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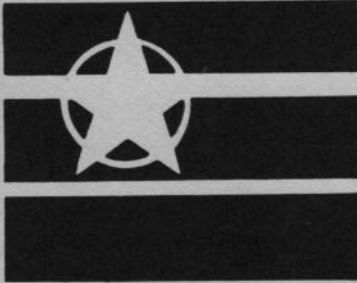
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secretary-treasurer

by D.M. "PETE" STAFFORD

This year marks 10 years that I have served as secretary-treasurer of the Georgia State Lodge.

On February 20, 1972 I was selected to succeed Brother John Cress of Albany. I was elected to the office in June of 1972 at the annual conference. The position has become more and more demanding as we have grown through the years but I have never regretted accepting the responsibility. I have made many friends not only in the state of Georgia but throughout the nation.

I look forward to serving the state lodge for years to come as well as serve all members of our organization.

By the time this issue of the magazine is sent to all members, we will have concluded our 13th Annual Conference. All lodge secretaries will receive a list of the 1982-1983 State Lodge officers. I congratulate those who were elected to serve the Georgia State Lodge for the coming year. If any of the state officers can be of service to any member in Georgia, please do not hesitate in calling on one of them.

The next issue of the magazine will contain highlights of the conference.

I remind all members that House Bill 1358 passed during the 1982 Legislative Session and was signed by Governor Busbee. The bill is effective as of July 1982. The bill raises off-duty court appearance pay from \$12 per day to \$20 per day. Should any lodge secretary need a copy of the bill, please contact the state secretary. The bill was authored by Representative Bobby Lawson of the 9th District (Gainesville).

A number of our members have been contacted by representatives of American Income Life Insurance Company. American Income Life is now handling our Accident Protection Plan. We cover all FOP members in Georgia who are in good standing with \$2,000 accidental death or dismemberment insurance.

American Income Life has been handling our insurance for over a year. The premium is paid by the Georgia State Lodge and not by the individual member. Four claims have been paid since we have had coverage with the company. All claims are handled by the state secretary. The company only requires a copy of the members death certificate and the claim is processed through the Atlanta office of the company.

If any member is contacted by a representative of American Income Life, please bear in mind that the state lodge is using the company and is very much pleased with the service received. If you are interested in additional insurance coverage, please talk with the representative.

Should any member of the Georgia FOP need the services of the state lodge, he should contact his local lodge president or state trustee. Both of these officers have access to the state lodge officers who would be more than happy to help in any way.★

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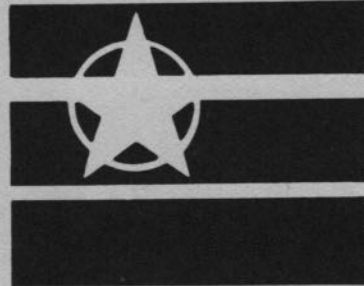
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by R.E. "SARGE" ORR

God is everywhere. In a song in the air, a rose in bloom, a prayer in a quiet room. In the rain and the thunder, in the sunshine from the sky. He is in the sea, in the heart of you and me, in the touch of your hand, in a smile, in the face of each child. He is in each sharing deed and gentle word. He is in the darkest night and in the echo on a windy hill.

Death has come into our midst once again

Brother Raymond H. Strippy, Jr., Frank W. Mobley Lodge 7, was killed April 24, 1982, when his motorcycle crashed head-on into a pickup truck while returning home from an off-duty job.

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to him: Now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace. In praying, we bid your presence with us as we celebrate the life of Brother Raymond H. Strippy, Jr. who lived and worked among us and who now has taken his eternal flight. As we remember this brother of the soil, grant us the privilege of your forgiveness through the power of your son. Jesus Christ hear our prayer.

Jesus never sleeps. He will never let you stumble, skip or fall. For he is always watching. He protects you day and night. He keeps you from all evil. And preserves your life. He keeps his eye upon you as you come and go and always guards you.

State Conference

Our 1982 State Conference will be in Savannah and we hope that everyone gets there safe. A little prayer will help you on your way. When you leave home to travel, read Psalm 121. How much safer we would be if everyone would take a little time and read the bible and pray to God that we will not have so much violence and blood shed that increases everywhere, every day.

We may this day lift life's horizon. The outpouring of beautiful, helpful service, in whatever form it may take, makes room for one in the heart of another. Our gift may not be of money, but of thoughtful deeds, kind words, and a sympathetic smile.

A man's heart is kept pure and wholesome by the outpouring of service, whatever form it may take. We make room for ourselves, in the heart of God in the same way. Keep your faith. God bless.★

Georgia officers graduate from traffic management course

On February 5, 1982, six officers from Georgia police agencies graduated from the one-month Police Traffic Management course conducted at the Institute of Police Traffic Management (IPTM), University of North Florida in Jacksonville. These men were among 36 police officers from 14 states and three foreign countries attending this intensive traffic management training program.

Russell Arend, director of the Jacksonville-based institute, said that the students received 160 hours of instruction in a variety of subjects including detection and apprehension of drinking drivers, drugs and driving, the use of speed measuring devices, police fleet management, traffic

law, negligent operation of a police vehicle, police productivity, strategies for managing change, budgeting, and media relations.

The officers also benefitted from a police executive panel discussion consisting of Chief Charles Swindall, Montgomery, Alabama; Colonel Bobby Jones, Director of the Metro-Dade County Police, Miami, Florida; Colonel Ronald J. Miller, Superintendent, Illinois State Police; Chief Sid Klein, Clearwater, Florida; and Mr. Norman Darwick, Executive Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Institute of Police Traffic Management is a two-year-old school with a full-time staff of 12

instructors who combine academic credentials with many years of actual police experience. In addition to the full-time staff, the institute makes use of over 50 part-time instructors from business, government and academia. Since its inception, the institute has conducted over 120 programs throughout the United States and Puerto Rico while training over 1,600 students from the U.S. and seven foreign countries.

Mr. Arend stated that the Georgia students were able to attend the one-month course under the auspices of the Georgia Governor's Highway Safety Program which he said is one of the most active programs in the United States.★



L. to R.: Sgt. Luther Hires, Jesup Police Dept.; Sgt. Brantley Martin, Georgia Dept. of Public Safety; Sgt. Gary Swindell, Georgia Dept. of Public Safety; Mr. Everett James, Director of Police Programs, IPTM; Off. Willie Phillips, Fulton County Police Dept.; Cpl. Richard Kelley, Glynn County Police Dept.; and Lt. John Thigpin, Macon Police Dept.

Slow but steady . . .

Study says female cops show gains

A recent Federally-funded study shows that in police departments in most medium to large American cities, women continue to make up a small percentage of both regular patrol officers and management personnel, although significant gains were registered by females during the last decade.

The study, conducted by the Police Foundation with funding from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, said that there was an eightfold increase in the use of women on patrol during the 1970s and that women in major American police departments had increased from 1.5 percent to 3.38 percent of the force.

But the study also said that women constituted 1.69 percent of municipal police above the rank of patrol officer and .29 percent of all state police above that rank.

The report, entitled "A Progress Report on Women in Policing," was written by Cynthia G. Sulton and Roi D. Townsey. It was intended as a follow-up to an earlier Police Foundation study, "Women in Policing," issued in 1972.

The findings are based on a national survey of the hiring and use of women in police, to which 285 municipal police departments had 35 state police agencies responded. The report also includes five case studies on the use of female police by departments in Washington, D.C., Miami, Denver, Houston and Detroit. All of the results were obtained from departments that serve 50,000 people or more.

The increase in the number of female officers in the U.S. is attributed in part to the pas-



sage in 1972 of the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act. According to the study, women "are currently applying to police agencies, which have announced a hiring policy of 'equal pay for equal work' in percentages of 10 to 20 percent."

The study's authors predict that "women could constitute as large a complement as 20 percent of total police officers by the end of the 80s if all discriminatory police practices are eliminated."

Women on police forces have been thwarted thus far in attempts to gain significant entry to policy-making positions, the study states, because of "the tendency toward assigning women to nine-to-five desk jobs after a few years in the department, and psychologically discouraging them from applying for promotions to supervisory positions requiring that they supervise men."

Other findings of the study include:

- Forces in both the South and the West have "significantly larger proportions" of

women officers on both state and municipal forces than their counterparts in the North Central or Northeast regions of the U.S. This is due in part, according to the study, to the rapid expansion in the police departments in the West and South since 1972, as well as fiscal "restrictions" police forces in both the Northeast and North Central regions have had to face.

- Municipal police forces in the South have a larger proportion of women officers above the rank of police officer than forces in any other region.
- Municipal police agencies appear to have responded more rapidly with equal assignment of men and women after passage of the 1972 Equal Opportunity Act than did their state counterparts.
- Many police agencies say they have eliminated traditional barriers to female employment such as age and height, barriers that agencies say once kept them from hiring men and women on an equal basis.★

Mild drugs no longer prohibit police career

Police departments are changing with the times. They no longer automatically disqualify applicants who have used drugs.

In some cities, even a conviction on drug charges does not rule out applicants for police jobs.

Current drug use, however, still is universally forbidden, according to a poll of major police forces around the nation.

"If any police department tells you they don't take people who have tried hard drugs, one of two things is happening," said one police chief. "Either they're turning away a lot of qualified candidates, or their applicants are lying like hell."

Added a lieutenant: "It's like a

(previous) bad driving record. If we have an applicant who's 24 or 25 years old who says, 'Yes, I tried marijuana once when I was 17,' that won't stop us from hiring him."

Even the squeaky-clean FBI has changed its standards. After the death of longtime Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1974, the FBI took on some qualified applicants who admitted to "experimental" or "occasional social" use of marijuana.

In New Orleans, police overlook marijuana use more than three months before a job application is filed, or amphetamines more than a year before. Philadelphia

police use a six-month cutoff standard.

Most police forces surveyed still automatically disqualify applicants who have used such hard drugs as heroin or LSD.

"If you have an acid-head, you sure don't want him running around with a .38 having flashbacks," said Kansas City's Maj. John Coleman.

In San Francisco, even an applicant with a misdemeanor conviction for drug use isn't disqualified.

Police departments find out about their applicants' drug histories through background checks, oral interviews and polygraph (lie detector) tests.★

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What is a cop?

Excerpted from the Feb. 9, 1967 episode of "Dragnet" on NBC-TV — Sgt. Joe Friday talking to an unhappy rookie.

"It's awkward having a policeman around the house. Friends drop in. A man with a badge answers the door. The temperature drops 20 degrees. Throw a party and that badge gets in the way. All of a sudden there isn't a straight man in the crowd. Everybody's a comedian. "Don't drink too much," somebody says, "or the man with the badge will run you in." . . . Or, "How's it goin', Dick Tracy? How many jay-walkers did you pinch today?" . . . And there's always the one who wants to know how many apples you stole.

"All at once you've lost your first name. You're a "cop," a "flat-foot," and "bull," a "dick," "John Law," you're "the fuzz," "the heat," . . . you're poison, you're trouble . . . you're bad news. They call you everything, but never a policeman. It's not much of a life . . . unless you don't mind missing a Dodger game because the hotshot phone rings . . . unless you like working Saturdays, Sundays, holidays . . . at a job that doesn't pay overtime. Oh, the pay is adequate. If you count your pennies, you can put your kid through college. But you'd better plan on seeing Europe on your television set.



"Then there's your first night on the beat. When you try to arrest a drunken prostitute in a Main Street bar and she rips your new uniform to shreds. You'll buy another one . . . out of your own pocket. You'll rub elbows with all the elite: pimps, addicts, thieves, bums, winos, girls who can't keep an address and men who don't care. Liars, cheats, con men, the class of Skid Row. And the heart-



break: underfed kids, beaten kids, molested kids, lost kids, crying kids, homeless kids, hit-and-run kids, broken-arm kids, broken-leg kids, broken-head kids, sick kids, dying kids, dead kids. The old people that nobody wants, the relievers, the pensioners, the ones who walk the street cold and those who tried to keep warm and died in a three-dollar room with an unvented gas heater.

"You'll walk the beat and pick up the pieces. Do you have real adventure in your soul? You'd better have. You'll do time in a prowl car. It'll be a thrill-a-minute when you get an "unknown trouble" call and hit a back yard at two in the morning, never knowing who you'll meet . . . a kid with a knife . . . a pill-head with a gun, or two ex-cons with nothing to lose. And you'll have plenty of time to think. You'll draw duty in a "lonely car" . . . with nobody to talk to but your radio.

"Four years in uniform and you'll have the ability, the experience and maybe the desire to be



a detective. If you like to fly by the seat of your pants, this is where you belong. For every crime that's committed, you've got three million suspects to choose from. Most of the time you'll have few facts and a lot of hunches. You'll run down leads that dead-end on you. You'll work all-night stake-outs that could last a week. You'll do leg work until you're sure you've talked to everybody in California . . . people who saw it happen, but really didn't. People who insist they did it, but really didn't. People who don't remember, those who try to forget. Those who tell the truth, those who lie. You'll run the files until your eyes ache.

"And paperwork . . . you'll fill out a report when you're right you'll fill out a report when you're wrong, you'll fill out a report when you're not sure, you'll fill one out listing your leads, you'll fill one out when you have no leads, you'll make out a report on the reports you've made. You'll write enough words in your lifetime to stock a library. You'll learn to live with doubt, anxiety, frustration, court decisions that tend to hinder rather than help you: Dorado, Morse, Escobedo, Cahan. You'll learn to live with the District Attorney, testifying in court, defense attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, judges, juries, witnesses. And sometimes you won't be happy with the outcome.



"But there's also this: There are over five thousand men in this city who know that being a policeman is an endless, glamorous, thankless job that must be done. I know it too. And I'm damned glad to be one of them."★

Richard L. Breen and Jack Webb

Cops use cable TV to catch crooks

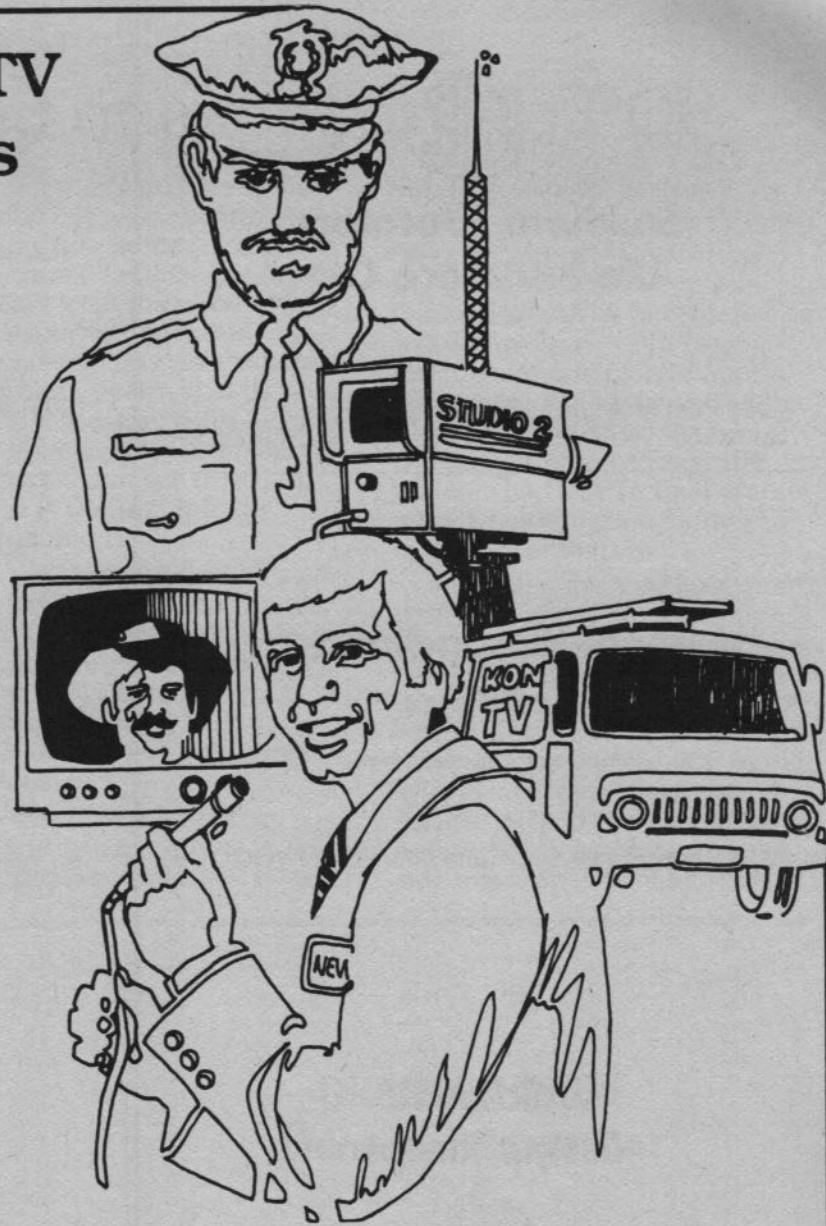
Police Chief C. William Frank never imagined he would use cable television to nab a band of armed desperadoes. But a tip from an alert viewer following an emergency police bulletin over Troy (Ohio) Cable Communications cable TV system led to just that.

"Five burglars had broken into our local hardware store at approximately 3:30 a.m. and four escaped, each having stolen a handgun," recalls Frank. "We didn't know whether they also had any ammunition, so we proceeded with an area-wide manhunt."

Four hours later, Troy police and county sheriffs had begun a house-to-house search in the area of town where the suspects were last seen.

"I felt we should let everyone know what was going on, so, we went on cable TV," Frank remembers. "We told the citizens to stay inside and not open their doors to anyone but the police. We also gave a description of the suspects and asked anyone having information concerning their whereabouts to give us a call."

Troy Cable, an operating company of Chicago-based Centel Cable Television, has an emergency override capability in its cable system. The police in Troy have the ability to override the audio on all the cable channels to deliver emergency information. They merely pick up a special phone, dial an access number, and they're on the air. This audio override feature is generally used in case of civil defense emergencies like tornadoes and hurricanes. The armed robbery incident represented the first time the system had been used in a police matter.



According to Chief Frank, the emergency announcement received quick and favorable results. "A cable viewer who had heard our broadcast looked out the window shortly thereafter and saw the four suspects running into a nearby cornfield. The viewer called in the information, and we immediately went to the scene."

With the help of a helicopter borrowed from a nearby TV station and a Piqua, Ohio, police dog named "Razzy,"

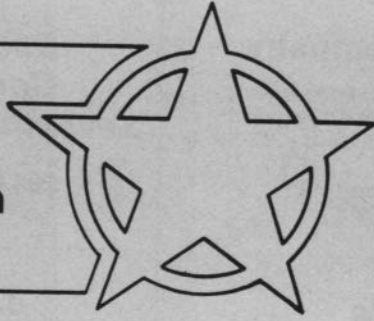
Chief Frank and his men soon flushed the four burglars out of the cornfield and took them into custody.

In a special citation, Chief Frank singled out Troy Cable communications for making the arrest possible.

The reaction from the community was equally positive. "We had a very favorable response from the citizens for using the audio override capability in this case," says Frank. "We've received no negative feedback at all."★

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The late Brother A.R. King (left) with Dr. Larry Howard, Atlanta State Crime Lab Director.

J.W. Smith appointed Bibb County coroner

by P.J. O'HANLON

In January of this year, Brother J.W. Smith was appointed Bibb County coroner after the untimely death in late November 1981 of Brother A.R. King.

Brother King had been the coroner of Bibb County (Macon) for the past 20 years. A.R. King, Jr. was a member of the POAG as well as being a member of Lodge 3 and was instrumental in bringing the Branch of The State Crime Lab to Macon.

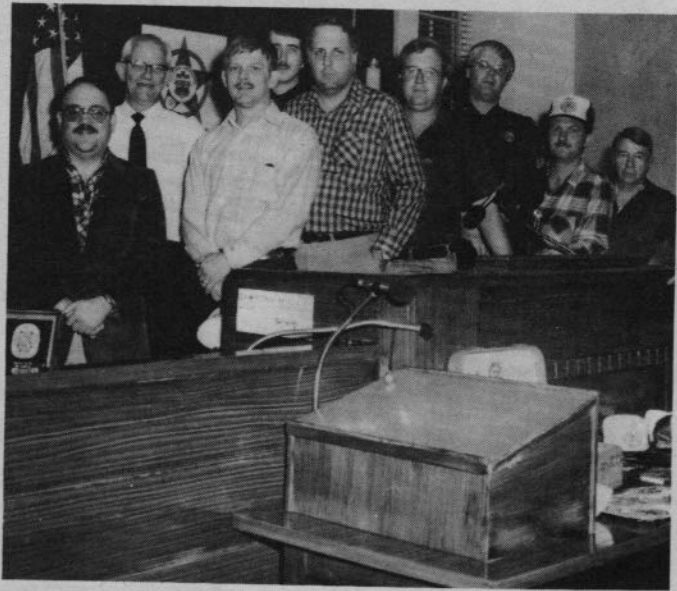
Brother Smith as all members know, is the FOP state photographer and a charter member of our lodge. For the past six years, Brother Smith has served as deputy coroner for Bibb County.

We extend sympathy to the A.R. King family for their loss. Our congratulations goes to J.W. and Sara Smith on his appointment and we know J.W. will serve the office well.★



J.W. Smith is sworn in as Bibb County Coroner.

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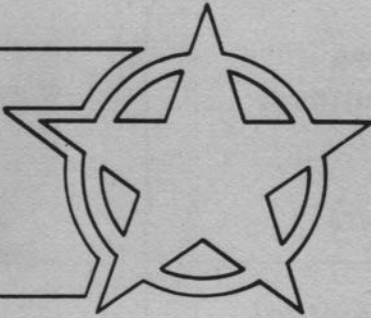


First row, left to right: Post No. 2 Lodge Trustee Charles M. Grant; Lodge Conductor Booster Self; State Lodge Trustee P.J. O'Hanlon; President Charles W. Groover II; Vice President W.G. Sapp; Immediate Past President C.E. Reynolds; and, Lodge Chaplain J.W. Smith.

Second row, left to right: Lodge Secretary and Treasurer Milton Rose; and Lodge Outer Guard Brad Mock. Not pictured: Lodge Inner Guard Greg Oxley and Lodge Trustee Post No. 1 David Banks.★

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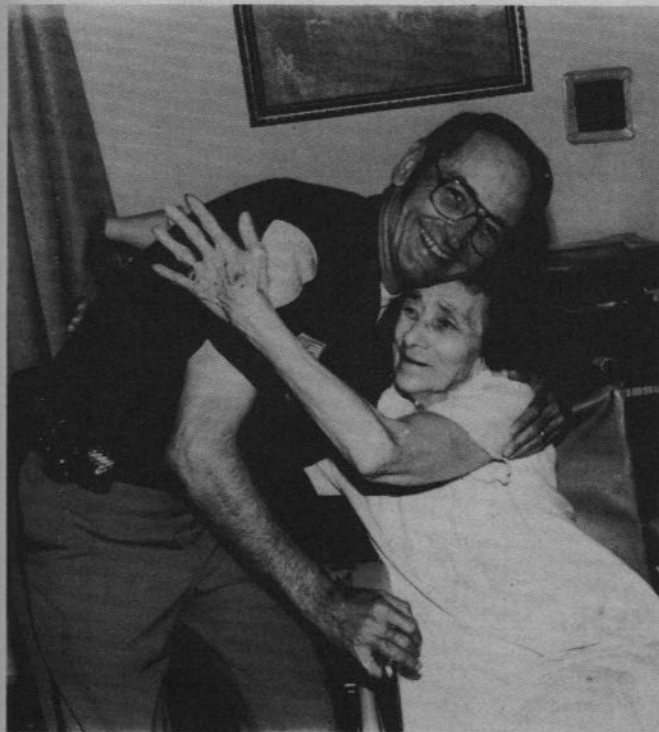
Standing left to right: Brother George Gottfried, President Carl E. Garnto, and Trustee Robert P. Jackson. Seated in the wheelchair, Mrs. Nell Cummings.

Lodge replaces stolen wheelchair

When Brother Robert P. Jackson, detective sergeant with the Columbus Police Department and local trustee with the Karl F. Eidam Lodge, saw the incident report, it was more than just another theft. Some heartless thief had stolen the wheelchair of an elderly female from the front porch of her residence. As a result, Mrs. Nell Cummings lost the remainder of her limited mobility.

Investigating further, Brother Jackson learned that it was unlikely that Mrs. Cummings would soon be able to afford a replacement chair. He brought the matter before the members of the Karl F. Eidam Lodge and the decision was made to purchase a new wheelchair and present it to Mrs. Cummings.

Lodge President Carl Garnto, Trustee Robert P. Jackson, and Brother George Gottfried took the chair to Mrs. Cummings and found the gift of love reaps many more blessings than those expended.★



President Garnto and Mrs. Cummings.

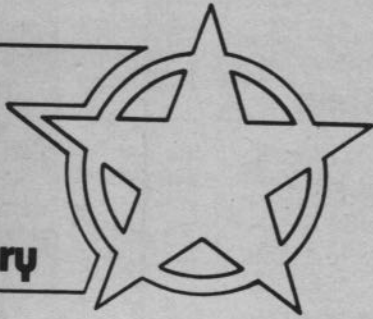
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blind situation, doing a job to protect all citizens. We need to show them that we care, that we love them and want to make things easier for them to bear.

This puts to mind:

The Serenity Prayer:

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,

The courage to change the things we can
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Our police officers have chosen a profession of helping others. (Who are we to try and change that? Someone has to protect this country) We can only have the courage and strength to deal with each given situation, and the wisdom to know that justice can be done!

Our police officers need help and cooperation from the courts, and the general public. Most of all from their loved ones, that they have to return to each day (with God's blessings). We never know who is going to be next.

Take care of your police officers. Show them you care, by forming an auxiliary in your city.

New auxiliaries

We would like to welcome the following to the Auxiliary of Georgia: Clayton County (installed in February 1982) and Dublin County W.B. Mallory 56 (installed April 1982).

These ladies care, why don't you do the same?

It can be done by contacting the Georgia National Trustee Hazel Dyer, 3028 Empire Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30354 or State President Beverly Harper, Route 2, Box 93-T, Fairburn, Ga.

Good luck to you new auxiliaries.★

A plea for unity

It's a sad thing when a policeman is killed, it's even sadder when he has a wife and children, but what's even more sad is when no one is familiar or knows the widowed wife.

Just recently in Savannah, Frank W. Mobley Lodge 7 a policeman was killed, not in the line of duty, but returning from a part-time job. He was killed in a traffic accident caused by someone else. No one really knew his expecting wife of six months.

How can you comfort someone who doesn't even know you? How can you console someone that you don't know? How can you make them understand that you really care and understand what they're experiencing? Sometimes you can, sometimes you can't. What we need is more unity, togetherness and closeness.

Our husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, and in some cases daughters and sisters are all working in a color

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