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POLICE SCIENCE BOOK REVIEWS

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We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Ralph F. Turner to the faculty of Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, as Assistant Professor in the Department of Police Administration. Mr. Turner's background includes specialized academic training in scientific criminal investigation procedures coupled with practical police laboratory experience. For the past eight years he has served as Laboratory Supervisor, Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri.—EDITOR.

JUNIOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS' LEAGUES by *Paul H. Rameau*, Washington, D. C., The National Sheriffs' Association, 1946. Pp. v, 107. \$2.00 (free distribution to members of The National Sheriffs' Association).

A number of sheriffs throughout the country have found that the organization of a Junior Deputy Sheriffs' Club of some type has been of distinct assistance in combatting the juvenile delinquency problem. This book discusses a number of these organizations briefly and then presents a plan for the formation of a "Junior Deputy Sheriffs' League."

While the problem of juvenile delinquency is not presently securing the wide interest that it did in the past year, there is no question that this problem is with us. It is believed that the plan presented in this book would be of aid not only to sheriffs but to other police organizations in working with the juveniles themselves. While a very specific plan of work is presented, it is suggested that it might well be adapted to use by similar groups and to meet local conditions. Very specific techniques are presented and programs are outlined in the fields of Traffic Safety, First Aid, Fire Arms, Emergencies, Popular Sports, Safe Driving of Automobiles, Cooperation with the Civil Air Patrol, and Photography. Many of these programs have been worked out in cooperation with national organizations in these fields.

In addition, there is considerable material presented on the step-by-step organization of this type of group. Since this book is based on the actual experience of a number of sheriffs throughout the country, the methods are of an entirely practical nature.

This book would be of interest to any peace officer who wishes to reduce juvenile crime in his area.

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QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS BY SPOT TESTS by *Dr. Fritz Feigl*, Laboratorio da Producao Mineral, Ministerio da Agricultura, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Translated by Dr. Ralph E. Oesper, Professor of Chemistry, University of Cincinnati. Third, completely revised, English edition. Elsevier Publishing Company, Inc., New York, 1946. 40 Figures, 38 Tables. Pp. xvi, 574. \$8.00.

The third edition of this work shows substantial changes and additions over the previous edition. An enlarged chapter on spot test techniques

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and apparatus has been added, as well as a bibliography of the books and articles dealing with this field. There has been an enlargement of the subject of special tests of purity, minerals, and technical material as well as a new chapter on Tests for Free Elements.

Recent developments in the wider use of organic reagents has resulted in a careful scrutiny of the previous edition with substantial additions in the number of tests described here.

There has been some change in the form, but the segregation into major classes has been retained. Procedure and limits of tests previously described have been reviewed with changes as indicated by need for simplicity and understandability.

The volume consists of nine chapters as follows: Working Methods and Special Aids in Spot Test Analysis. (From F. Feigl, Laboratory Manual of Spot Tests, Academic Press, Inc., New York); Tests for Metals; Tests for Acid Radicals; The Systematic Analysis of Mixtures by Spot Reactions; The Use of Spot Reactions in Qualitative Organic Analysis; Application of Spot Reactions in Tests of Purity Examination of Technical Materials, and Studies of Minerals; Bibliography on the Application of Spot Reactions for Special Scientific or Technical Purposes; and Tabular Summary.

The peculiar nature of the demands of police analytical work makes spot test techniques a must. As standard reference material there is no better book to be had in this regard.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW JOURNAL.

The Elsevier Publishing Company, 215 Fourth Ave., New York City, announces the publication of **Analytica Chimica Acta**. This is an international journal devoted to all branches of analytical chemistry. It is to be published monthly with a subscription rate of \$9.50 per year. Articles will appear in English, French and German languages.

Volume 1, No. 1 contains eight articles on analytical procedures covering 72 pages. It is bound in the manner customary for journals of this type. The publication should be of interest because of its proposed international scope, inasmuch as the exchange of such scientific information was disrupted during the war years.

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