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Final Shape-up on Widows' And Orphans' Assn. Election

The Annual Election of Officers for the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association was held this year from December 6th to and including December 9th, 1955.

It was a very lively election participated in by one thousand four hundred sixty-one members. All are to be congratulated for their cooperation and interest in this election. Each station and bureau was well represented and the retired members, as usual, showed a high percentage voting.

The candidates for Worthy President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer ran unopposed. These officers are, respectively, Ted Dolan of Southern Station, Thomas Fitzpatrick of the Bureau of Inspectors, Owen Fogarty of Headquarters Company and Gerald Flynn of the Bureau of Inspectors. All of these candidates were sincerely gratified at the vote of confidence given them and are thankful of the membership's efforts in their behalf.

This year we had two candidates for the office of Vice-President. They were Officer William Murphy of Ingleside Station and Retired Deputy Chief, James Quigley. James Quigley was voted into the office by receiving seven hundred ninety-six votes to William Murphy's six hundred fifty-one votes. Both express their appreciation to their supporters.

We had eight candidates running for the office of Trustee, five to be elected. Three of these candidates were incumbents and were returned to office. They were Sergeant Michael Buckley of the Traffic Bureau with one thousand sixty

votes, Captain Phil Kiely of Northern Station with one thousand forty-three votes and Sergeant Edward Hahn, Sr. of Taraval Station with seven hundred six votes. The two new men elected to the Board of Trustees this year were Officer James Diggins of the Traffic Bureau and Officer Dan Murphy of the Bureau of Inspectors with eight hundred thirty-two and seven hundred eighty-nine votes respectively. Other candidates for the office of Trustee were Officer Ford Long of Headquarters Company, Officer William O'Halloran of Central Station and Officer Vincent Simpson of Taraval Station. All of these candidates wish to thank the many members who voted for them. All were excellent candidates who had at heart only the interests of our fine Association. Winners and losers were gracious as befits candidates for office.

We also voted on amending our Constitution; Article I Section 3 which would have changed the term of office for the Recording Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. This change in amendment was proposed by Trustee Michael Buckley and was designed to afford the organization the services of an experienced officer at all times. The measure did not pass. This failure to pass was not because the membership was against such staggering of terms but rather because the entire amendment was printed on the ballot and many thought it was part of the instructions on voting and failed to read it in its entirety. The proposed change re-

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IN MEMORIAM



Courtesy S.F. Chronicle

**Motorcycle Officer
GORDON J. OLIVEIRA**

We respectfully dedicate this issue of The Policeman to the memory of Motorcycle Officer Gordon J. Oliveira who was fatally injured in the line of duty on the night of December 28, 1955.

Officer Oliveira was a veteran of the Marine Corps, who was decorated for bravery in World War II. He was recalled into the Marines in 1950 and served one more year.

He entered the Police Department on October 16, 1948. Oliveira was twice cited for meritorious conduct; July 16, 1949, 1st Grade in the capture of an armed hold-up man and again on October 4th, 1953, 1st Grade when he was stabbed by a prowler whom he arrested.

Gordon Oliveira was a very fine police officer. It has been an honor to serve with him, truly, one of San Francisco's finest.

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We plan to publish this paper every month for the members of the association. Any criticism, contribution or suggestion will be appreciated. Contact any member of the publications committee.

The Blood Bank

The Police Officers Association as one of its benefits to members maintains a Blood Bank from which any of the members may draw at any time. The chairmen of the Blood Bank Committee are Carl Vogelsang and Nick Galousin who are prepared to help any member at any hour of the day or night when the need for blood arises. Brother Galousin may be contacted at the Richmond Station or at Evergreen 6-4415, Brother Vogelsang at the Traffic Engineer's Office or at Juniper 6-5947.

The Blood Bank is located at 270 Masonic Avenue. You may go out there whenever you desire to donate blood. The phone number is Jordan 7-6400, however it is not necessary to call for an appointment but it is a good idea to call and see whether they are busy.

You never know when you will need blood for yourself or one of your loved ones so it is only right that you donate a pint. You ask the woman at the Blood Bank to put your deposit into the Police Account.

A number of members have received blood and never bothered to make an effort to donate. Quite a few men would give but are afraid of the pain or after-effects involved. There is no more pain than a mosquito bite and the after-effects are nil.

The Blood Bank Committee is now putting a new system into use. Instead of having a general drive, they are going from station to station. The reason for this is to keep the supply of blood fresh and this new system will keep adding a few pints each month so that the blood will never go out of date.

Keep in mind that the need for blood is always unexpected, you never know, it may be you who needs it next.

More--Shape-up

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ceived a YES VOTE of five hundred thirty-seven and a NO Vote of one hundred and fourteen. However, any change of the Constitution necessitates a two-thirds majority of at least a two-thirds vote.

Your officers for the year 1956 will be Worthy President, Ted Dolan, Vice President, James Quigley, Recording Secretary, Tom Fitzpatrick, Treasurer Gerald Flynn; Board of Trustees, Michael Buckley, Phil Kiely, Edward Hahn, James Diggins and Dan Murphy. These officers will be installed at the regular monthly meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 13th, 1955. All members are urged to attend this meeting and of course are welcome at all meetings of the Association.

The officers of the Association wish all of you members a prosperous New Year and assure you that they will work to the best advantage of the entire membership during the forthcoming year.

EDITORIAL

We, the officers of the Police Officers' Association wish to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the San Francisco Police Department a happy and prosperous 1956. May the New Year bring you and yours health, happiness and contentment. Let's get together and help to make 1956 a year that we will always remember. We are always open to suggestions which will improve our association, your cooperation is asked. Make an effort to attend as many meetings this year as you possibly can.

Association Meeting

The January meeting of the Association will be held at Dove Hall, 18th Street between Guerrero and Valencia Streets on Tuesday, January 17, 1956.

This is an especially important meeting because the nomination of officers for the coming year will take place. Keep in mind that the night of nominations is the night to get your candidate under way. If you miss this meeting and later are unhappy about the officers, you have no one to blame but yourself.

The election will take place some time before the February meeting when the new officers will be installed.

The Christmas Tree Party

Saturday, December 10th, 1955 marked what was probably the most successful Christmas Tree Party in the history of the Police Association. The children all seemed to have a wonderful time and were very pleased with the gifts.

"Deputy Dave" Allen opened the festivities with songs and really got the children into the mood. There were a few cartoons which we are sure amused the parents as well as the kids. Officers John Mackay and Frank Panacci entertained them with several songs and then came the arrival of Santa Claus which set up a roar you could have heard in Oakland.

There was a minimum of confusion in giving out the presents this time, perhaps the next party will see the problem solved completely.

Much of the confusion would be eliminated if members who have no intention of going to the party would not send in cards. Handling the presents is the big headache and there were quite a few presents for children that were not at the party.

The chairman, George Jeffery and his committee are to be praised for the excellent job that they did on this difficult assignment.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the management of the Parkside Theatre for the use of facilities of the theatre.

SFPD Federal Credit Union Golden Gate Park Station

"The time of annual meetings is fast approaching. This is a most important event for every Federal credit union and for every member as well. The Federal Credit Union Act and bylaws guarantee to the members this means of preserving democracy in credit unions. It is the time when the board, officers and committees "give an account of their stewardship" and also presents the members with the opportunity of indicating whether they approve of the management on the basis of the record."

The paragraph quoted above is taken from a letter written to the SFPD Federal Credit Union by the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions. Because it so concisely boils down the reason for our forthcoming annual meeting we thought it important to pass it on to you.

Perhaps you have never really considered yourselves as stock holders in a big corporation. You may think of big outfits like US Steel as holding their stockholders annual meeting in big plush offices without the small investor having much of a chance to speak his piece. Well, even in billion dollar organizations, the stockholder has the chance to speak his piece. After all, the investor, big or small has the right to see what the Board of Directors is doing to protect his investment.

Your credit union may not be a billion dollar corporation, but with over three quarter of a million dollars loaned out in the past two years we are beginning to think of ourselves as quite a growing concern. Your Board of Directors and your committees think that you have the right, in fact, the duty, to check their work on your behalf.

In the paragraph above we spoke of the Board of Directors and committees. Perhaps there are some of you who would like to know a little more about the organizational structure of the credit union and what work your officers do to protect your investments and to make it easier for you to borrow.

The controlling body of the credit union is the Board of Directors. There are seven directors serving two year terms, with staggered elections to insure experienced men on the Board at all

WHO: You, the members.
WHAT: Third annual meeting, SFPD Federal Credit Union.
WHERE: Golden Gate Park Police Station.
WHEN: Wednesday, January 11th, 1956, 1:00 p.m.
WHY: Declare annual dividend and elect your officers

times. Their function is to represent you in rendering all policy decisions. They control the purse strings by considering equipment purchases and other operational expenses. At the annual meeting, you will elect five directors, two for one year, and three for two years.

The men responsible for granting your loans comprise the Credit Committee. This four-man committee elected by you normally serves two years, again with staggered terms. They must pass approval on all loans, taking all possible steps to make all loan requests possible while still protecting the investors from loss of dividend through bad loans. You will elect four men this year, two for one year to fill vacancies, and two for two years.

The watch dogs of your funds are the three men serving as the Supervisory Committee. During their two year terms, these men are responsible for the audit of the books. They act as a counter-check on the treasurer, making sure that he follows all government regulations governing Federal Credit Unions and keeping an eye out for any possible book-keeping errors. They also advise the Credit Committee on the best procedures on handling loans. This year there are two vacancies to fill for two year terms.

In addition to electing men to fill these eleven vacancies, you will have the pleasant task of voting the annual dividend. Last year the Board of Directors' report recommended a four per cent dividend

which the membership in turn approved. Will YOU be there to have your say?

In November the credit union completed its second full year of operation. While statistics may normally leave you cold, we felt the growth of the credit union during the past year was so exciting that you would like to see these few figures:

	to 11-30-54	to 11-30-55
Total loans granted:	429	1258
Total amount loans:	\$196,885.95	\$769,548.76
Loans outstanding:	134,023.50	367,408.24
Total shares:	94,147.96	253,270.02
Total members:	698	1046
Assets:	138,525.52	394,076.57

Briefly, then, the statistics for 1955 reveal that 800 loans were granted for a total of about a half of a million dollars, averaging about \$625 per loan. Share balances increased about \$160,000 and membership increased by fifty per cent.

While this has painted a very rosy picture for 1955, 1956 should be even better. Whether it will be or not depends entirely on you, the members. No matter how many articles we write in the paper about the advantages of being a member of the credit union, no matter how many posters we hang in the stations, the best advertising is still word of mouth. Talk up YOUR credit union with the other men on your watch, tell them of the advantages. If you don't know the answers to all the questions, ask your station representative or call local 310 and we will be glad to help. Even more important, start saving systematically.

As we have told you before, just a pedro a payday through payroll deduction will put away enough to take care of emergencies or knock out those Christmas bills.

Well, that's it for this month. Don't forget, we'll see you at Park on Wednesday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m.

★ Vital Statistics

It is our intention to publish all promotions, retirements and testimonial dinners which will occur in the coming month. Any chairmen of any dinners of this nature will be able to get a notice in the paper merely by notifying any member of the editorial committee.

During the month of December there were two service retirements: Inspector James P. Johnson of the Burglary Detail and Officer Raymond L. Hogan of Company "G". Officer Robert F. Welch was promoted to Assistant Inspector. Officer Gordon J. Oliveira fatally injured in line of duty. As far as we were able to determine, there are no testimonial dinners coming up in January.

What's Doing in January

- 7th Fatima Group Mass at St. Joseph's Church 8:00 a.m.
- 10th Post 456 American Legion Veteran's Bldg. 8:15 p.m.
- 11th Credit Union Annual Meeting Park Station 1:00 p.m.
- 13th Widows' & Orphans' Meeting Rm. 102 Hall of Justice 3:00 p.m.
- 17th Police Association Meeting Dovre Hall 8:00 p.m.

The Police Association

Minutes of meeting of December 20, 1955.

President James Diggins called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY COMMITTEE. A total of \$1132.44 was spent in connection with the annual Xmas tree party. Presents and refreshments were given to 1262 children. Cost came to 83.6c per child.

Chairman George Jeffery and his committee were commended for their efforts in making the party a huge success.

Letters to be sent to the Fox-West Coast Theaters, the manager of the Parkside Theater, and the Motion Picture Projectionists Union, thanking them for their contributions towards the party.

HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE. The Board of Directors of the County

Medical Society has recommended to its membership that the present salary limitation for the determination of medical fees be rescinded. As yet the membership has not voted on the proposal.

SICK COMMITTEE. There were no policemen confined in Ward 1, San Francisco Hospital the week of December 11, 1955.

Bro. Arthur Posner, Mission Station, is now convalescing at home. He has been visited by the doctor from the State Industrial Accident Commission, and the doctor from the Retirement Board. The latter doctor has ruled that Bro. Posner's heart attack was not service-connected. The committee to follow up the matter and attempt to prove that Bro. Posner's illness was service-connected.

CREDIT UNION COMMITTEE. The annual meeting of the union will be held at Park Station on January 14, 1956, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Dues have been received from 1416 members.

PRESENTATION OF DEPUTY SHERIFF STAR FOR "DEPUTY DAVE" ALLEN. Directed that a deputy sheriff's star be obtained and presented to Deputy Dave, the TV star, on behalf of the Association, for his efforts during the past years in performing at our annual Xmas Tree parties.

RETIREMENT BOARD COMMITTEE. Mrs. Walter Harrington, the widow of our late Brother Walter Harrington, has been successful in her petition for a disability pension. Bro. Ted Dolan who made the presentation before the Retirement Board was complimented for his endeavors in her behalf.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. after which refreshments were served.

James J. Hegarty
Secretary

Association Membership Retirement Benefits

The year 1955 brought about another great step in the program of progress sponsored by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association; representation before the Retirement Board. In October of last year an Association representative appeared before the Retirement Board in the interest of the widow of the late Officer Walter Harrington of Central Station who died of a coronary occlusion on May 30, 1955.

Had it not been for the representation furnished by the Association, it would have been necessary for Mrs. Harrington to be represented by counsel at great personal expense to herself. The procedure of furnishing representation to people before the Retirement Board is one that has long been advocated by many members of our Association.

Any member of the Association who desires representation before the Retirement

Board should contact the Association Secretary, James Hegarty, 179 Maddux Avenue, Valencia 4-1969 before contacting anyone else. He will advise you as to the necessary steps to take in these matters.

Handling a case before this Board is not an easy job, first a complete investigation must be made concerning all facets of the case. Then a determination must be made as to the worthiness of the case. An appointment has to be made with the Retirement Board to set a date for the first hearing. Witnesses have to be secured and interviewed so that they can be appraised of the procedure of testifying before this Board.

The case is then presented by the representative from the Association who handles the case at no cost to the plaintiff. The only charges, if any, to the plaintiff are the necessary fees for the recording and notarization of any legal papers and documents which may be used and a transcription of the proceedings.

After the case is presented, the transcript is sent out to experts selected by the Retirement Board. Time is then required, a period in which the experts go over the transcript and render an opinion as to the merits of the case.

You may then accept the report of the experts or you have the right to cross-examination of the experts. This is where having a representative who knows the procedure can help you. It may be necessary to retain an attorney for this cross-examination as generally the cross-examination is of a highly technical nature.

Understand that handling a matter before the Retirement Board is a lengthy procedure and quite some time may

elapse between the initial hearing and the final outcome.

The Retirement Board itself is composed of seven members, the President of the Board of Supervisors, three city employees, a representative from the office of the City Attorney, a banker and an insurance man. It takes a majority vote of the Board to rule on a case so you can see where your case must be intelligently and properly presented. It is much like a court hearing with which you are all familiar. If evidence is not well presented and witnesses are not convincing, just as in a court of law, the Board cannot find in favor of the plaintiff. The man who represents you must be well qualified and the Police Association believes that our man is the best. Remember, as a member of the Association you are entitled to this service so don't hesitate to call for assistance.

**Happy New
Year from**

G. E. T.

Lakeshore Plaza

**Harry Grant wishes
to express his best
for the coming year.**

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