

We all know that to perform kind and generous deeds to others is worth doing, to speak good and kindly words to others who deserves commendation. But do we realize that we should endeavor to control our thoughts so that they, too, are leavened with kindness?

Citizen Volunteers Supplement Police Work

Devote Spare-Time Hours To Form Emergency Force

A little boy disappeared in Birmingham's Pembroke area one day last summer, and within ten minutes after Birmingham police were alerted, 20 auxiliary policemen were rushing to aid regular police officers in the search.

The emergency ended shortly after when the boy was found at a neighbor's home. But the volunteer program of Birmingham's auxiliary police force continues.

Serving without pay, 23 Birmingham citizens, headed by Eugene C. Beers, of 1641 Penitence, form a well-trained group who enable Birmingham's regular force to cover over 10 per cent more miles on their patrols. They also stand ready for any emergencies or disasters.

IT WAS FOR this reason that Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley organized the auxiliary force in 1934, when city departments were alerted to be better prepared for emergencies as their part of the nationwide civil defense program.

The group was placed under the supervision of Police Lt. Delpie Service of the uniform division.

Chief Moxley called on the men who made up Birmingham's civil defense police auxiliary during World War II. Many of the wartime group have left the city and find themselves unable to serve but a few, among them Auxiliary Chief Beers, now work with the revitalized group.

THE NEW FORCE has substituted trim police uniforms with Eisenhower jackets for the arm bands and overseas caps they wore in wartime. Their uniforms are provided by the city.

Semi-circle emblems of light blue high on the sleeves identify the men as auxiliaries as they put on their hour of volunteer duty.

The number of hours served by each man varies, with the average auxiliary putting in five to six hours per week, though he is required to chalk up only six hours per month to remain in the organization.

"AN AUXILIARY doesn't take a regular officer's place," explains Chief Beers, who is Birmingham's assistant postmaster.

"Auxiliaries merely enable the regulars to send more cars out on patrol. If four officers are on duty at night, they can take two cars on patrol with two men in each. But if four auxiliaries report for duty, then each regular can take a car out, with an auxiliary riding with him. That way, twice the number of cars can pat in a lot more patrol miles.

MOST OF THE auxiliaries' hours are served at night, particularly on weekends when there is increased need for their services.

Chief Beers reports for duty regularly at 7 p.m. Fridays, and works until 2 a.m. Arthur Middleton, of 1910 Holland, has been on duty every Sunday morning for the past two years. Middleton, a member of Our Shepherd Lutheran church takes over traffic direction to present a pickup as motorists pull onto 14 Mile road when leaving and arriving at Our Shepherd and nearby St. Columban's church.

IN RECENT MONTHS, Harold J. Reuter, of 1816 E. Lincoln, has joined Middleton to aid in handling the increased Sunday traffic load.

Sergeant Les Talbot, of 1944 Holland, is currently top man in hours served weekly. Among shifts the father of five often reports for is Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m.

"When he leaves home, he always says he'll be back about 9 p.m., if nothing comes up. But something usually comes up," says the sergeant's wife.

OTHER SERGEANTS are Walter S. Wallace, of 1796 Melton,



CHIEF BEERS checks in.

and James Couzens, of 2815 Amberly. Each sergeant is responsible for a platoon of eight men.

All of the men report every other Tuesday to the commission room at the municipal building for classes in police work. On hand to give instruction each time is Chief Moxley or one of the regular police officers, each giving his own view to the auxiliary program.

"The reason the auxiliaries have come to be what they are is through the cooperation of the regular officers, who have given a tremendous amount of their time," said Chief Beers.

SUMMER INSTRUCTION is usually held at the police pistol range in Cranbrook road, where Lt. Service coaches auxiliaries during arquet practice.

Aside from those pictured, the auxiliary roster includes Herbert E. Brown, 4341 Charing Cross; Jack E. Coleman, 535 Henrietta; Lynn Craig, Jr., 431 S. Woodland; Samuel G. Fitter, Jr., 2454 Windemere, and Malcolm McKintrie, 225 W. Lincoln.

Others are James B. North, 6940 Mills drive; James V. Oxtoby, 1793 Melbourne; Melvin Pflon, 327 Southfield; Lee Renault, Jr., 1608 Stanley; James Roach III, 1211 Oak; Raymond Stevens, 1928 Webster; and Robert Walker, 1544 Bates.

ALL OF THEM, as Chief Moxley said recently, "are to be commended for the public spirit they have shown in contributing thousands of hours each year to help make Birmingham a safer place in which to live."

"It should be very comforting to our residents," Chief Moxley continued, "to know we have a well-trained reserve police unit standing by for any emergency."



State Police Seek Recruits

Sgt. Charles Mulick, commanding the Pontiac post of the Michigan State Police, reminds young men desiring to become state police officers they have only until May 30 midnight to file applications for the next training school. Recruits are being sought to fill 168 new positions authorized by the state legislature.

"A career in the Michigan state police is now especially attractive because of higher pay and other benefits as well as occupation," Sgt. Mulick said. "Recruits begin earning a good salary right from the time they enter training school and increases follow regularly thereafter, with a high in the trooper rank alone of \$5,200 a year. In addition, troopers receive \$300 a year in subsistence pay; longevity pay; their uniforms; paid vacations and sick leave."

APPLICANTS must be between 21 and 29, not less than 5 ft. 9 inches tall, in good health, and of good character. He can be either married or single.

Applicants should go to the nearest state police post, or talk to any state police officer. They also may write to the state civil service commission or the Michigan state police in Lansing.

Olivet Students, Sahlin and Uridge, Active on Campus

The Olivet college radio station under the direction of Charles Behm, of Birmingham has become, during the past school year, more effective in service to the college. Charles also took part recently in a presentation by the school's music department. He sang in the chorus and helped with the lighting. His parents are the Paul E. Sahlin of Westchester way.

Another student at Olivet, Carl Uridge, performed on the french horn in the college's conservatory of music junior recital program.

Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Uridge, California drive, Latrapp Village.

causes for dissolution. The important thing is to understand what you're getting into, and what your responsibilities and liabilities are if things don't go so well. That's one reason I never went in with my brother-in-law.

He's one of the world's nicest people, and a great hunting companion, but frankly, I don't think he knows a darn thing about business. I'd rather go my own way, and keep him as a friend.



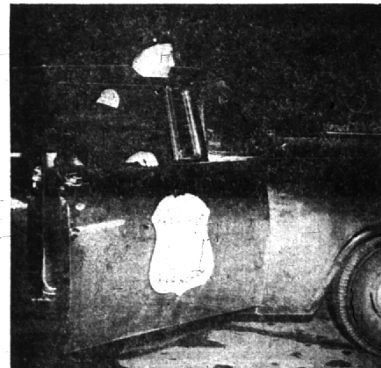
PICTURED JUST before a Tuesday night training session are the assembled members of the Birmingham police auxiliary.



LIKE OTHER auxiliaries, Sergeant Les Talbot dons his uniform at home before reporting to the station for duty.



ONCE AT THE station, Sgt. Talbot looks over teletype reports with Jim Rast (left) and Chief Beers (center).



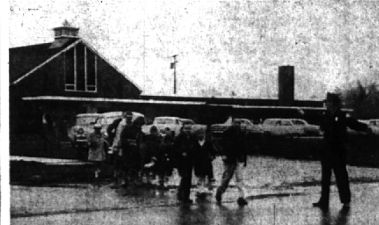
OFF TO WORK Sgt. Talbot goes, as he steps into a police car to begin a night patrol alongside a regular officer.



ARTHUR WILKIE, of 1776 Derby, stops on a night patrol to see if all's well at an unattended gas station.



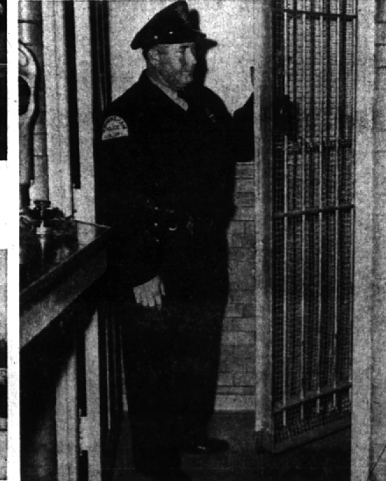
AUXILIARIES' three sergeants, (from left), James Couzens, of 2815 Amberly; Talbot and Walter S. Wallace, of 1796 Melton, assured photographer guns weren't loaded for this shot of target practice.



ARTHUR MIDDLETON helps a group of youngsters cross 14 Mile road after Sunday school at Our Shepherd Lutheran church.



AFTER TWO RECKLESS drivers are placed under arrest, Earl Irish, of 2476 Windemere, and Jim Rast, 551 Oak, take a break at the station.



SGT. TALBOT closes the door on some of his work.

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