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## **NCPA to Meet in S. F.**

### *Association Dues Payable July 25*

The annual dues of the members of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association are due and payable on the 25th of July. The amount is \$4.00. In February of this year you voted to change the date from July 1st to July 25th to conform with the payroll deduction system.

Inasmuch as payroll deductions did not get under way until a date later than was anticipated, members under the system have paid only \$1.35 and a few mills toward their 1957-58 dues. Because of this, even though you have signed up for the deduction, you will still owe \$2.65. This amount is the difference between \$4.00 and \$1.35.

As in the past, your station director will collect the dues—\$4.00 if no payroll deduction, and \$2.65 otherwise. Please cooperate with Treasurer John Burke and get your money in early.

Next year those under payroll deduction will not have this problem. They will be given their card without having to make any adjustment.

The annual conference of the National Conference of Police Associations will convene here in San Francisco on July 5th. The meeting is going to be held at the Mark Hopkins Hotel and will go on through the 11th of July.

As you know, your Association was a charter member of the Conference and now its fifth session is being held in our city. A delegate from your Association has attended every meeting so far and holds national office. Ted Dolan is a Vice President of the National Conference.

There will be policemen here from most major cities and many of the states. The purpose of their meeting is to discuss in conference together the many problems confronting police officers today. The exchange of ideas and the mutual cooperation in Washington has already paid dividends. The exemption of policemen from Social Security is one of the best accomplishments to date.

Wages, wage formulas, public relations, professionalization and other topics will appear on the agenda. You have heard your representatives discuss these problems at Association meetings and now you have a chance to hear men from all over the United States discuss them and their possible solutions.

You are urged to attend any of the sessions that you wish to take in. On behalf of the Conference Committee composed of men from your Association as well as Oakland and all around the Bay Area, your attendance at these meetings is welcomed.

If taking in one of these sessions will help you to appreciate the legislative and other related problems better, it would pay you dividends to attend and listen.

The conference is meeting at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, beginning Monday, July 5th, at 10:15 a.m., and will end on Thursday, July 11, at noon.

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## Status of Longevity

At the May membership meeting of this Association the Legislative Committee was given full power to act toward securing the longevity pay now being paid in Los Angeles.

Subsequent to the above, a meeting was held with a committee from the David Scannell Club of the Fire Depart-

# CREDIT UNION

Three years ago, when your credit union was first founded, we proudly announced that we were going to provide Loan Protection insurance on all loans, giving you and your family complete protection in the event of your death or disability. We were also very pleased to be able to offer Life Savings insurance, whereby your savings in the credit union up to \$1000 would be matched dollar for dollar in the event of your death if you had deposited the money before age 55 (slightly less if deposited after 55).

At that time and to this date, we are the only credit union available to department members with such protection.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Resigned:

Thomas J. Wheeler ..... July 1  
Frederick Wider ..... July 7

### Retired:

Robert P. Brown ..... May 12  
Joseph C. Holl ..... May 16  
John J. Collins ..... May 27  
Frank P. Smith (Pat. Dr.) ..... June 1  
George F. Tobin ..... June 1  
David P. Lyons ..... June 11  
Van P. Denike ..... July 1  
Louis J. Olivier ..... July 1  
Edward P. Donahue ..... July 1  
Hicks, James W.; O'Connell, Dennis;  
Paasche, Edmond E.; Heath, Walter R.;  
McKenna, John E.; Cavanaugh, Donald;  
Hess, Lionel T.; Kieve, Norman L.; Mc-  
Adam, Robert; Lordan, Joseph T.; Allen,  
Dale C.; Mahoney, John J.; Smith, Ver-  
non E.; Callagy, Leo Jr.;  
Traner, William L.; Thorsen, Timothy  
J.; Weatherman, Alban; Taylor, Bill R.;  
Bakay, Henry; Cutler, Ronald M.; Weiss,  
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Charles; Allgire, Olin C.; Johnson, Alan  
T.; Roebing, Emmett Jr.;  
Murphy, Eugene M.; Jacobberger, Jer-  
rold; Sheehan, David W.; Marshall, Rob-  
ert L.; Gau, Frank W.

ment to map action. As a result of this latter meeting, a subcommittee was appointed to investigate an entirely new approach to the problem. This committee has reported progress.

A further meeting will be held with the David Scannell Club committee after action has been taken on the Civil Service Commission's survey of wages paid policemen and firemen in the State of California by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors' action will be taken before July 25th.

The matter of longevity, or a step plan for the promotional ranks of Los Angeles policemen and firemen, is still under consideration by the Los Angeles City Council committee, to which it was referred. The Los Angeles Fire and Police Protective League felt that it would be better to separate this issue from the general pay increase, as the City Council was to act very shortly, so that the pay increase could become incorporated in the budget of the City of Los Angeles.

Now, in line with the credit union's policy of giving the most service possible to the members, we are announcing that as of July 1st, 1957, this credit union is furnishing free of charge, Life Savings insurance of \$2000 maximum on all savings accounts. This means that any amount of savings in your account up to \$2000 will be matched dollar for dollar in the event of your death, provided you are not yet 55 on July 1st, 1957.

Since we were first organized, your credit union has paid a dividend of 4 per cent every year. This plus the Life Savings insurance of \$2000 makes a deal that no one can top. And your money is safe.

You don't have to worry about the area in which you own investment real estate becoming classified as blighted and your property value falling. No, whether your savings account is for ten dollars or ten thousand, you can't find a safer, more secure place to put your money.

Many of the members have come to the office and asked about the possibility of getting a real estate loan. Much as we would like to be able to grant you long term low interest loans with which to purchase your dream house, we can't do it. The reason is very simple. We are a federally chartered credit union. As such we are bound by the regulations set down by the federal government for credit unions. One of those regulations expressly forbids us to grant loans for any period longer than three years. However, there are ways we can help you get into your new house. If you are planning on buying a place and need initial help, drop out to the office. We may be able to do something for you.

At this writing, everything looks very favorable for a department raise. Now is the time to begin your systematic savings. See your station representative or come out to the credit union office and fill out a payroll deduction card for all or part of that raise when it comes through. Remember, now is the time. If you never see it, you'll never miss it.

There still seems to be some confusion about the credit union hours. To clarify this problem we are reprinting the hours: MONDAY through FRIDAY—8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—repeat closing time ... 3:30 p.m.

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# Minutes, Tues., June 18, 1957, Membership Meeting

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

**ROLL CALL**—Present: Pres. Simpson (Taraval), 1st Vice Pres. Vogelsang (Traffic Engineering), 2nd Vice Pres. Weiner (Park), Secretary Hegarty (Northern), Treasurer Burke (Inspectors), Directors Sisser (Southern), Bell (Northern), Pulizzano (Ingleside), Green (Headquarters), and Dijanich (Range).

Absent: Sgt-at-arms McKee (excused), Director Nieto (Central), Alt. Director Freeman (Potrero), Directors Cook (Mission), Powers (Park), Raabe (Richmond), Calhoun (Taraval), Buckman (A.P.B.), Berberini (Fixed Post) excused, Williams (Motorcycles) excused, Conroy (Juvenile, Estupinian (City Prison, and Fowle (Academy).

**MINUTES**—The minutes of the May membership meeting were approved as read.

**COMMUNICATIONS**—1) Ltr 5-21-57, Congressman John Shelley, re reassignment of Royce Givens, Nat'l Conference of Police Assns secty-treas.

2) Ltr 5-22-57, Off. S. G. Yasinitsky, Richmond Station, expressing satisfaction for publishing of "The San Francisco Policeman."

3) Ltr 5-22-57, Congressman John Shelley, relative his bill HR 5493.

4) Assn ltr 6-9-57 to Congressman Shelley advising erroneous impression gained was not publicized re his HR 5493.

5) Ltr 5-23-57, Police Commission, authorizing Assn. to oppose any changes in residence requirements.

6) Ltr 5-29-57, Civil Service Assn., requesting our stand on changes in residence requirements.

7) Ltr 5-29-57, Metropolitan Toronto Police Assn., requesting info on police working conditions in SF.

8) Los Angeles Fire & Police Protective League News, May edition.

9) Assn. ltr 6-9-57 to Civil Service Assn. advising we are on record as being against any change in residence requirements affecting policemen.

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**BILLS**—Directed that all current bills be paid.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**—Treasurer Burke rendered monthly financial statement.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**—Treasurer Burke reported paidup membership of 1578.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**—Chairman Ted Dolan (Academy) reported as follows:

1) **HEART BILL**—AB 397 was tabled in the Senate Labor Committee. This means that the bill is dead. It also means that it will have to be re-introduced in the next legislative session two years hence. One of the arguments used against the submission of this bill to the Senate as a whole was that a number of firemen were working in outside employment and it would be difficult to determine if any disabling heart trouble occurred by them was caused by their assignment as firemen or their additional work on the outside. Several repre-

sentatives of police associations feel that when the bill or a similar one is introduced in 1959 that it should include policemen only.

2) **FALSE ARREST**—Legislation sponsored by the Atty General and District Attorneys of the penal code was not passed. Included in these revisions were changes that would have protected us in the matter of false arrest suits. We were requested at the outset not to lend any support to this measure because it was felt that it would work against the legislation. Later when we were asked to give it support it was too late.

This legislation as well as the heart bill will be pushed by policemen in 1959, the earliest date in which legislation can be acted upon.

3) **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ENTRANCE INTO POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN CALIFORNIA**—This bill was also killed. This Assn. went on record at its May meeting as being opposed to certain language in the bill. Although the Assn. was in accord with the theme of the bill some of the language, it was felt, could work against our membership.

4) **PAY INCREASES**—Oakland and Los Angeles patrolmen in the maximum bracket will go to \$516 per month effective July 1, 1957.

As regards an increase for us the Civil Service Commission under Section 35.5.1 of the Charter is required to survey and certify to the Board of Supervisors not later than July 8, 1957 the rates paid in other California cities with a population of 100,000 or more. The Legislative Committee is working towards getting the allowed increase.

Chairman Dolan felt that the present wage formula written into the charter has just about outlived itself. Felt that we should attempt to employ a Dr. Neff who conducted a survey for the Oakland Association. Dr. Neff used industry as a measuring stick for adjustments in wages.

5) **RETIREMENT CHANGES**—Presently waiting for the actuarial survey being made by the Retirement Board.

6) **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS**—The fifth annual conference will convene July 5th at 10:15 a.m. at the Mark Hopkins Hotel.

7) **JOINT POLICE-FIRE COMMITTEE ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS**—Representatives of the David Scannell Club of the Fire Department have made overtures for the establishment of a permanent joint committee in the matter of submission of charter amendments. Discussion was held on the matter with no action taken. It was pointed out that some economists have come out for more pay for policemen than for firemen.

8) **RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS**—Changes as affecting policemen were considered by the Judiciary Committee (Supervisors McAteer, Halley, and Rolph) on Thursday, June 13, 1957. After a somewhat lengthy discussion the

matter was put over until such time as Mr. Bruce Smith, Jr. has completed his survey of the police department which will be in the fall of this year.

The Civil Service Commission has its own ideas for changing the residence requirements and these will be up before the same supervisors' committee on Thursday next.

9) **LONGEVITY**—See article on Longevity elsewhere in this paper.

**HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE**—Board member Ted Dolan reported that there are 16,000 bills dating back to last November which have not as yet been paid. Bills will henceforth be paid in the order received with payment assured within 60 days after receipt by the Health Service System.

The proposed charter amendment for the changes in the Health Service System will be presented to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors after the City Attorney's office has drawn up the language.

**CREDIT UNION COMMITTEE**—Chairman Diggins (Motorcycles) reported that the Union has increased the benefits to members. This will be outlined in a future article in this newspaper.

**BLOOD BANK COMMITTEE**—Co-chairman Galousin reported that only one member has come forth in the past two months to donate a unit of blood. 18 units were given out last month. A drive to replenish the depleted account will be made in July.

The question came up as to who is eligible to receive blood from the blood bank account. This entered into a discussion in which some stated the committee had full power to act; others believed it was limited to the members and their immediate family.

A motion to give the blood bank committee full power to act was tabled until next meeting during which time the Secretary will have referred back to the minutes wherein the blood bank was set up and ascertain the policy at that time.

**RETIREMENTS**—Chairman Dolan reported Bro. David Lyons is out on disability as of June 11th. Had to turn down four members of the Department on their requests to represent them before the Retirement Board because they were not members of the Association.

**DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND (ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS)**—Bro. Alan Rosenbaum (Taraval) reported that he had been in contact with several insurance organizations relative to setting up a plan whereby members of the Department could have something to fall back on when they exhausted their sick leave and off the payroll. There was considerable discussion on this matter. The rates, some members felt, were exorbitant. The younger the person was the higher the premium.

It was suggested that the Department Welfare Fund attempt to raise the amount of contributions of the various ranks to meet cases falling within this category. The Department Welfare Fund

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does not want to handle the matter because of the book work that would be involved and because it would give charitable organizations a false impression of what can be donated to their various causes.

(A motion to request the Department Welfare Fund to make a survey of the number of department members assisted since its inauguration and, if necessary, make a recommendation towards increasing the contribution rates of the members of the department was **WITHDRAWN**.)

It was suggested that the Association consider handling the matter. President Simpson referred the matter to the Board of Directors for investigation and report.

**NEW MEMBERS** — A motion was passed according the newest members of the department presently at the Academy full membership in the Assn.

to the end of the present membership year (July 25th).

**SICK COMMITTEE** — 2nd Vice Pres. Sol Weiner reported that the matter of telephones for bed patients in Ward No. 1 will be looked into before the July membership meeting.

**EXTENSION OF 4-12 AND 12-8 WATCHES** — 2nd Vice Pres. Weiner reported that 95% of the night men contacted at Park Station were in favor of extending the two night watches. Bro. Weiner was appointed to work on this committee.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY** — Motion carried that we have the usual Christmas Tree Party for the children of the members of this Association. Pres. Simpson re-appointed Bro. George Jeffery (A.P.B.) as chairman.

**ADJOURNMENT** — The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. after a moment's silence in honor of our departed brothers.

## A Member Writes

"Fellows: I have been wanting to say for a long time that the San Francisco Policeman newspaper is the best thing that has happened in the Association. On those four pages we learn all the important news, without which we used to have to depend on hearsay rumors. Thanks for your efforts."

The above letter is very heartening to the committee. We have endeavored to bring you the latest news of the uphill fight to improve or maintain our working conditions.

We would like to hear from other brothers along constructive lines. Maybe there is something we have left out. Possibly we have elaborated too much along certain lines. We can please you only if we know your desires. Send your communications to Secretary Jim Hegarty at Northern Station.

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