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Combative Training

The course was called "Combative Training," but the Toledo police officers who spent Monday evenings in the Fraternal Order of Police Hall last winter learned as much about avoiding a physical confrontation as they did about defending themselves on the street.

That's the way it should be, according to Joe Nemeth, a second-degree black belt in the American Karate System who put together the program of karate, judo and weapons techniques designed to meet the needs of the "street cop."

"After you've taken my course and practiced these things, you should be able to approach someone with confidence. If you talk to a suspect with confidence, he's not gonna mess with you," Nemeth said.

His students agree. "The mental discipline from this type of program is the biggest gain," according to Bob Poiry, a homicide detective with 16 years on the Force.

"Being cool, or at least making the suspect think you're cool, helps avoid the confrontation in the first place," he said.

"I tell them to read the situation," Nemeth explained. "You can tell how threatening that situation is, and that will tell what action to take."

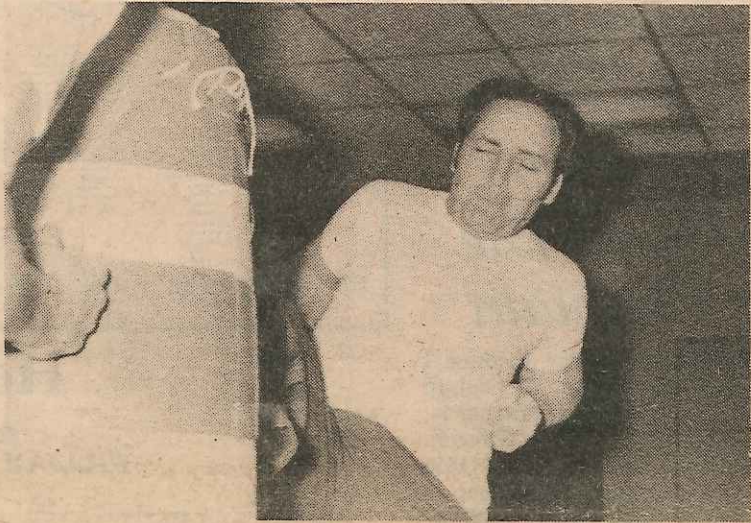
But sometimes all the confidence in the world can't prevent a suspect from turning violent. That's where the "combatives" part of the course comes in.

"Joe teaches more counters than aggressive moves," Poiry explained, and for good reason. He described a recent incident that resulted in a brutality charge after an officer used force to remove a suspect from a car.

"Just one session and he could have avoided that," Poiry said.

"There's a lot of civil suits today," said Nemeth. "Officers are held liable for 'brutality,' so I teach techniques that don't leave any bruises or scars. They just cause pain."

"You don't have to injure someone," he said, "just supply enough pain to subdue him. But," Nemeth explained,



DET. ROBERT POIRY



PTLM. MIKE BOROWSKE

"each hold leaves you the option to hurt him or not."

Another thing he teaches is avoiding the use of a gun whenever possible.

"If you know how to kick, how to take somebody down and put them in a hold, use that before you even get near that weapon," said Nemeth.

"Officers know when to use their weapon, but there's so many situations where, if an officer could have blocked that punch, grabbed the guy and put a choke hold on him, it wouldn't have gotten as far as the shooting part. The gun should be a last resort," he said.

Nemeth teaches the use of weapons such as nunchukas and the PR-24, a cross between a traditional nightstick and an oriental weapon called a "Tonfa," as alternatives.

Toledo officers are not allowed to carry these weapons at

present, but they are being used successfully in larger cities throughout the country.

They're also being used by the "bad guys," and Nemeth said his training teaches officers "how to recognize someone on the street and tell that he knows how to use those nunchukas or he doesn't."

The instructor's expertise in weapons, as well as many of his hand-to-hand techniques, come from years of karate training, but Nemeth quickly explained that his combatives course isn't like formal martial arts training.

"I have to consider the equipment they're carrying and their uniforms," he said, noting that the weight and bulk of an officer's gun, radio, mace, nightstick and handcuffs make many karate techniques impractical.

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H.B. 182 Is Passed

Columbus (Pension Board): At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund, a motion was passed (vote of 4 to 3) to support an increase of each member's monthly assessment.

Presently, each member pays 7% but the anticipated increase will be 1½%, bringing the total to 8½%, the cost for each member.

It has been learned that the OUPA's representative to the board had to "take the bull by the horns," so to say and make the motion to pass this measure. Even though this increase will greatly improve our pension benefits, there was much debate on the issue. Without support of the Pension Board, H.B. No. 182, which was recently passed in the

House and has now passed the Senate, would have fallen right on its face.

A brief breakdown of H.B. No. 182 is as follows: the first 20 yrs. of service is calculated at 2½% each year. The next 5 yrs. at 2% per year. For every year past 25, an additional 1½% is earned up to the maximum of 72% for 33 yrs. service. This bill also provides for a reduced pension where members would have more for their spouse, based on both parties ages and their anticipated life expectancies.

In order to qualify, members must have 25 yrs. of service and be 48 yrs. of age. If less than 25 yrs. of service, it's still calculated at 1½% of vested right. For more specific information, check the printed chart.

YEARS	AGE 52	93% AGE 50	86% AGE 50	80% AGE 49	75% AGE 48
25	.600	.5580	.5160	.4800	.4500
26	.615	.5720	.5289	.4920	.4613
27	.630	.5859	.5418	.5040	.4725
28	.645	.5999	.5547	.5160	.4838
29	.660	.6138	.5676	.5280	.4950
30	.675	.6278	.5805	.5400	.5063
31	.690	.6417	.5934	.5520	.5175
32	.705	.6657	.6063	.5640	.5288
33	.720	.6696	.6192	.5760	.5400

Stress: Friend or Foe?

Accentuate the Positive . . .

The stress of keeping up with both union and job responsibilities can raise a steward's blood pressure to the boiling point. However, according to Dr. T. A. Lincoln, medical director for Union Carbide, some degree of stress actually may work in your favor.

Lincoln says that stress takes two forms — "eustress," which is "normal and healthy," and "distress," which can be "unpleasant and handicapping." Maintaining that a dose of eustress can brighten up a life with "meaning, satisfaction, and thrills," Lincoln points out that high-achievers rarely lead placid lives. Noting that "where there is little challenge, there is little achievement," Lincoln insists that a certain amount of eustress is necessary to reach "peak productivity."

... Cope With the Negative

Although a certain amount of stress can stimulate creativity and productivity, unchecked stress can lead to a

variety of problems, including insomnia, hypertension, ulcers, and, possibly, a heart attack. To guard against distress, you should:

- *Build "mini-vacations" into the day* — A midday walk to clear the mind, a change in lunch schedules, a phone chat with spouse and children, or a visit to a library or museum are healthy means of breaking the eight-to-five stress cycle.

- *Recognize your limitations* — Knowing what can be done in a set amount of time helps reduce stress.

- *Watch what you eat* — Stress victims often eat carelessly and compulsively, thereby missing out on important vitamins and minerals.

- *Be sure to exercise* — Jogging, swimming, bicycling, or just plain walking can relieve built-up tensions.

- *Investigate problems early* — Problems kept under cover, in the hopes that they will disappear, usually get worse.



From The President's Desk

We're still hearing reverberations from the summer strike and the latest being the \$2.1 million lawsuit filed against your Union and the respective officers. It's too bad that the real culprits of the strike can't be tried as the infamous Ayatollah tries his criminals; who knows, a few volleys in the courtyard might encourage a more responsible city administration.

1980 may bring some new wrinkles to the job

and the association. As you know, we are continuing to compile the results of the recent survey regarding permanent shifts. This could be the biggest thing to happen within the division in years. The possibility of some normalcy in our lives is something that must be given careful consideration.

The building steering committee has been quite active in their search for a future home

for the union. When it appears that a decision must be made as to the acceptance of their selection, ALL members will be notified and they will be given an opportunity to vote on that selection.

My family and I extend to you and yours the warmest wishes for the holiday season and may your New Year be safe and prosperous.

Gary Dunn

From The Chaplain

After a three year absence, I am back in Toledo. My Bishop moved me from Oak Harbor to: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 729 White Street, Toledo, Ohio 43605. My phone number is 698-1519. Once again, I will be able to take an active part in the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association.

By way of history, it was my privilege and pleasure to serve this union as Chaplain for four years. With my transfer out of town officially my status did not change. However, the distance and environment made meaningful participation difficult.

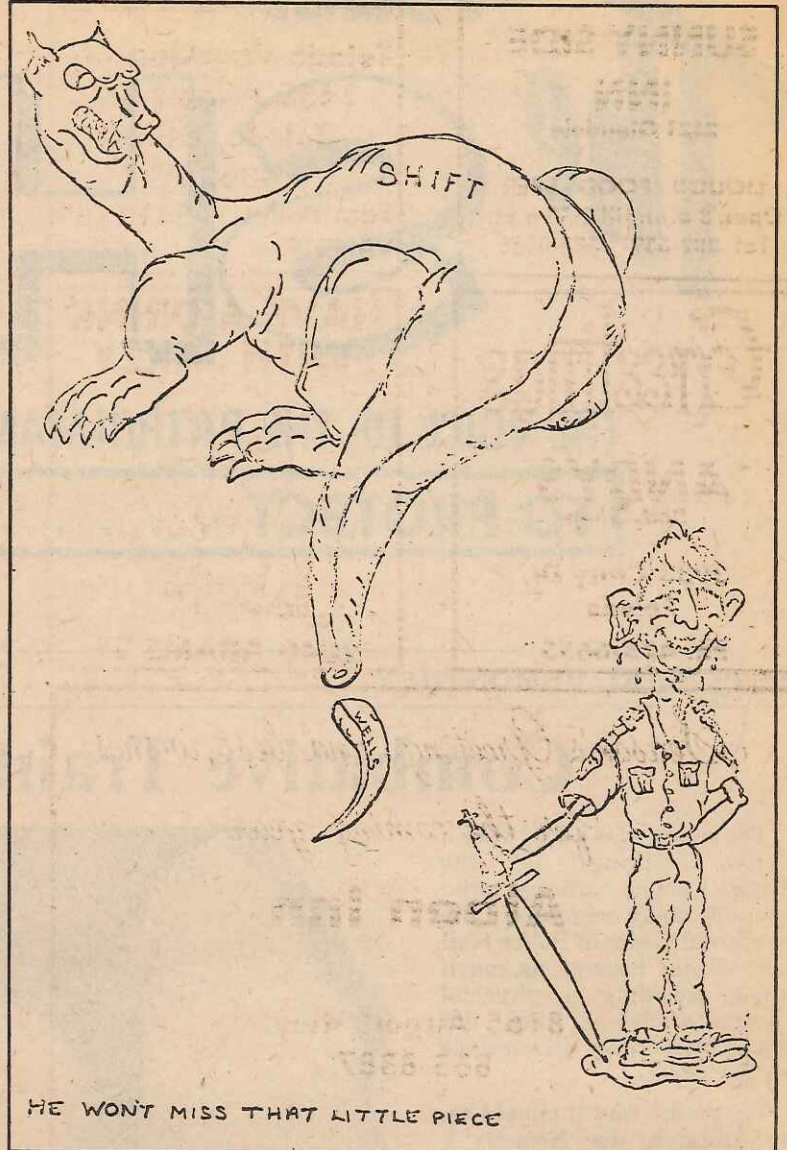
Our Union then and now believes in professionalism. Therefore, the chaplain in our organization will be a practicing minister. The rank and file need special ministering by someone who has chosen this as his way of life. Hence, the choice not of a patrolman but an ordained minister as chaplain.

During my stay as pastor of Oak Harbor I found it impossible to continue writing for this publication. The environment was so different and my contact so little that I could not write from the heart. When writing with meaning is impossible, writing must stop.

My return to Toledo found a very changed scene. For the last three months I have attended the monthly meetings to listen and learn. It's very necessary for me to catch up on the growth and change of this union.

I want to serve you, the Patrolman of Toledo. I promise to do my best, as Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas — this will cause time and scheduling problems on occasion. With understanding and sympathy we can work together to do the will of God.

May God bless our efforts!
Fr. Al-Ceranowski



Heat

By
WILLIAM A. DUNN

A police crew receives a call of a relatively minor nature. The officers arrive at the scene and find an irate citizen. Irate at the police officers! After calming the citizen down, officers find that the police department was called an hour and a half ago.

Once again the street cop takes unwarranted heat. Crews are forever trying to explain about priorities, manpower shortages, word processing no longer available, etc. Sometimes the citizen understands, other times he turns a deaf ear.

To the caller his problem is top priority and excuses for poor service will not smooth

over his ire. He sees his tax dollars leaving his paycheck and getting little in return. Since the street cop is there, he unloads his bitterness concerning the president, mayor, cops and the system.

If crews would insist the citizen call or write the mayor, we could share the heat with His Honor.

Perhaps a re-evaluation of service provided should be considered. Calls such as people locking themselves out of their homes and autos, non-injury accidents and minor parking violations, just to name a few, might be eliminated.

As you consider the entire spectrum of calls for police service, versus manpower, you can see an obvious imbalance. Ideally all calls should be responded to, but more men is the only practical solution.

If we must continue on our current schedule, the dispatcher unit should be advised if the call has been held up for an unreasonable length of time. They could then prepare themselves for the inevitable heat that will be forthcoming.

In Memory

"CHET WOLF"

I would like to say farewell to a very close and dear friend. His sudden departure has left a deep emptiness within me. The friendship that we shared is something special that I will cherish forever. I considered our relationship as a strong chain. The chain that bound our friendship now has a missing link. The memories of you will help this chain, but it will never be the same.

YOU WILL BE MISSED.

Shalom, Chet.
Roger

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This issue we begin a new article concerning the different sports and activities many of our members are involved in.
For the first time that I know of, a Toledo Police bowling league was formed. At the present time only one shift is involved, but hopefully next year we can enlarge it to cover the whole Department. We restricted it to one shift, as the bowling times rotate with the shift, so no one has to trade a day to participate.
The league began September 5, 1979, and we bowl each Wednesday at Miracle Lanes on Jackman Rd. We have ten teams consisting of three bowlers each, and the league is both A.B.C. and W.I.B.C. sanctioned.


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Jim Relford is President; Mike Murphy is Vice President; and Tom Owens is Secretary - Treasurer.

The standings of the league as of press time are:

TOLEDO POLICE BOWLING

Standings as of 11-7-79

- Hairy Shafts 33
- Billy's Boys 26
- Black Pearl 23
- High Rollers 23
- KTS 670 21
- Sloppy 2nds 17
- Indigents 17
- Cellar Winos 14
- Double Stuff 14
- Fuzz Ballers 12

High Game

- D. Heckert 245
- G. Smith 235
- D. Murray 232
- j. Stanko 232

High Series

- J. Relford 625
- B. Overmeyer 611
- R. Kurkys 603

AVERAGES

Sloppy 2nds

L. Cameron 157
R. Pigott 127
M. Murray 137

Fuzz Ballers

R. Pierce 136
T. Stewart 131
O. Martinez 150

Double Stuff

S. Green 102
T. Babcock 146
R. D. Bush 145

Indigents

D. Mominee 83
D. Murray 171
R. Kurdys 176

Billy's Boys

C. Striff 145
E. Petersen 156
G. Smith 163

Hairy Shafts

B. Overmeyer 180
J. Relford 179
J. Stanko 177

Cellar Winos

J. Ogle 93
D. Heckert 170
L. Polcyn 160

High Rollers

J. Brown 144
R. Sweede 156
A. Lohner 162

KTS 670

T. Owens 180
E. Scsavnicki 134
R. Fisher 144

Black Pearl

M. Jackson 146
R. King 132
N. Ford 153

SUBS
M. McGillivray 139; D. Pakulski 151; J. Meadows 124; J. Calipetro 148; R. Oehlert 162; H. Landis 131; A. Papenfus 142; P. Kujawa 95.

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Letters To The Inspector

Dear Inspector: I read with great interest the story in the Blade featuring your most recent Sting Operation. What was the location where all of that contraband was accepted and stored in great secrecy?

Answer: The police property room.

Dear Inspector: While riding the prisoner elevator, I was aghast at the foul words written on the walls. Will the Mayor's order to have the elevator walls painted three times a day eliminate the problem?

Answer: It doesn't appear to be working. The weight of the paint is stretching the cable.

Dear Inspector: I noted the beautiful piece of sculpture that was erected in the mall at government expense (\$40,000). What is that piece of artistic grace called?

Answer: I believe it would be aptly called, "Ship Collision."

Dear Inspector: For the past few months I have called the police on a regular basis. It is a continuing problem in the neighborhood and it calls for a police crew at my home. However, I am not happy at the response time. I call at about 11:00 a.m. and the crew does not arrive until about noon. However, I complained about this poor response time and would you believe it, the other morning I called at 9:00 a.m. and a crew arrived

promptly at 9:30 a.m. How do you explain this rapid response?

Answer: Very simple. The officer who responded to your call was catching up on calls made the day before.

Dear Inspector: For the past week I have been experiencing severe abdominal pains. I walk hunched over and my voice has taken a jump up two octaves. I am very concerned. My fellow officers have been avoiding me and I have trouble driving the police car. What do you think is wrong?

Answer: I had the same problem myself some time ago. I worried for some time till I discovered I was wearing my son's jockey shorts to work.

Dear Inspector: I have read that in decadent Rome, it was popular sport to pit the Christians of the day against a variety of beasts. As a devote believer, how did the Lord lend a hand in those days?

Answer: According to our Sports Editor, Lions 10, Christians 0.

Dear Inspector: I recently attended an in-service Training session that featured a gentleman from the local Affirmation Action office. According to him, a member of a

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Letters

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minority would hold a preference in any hiring in your police department. I understand that you now have a hiring freeze. If a minority would like to join your department, what qualifications would they need?

Answer: If you are a Female Mexican Midget, you're a shoo-in.

Dear Inspector: I am a female police officer. For some unknown reason I have been having a very difficult time

finding anyone to take me out. I brush my teeth ten times a day, use adequate pancake make-up to cover my acne and dress neatly to conceal my 235 pound frame. I have enclosed a photo of myself. Can you find any reason why my phone is not ringing off the hook?

Answer: Not at all, my dear lady. However, let me ask you one question. After looking at your picture, did you by any chance pose for the portrait on the new Susan B. Anthony dollar?

Dear Inspector: I have read a lot about the wonderful powers of E.S.P. Have your detectives ever employed this technique

when trying to find answers to a major crime?

Answer: A funny thing you should mention that. The other morning I passed the Detective Bureau and I am sure that they were involved in some type of E.S.P. session. I overheard one of our sluthes announce, "Men, let's all form a circle, join hands, and try to contact the living."

Dear Inspector: I understand that you officers are using a body - building device that has recently been purchased by the city. I have heard it referred to as a Muscular Enhancement Device and a Body Tone Complex Mechanism. What do your officers refer to it as?

Answer: I don't know what the guys call it but the Black and Blue Cross Association refers to it as the "Hernia Machine."

Dear Inspector: I read recently that you have a sergeant that enjoys wearing a tu-tu while he dances on the dining room table. Don't you think this is a bit odd?

Answer: Certainly not. It is a means of relaxation, tension release and a form of self expression. However, I can assure you he will not be allowed back to Howard Johnson's for supper again.

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Grievance Committee Report

By DAVE GRAY

There are several matters pending before the grievance committee and presently awaiting decisions from the various levels.

First is the grievance of officer Dick Mohr. He is one of the first ones to be burnt by the unilaterally adopted section of the contract which permits the administration to schedule an officer to work any mixed up scheduled they desire. Dick is being made to work 3 weeks of nights and one week of days during December. In open council, Mr. Porter stated that they couldn't do this under the old contract, so they changed it. Of course police officers are not allowed to object to this type of treatment.

Speaking of the areas of forced contract provisions, I see that Common Pleas Court Judge Riley shot us down on the lawsuit objecting to this type of labor negotiations. Of course we will appeal his decision and hopefully the appeals court will be more receptive to a system of good faith negotiations.

These type of decisions again underline the tremendous need of municipal employees to have some form of binding arbitration.

The grievance on the punitive transfer at Scott Park is awaiting for selecting an arbitrator. This one, as you recall was that 9 officers were transferred for not meeting

their quota of traffic tickets. The administration claims their transfers were a coincidence, and that the transfers had been planned for some time. Funny, isn't it?

The issue on the air conditioning of unmarked cars is still pending on the Civil Service Personnel section getting all the concerned parties together to allow the Chief some input into the decision.

The Smith and Campbell grievance on the Quota system may be resolved shortly. The Personnel section of Civil Service accepts the idea that it takes a great deal more to evaluate an officer's performance than just numbers of traffic citations.

Another grievance pending is that of officer Wells. He grieved the transfer from his present shift to a different one. We have argued for sometime now that if unrequested transfers are necessary, then

reverse seniority should be used to fill the vacancy or to balance shifts. This is the only fair way for everyone.

If we ever get a system of permanent shifts, these problems should end, hopefully soon. By now, everyone should have filled out one of the survey requests and the results should be available soon.

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Crime reported to U.S. law enforcement agencies rose 11 percent during the first quarter of 1979 when compared with the same period of 1978. When announcing the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports' statistics, former Attorney General Griffin B. Bell commented, "There have been indications in recent quarters that the level of crime was rising, and this significant upswing is very disturbing. The need for vigorous efforts at all levels of law enforcement to reduce the volume of crime — especially violent crime — is evident."

Increases were noted in both the violent and property crime categories that make up the Crime Index.

Collectively, the number of violent Index crimes was up 17 percent. All offenses within that category increased: Murder rose 9 percent; forcible rape, 11 percent; robbery, 19 percent; and aggravated assault, 17 percent.

As a group, the Index's property crimes increased 11 percent in volume. Burglary was up 8 percent; larceny - theft, 11 percent; and motor vehicle theft, 15 percent.

A collection of statistics regarding arson, a newly established Index crime, has begun, but data on this offense are not yet available.

In cities with populations over 50,000, reported crime was up 11 percent. The suburban and rural areas also experienced increases, 13 and 6 percent, respectively. In cities outside metropolitan areas, the recorded rise was 12 percent.


FBI Director William H. Webster, in noting that increases appeared for all offenses in all regions of the Nation, said, "The problem is widespread and not limited to any particular area of the country."

1978 Bombing Statistics

According to preliminary figures, 1,278 bombing incidents occurred in the United States and Puerto Rico during 1978, 40 less than those occurring in 1977. These bombings resulted in 17 deaths, 130 injuries, and over \$9 million in property damage. In comparison, 22 people died in the 1977 bombings, and 162 others were injured. Property damage was set at approximately \$8,943,000.

The leading targets were residences with 335 attacks. Of these incidents, 179 were explosive and 156 incendiary. There were 268 attacks against commercial operations and office buildings, of which 177 were explosive and 91 incendiary. One hundred and seventy-one attacks were made against vehicles, 102 explosive and 69 incendiary. One hundred and seventy-one attacks were made against vehicles, 102 explosive and 69 incendiary. School facilities were targets in 100 incidents. Seventy-nine involved explosive bombs and 21 incendiary. Thirty-eight attacks were directed at law enforcement, 22 of which were explosive and 16 incendiary. The remaining 366 incidents were widely distributed among a variety of other targets.


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Combative Training

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"The beauty of this course is that Joe takes all the formality out of it and puts it on a street level," said Larry Mallory, a TPD evidence and hazardous device technician.

"Joe listens to an officer's problems, adapts street situations to his karate training and comes up with a solution," said Poiry. "He deals with the handicaps."

Poiry is a veteran of four combatives courses and was instrumental in having the class, which began at Owens Technical College where Nemeth is working on his law enforcement degree, moved to the FOP hall so that more in-service officers could enroll.

"You can't get too much of this type of training," according to Poiry. "Every officer in the Department should have the course available to him."

Sixteen officers signed up for the Monday night classes, but shift changes and bad weather kept actual attendance down to about eight. Each class lasted three hours, beginning with warm-up exercises and moving through demonstrations and practice of techniques.

In later classes, the techniques were tested in "free-sparring" sessions with mats and pads for hands and feet. The final classes were devoted to weapons training.

Both instructor and students said they were pleased with the progress made during the

course, which ended March 26. Nemeth said he is hopeful that more officers will take an interest in his course and that he would like to start an advanced course as well.

"That's just what they need," he said, "Someplace to go and work-out instead of just completing my course and forgetting about it. They're got to practice combatives to stay sharp, just like they practice with the gun."

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Hey, Owens??? who was that guy you had bowling with

Ten Pin Tillie Tattles

you the last two weeks? A new teammate, or was it the Goodyear Blimp????? I hear Owens is afraid to get a strike because Elmer will fall in love and try to kiss him again.

John Stanko really goes over those scores. He was seen sitting at the score table ten minutes after bowling was finished, checking and rechecking the figures. What's the matter, John, didn't they teach you how to add at St. Francis, or did you really lose that game?????

I hear that Lohner and Sweede were so excited about being on time for bowling the week before last that they forgot to pay attention to the matters at hand and cracked up their police car after they got to work.

I see that Jim Ogle, Dave Heckert and Len Polcyn are certainly trying to live up to their name. Keep bowling the way you have been, fellows, and you will be in the basement. You'll have to drink a bit more, though, to live up to the second part of your name.

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By MIKE GOETZ

The holiday season is now upon us and with this writing I am hoping that you and yours will be spending them together. With shift work as it is I realize the time spent together with the family is even more meaningful.

Various changes will be made with the turn of the New Year. One will be the increase in your dues. The exact amount will not be known until after the Shield is to the printer but it will be posted and your stewards will be informed also. This change as usual will remain the same throughout 1980.

I hope this article finds all the patrolmen comfortable in your new Dodge Volare, in the

obvious attempt by the city to go compact in their vehicle and gas expenditures they must have got the wires crossed somewhere as instead of saving gas the vehicles are guzzling it. The police division will always suffer from this malady as long as civilians buy police vehicles for police officers.

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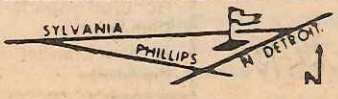
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For the past seventeen months we have had 222 members who haven't attended at least one meeting. But, on the positive side, we have 89

members who have attended six meetings or more.

The following is the list of officers who have resigned or retired recently: Craig Breitner, James Dziewiatka, Ralph Fuller, Gerald Heineman, Dennis Murphy, Dennis Romstadt, William Shinaver, Ollie Zielinski.

We also lost Chet Wolf and Richard Elwing who are deceased.

Finally, the following are a list of officers who have been sick, injured, or hospitalized: Bill Arend, Don Collins, James Daniels, Louis Langolis, Otis McGee, Charles Nelson, Mike Sewell, Larry Scoble, James L. Smith, Richard Rodriguez, Charles Vann.

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Alarms

By WILLIAM A. DUNN

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No one is held responsible or accountable for false alarms. It's time for someone to take the bull by the horns and deal with this chronic abuse. A fine might be the answer or not sending a unit until the installing company determines a breakin has occurred.

There can be little argument that false electronic alarms are the biggest waste of tax dollars incurred by the police department. The efforts by other cities to remedy this abuse has made newspapers nationwide and we just stumble along.

When one building can tie up the services of four or five police officers, two or three times a day, you must ask yourself the question, why is this allowed? When everyone concerned is when everyone concerned is the blatancy involved, the inevitable eye of suspicion starts to focus.

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Police Officers Killed

Statistics compiled by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports revealed that 92 local, county, and State law enforcement officers were killed feloniously in the United States and Puerto Rico during 1978. Ninety-three officers were slain in 1977.

Upon releasing these statistics, FBI Director William H. Webster noted, "Regardless of the seemingly routine nature of certain law enforcement duties, officers must exercise extreme caution in all facets of this work. Utilizing proven safety measures is imperative in the handling of all situations no matter how trivial they may appear."

During 1978, 45 officers were killed in the Southern States; 20 in the Western States; 12 in the North Central States; 11 in the Northeastern States; and 4 in Puerto Rico.

Sixteen officers were slain while enforcing traffic laws. Fourteen were killed while attempting to thwart robberies or in the pursuit of robbery suspects; 3 while attempting to apprehend burglary suspects; and 20 while attempting arrests for crimes other than robbery or burglary. Twelve officers were slain in unprovoked or premeditated am-

bush - type attacks; 10 while handling disturbance calls; 8 while investigating suspicious persons; 6 while handling or transporting prisoners; and 3 while dealing with mentally deranged persons.


Eighty-nine of the 92 officers were killed with firearms. Handguns were used in 68 of the slayings, and in 14 of these incidents, officers were killed with their own service weapons.

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