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## $\frac{\text { THURSDAX, MARCM } 4,1954}{\text { A Policeman's Answer }}$

A police officer in our town of fine reputation in law after it hearing on charges made against him. As would be expected, there was a great deal of publi
interest and commenton the case. When the "lightly veiled innuendos" against the en
tire department began to rankle and burn, one officer tire department began to rankle and burn, one officer sa
down-before his typewriter and wrote. a policeman's an
swer from all members of the department. The text i reprinted below

The owher night, while you (the public)-worked
or slept, policemen on the third shift and also the secor slept, policemen on the third shift and also the sec-
ond shift, at headquarters, walked or rode a beat that
covers over 5 square miles. They were performing necessary, but to them, routine duties.
They directed the strangers, helped motorists, miniatersd first-aid-and helped the sick and-1njured Yes, and they took the reports and arrested the vio-
lators, and patrolled and. checked your houses and lators, and patrolled and checked
business establishments, also guarded your owri quiet
little home in the suburbs and checked the cafes and

Several,-probably, risked their lives, knowingly or unknowingly-In the past history of the Poice dee gerous criminals, shot at while patrolling alone in police chicles in trying the beat; also injured in motor ve
hat the criminals. This everyone knows. It was on the front page of news-

After this one officer was discharged from duty, the others went-home feeling a little sick. Some pre-
tended not to hear when two factory workers or others discussed the case a little louder than necessary. Some arrived home, a neighbor called to them and wanted
to know the "inside on the case." Maybe they were a little cross when they went
hiome and wives sighed and the little lines that policemen's wives get around their eyes got a little deeper. And when he went to work they stood at the door and watohed him a little longer. Also, sons and daughter children of non-policemen who heard their parents. taik about the case.
All the years
When-it the yeara of good police work seemed wasted. When it came time-to put on the blue suit a lot of or-of some other profession.
No, these aren't the guys you read about unless they get lucky and break a big case or are unlucky and
get hurt or-killed. But they male this town the cleanest town of its size in the State. asix that you judge for honors or pratise, but they actions of one man as you would not be judged on the actions of one man That which is in the hearts of
 Under the above heading the Elizabeth Journal points - pecoitics, -as follows " As has come to be quite generally
 ence who-was Democratic leader in Uniom. Now, things but ignored, fact, that his duty is to the whole county. Krulish of -Roselle for the Union County Board of Elections
instead of James J. Davis, who in ten years-of-membershi has received around $\$ 40$, oon salary in return for his party
loyalty, the chairman, overnight, has become a big, bat ogre to a lot of people. Why? Do you suppose the Dem-
ocrats chose "Blli" Dowd as cotunty leader to permit things political hereabouts to retain the status-quo which existed
before last November? Or did they seq in him the 'Moses' who would lead the Democratic Party out of the Union
County 'bullrushes' in which they had languished for, lo. these many years?
in-which a loot of polltitidare fatith was required to keep Democrats out in the courty faithful, then they should have
been surptifed at Mr. Dowd's evident attempt to ostablish his party on a county-wide basis. On the other, if they
expected that Dowd would attempt to solidify the Democratic gains of last November, as an army general would
solldify the gains of battle, then there is no retson why
protest over the removal of Mr. Davis should not give way to applause.

4 has run its course the D the county level.. This could be the year of do or die on muht-because of themselveg-at-beculse-of a turn-of events cannot go on wihning without silpport of the voters living
beyond the enatern fringe of the county. That includes the women voters as well as the men voters. That includes the nent that is by no means a Civil Service post


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