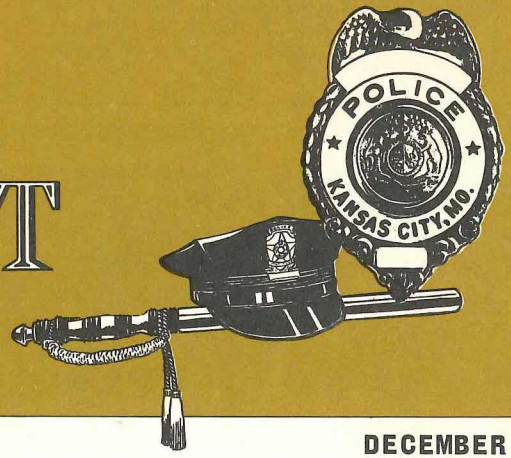


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*He's making his list*

*and checking it twice!*





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**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**



Chief C. M. Kelley is shown presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Randy S. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis, 5103 North Euclid.

The certificate is from Harold E. Bray, Sheriff of Jefferson County, Golden, Colorado and recognizes the youth's efforts in aiding in the apprehension of a man in connection with a larceny in Jefferson County earlier this year.

**LETTER BRIEF**

A sincere thanks for the warm hospitality and graciousness of Policewoman Rose Mason in her efforts at the recent annual convention of Women Police from Policewoman Jessie Stoneman, Hamilton, Ontario Police.

**FROM THE CHIEF**

Much has been said about professionalization of police. I can recall having heard of this when I first came into law enforcement in 1940. At that time the efforts to achieve professional status were not really well designed and certainly not successful.

Efforts have continued throughout the years, some with



a fair degree of planning and others as ineffective as in the past. Now it appears that through national organizations and as a result of a feeling of frustration on the part of many police administrators, the move toward professionalization is gaining renewed momentum. I think it appropriate therefore that we should keep in mind just what professionalization means and what are the benefits to us in the police world.

Chief Kelley

Much has been written on this subject and I will not attempt to define what others may think about this, but only that which strikes me as important. The first I think is the attitude that must prevail and influence all of us in our daily activities. We certainly must have a strong sense of dedication - dedication which governs our official and private behavior to the extent where they reflect our firm intention to be as free from criticism and justified complaint as is possible. Some cities have suffered from burglary rings, narcotics violations or other offenses among their own police and thereby they are presented obstacles, which make successful professionalization a great deal slower in accomplishment. So it is important that we present as impeccable a performance as we can. It is realized no group can be completely without fault at all times, but standards must be set to try to achieve this and when violations occur, quick and firm discipline must be meted the violator.

Another need is in the field of learning and in the efforts to progress. Today there are more men attending college while working in law enforcement and more college trained people are entering the field than ever before. I do not feel that a college education is necessary to be a good officer. I do feel however that a good officer is better for having made an effort to enlarge his education and knowledge, whether it be as a generalized education or in specific fields. Most important in my mind is the development of expertise in the humanities whereby we do our jobs with the least abrasiveness, and at the same time the pursuit of our goal which is the establishment of security and tranquility. We need not be ultra conservative nor ultra liberal to do our job in a professional manner. We must do it so that honesty, fairness and consider-



ation of the inequality of opportunity are clearly brought into play in our review of individual problem situations.

Another matter which needs to be done is the establishment of a formal standard of conduct. This is sometimes referred to as a uniform standard and such has been introduced into our General Assembly and probably will be tried again in the 1972 session. It is concerned almost exclusively with a mandated training program which should be of sufficient length that the new officer assumes his duties only after he has been given classroom instruction so that he at least has the basic ideas of what he should do and what he can do in the many confrontations he will have as a policeman. These standards unquestionably will be made more rigid as we become more proficient and only with much greater rigidity of standards can we expect to be accepted as professionals.

The benefits of professionalization are many. As a generalization they result in a greater esteem from the public, deeper interests in the work of law enforcement and, finally, pay commensurate with this standing. In all respects, the goal is worth the struggle and I do hope that our Department joins with a united front to make the proper preparations so that we can be known and admired for our efforts. I feel that we have a wonderful base here in Kansas City to build such a reputation. All it takes is an honest effort during which time we must cast aside petty jealousies and bias, followed by an absorption of the procedures and standards that implement our desires. I assure you that such is my personal ambition and I know of no Department in the United States where the standards of professionalization are so close to achievement.

I would like at the same time to wish you the very best in the Christmas season, and hope that the abundance of good will and happiness be yours in the New Year.

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### NEW ARRIVAL

Ptl. Dale Trigg and wife Barbara, Northeast Patrol Division, are the proud parents of a new boy, Chad Jason, born November 18, 1971. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. at North Kansas City Hospital. Congratulations!

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### A NEW GRANDFATHER

Sgt. Don Rapp, Detention Unit, became a grandfather on November 23, 1971 when his oldest son, Ivan, and his wife, Carol, became the parents of an 8 lb. 2 oz. boy they named Michael Shawn. At last report Sgt. Rapp said he did not feel any older.

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### QUOTATIONS

Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument. — Whately.

### COMMENDATION AWARD



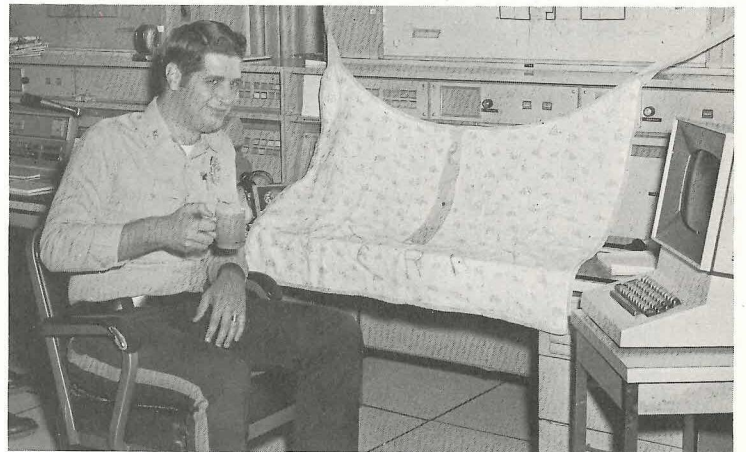
On June 22, 1971 at 0422 hours, car 1135, Ptl. Robert Greenwood, responded to a prowler call at 4509 Lister, where shots reportedly had been fired. As Ptl. Greenwood parked his car, he observed a female in her early twenties. As he approached her, she suddenly pointed a fully loaded .38 caliber revolver point blank at the officer's stomach.

Ptl. Greenwood then advanced on the subject, grabbed the revolver and physically removed the weapon from the subject.

Because of Ptl. Greenwood's exceptional act of disarming the suspect, risking injury or possible death to himself, rather than the alternative of shooting the suspect, we are proud to award him the Kansas City Missouri Police Department Commendation Certificate.

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### NEAT AND CLEAN



When Ptl. Terry Barnes was transferred into the Communications Unit, the excitement appeared to be too much for him. On the first day he spilled a full cup of coffee on his console. On the second day over went a full glass of water. Watch Supervisor, Sgt. Carl Foxworthy, took immediate action to remedy the problem, by placing a king sized bib on Barnes' console. The bib is the handy work of Ptl. Frank Buckles' wife, Frances. A word to the wise - Be alert and ready to move quickly should you come in contact with Ptl. Barnes.



## SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY

By Hugh Chase

The year was 1878 when Robert Gillham made the bone jarring trip by train from New York to Kansas City in hopes he could establish himself in the new location in his chosen profession as an engineer. Since travel by train had little luxury to offer, the trip was very tiring and he was planning on a few days rest before attempting to get down to business.



Cpl. Hugh Chase When he arrived at the Union Depot, located at 9th Street and Union Avenue in Kansas City's west bottoms, he departed from the train immediately and started walking west in search for the main part of the city. After he had traveled several blocks he asked someone for proper directions. He found he had been walking in the wrong direction from the downtown district. He was told that what he was seeking was on the other side of the large bluff looming some distance to the east of where he was then standing.

He started his long hike after changing his directions toward the main part of the city. As he was walking along he soon came upon one of the small mule cars that operated between the two Kansas City's.

He boarded the car, ready for any type transportation after the tiring trip and the walk he had so recently experienced. He found the floor of the car was covered with dirty hay, the conductor collected the fare and left the driving and pace up to the mules.

It was on that trip from the old Union Station that Gillham came to the decision that Kansas City was badly in need of the talents he had to offer as a young engineer. Kansas City became the home he had been looking for and became his home base of operations for the rest of his life.

Robert Gillham couldn't shake the experience of his arrival from his mind. He knew that a better way of getting from the depot to the business district must be found. He felt it must be made easier and quicker. He was well informed about the cable system in San Francisco and felt it was made to order for conquering the bluff and hills of Kansas City.

He opened an office and took small jobs at first, looked over all opportunities and became acquainted with the people as well as the geography of the area. It was while he was doing this that he drew his plans for a sewage system that would hold pollution to a minimum. This replaced the old system which was fast becoming a health hazard. By this time, he had pretty well roughed out his idea of a transit system.

Soon after Gillham explained his idea and purpose to friends, they at once began to make the amount of money available that he estimated would be needed. He soon had the financing that was necessary but that turned out to be only one major problem that was out of the way. He was troubled then with getting his franchise and convincing the city fathers to widen 9th Street, which at that time was only 48 feet wide. He also had to beat down all opposition of the horse car operators who were already in business.

When he felt he was ready to start construction of his project, he was to find new difficulties regarding patents on the grip device he had planned on using. This was the device in which the operator of the cable car latched onto the moving cable between the rails to pull the car along. This grip was protected by patents and held in trust. Gillham felt the royalties were too expensive and soon invented a new grip of his own.

When the project was completed and ready to begin operation, Gillham received an injury from the equipment that nearly took his life. He was in the inspection pit of the car house and power plant checking one of his grips when a piece of equipment fell, striking him on the head. He suffered two fractures the length of his skull.

Gillham had to leave the launching of his system to others, but he was making medical history. In an operation almost unheard of at that time, a silver plate was put in his skull. His recovery was one that was given much acclaim.

His next major project was an elevated railway from the Union Depot to Kansas City, Kansas. This was the promotion of D. H. Egerton. Mr. Egerton had come to this area in connection with the building of the Union Pacific Railroad.

After Gillham's cable line had been in operation for a time he was able to see its shortcomings. He was unhappy with the large incline and decided the Eighth Street tunnel would solve many problems. A tunnel had been mentioned many times but the men who talked of it did nothing but dream. Gillham, cut from a different mold, started to work tunneling through the bluff. This was in use until the late 1950's.

Gillham built transportation for public use in many cities as well as engineering the canal that enabled Port Arthur, Texas to become a thriving seaport. He laid out street car lines and assisted in establishing transportation companies in Boston, Denver, Omaha, Cleveland, Ft. Worth, Texas, Providence, Rhode Island, Nashville, Tennessee, St. Joseph, Missouri, Scranton, Pennsylvania and other cities.

In addition to these accomplishments, he owned the city's only iron foundry, was the engineer who built the Kansas City Belt Railway, now known as the Kansas City Terminal Railway, and the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad became the Kansas City Southern Railway.



Robert Gillham died at the age of 44 from pneumonia and appendicitis. He will always be known as one of Kansas City's outstanding citizens with a gift and attitude for getting impossible jobs accomplished.

### RECRUITING AWARD



Supervisor James Brown, Public Information Unit Commander, is shown receiving the recruiting effort award from Officer James Risinger, Personnel Unit. This was the first time that the Public Information Unit has won the award.

### ASSISTING A VIETNAM VETERAN

On October 31, 1971 Ptl. George Nigh, Central Patrol Division, was contacted by a Mr. Richard McAllister and his wife, Debra, who were en route from Azunes, California to Elkhart, Indiana. They were travelling in a 1960 Chevrolet station wagon, which needed motor repair. Mr. McAllister wanted to sell the car for enough money to purchase train tickets to Elkhart.

Ptl. Nigh contacted Sgt. William Hutcherson, North-east Patrol Division, who is a member of the VFW Police Memorial Post #9762 and Mr. William Davis, 5509 Garfield, who is Junior Vice Commander of Jackson County Council and Council Relief Chairman, who both responded to Central Patrol Division to try and help Mr. McAllister.

Arrangements were made to purchase the car for \$50.00. Ptl. Harry Pringle, Accident Investigation Unit, was contacted to motorize and complete the sale of the car.

Food was obtained for the couple, then they were transported to the bus terminal at 12th and Holmes, where they were able to purchase bus tickets to Elkhart, Indiana and still have money left over for food.

Four hours were spent in assisting this couple and they left Kansas City with a very high opinion of the people of the City, the Police Department, and the VFW of Kansas City.

### VEHICLE FLEET DIVISION NEWS

The second annual Vehicle Fleet Division steak fry was held on Friday, November 5, 1971 at the Police Garage. Among the guests that attended was Chief Kelley. Everyone attending had nothing but praise for the chefs, Leon Stark and Dwight Doss of the Vehicle Maintenance Unit, who did an excellent job in cooking the steaks. We also want to thank everyone who helped organize the steak fry and the Vehicle Fleet Division personnel are already looking forward to next year's party.

Accounting Clerk I, Steve Eisman, of the Vehicle Maintenance Unit, was married to Miss Janet Blair of Kansas City on Sunday, September 12, 1971 at the New Reform Temple, 7100 Main. The bride and groom drove to Las Vegas, Nevada for their honeymoon and they report they had a very good time. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eisman.

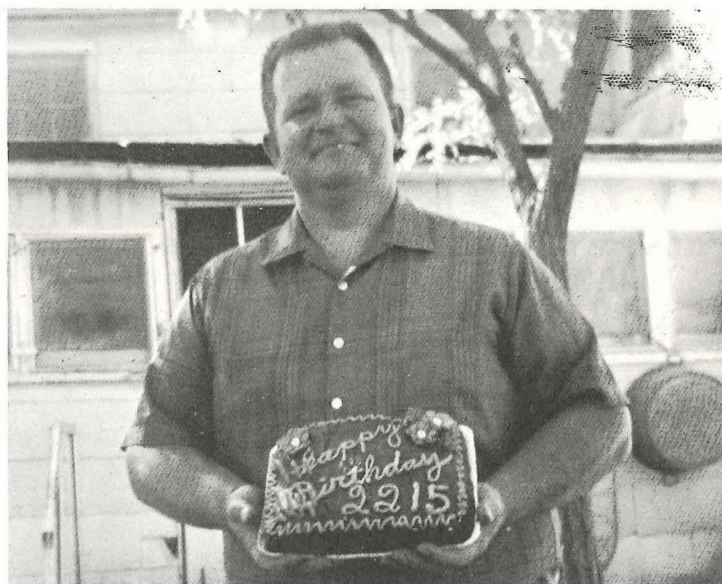
The Vehicle Fleet Division recently purchased two more Chevy Blazers for the Police K-9 Unit making a total of four blazers now in operation.

Effective Monday, November 22, 1971 the working shifts of the mechanics at the Police Garage, 1520 Cherry, and the attendants at the Service Station, 1119 Admiral, will be changed. The new shifts will be from 0700 to 1500 hours, 1500 to 2300 hours and 2300 to 0700 hours.

Automotive Mechanic, Charles Smith, recently announced his engagement to Miss Rose Weygandt, daughter of Garage Foreman, Virgil Weygandt. A March, 1972 wedding is planned.

Automotive Serviceman, Pat Trusler, recently announced his engagement to Miss Gloria Allen. A January, 1972 wedding is planned.

### ONLY A NUMBER



Ptl. Thomas A. Brown, South Patrol Division, celebrated his 36th birthday with a cake baked for him by Mrs. A. E. Brown, his mother. Instead of the traditional inscription, she used his radio number, 2215. Happy Birthday Number 2215!



**133rd Recruit Class**

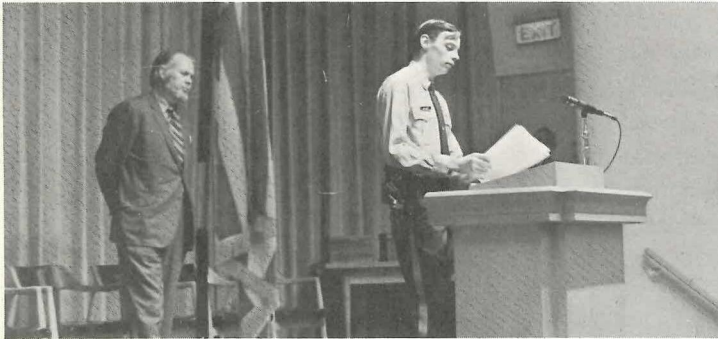


**Seventh Regional Class**

**GRADUATION AT TRUMAN LIBRARY**



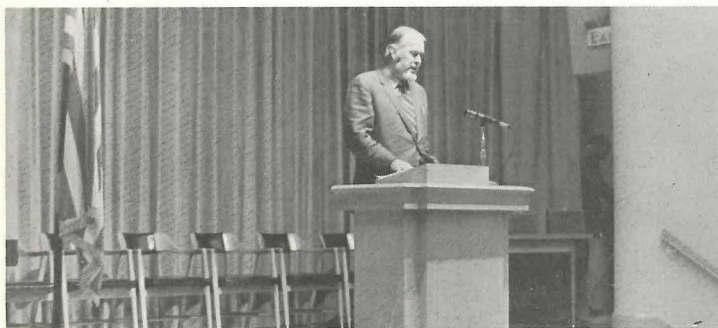
**Officers and their family and friends.**



**Invocation by Ptl. Carlisle S. Walker, Kansas City Police Department.**



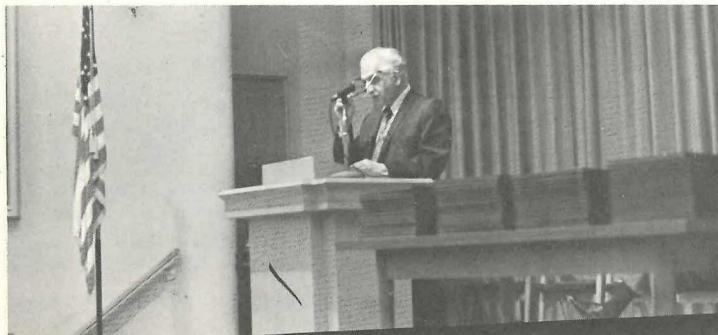
**Presentation of Diplomas—John C. Coleman, Director of Regional Center for Criminal Justice.**



**Introduction by Mr. Russell Millin, Chairman Northwest Missouri Law Enforcement Assistance Council.**



**Six agencies had graduates in the class.**



**Graduation Address—Isaac Gurman, Chairman, Missouri Law Enforcement Assistance Council.**



**Benediction—Reverend David O. Shipley.**



## POLICE WIVES NEWS

By Cherie Quirk, Publicity Chairman

"Season's Greetings" from all of us to all of you! November and December are always busy times for everyone, including our organization.

If you missed our last meeting, join us for our January meeting on Sunday the 9th at 2:30 PM in the Kansas City Life Building located at 35th and Broadway. (Babysitting is available as always).

This is the time of year to take time out and think about our prayer.

Dear God, watch over our men in darkness and in light.  
When danger comes, please help them choose the action that is right.

Lack of respect for law and order is something we all mourn,

With your help, our faith, their courage, respect can be reborn.

The price they pay is costly.

So many give their lives,

We are concerned . . . we're proud of them, we are policemen's wives.

We as a group take these words to heart and give special thanks for the safety of our men. We also hope that you will want to join us in support of our husbands throughout the year. You can do this simply by joining us now!

Cheers!!! To our new members, Sandy Robinson and Gene Seamen, to Ria Balnis, Sue Gallatin, Betty Nichols, Diana Rickel, Sandy Robinson and Anita Strub for helping make our third reception for the graduates (and their families) of the 133rd Recruit Class a great success.

To Officer George Heady for getting well and returning to work.

To Connie Butler and Diana Rickel for taking time out to tour Police Buildings with the "Women's Anti-Crime Crusade."

Jeers!!! To all of you who haven't joined us yet.

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## LETTER BRIEFS

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Thanks to Captain Lee Floyd for his dedication and assistance in developing a Youth Unit for the Grandview Police Department from Robert T. Williams, Grandview Chief of Police.

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A commendation from John C. Coleman, Director of the Regional Academy to Sgt. Mickey Bartow for his efforts in completing and implementing a new forty page Report Writing Manual.

## A PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

During the past several years our department has been burdened with an overcrowded condition in all our physical facilities. Past reactions to these problems (with no other choices available) have been on a crisis, best solution - immediately available basis, such as renting space, remodeling, etc.

A major study is currently underway throughout the City to determine the capital improvement needs for a bond election to be held about March 28, 1972. The department's capital needs is one of these studies. Several weeks ago a Task Force under the direction of Captain John Swan was established to make a step by step survey of our facilities and develop a capital improvement program. This study was completed and presented to a citizen's subcommittee headed by Mr. Peter Newquist, Vice President Commerce Trust Company, on November 23, 1971. The subcommittee will conduct several hearings on the Task Force study and will present the final draft to the City Council in early January, 1972.

The following is a brief recap of the Police Capital Improvement Proposal. It should be emphasized that the following is yet a proposal and no final decisions have as yet been made.

The police proposal is that of a five station concept. The first and major portion of this proposal deals with a Headquarters Complex. This complex would be designed to house all of the Central Patrol Division, Special Operations Division, Investigations, all administrative units currently in headquarters and the Argyle Building, plus all of the support services such as the Vehicle Maintenance, Print Shop, Radio Repair, etc. The other four stations would house only Patrol Divisions. All other units except the Helicopter Unit and the K-9 Unit would be included in the Headquarters Complex.

The four patrol division stations are proposed as follows. A North Patrol Division located in the vicinity of U. S. 169 and Mo. 152 highways. This division would patrol all of the area north of the Missouri River. An East Patrol Division remaining at 27th and Van Brunt and patrolling the balance of the present Northeast Division, all south of the river. The South Central Patrol Division would be located at approximately 63rd and Prospect and patrol the area from roughly 39th Street to 87th Street, State Line to east city limits. The final division would be South Patrol Division located in the vicinity of 103rd and Hickman Mills Drive. This division would provide patrol service to the remaining area south of 87th Street. The predicted cost would be \$13,311,207.74.

The total package includes relocation of K-9 to the new heliport presently under construction, although as previously

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**A PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT** *(Continued)*

stated, many parts of this proposal could be changed before reaching the voters. Many more meetings and much more discussion will transpire before a final draft is completed. No matter what form that will take, you can be assured that careful study and concerned thought will go into the provision of adequate police facilities for an even more efficient and effective department.

**TEX RITTER AIDS VFW**

Tex Ritter, movie and recording star, gave three performances for the VFW Police Post #9762 on November 27th at the Southeast Field House. Dorie Malloy was the featured performer with Tex Ritter. The attendance was over 500 for all three shows and the VFW feels it was a big success. The proceeds will go to help the Crime Prevention Juvenile program that the Post is starting.

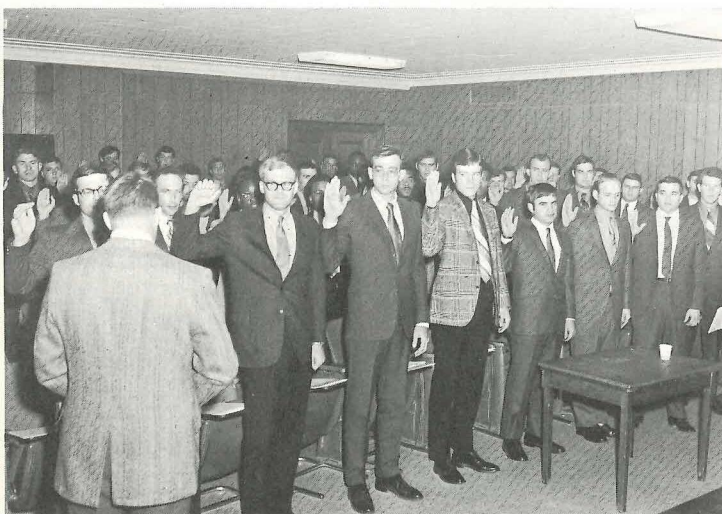
**NEW ARRIVAL**

John Cayton, Firearms Examiner and his wife, Katie, became the parents of a baby girl on November 26, 1971. They named her Kerry Cristina. Congratulations!

**LETTER BRIEF**

Marie C. Cannon, Attorney-At-Law, 1031 Scarritt Building, Kansas City, Missouri, writes to convey sincere appreciation to Ptl. R. Sanders, Central Patrol Division, for the rapid recovery of some stolen tools and outstanding performance of his duties.

**135TH RECRUIT CLASS**

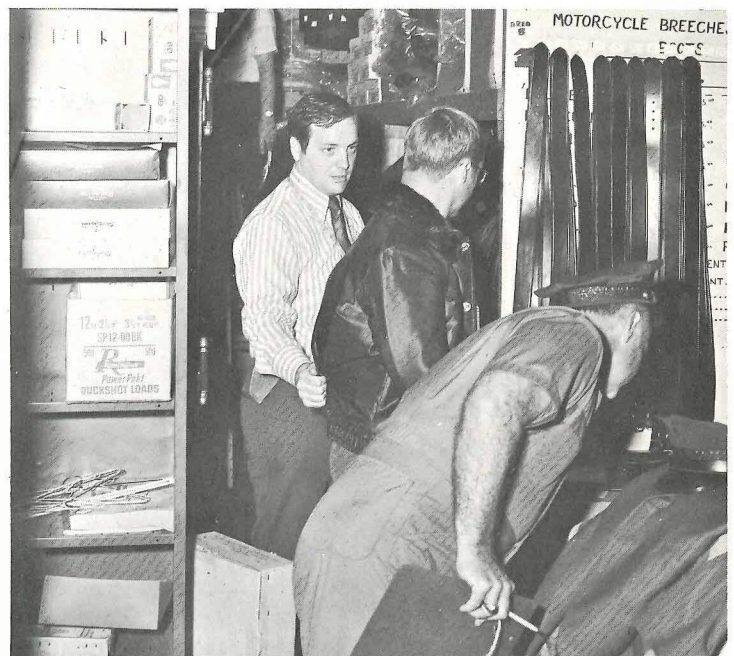


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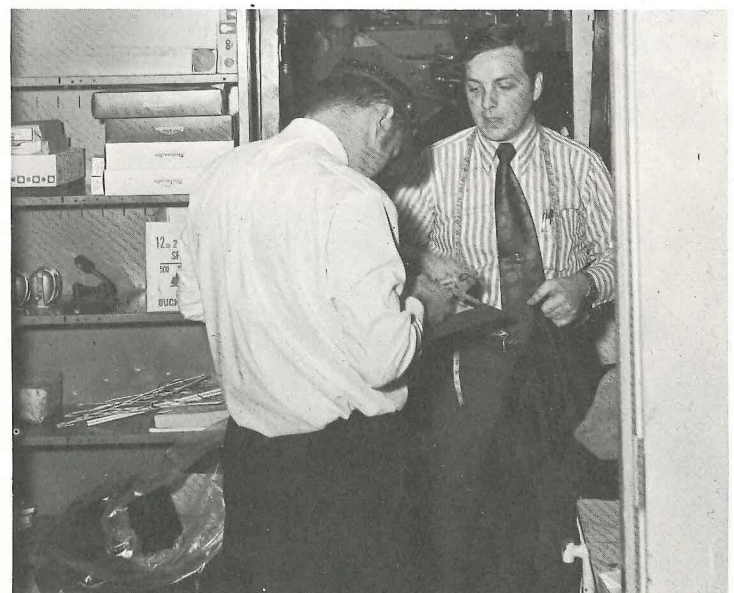
**135TH RECRUIT CLASS**



Fingerprinting



"Max-the-Tailor" assists in fitting jacket or "See it fits."



"Sign Here"



### REFRESHMENTS AT THE REGIONAL CENTER



The Police Wives provided refreshments after the graduation ceremonies.



The ladies attending were: Sandi Robinson, Loretta Mattingly, Betty Nichols, Diana Rickel, Sue Gallatin, Anita Strub, Betty Williams, and Cherie Quirk.

### TABLE TENNIS ANYONE?

The Kansas City Missouri Police Department Table Tennis Team, coached by Captain Bob Sawtell, composed of William Deal, Larry Keller, Pat Stark, Jay Lawson and Lloyd Stark, were observed sneaking away from the Garrison Community Center, Wednesday, November 24, 1971, after they were beaten in a table tennis tournament by the Northeast Community Center Juniors. Our team scored only two points the entire tournament against the eleven year old Juniors. Coach Sawtell is interested in recruiting some new team members! Table Tennis Anyone?

### LEARN TO FLY

Fairfax based Cessna 150 rents for \$5.00 per hour, dry. Club membership charge - \$8.00 per month, \$50.00 initiation fee. Fully insured. Contact Officer Stephen Untrif, extension 346, for details.

### MEDAL OF VALOR



On October 14, 1971 at approximately 9:00 PM, Ptl. Robert W. Evans, while in the performance of his duty as a motorcycle officer, was struck by an automobile and killed. Patrolman Evans became the 103rd Kansas City Missouri Police Officer to lose his life while protecting lives and property and preserving peace in Kansas City.

The Kansas City Police Department honor our own by awarding posthumously to Robert W. Evans the Medal of Valor. The highest award any Kansas City Missouri Police Officer can receive.

Mrs. Robert Evans receives the award from Chief Clarence M. Kelley at a recent Board Meeting.

### BE PREPARED

Wouldn't you like to help a boy scout be prepared for a camping trip by donating a tent, or sleeping bag or any camping or scouting equipment? If you would, contact Detective George Jeter, General Assignment Unit, extension 406. Help a boy!

### SOUTHERN POLICE INSTITUTE



Sgt. Billy F. Trollope, Tactical Unit, is shown discussing the utilization of completed staff studies at the Southern Police Institute.



### RESERVE UNIT PARTY



Thirteen Reserves and their wives, all recruits presently attending Regional Center for Criminal Justice.



Left to right (retirees): Mrs. Jessie Knight, Ret. Major Walter Sanders, Mrs. Sanders, Captain Mike Borello, retired, Ret. Ptl. Earl Nielson, Mrs. Nielson, Ret. Captain Everett N. Staley.



Left to right: Rev. Ben Morris Ridpath, Mrs. Kelley, Chief Kelley, Mrs. Wheeler (hidden), Mayor Wheeler (with baton), Res. Officer Harry R. Haase, Mrs. Haase, and Dick Reid.

### RESERVE UNIT PARTY

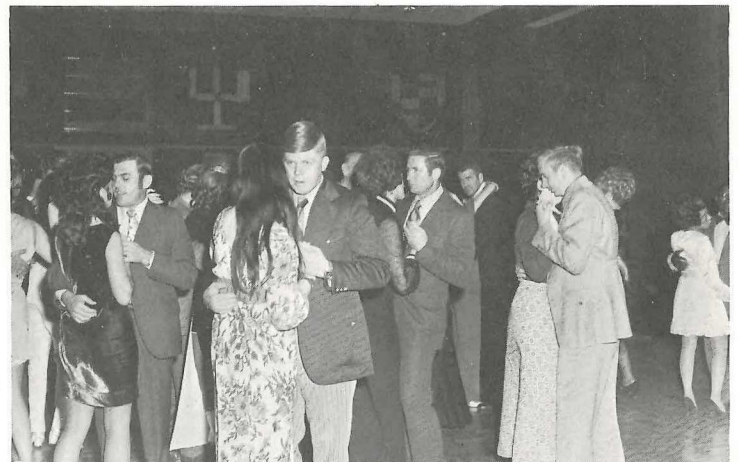


Left to right: Mrs. Kelley, Chief Kelley, Mrs. Wheeler, Mayor Wheeler, Res. Officer Harry R. Haase, Mrs. Haase, Captain Reid, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Carl Johnsen, and Lt. Col. Carl Johnsen.

### INVESTIGATIONS UNIT PARTY



From left to right: Sgt. Elmer Meyer, Sgt. John R. Cowdrey and Det. Steve Grosko and their wives.



I like these fast dances.



## INVESTIGATIONS UNIT PARTY



Left to right are Sgt. Frank Schump, Sgt. Leonard Orscheln, Det. Fred Hauser and their wives.



Are we going the wrong way?



Left to right: Det. Richard L. James, Det. Clarence R. Luther and their wives.

The old believe everything: The middle-aged suspect everything: The young know everything. — Wilde.

## CRIME PREVENTION SECTION

The Crime Prevention Section of the Public Information Unit has new and varied duties to introduce into the police field. Kansas City Missouri Police Department is one of the first 27 Police Departments throughout the nation to implement such a program into its innumerable activities.

At the present time Ptl. Elmer Ratterree is assigned to the section. His duties are many, presently concentrating on the primary causes of armed robberies, what situations are constant and what situations are variable, both always being present in the commission of an armed robbery. Crime scene studies are somewhat varied from that of the Detective Unit in that the study is to determine what happened prior to the offense, how a particular business was chosen.

Although we presently have entered into a situation after the commission of a crime, our main concern is to enter prior to the occurrence of an offense so that it may be prevented. Security measures are then recommended to the victim in hopes the owner accepts the suggestions, implements the procedures into his company policy in order that the business may not experience a second occurrence, in other words deters any future attack.

Studies are being made at this time on our biggest armed robbery problem, that is the armed attacks on service stations, which constitutes 40% of all business robberies. Security measures shall be introduced to all oil companies through educational sessions which will bring an awareness to those employees that the situations exist which causes a vulnerability and a likely attack unless certain security measures are followed.

Until such time as the program is in full operation, we are asking the district officer to inform the businessman in his district of our services. The Crime Prevention Section will respond upon request to any business and suggest or recommend ways in which he may include security procedures to reduce profit loss caused by thefts through robbery, burglary, shoplifting, mysterious disappearances, perhaps caused by employees, or confer with him on any other problem which exists.

This is a new phase of police activity based on Industrial Security methods. Much experience is needed which means time. Your cooperation will be most appreciated. Appointments can be arranged by calling 842-6525, extension 346.

## LETTER BRIEF

Thanks to Det. John Kerby for his many helpful hints on self protection and home burglary from the Cara Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.