

Det. HAL HOWSE from 43 to 41 Sgd.--- Ptl. JOE CRUZ from 6th Division to Det. Div.--- Ptl. GEORGE GARCIA from 44 Pct. to P.A.--- Det. AMADOR SANTIAGO from 42 to 25 Sgd.--- Good arrest by Ptl. JOHN RIVERA 7th Div. on the arrest of three muggers in the Bronx.--- Congratulations on the birth of a baby boy to Det. and Mrs. JIMMY VILLAFANA 23 Sgd., and to Ptl. & Mrs. JOSE MATAMOROS 1st Div. on the birth of a bouncing baby girl.--- Ptl. ANDREW GUTIERREZ to C.O.B.S. New additions to the membership list for the year were Ptl. DANIEL DURAN 62 Pct., Det. JAMES GARCIA D.A.O.S., Det. GEORGE GELADA D.A.O.S., Ptl. FELIX LLANOS 10 Pct., Ptl. LOUIS M. VELEZ-LUGO 7 Pct., Ptl. JOSEPH MATAMOROS 1st Div., Ptl. MARIO MARTINEZ 32 Pct., Ptl. PHILIP MONTALVAN 25 Pct., Det. WILLIAM NAVARRO B.O.S., Ptl. PEDRO ROBLES 40 Pct., Ptl. RAMON RODRIGUEZ 7 Pct., Ptl. JOSE RAMIREZ 24 Pct., Ptl. RAYMOND SANCHEZ 16 Pct. and Ptl. RALPH VEGA 4th Pct.

Welcome back to the fold Det. AMADOR SANTIAGO 25 Sgd., Ptl. EDDIE MUNIZ 94 Pct., and Ptl. JOSE CARMONA 40 Pct.--- The Society extends its condolences from the whole membership to Ptl. JOHN MARTINEZ on the death of his beloved mother. Condolences also to Mrs. EMILY CASTELLO wife of deceased Ptl. FRANK COSTELLO 43 Pct. who left behind 4 children and an expectant wife. Mrs. Castello gave birth to a baby boy who eventually died due to bronchial pneumonia. The death benefit fund check was presented to Mrs. Castello by your Editor. After the death of her child the membership responded by making voluntary contributions in a drive which was initiated by your Editor. All we can say to those that responded to this worthy cause is "THANK YOU".



At the 2nd Annual New York City Police Department Pistol Match, held on June 10, 1961, Ptl. GEORGE GARCIA presents HISPANIC SOCIETY TROPHY to F.B.I. Agent in charge of New York, HARVEY G. FOSTER; Capt. TIERNEY, C.O. Firearms Unit presides over ceremonies.

AN OPEN LETTER BY-
MRS. FRANK COSTELLO...

It would have been so much easier to have sent all of you cards to express my appreciation for your generosity, but I did not wish to omit anyone. When my husband Ptl. FRANK CASTELLO passed away, I thanked God that I was not alone in my hour of grief. Again when my child passed away, your generous contributions were beyond expectations. To coin an old phrase, but wishing it to mean so much more, I again say "Thank you and God bless all of you."

Mrs. Emily Castello

LOCAL NEWS

BY: VIC ORTIZ
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The Installation Dinner and Dance of March 11, 1961 is a thing of the past, but one that will not be forgotten. To date, it was the greatest affair yet! One week before the gala occasion, all tickets were sold out. We are sorry to say that this was the reason that so many requests were turned down.

Highlights of the evening were the attendance of Police Commissioner MICHAEL J. MURPHY, Supreme Court Justice EMILIO NUNEZ, Magistrate MANUEL GOMEZ, Magistrate PAGNUCO, Chief Inspector ROBB, Assistant District Attorney SCOTTI, and many others.

Awards were presented for outstanding work in the field by local newspapers and associations to:

- Ptl. ANDREW GUTIERREZ, C.O.B.S.
- Det. ALEX CUESTW, 26th Sgd.
- Det. GEORGE BERMUDEZ, Narcotics Bureau
- Det. HECTOR VELEZ, D.A.O.S.

The Society presented its annual award to Mr. JOSEPH MONSERRAT, Director of the offices of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico... The Society was honored in having JUDGE PAGNUCO preside over the Installing Ceremonies of the executive body. The good judge has always been a staunch supporter of this association and his advise will always be respected.... Promotional awards were presented to Captain STEPHEN VALLE and Lieut. ALFREDO GARCIA. (Since then, "AL" has been given command of the 87th Sgd.).... Master of ceremonies for the evening went to Det. GEORGE BERMUDEZ, Nar. Bureau, who showed exceptional talents with the microphone. (Good work George!).... Our hats off to Ptl. JOE ALVAREZ, 8th Division, Det. HECTOR VELEZ, D.A.O.S., and Ptl. JULIO COLON, 5th Division, for their splendid cooperation. These men seem to make it a habit to be cooperative in all club activities. All we can say in appreciation is that this club is where it is today because of men like these.... The bulk of the



Det. HENRY TORRES D.C.C.R. and Ptl. JOHN ACOSTA 23 Pct. at the San Juan Fiesta held at Randall's Island. This pair and others, helped man the Police Recruit Mobile Unit. Here we find them encouraging young men of Hispanic extraction to join the force.

CITATION DEPARTMENT

- LIEUT. ALFRED GARCIA - 87 Sgd.
Arrested a man shortly after he had shot another.
- DET. RAMON RODRIGUEZ - 48 Sgd.
Arrested a man who had shot a youth and two accomplices & recovered a loaded gun.
- DET. HENRY IRARDY - 78 Sgd.
Arrested 5 youths involved in the shooting of two others.
- DET. JOSEPH M. CONCHEIRO - 92 Sgd.
Did disarm a mentally deranged person of a loaded gun.
- DET. ANIBAL TEXIERA - 25 Sgd.
Participated in the arrest of a man who had fatally stabbed another.
- PTL. CARL VERAJA - 32 Pct.
1. Arrested three men who had committed an assault & robbery. One prisoner was disarmed of a knife.
2. Arrested three men who were in possession of heroin.
- PTL. ANDREW GUTIERREZ - C.O.B.S.
Shot and arrested a man who attacked him with a metal skewer.
- PTL. CARLOS RODRIGUEZ - 20 Pct.
Arrested a man for arson and felonious assault and two others for burglary.
- PTL. RUBEN AGUAYO - 28 Pct.
Pursued and apprehended a man fleeing the scene of an armed robbery.
- PTL. DAVID FIGUEROA - 32 Pct.
1. Arrested two men committing an armed robbery and disarmed both men of loaded guns.
2. Pursued and apprehended a man for assault and robbery and disarmed the prisoner of a loaded rifle.
- PTL. RICHARD AYUSO - 120 Pct.
Arrested a man for robbery, felonious assault, and carrying a loaded gun.
- PTL. ANTHONY M. RODRIGUEZ - 79 Pct.
1. Arrested a man for assault and robbery. Prisoner had a long criminal record.
2. Arrested three men for assault and robbery.
- PTL. ANTHONY ACERA - 63 Pct.
Arrested three youths attempting a safe burglary.
- PTL. STANLEY GUERRA - 41 Pct.
Arrested two men for armed robbery and disarmed one prisoner of a loaded gun.
- PTL. JOHN R. COLON - 100 Pct.
Arrested a youth who had committed a burglary.
- PTL. MANUEL LAVENDERO - 24 Pct.
Disarmed and arrested a man who was threatening people with a loaded rifle.

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LOCAL NEWS - Continued

credit must be given to Det. JOHN RIVERA B.O.S., who was chairman of the affair.... Good news is in the making when President GEORGE GARCIA P.A. informs us that he is looking into the prospects of booking the Waldorf Astoria or the Commodore Hotel for next year's Installation Dinner & Dance. So far, the prospects looks pretty good....

On June 18, 1961, in cooperation with Commissioner MICHAEL J. MURPHY and the office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, initiated a recruiting drive for more police officers of Hispanic extraction. After due publicity at the San Juan Fiesta, a meeting was held at the Commonwealth office. The response was beyond expectations. Members of the Society screened the prospective applicants and advised them of the free classes given by the Commonwealth personnel to prepare them for the coming exams. The first class took place on August 17, 1961 and was highlighted by the appearance of Commissioner Murphy. To quote the good Commissioner from an article in the New York Times: "I'd give an awful lot to get a couple of hundred spanish speaking policemen". With this thought in mind, the Hispanic Society is already formulating plans for a new series of lectures on a continual basis.



Commissioner MICHAEL MURPHY, Mr. RALPH ROSA, Director of the Commonwealth office and Mr. LOUIS CARDONA, Chief of Employment Section at the August 17, 1961 meeting at the Commonwealth office.

• HOUSING...

In the early part of the year our Society was invited to co-sponsor a cooperative housing project together with various Hispanic Societies. The aim of these sponsors is to bring back middle income city living to middle income city people. Of course, our members would be given preference in the selection of apartments. The Department was appraised of this project and the information forwarded to the Legal Bureau. Further details may be received at the monthly meetings of the club.

• DEATH BENEFIT plans are under way to increase the death benefit to \$1,000.00. However, the cooperation of the membership will be needed to push such a plan into effect. The prospects look good.

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Among some of the friends & guests that attended our last gala event at the St. George Hotel are L-R: Det. HECTOR VELEZ, Hon. JUDGE MANUEL GOMEZ, Ptl. GEORGE GARCIA, Hon. STANLEY ROSS, Hon. JUDGE PAGNUCO.

LOCAL NEWS - Continued

• SCHOLARSHIP - Up for discussion is the possibility of extending the scholarship fund to members of the society to further their studies. Presently this plan only covers the children of members.

The Society received a very kind letter from Ptl. ROY NUNEZ, who had been seriously ill, thanking everyone for their kindness during his recent illness. We are all glad to see you with us again "ROY"

• PICNIC - July saw the Society hold its annual picnic in Lake Sabago State Park. This affair is principally for children ages 1 to 100. Of course everyone had lots of fun bathing, fishing, boating, playing ball and generally having a good time. There were games and prizes for all the children. After a long and beautiful day, the weary started back to the City. One child was heard to say: "Mommy why doesn't daddy's club have more picnics for us children. You grown-ups get three parties a year and we only get one." I think this child has a good point. How about two picnics a year fellas?... It's up to you, so lets get to the meetings & present your views....

Merry souls enjoying arroz con pollo and lots of beer at the annual picnic. L-R: Det. JOSE BERMUDEZ, 7th Sgd., Det. MANUEL SOLANA, D.A. Sgd., Mrs. EMILY SOLANA, Mrs. Stella BERMUDEZ, Lieut. JOSEPH SUAREZ, D.B.M.S., and Det. MANUEL ROY, D.A. Sgd.



ELECTIONS - This is a good time to let the membership know that elections and nominations shall be held in November of this year. Those of you who have aspirations for elective office, please attend the meetings when notifications are made. It's an honor to serve in the executive body of your organization and something that should be experienced by all those who qualify.... It was terrific news to hear that Ex-Ptl. JOHN CARRO was appointed as assistant to Mayor WAGNER. After resigning from the Department to further his law studies, JOHN went to work for the Youth Board. Later we see him working with the State Commission against Discrimination and then go into private law practice. Recently he was tapped for his present position. We see a very bright future for JOHN. He secured the original charter for the Hispanic Society and has been the Society's counselor since its inception. Who knows! At the rate that he is traveling, someday we may be calling him Mr. MAYOR....

DANCE - On November 22, 1961, the Society will hold its annual dance. It behooves the membership to get their tickets and reservations well in advance. Admission to this affair must be limited because of the seating capacity. As most of us know, it is getting more and more difficult to make reservations to our affairs at the last minute. Some members were left without reservations at the last affair because of their lackadaisical attitude. Admission shall be limited to one thousand persons. --- On the happier side of the ledger, September saw promotions to 2nd grade to Det. CHARLES CABAN, Nar. Bur., Det. JOSE BERMUDEZ D.B. M.S., and Det. HENRY IRARDY - 78 Sgd.---