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CITY OF LODI

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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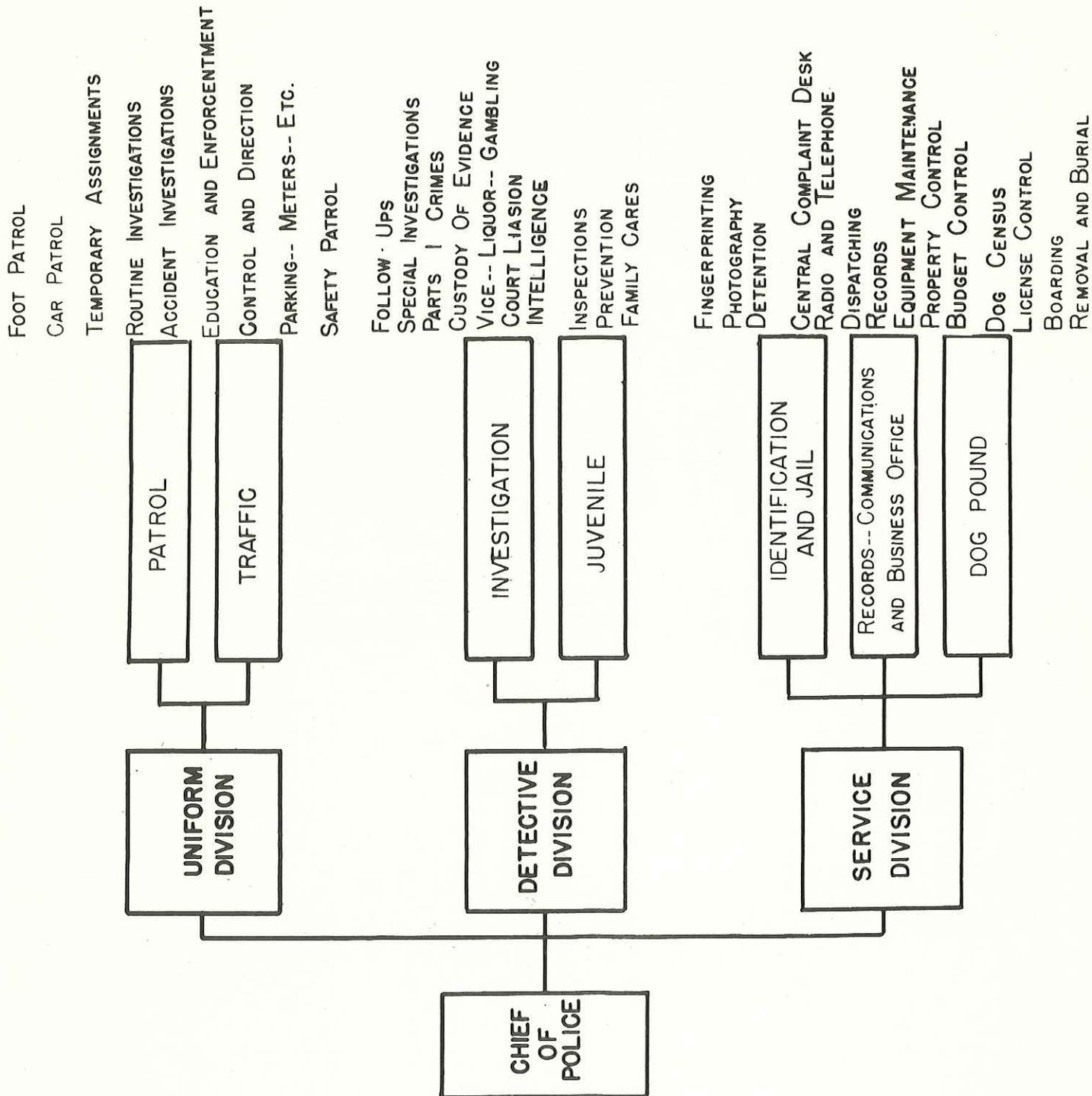
Dear Mr. Weller:

I am again presenting a combination narrative and statistical report for the year 1956. I believe we have come a long way but have many hurdles still to be cleared. Our progress is directly attributed to you for your direction and understanding.

This report reflects the past. We have not attempted to point up any goals for the future. The best we can offer in that field is to pledge ourselves to efficiency and economy of operation; we will set our performance standards high enough to meet your expectations.

Very truly yours,


FRED R. HUNT, Chief of Police



PATROL DIVISION

A building is only as sound as it's foundation, and so it is with a Police Department, with the structural base being the Patrol Division. To be successful, a department must have a well supervised, trained and efficient patrol unit. We have such a unit, here in Lodi, patrolling the streets of the city on a 24 hour, around the clock basis.

The principal purpose of patrol is to prevent crime, protect life and property, and preserve the peace. The effectiveness of patrol in decreasing the opportunity for unlawful acts and increasing the offenders fear of being apprehended is in direct proportion to the observed frequency of patrol. To this end, we have divided the city into three patrol beats, using Pine Street and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks as natural boundaries. We use distinctively marked patrol cars.

The personnel of the Patrol Division in 1956, as in 1955, totaled 19; 1 Captain, 4 Sergeants, 14 Patrolmen. These men, 1 Sergeant and 4 Patrolmen to the shift, work around the clock, rotating to a new shift every 28 days. Two men, a Sergeant and a Patrolman, are assigned to a relief shift, and one Patrolman is assigned to the meter patrol. The figures above, regarding the number of men on a shift are deceiving. The number of man days lost, due to sickness, vacations and accrued time off are not taken into consideration. In 1956, the Patrol Division lost a total of 686 man days because of the above reasons; 48 lost from illness, 478 due to vacations, and 160 as a result of accrued time off. The accrued time represents 106 days of overtime worked by the Patrol Division personnel. Overtime is paid in time off at the rate of time and one half. Therefore, instead of 1 Sergeant and 4 Patrolmen on a shift, we are constantly juggling manpower in order to keep a minimum of 1 Sergeant and 2 Patrolmen on all shifts.

The rolling stock of the Patrol Division, 5 patrol cars and 1 service-cycle, is equipped with three-way radios, selectonic sirens and loud-speakers, red lights, first-aid kits and with the exception of two cars and the service-cycle, 12 gauge "riot guns". In 1956, these vehicles were driven a total of 227,582 miles at an average cost of 3.66 cents per mile.

The patrol officer, although primarily concerned with crime prevention, is called upon to perform a wide variety of duties. To perform these duties efficiently he

must have a good knowledge in all facets of the police field. For example, in 1956, the officers of the Patrol Division were responsible for 23 of the 49 felony arrests made. They were also responsible for 729 of the 768 misdemeanor arrests.

The patrol officer, as the man on the beat, constantly coming into contact with the public, is frequently called upon for assistance or the rendering of services. The services most frequently requested are; house checks, bank escorts, funeral escorts, caring for indigent persons, delivering messages, making checks for other police agencies, et cetera. In 1956 a total of 10,570 of the above mentioned services were rendered with most of them being handled by the Patrol Division.

The Patrol Division, along with its other duties, is charged with the responsibility of crowd and traffic control at all public events. In 1956 the patrol officers handled this type of detail at the Lodi Grape and Wine Show, Lodi High School football and basketball games, Fourth of July celebration at the Lodi Lake Park, Santa Claus appearance, Fall Fashion Show, Hot-Rod races at the Grape Bowl and many other smaller events too numerous to mention. At many of these events, the patrol was assisted by members of the Auxiliary Police Unit.

When on the 4-12 or 12-8 shifts, the patrol officer is also required to fingerprint and photograph prisoners, and to transport them to the County Jail. This is necessary because of our lack of jail facilities.

The patrol officer is also responsible for traffic control on his beat. This subject will be dealt with in a separate report.

In addition to their patrol duties, two of the patrol sergeants are assigned a staff function; one to vehicle maintenance and one to departmental training. The remaining two sergeants have their staff function covered in the traffic report.

In summation, it can be said that a patrol officer, although not a specialist, must be a little bit of everything. He must be a diplomat, and an arbitrator with the wisdom of a Solomon. At times, he also finds it necessary to be a social worker, legal advisor, Father Confessor and if the occasion demands it, a baby sitter.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

In 1956, rather than employ a traffic squad, per se, we utilized every patrol officer in this capacity. Each patrol officer is responsible for traffic conditions on his beat. He is held responsible for traffic law enforcement and accident investigation in his area.

Two of the patrol sergeants have, as a staff function, the responsibility of keeping the traffic statistical records. They also keep up to date the spot maps, which give the time, location and frequency of both citations and accidents within the city. These records are primarily for administrative purposes.

In 1956, the officers issued a total of 3,601 citations, of which 3,043 were in the hazardous category. This was an increase of 37.5% over the year 1955. In addition to the above citations, the meter officer issued a total of 10,570 meter citations. This was on a par with 1955. Many of these citations, especially those issued at the scene of accidents, represent many hours in court by the patrol officers.

In 1956, in addition to issuing citations, the officers investigated a total of 392 automobile accidents involving 73 injuries. This is a 3.7% decrease in accidents with a 35.% increase in injuries. We also suffered two fatalities in 1956, as we did in 1955.

In 1956, the officers of this division participated in six traffic checks which were held in different locations throughout the city. They were held just prior to holiday weekends, and in conjunction with other valley police agencies, in an attempt to reduce accidents.

The 6.3% increase in our conviction rate on citations in 1956 is worthy of mention. This indicated two things,-- better accident investigations and better presentation of cases by the officers in court.

In 1956, the patrol division secured a new piece of equipment, radar. Although we have not yet realized its full value, because of its breakdown while still new, it should be of real help in reducing accidents in the future.

AUXILIARY POLICE

The Auxiliary Police worked the following hours during the calendar year of 1956. This does not include the time worked when compensation was received, nor the time worked in patrol cars with regular officers.

DATE	NO. OF AUX	EVENT WORKED	HOURS WORKED	TOTAL
1/31	7	March of Dimes	2	14
2/1	2	Car Drawing, Douglas Station	2	4
2/23	10	Traffic Check	2	20
2/26	1	Heart Fund Collections	5	5
3/17	5	California Hayride	6	30
4/9	2	Arch Dedication	1	2
4/14	11	Boy Scout Parade	2	22
4/23	5	4-H Parade	2	10
5/25	3	Traffic Check	2	6
5/29	6	Traffic Check	3	18
6/7	3	High School Graduation	4	12
7/4	12	Traffic Duty Lodi Lake Park	6	72
8/17	6	C of C Football Game	4	24
8/19	to			
8/26	22	First Aid Booth County Fair	4	88
8/26	2	Japanese Wedding	2	4
8/31	6	Traffic Check	3	18
9/8	6	Golden Jubilee Fete	4	24
9/13	3	Fashion Show	4	12
9/14	7	Queens' Coronation, Festival	4	28
9/14	2	First Aid Booth, Festival	3	6
9/15	4	Kiddie Parade, Festival	3	12
9/15	6	Saturday Night show, Festival	3	18
9/15	4	First Aid Booth, Festival	3	12
9/16	16	Sunday Parade, Festival	4½	72
9/16	4	First Aid booth, Festival	3	12
9/21	6	Football Game	4	24
10/5	8	Football Game	4	32
10/12	6	Football Game	4	24
10/20	4	Youth Parade	2	8
10/25	6	Football Game	4	24
11/9	5	Football Game	4	20
11/16	6	Football Game	4	24
12/21	6	Traffic Check	2½	15
12/28	6	Traffic Check	2½	15

Total Man Hours

731

DETECTIVE BUREAU

In the year 1956, the work load of this Bureau necessitated the need for one more man. A patrolman was assigned to these duties. Just recently the City called upon the State Personnel Board to conduct a survey. The recommendations of this survey provided for a Detective-Sergeant and one Detective.

The responsibilities of this Bureau are varied and many. This Bureau is under the direct command of the Chief of Police and is responsible to him for any vice, liquor or gambling conditions which may arise in the city. The Bureau is called upon to investigate all Part I and Part II crimes, such as homicide, robbery, burglary, rape, grand larceny, aggravated assault, auto theft, forgery, fictitious checks, embezzlement, fraud, narcotics, etc. The Bureau also conducts all special investigations; has custody of evidence, and maintains court liaison for the Department in all cases. The Bureau is also charged with responsibility of weekly inspection of bars and pawn shops. All card dealers are checked for city card dealer permits and pawn shops are requested to make a monthly written report on all purchases. It is the Bureau's responsibility to gather, preserve and analyze facts and evidence; make reports concerning criminal offenses and provide sufficient evidence for the prosecution of charges so courts can determine guilt.

The Bureau must maintain a very close working relationship with the District Attorney's Office and various branches of law enforcement agencies at all levels of government; i.e., Federal, State and County, --F.B.I., Secret Service, State Narcotics Bureau, Pure Food and Drug, various Police and Sheriff Offices, State Parole and Probation Officers, etc..

In March, 1956, the Detective-Sergeant of the Bureau was invited to attend the 57th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Academy, Washington, D.C. by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI. Twelve weeks course was completed in June 1956.

This Bureau is also responsible for the service of all warrants directed to this Department. In the year 1956 the Bureau processed, served or attempted service of 892 warrants. This necessitates investigation of each warrant. Persons must be located, arrested, booked, processed and taken before the court or allowed bail. Following is the breakdown of warrants served for 1956.

1. Traffic	782
2. Misdemeanor.	82
3. Felony	28

The Detective Bureau conducted 172 investigations for 1956. These investigations are by request of the Chief of Police or outside departments needing assistance in their cases. Full reports are made on all cases.

Arrests for Outside Police Agencies:

- 1. Armed Robbery 1
- 2. Parole violation 1
- 3. Runaway (Juvenile) 2
- 4. Fictitious Checks 2
- 5. Burglary 3
- 6. Forgery 1
- 7. Rape 1

At years end the Detective Bureau records show the following cases as received and closed by arrest:

	Received	Closed
Burglary	50	28
Robbery	7	1
Forgery & Fictitious Checks	50	54(16-1955)
Prostitution	1	1
Fraud	1	1
Grand Theft	12	3
Malicious Mischief	2	2
Child Molesting	1	1
Sex Perversion	2	2
Escapee	1	1
Hit and Run	1	1
Missing Persons	2	2
Rape	1	1

JUVENILE BUREAU

The activities of this division were quite heavy and diversified. Most of the time was devoted to juveniles, but there were times when other police duties were performed.

In the field of Juveniles, this division handled 719 youths of both sexes.

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Traffic Law Violations	281	422
Juvenile Hall	51	58
Complaints on youths	247	233

Traffic violations, it should be noted, that the local court has jurisdiction to act as referee for the Juvenile Court. This office acted as liaison between the department and the Court. It also performed the duties of bailiff and presented the cases to the court for the department.

The policy of the department has been one of working with the youth in trouble and endeavoring to aid them in solving their problems locally. Juvenile Hall is used as a last resort and when other efforts have failed. The department has found that by working with the youth and the parents, favorable results have been obtained. We have found that the schools and the pastors of our many churches are willing and able to help, and by using these methods it does not leave a bitter taste. During the year we handled 233 cases in this manner.

Last year there were fifty-eight cases wherein we considered the violations of such a serious nature that we sent the juveniles to the Juvenile Hall. A few of these cases were first offenders. There were also repeaters who either would not respond to the above treatment or did not care, or we did not have sufficient insight to enlighten the youth. Much thought and consideration is given to these matters before drastic action is taken.

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Bicycle licenses	1293	1984

We licensed 50% of bicycles at the schools as a safety program.

The Tokay Torquers sponsored a bicycle safety program at the various grammar schools, and this bureau co-operated in every way possible by showing safety films and giving talks at all grammar schools.

Eleven grammar school classes came to police headquarters as well as several Cub Scout and Brownie troops.

They were shown how the police department operates. We endeavor to teach the children that the police officer is their friend and that we are here to aid them.

The personnel of this bureau has visited the High School during the year. On three occasions we presented a narcotic film and talked on narcotics to the physiology classes taught by Mr. Buell and assisted with a drivers' safety program with the visit of Mr. Freddie Agabashian. The Office has participated in four talks on juvenile affairs before service clubs and churches and give showings of narcotic films and talks on the subject.

The personnel of the bureau spends as much time as possible with the Junior Traffic Patrol boys and girls at the various schools to aid and assist them. An annual picnic was held at Lodi Lake Park for this group. This affair is aided financially by the Lodi Kiwanis Club and the City of Lodi, with many merchants of our city supplying the prizes for games and races. Approximately one hundred and sixty boys and girls attended this picnic.

This bureau also co-operates with the California Highway Patrol, the Stockton Police Department and the local Board of Education on the planning of trips for large groups of youths. Last year we planned the transportation and escort of thirteen hundred youngsters to the Shrine Circus in Stockton. Everything went smoothly and we returned with a happy group of youngsters.

This bureau has co-operated with the Auxiliary Police group under Sergeant Schnabel by showing training films and giving talks on Juvenile work of this bureau and the study of narcotics.

The bureau participated in and assisted with the police booth for three days at the Lodi Grape and Wine Festival. From the comments of the general public, I believe our display was one of importance and it was well received.

The bureau has found time to visit the Fricot Ranch School for Boys in Calaveras County on four different occasions. On these visits we have been fortunate enough to have candies, cake, cookies and ice cream to take along to break the ice, all donated by the public. We have found that a man in uniform doing such things has changed many a child's thinking. We are sure it has helped a great deal to break down the barrier of the "Cop Hater" that is found in such institutions.

Our fifth annual Christmas Party at Fricot Ranch School proves that it is something looked forward to by all officers of our department as well as the personnel and inmates of the institution.

This division assisted through the year with the transportation of prisoners to and from the County Jail and Women's Ward at the County Jail Farm. Ten trips to Women's Ward at San Joaquin County Jail Farm, a matter of fifteen hours, 420 miles. Eleven trips to San Joaquin County Jail, a matter of eleven hours, 264 miles.

In closing, we feel that improvement has been accomplished in this bureau, but there is room for plenty more and possibly always will be. We believe much of our problems can be cured by education. Therefore it is up to us to create more and better public relations with our schools, service clubs and churches, as well as all other public affairs.

A county-wide meeting of Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's, along with Juvenile Officers under their command and representatives of the District Attorney's office and Probation Office and the Juvenile Judge about twice a year, meeting on common ground with our problems could have a happy result.

RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

An efficient Records Division is indispensable to a well organized Police Department. To meet the needs of modern Police work the Records Division must provide aid in departmental operations by auditing and evaluating work performed. The use of adequate police records will permit the Chief of Police and other supervisory officers to maintain control over the department which cannot be achieved in any other way.

It has been correctly stated that the efficiency of any police organization or agency is no better than its reporting or records system. In a sense the reports and other data maintained in the Records Division represent the official memory of the department.

It is the accumulation of this data which gives effectiveness to any police agency in its fight to detect and apprehend those persons guilty of anti-social conduct. A report properly executed and filed today, containing all facts, modus operandi, et cetera, may be of material importance the next day, the next week, or the next year.

In addition to providing the official memory of the department, the records system,

- (a) Assists in the preparation of monthly and annual reports.
- (b) Aids the administrator in keeping abreast of current activities.
- (c) Aids in analyzing emergency situations in order that plans for the future may be developed.

From the foregoing it is apparent that the Records Division is more than a mere depository of routine information. The work of this division can be compared with the bookkeeping and accounting activities in a private business, for it furnishes those charged with the administration of the department with various yardsticks whereby its operations may be evaluated. Perusal of records maintained

by the division often dictates that certain policies should be changed to eliminate useless and wasteful operations and insure that a higher degree of efficiency is being attained.

Every member of the department contributes in some degree to the records maintained by the Police Department; accordingly the facilities of this division are available to all in the Police Department for their assistance in the performance of their duties. Records and reports received by this division must be immediately available for reference to all officers. It is the duty of the division to co-ordinate information received and disseminate it among the members of the department, where it may prove of value. It must furnish desired information to supervisors in preparing statistical studies and reports as may prove useful to Commanding Officers, to prepare monthly and annual reports and to compile such other data as may be required by the Chief of Police. The Records Division must maintain records of all complaints, reports, arrests, accidents, and all other information that police officers uncover in their official capacities. Records will show what has happened in the past and reveal the trends which are so important.

All in all, an adequate record system does supply police administrators with one of their major tools of administrative control.

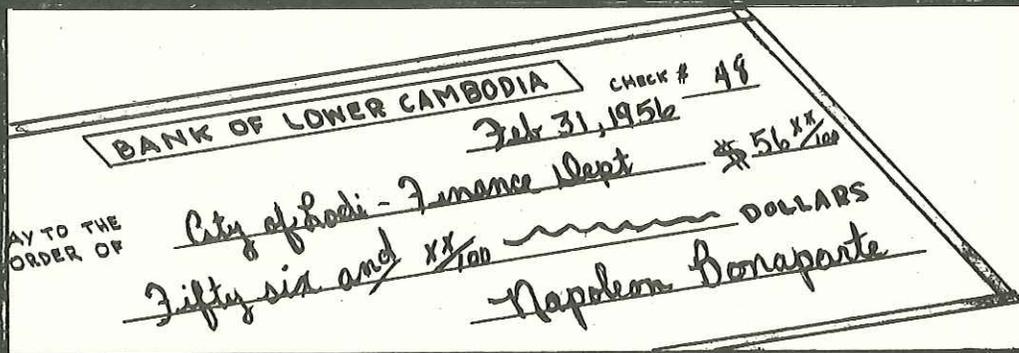
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT
LODI, CALIF.

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
PRISONERS MUGGED	487	445
PRISONERS FINGERPRINTED	842	710
CIVILIANS MUGGED	64	121
CIVILIANS FINGERPRINTED	304	404
* APPLICANTS-PERMITS GUN $\frac{53}{49}$ CARD DEALER $\frac{31}{0}$	84	49
COMPLAINTS DRAWN UP FOR JUDICIAL COURT	436	481
PLASTER CASTS MADE	4	7
LATENT FINGERPRINT SEARCHES	39	27
* PHOTOS- ACCIDENT SCENES $\frac{302}{179}$ CRIME SCENES $\frac{230}{265}$	532	444
PHOTOS FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	132	84
NEGATIVES DEVELOPED	1265	1190
* CONTACT PHOTOS FOR PD $\frac{3008}{2360}$ OTHER DEPTS $\frac{57}{48}$	3065	2408
* ENLARGED PHOTOS FOR PD $\frac{565}{519}$ OTHER DEPTS $\frac{352}{82}$	917	601
* PHOTO COPIES FOR PD $\frac{1042}{563}$ OTHER DEPTS $\frac{352}{60}$	1394	623
* COLOR PHOTOS FOR PD $\frac{125}{86}$ OTHER DEPTS $\frac{0}{0}$	125	86
* MOVIES FOR PD $\frac{10}{4}$ OTHER DEPTS $\frac{0}{0}$	10	4
PRISONERS TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL	706	362
INDIVIDUAL TRIPS TO COUNTY JAIL	249	211
MILEAGE TRANSPORTING PRISONERS	7590	6365
MAN HOURS CONSUMED TRANSPORTING	446	451
PRISONERS MEALS	392	376
OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS	16	16
OVERTIME WORKED (in hours)	166	190½

* $\frac{1956}{1955}$

PERSONS CHARGED BY THE POLICE

1. ASSAULTS -----	17
2. FORGERY & COUNTERFEITING -----	5
3. EMBEZZLEMENT & FRAUD -----	8
4. RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY -----	1

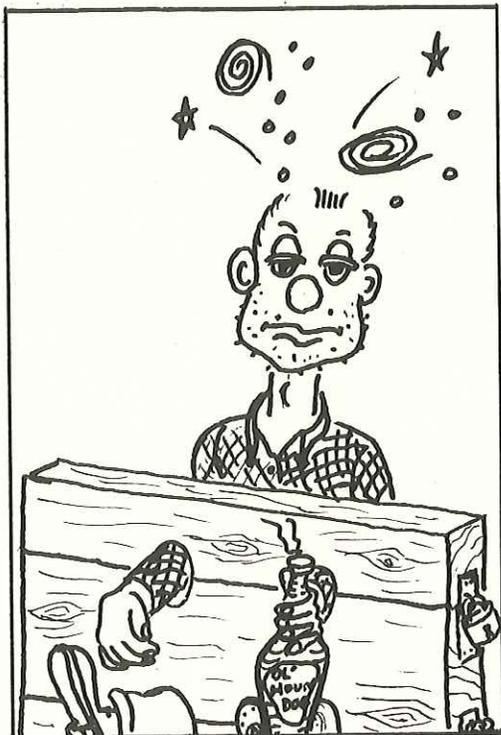


5. PROSTITUTION -----	1
6. SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT RAPE) -----	2
7. OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN --	5
8. NARCOTIC LAWS -----	0



PERSONS CHARGED BY THE POLICE

9. DRUNKENNESS	540
10. DISORDERLY CONDUCT	16.
11. DRUNKEN DRIVING	55
12. VAGRANCY	56
13. GAMBLING	NONE



14. VIOLATION OF DRIVING & ROAD LAWS---	2,988
15. PARKING VIOLATIONS	10,895
16. TRAFFIC & MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS	233

17. SUSPICION & HELD FOR INVESTIGATION--	7.
18. ALL OTHER OFFENSES	44

OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST
➤ OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON ◀

OFFENSES

CLEARED

1

RAPE

1

1

AGGRAVATED
ASSAULT

1

7

ROBBERY

1

NONE

CRIMINAL
HOMICIDE

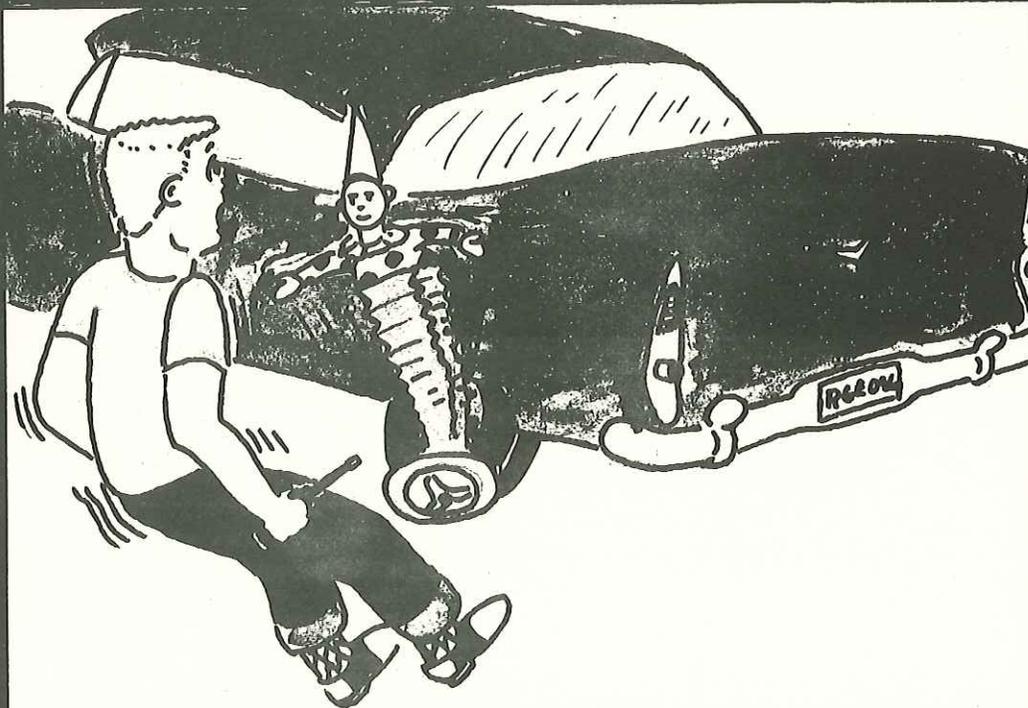
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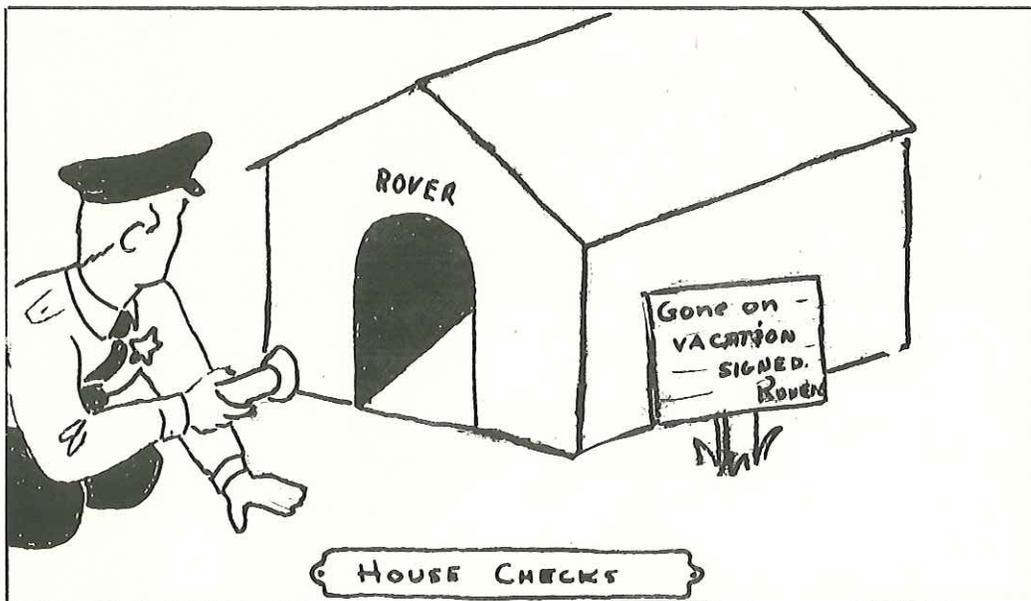
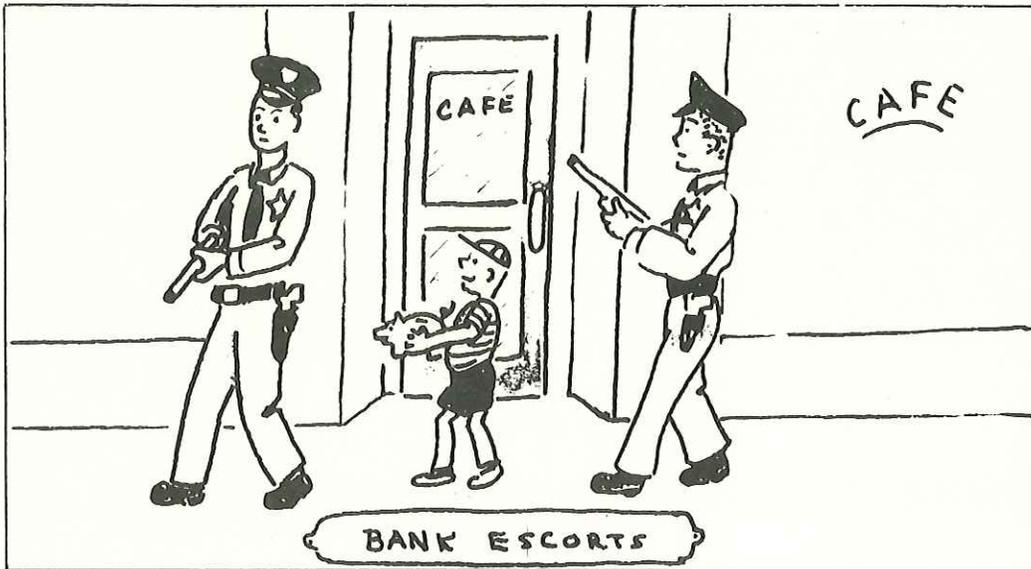
- OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY -

	PERCENTAGE CLEARED OF KNOWN OFFENSES	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES CLEARED
BURGLARY	██████████ 48%	24
LARCENY \$50. & ABOVE	██████████ 26.7%	3
LARCENY UNDER \$50.	██████████ 6.8%	44
AUTO THEFT	██████████ 29.6%	8



MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

IN 1956, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERFORMED A TOTAL OF 5,941 SERVICES. THESE INCLUDED FUNERAL ESCORTS, BANK ESCORTS, HOUSE CHECKS, ETC.



LODI POUNDMASTER

COMPLAINTS HANDLED
BY THE POUNDMASTER 2,161

NUMBER OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED 1,081

