Police Science Technical Abstracts and Notes

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A series of articles entitled "Photography in Relation to Criminal Investigation," by Special Constable J. G. Dickson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was published recently in the R.C.M.P. Gazette. Chapter Two in the series, "Photography of Documents, Maps, Book Illustrations, Photographs, etc.," should be of special interest to police laboratory technicians in view of the dearth of published material on this aspect of laboratory photography. The author does not present a detailed discussion of the subject, but the articles contain concise and specific suggestions for the copying of many types of objects, including recommendations of the proper films, filters, developers, etc., to be used for each class of reproductions. In addition, the author discusses briefly the various kinds of copying cameras and accessories, illumination, lenses, focusing, and other factors involved in copying photography.

Correspondence Course Training in Municipal Police Administration


Of special interest to the readers of this Journal is their course in Municipal Police Administration. This course approaches police problems from the point of view of administrative or commanding officers, and discusses problems and techniques of organization and control of personnel, crime prevention patrol, criminal investigation, traffic control, communication records, property equipment management and public relations.

Professor O. V. Wilson is the instructor in this course and a man of such caliber as he needs no lengthy introduction to the workers in the police science field. He is assisted by Chief Theo Hall who is well known to police administrators.

The course may be taken on an individual basis, the fee for which is $35, and the student retains the instruction material sent to him. The student is furnished with a special reference volume, together with lesson assignments. The instructor not only grades the papers but comments and offers suggestions so that the student can apply them to his own specific problems. When the student completes the course creditably he is awarded a certificate as evidence of satisfactory performance.

The Institute also suggests group training, and the way this operates is that one member of the group enrolls as a student and acts as a secretary to the group, submitting lesson papers based upon the discussions and conclusions of the group as a whole, other members of the group purchasing the textbook. The Institute will gladly supply full details regarding group training plans upon request and will consider proposals for any special arrangement designed to fit the particular local need.

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