Section, November 14.

**ROBEL, JEROME W.**, uncle of Police Officer Edward C. Belt, Northeastern District, November 14.

**GOODRICH, ANNIE**, aunt of Police Officer Howard B. Stephens, Southeastern District and mother of retired Police Officer William O. Goodrich, Tactical Section, November 14.

**BLASCHAK, MARY**, aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Barbara Olczak, Communications Division, November 14.

**HENDRICKS, JAMES**, uncle of Police Officer Louis Kulaga, Southeastern District, November 14.

**KEALEY, SARA**, grandmother of Police Agent Michael Hurm, Southern District, November 15.

**WEIR, ALBERT**, father-in-law of Report Reviewer Dorothy Weir, Staff Review Section, Central Records Division, November 15.

**BENGEL, MARGARET F.**, aunt of Police Officer Richard Telljohann, Northeastern District, November 15.

**THOMAS, MARION**, sister of Police Officer Arnold Davis, Traffic Division, November 16.



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## Season's Greetings



DONALD D. POMERLEAU

The Holiday Season is upon us once again. This year as our thoughts turn to Christmas and the New Year we are reminded of what the holiday period is all about.

Many will be working on Christmas Day to provide essential service to all of our citizens. Our thoughts

will be with you as you perform your important duties.

As I travel throughout the city our citizens constantly remind me of the fine job you are doing — they are very supportive of you and what you stand for. Please accept my thanks for another job exceptionally well done.

This is a time to reflect upon the past 12 months, to think about the good things which have happened. It is also a time for resolutions, a time to make our plans for the future.

I hope that you will join me in giving thanks for the bounty of the year 1977. Each of you will, I trust, enjoy the coming year.

To you and yours I wish the very best at Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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he really likes that threadbare garment. It's his home. Its pockets contain his entire world.

The inventory isn't long. There's a toothbrush, a razor, one of the kind you buy for a quarter and then throw away when you're finished with it. Something that used to be a handkerchief lines one of the pockets. There's a Gideon Bible he took from a 50¢ a night place where he slept one night two years ago. There's also money, about \$4.86 left over from what he'd bummed that day, a pair of socks with no holes in the heels, the Purple Heart he'd gotten in Korea, three assorted keys which really don't open anything, and a glove for the left hand.

There really isn't too much to Walter Morgan. The money is going to be invested, in just a little while, for a pint of brandy. Usually Walter drinks wine but after all it's Christmas, and the chill outside, where he's living, calls for something a little bit extra to warm him up. So it'll be brandy . . . kind of a Christmas present to himself.

Walter had been somewhat of a problem all day long. He woke up at about 7:30 when the busses, carrying Christmas Eve shoppers on their last minute rounds, rattled the grate he was sleeping on, the steam had kept the chill off. A Traffic officer also helped with a gentle nudge and reminder that he'd better be moving on.

He spent the entire of the daylight hours on Christmas Eve holding on to his overturned hat, collecting coins. He did this in a variety of locations because various footmen kept him on the move. Walter wasn't pleasant to look at es-

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## A Christmas Story...

### *The Shopping List*

Walter Morgan is a bum. Just ask anybody, especially in the downtown area, or near the Inner Harbor. They'll tell you that Walter Morgan's a bum.

He's in his 50's although he looks more like 70, and he'll never tell you how old he really is. He doesn't care. He conducts his business on the sidewalk, begging dimes and quarters from

passers-by who flip the coins into his overturned hat rather than look him in the eye.

Walter's coat, his great coat, is old. The person who bought it new voted for Ike, and wore it more than once to the opera at the Lyric. But Walter doesn't know that. The coat was given to him at the soup kitchen four years ago. But

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pecially on Christmas Eve when shoppers had their minds on presents and warm times with friends and relatives. "Merry Christmas," was his salutation to all who passed by and he meant it, whether they gave him a coin or not. But nobody cared . . . they probably didn't even notice him.

At about 3:30 in that alley which runs behind the Customs House, he found a little nitch out of the weather and away from everyone and he began to count his take for the day. One pocket of his great coat was filled almost to its capacity with coins. Carefully he began to count them out, making little stacks with each dollar he totalled. And when he finished there were 23 and a half stacks. It usually would have taken a week to get that much, if he could have kept that much all at one time. The Christmas spirit had been kind to him this year.

An eight block walk took him to the soup kitchen which has been feeding him almost daily for four years. Some Christmas decorations hung around the grimy front windows, were the noticeable additions to the spartan fare there. But the soup was hot and the stew would help ward off the chill after the sun went down. He enjoyed what he ate and he was thankful.

The second hand shop stayed open late on Christmas Eve as usual. He had a short shopping list . . . but it was important to him. There was a nice pair of dark brown shoes, size 11-D, a long wool scarf for 75¢, two pairs of gloves (not just a single glove for the left hand like the one in his pocket), a nice little radio (which had probably listened to Lorenzo Jones and his wife Belle who loves him), a set of dinner plates (one had a huge chip out of the edge but you could still eat from it), and four thick cushions which used to belong on a sofa but the sofa wasn't there anymore. It was a big bundle and when he'd paid for it he was left with \$4.86. And yes, this would be a Merry Christmas for Walter Morgan.

He took the shoes over to the "center" where Ants was staying. Ants could have gotten out of the "center" Christmas Eve morning but he didn't have any

shoes. Now he did. "Merry Christmas, Ants."

Down by the water he found Patches. Patches wasn't doing too well, and neither was he sober this evening. He was kind of bundled up in a ball, and he was feeling sick, very sick. The scarf was wrapped around the upper part of Patches. He didn't hear it but there was a "Merry Christmas" too.

About half an hour later and over by the Lexington Market, Walter found Shakey and Milton, they were always together and this evening they were discussing a good place to be on Christmas morning. And that place would probably be on the other side of the Lexington Market in case the sun was going to come out because then they'd be a little bit warmer. They each got a "Merry Christmas" and a pair of warm gloves, one for each gnarled and chaffing hand.

As he approached the soup kitchen the lights were going out. He had to pound on the door in order to get it unlocked and himself inside. "These are for you," he told the good brother as he slipped past the door. He laid out the four cushions on the floor near the steaming radiator and on the table he set the radio, then plugged it in. "It's kind of old but it still plays," he said, "and the guys might like to hear some of the Christmas music tomorrow." The plates, even the one with the large chip on the side, went at the end of the long serving table. "Sometimes we break 'em brother. Maybe these will help." "Merry Christmas, brother," he said, as he was let out onto the sidewalk.

He wandered around for awhile, he always did this on Christmas Eve, just to look at things. He liked to listen to the happy chatter of people coming and going. It was a little past 11:00 as he headed back downtown, over sidewalks which had seen his feet so many times before. The bar lights beckoned because they knew he had the money for a pint of brandy and the money was already burning in that threadbare pocket of his . . . where he kept his right hand wrapped tightly around the coins. He had a glove for his left hand.

The little church was a twinkle expecting the faithful in an hour for the

Mass at midnight. Walter scuffed up the steps slowly, and leaning past the door he peered inside. Nobody there yet. He went in, dipped his fingers into the font, and blessed himself. A little effort got him down onto one knee. The Blessed Lady was looking at the empty pews and at Walter. He prayed for a moment, pulled himself up and turned around. On the way out a couple of pennies went into the poor box.

Walter hadn't had a drink all day . . . an accomplishment for him. But that was part of Christmas he told himself as his hands began to shake just a little bit more than usual. "You'll get that drink," he muttered, "but not yet. It's still not Christmas."

Some honky-tonk music was drifting out the door of one of those places where you stop for a quick one before you get home, and Walter was leaning against the wall hearing the music and thinking about a pint of brandy.

"Hi ya Walter," the voice spoke softly. He turned around to find the officer who kind of kept an eye on things in that block and on Walter too when he wasn't having a good day. "Merry Christmas, how are you?" "I'm O.K.," he said, "a little chilly but it's almost Christmas."

The officer kind of leaned against the wall with the older man and they began to talk. "How come," asked the officer, "you never get drunk on Christmas Eve? I've been walking this post for several years, I've seen you almost every day, and hardly ever straight, but on Christmas Eve, when everyone else is making merry you're standing here, just looking around." "It's Christmas Eve," muttered Morgan who really didn't want to be reminded about drinking, not just yet.

Morgan turned and looked at the officer, crisp in his dark blue uniform, the starched white showing a little, from underneath the reefer and the dark blue sweater he'd gotten for Christmas last year. The officer's clean shaven face, tinged pink at the cheeks by the chill air, provided a contrast to the years that Morgan wore. "It takes all kinds of us to make up this world," said the older man.

"When it's Christmas it's Christmas for everyone, not just the rich, not just for those who drive fancy cars and eat at the restaurants that I stand outside of.

When it's Christmas for you it's Christmas for me too. My Christmas is here where I live. This is my place. Christmas . . . oh yes . . . you can tell it's here. The street lights they're my candles, see how they twinkle to show the way for the Child who is to come. My Christmas decorations change color constantly . . . you can see them all green and yellow and red. I can hear Christmas when cars stop at the corner and I smell Christmas as trees are carted home from the stand around the block. Your Christmas and mine aren't the same. In the morning you'll see the kids and the wife and the tree. I'll see the street where we're standing tonight. But still it's my Christmas and it's a time that I love."

He pulled out the tattered Gideon Bible that he'd got a couple of years before and in the light turned it to a Gospel he knew by heart. He didn't need to read it again. He looked at it anyway, then looked up, took a deep breath inhaling the cool night air, and said, "yes, it's Christmas." "Merry Christmas to you officer, and may only the best be coming to you and your lovely family."

The man in the uniform shivered, and it wasn't because of the cold, although the chimes were saying that it was midnight and Christmas had come. "Merry Christmas Morgan, Merry Christmas."

The old man started walking then, a pint of brandy was on his mind.

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## Career Criminals

A cooperative effort by the Baltimore Police Department and the State's Attorney's Office, called the "Career Criminal Program" recently completed its first year of operation.

The program is designed to remove from the streets of Baltimore the recidivistic Index Crime Offender, with primary attention focused on those who commit violent crimes. A recidivistic offender is classified, under the guidelines, as an individual who has been previously charged or convicted of a serious offense who has been released and who is subsequently rearrested for one or more designated serious crimes.

There were 99 cases accepted into the

program during its first year of operation. Initial review is made by the Central Records Division which determines, through a record check, whether the arrested individual is qualified under established criteria.

Central Records then notifies the District and the supervisor of the Career Criminal Program, which is a part of the Criminal Investigation Division's Crimes Against Persons Section. Members of the Career Criminal Unit coordinate their efforts with the State's Attorney's Violent Crimes Liaison Unit.

Once an individual is designated a "Career Criminal," the combined expertise of the prosecutor and the police is brought to bear upon the case. Every effort is exerted to obtain high bail or no bail for the offender, to make a thorough case preparation for presentation to the Grand Jury and trial, and to prosecute quickly under the original charge. No plea bargaining is allowed.

The 99 offenders had accumulated 1,227 prior arrests. The most recent previous arrest history of the suspects

include 3 for murder, 4 for assault with intent to murder, 6 for rape, 41 for assault and robbery, 4 for handgun violations and 3 escapees.

In 18 of the cases bail was denied for the defendants. The average bail, which spanned up to \$750,000.00 was \$44,015.65.

Forty-one of the 99 cases have been adjudicated. Twenty-three of these defendants have been sentenced to prison for 10 years or more on charges ranging from murder, to rape, to assault and robbery, to burglary. All of the remainder were sent to prison except for 3 whose sentences are pending and 3 who were found not guilty. The average time from time of arrest to Grand Jury indictment has been 47 days. The average time from time of arrest to trial has been 159 days.

Once incarcerated, the repeat violent criminal can not continue preying on and victimizing the citizens of Baltimore. This is the objective of the "Career Criminal Program" and it is working.

## Detective Captain Cadden Retires

Captain James J. Cadden concluded his law enforcement career, which spanned more than 28 years with the Baltimore Police Department, on December 14, 1977.



JAMES J. CADDEN

His service to the country and Baltimore proceeded joining the Department. Captain Cadden served in the United States Army during World War II as a Platoon Paratrooper Sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division, better known as the "Screaming Eagles." He participated in a number of European operations including the Normandy Invasion,

Bastone and Operation Market Garden (which was the subject of the recent movie "A Bridge Too Far"). He was highly decorated as a result of his efforts during these operations and was the recipient of a Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts and others.

Captain Cadden began his law enforcement career in April, 1949 when he completed entrance training and was assigned to the Northeastern District. He remained in the Northeastern until 1956 when he was assigned to the Robbery Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division. In January, 1960, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Homicide Unit, where he remained when he was promoted to Lieutenant in December, 1963.

In June, 1968 he was promoted to Captain and was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Central District. In March, 1973 he returned to Criminal Investigation Division and assumed command of the Crimes Against Persons Section. He remained Captain of this Unit until his retirement.

During his career with the Department

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Farewell to Emergency Call Clerk Patrick Noonan who will reach mandatory retirement age, 70, on December 23, 1977. Mr. Noonan can remain actively employed with the Police Department until December 31, 1977, however, retirement is automatic on January 1, 1978. Mr. Noonan has elected to remain as an employee until December 31, 1977. Since his employment on February 11, 1974, Mr. Noonan has built a most enviable work record. He has taken no medical leave, has never reported late for duty, has no record of disciplinary action and maintains a very high order of personal relationship with fellow workers. Also, he has a very genuine interest in his duties and constantly strives to become more knowledgeable. It has been our pleasure and the Police Department's good fortune to have had Mr. Noonan as part of its work force for the slightly less than 4 years he has served as an emergency call clerk. His conscientious attitude is shown also in the fact that he elected to remain active during Christmas Holidays, including New Year's Eve, which allows fellow workers to be off those days.

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — On December 1st, Officer Timothy C. Markland was honored by The Frankford Improvement Association as their Police Officer of the Year. Officer Markland received a plaque, a citation from Mayor Schaefer and a Congressional Citation from Congresswoman Mikulski. Also in attendance was Major Richard L. Connelly, District Commander and Officer Markland's Sector Supervisor, Sergeant Ellis Baldwin. The awards were presented at a dinner in the Officer's honor held at the Crystal Room, Belair and Erdman Avenues. Officer Markland's outstanding felony arrest record was

cited.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Darkroom Technician Kathleen Matava, Photography Unit.

Congratulations to Criminalists Mark Profili and Roger Covington on their recent promotions.

## PROMOTIONS

**COVINGTON, ROGER F.**, Criminalist, Laboratory Division, November 30.

**PROFILI, MARK S.**, Criminalist, Laboratory Division, November 30.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAWSON, THERESA DAWN**, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. William Lawson, Southern District, 8 lbs., November 6.

**GARCIA, MICHAEL R.**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Michael R. Garcia, Tactical Section, 7 lbs. 3 oz., November 11.

**REYNOLDS, DAVID G., JR.**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles L. Shormann, Central District, 5 lbs. 9 oz., November 28.

## RETIREMENTS

**PRICE, EUGENE M.**, Police Officer, Communications Division, 25 years, December 9.

**CADDEN, JAMES L.**, Captain, Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons Section, 28 years, December 14.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**TEVIS, ROBERT E.**, Senior Clerk Typist, retired from Southeastern District, December 6.

## IN MEMORIAM

**DARCHICOURT, JOSEPH**, uncle of Police Officer Joseph Darchicourt, Southeastern District, No-

vember 16.

**HOLLAND, WILBUR P.**, father of Sergeant Wilbur Holland, Northeastern District, and Sergeant Robert C. Holland, Southwestern District, November 16.

**ROBINSON, DANIEL, SR.**, father of Police Officer Daniel Robinson, T.E.S. Traffic Division, November 17.

**BROWN, LAWRENCE O.**, father of Police Officer William O. Brown, T.I.S. Traffic Division, November 17.

**McGEENEY, MARIE CATHERINE**, mother of Detective Joseph McGeeney assigned Area III, Property Crimes Section, C.I.D., November 17.

**SHILOH, ALICE E.**, mother of Police Officer Leonard Shiloh, Southern District, November 18.

**POPE, HARRY CARLTON**, uncle of Police Officer Christie C. Bryan, Western District, November 18.

**STEMLER, DOROTHY**, sister of Lieutenant Donald Sutton, Southern District, November 19.

**CRIST, JAMES W.**, father of Sergeant Beverly Crist, Central Records Division, November 23.

## Captain Cadden

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Captain Cadden was the recipient of 29 official commendations including 2 Specials and 3 Bronze Stars. Seventeen of these commendations were the result of diligence and skill in solving homicide cases. He also received numerous commendatory letters from citizens, prosecutors, members of the judiciary and law enforcement officials from throughout the country for his professionalism and cooperation displayed during his contacts with them.



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