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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by
Bill Tucker

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The Kansas Chapter of the International Association of Identification has been born thanks to several individuals that gave unselfishly of their time to meet with me to draw up the Constitution/By-Laws for the association. Without their help, the charter would probably not have become a reality.

Because we are young, alot of work still needs to be accomplished. First is an election of officers and Board of Directors. This will come about sometime in October, the time and place to be set by the interim Board of Directors sometime this month.

We have our first news bulletin hot off the press (also known as a typewriter). We need your contributions to make it interesting. Remember, this is YOUR organization.

We have seventeen paid members at the writing of this message. Forty-two people had been contacted.

Your officers are:

President: William Tucker, KBI Lab, Topeka
1st V. President: Jordan Jones, Wichita PD Lab
2nd V. President: Lee Branum, Johnson County Lab
Secretary/Treasurer: John Scofield, Johnson County Lab

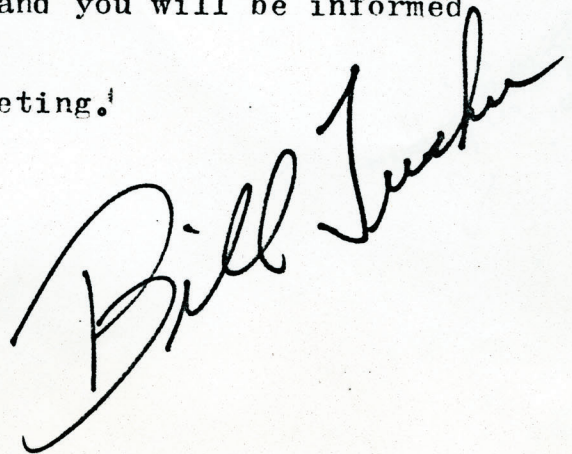
Two additional people have been appointed to the Board of Directors. The first appointment by the President went to Ron Davis, Emporia Police Department. The second appointment went to Mr. John C. Hazelet, Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Corrections, Topeka.

I believe a contest will be in order for a name of our bulletin. As it gets larger and fancier, a design for the cover will be needed. Keep your ideas in mind. The board will set up the rules for the contest, and you will be informed at our first annual meeting in October.

See you at the October Annual Meeting.

Friar Tuck's Corner!

Every minute you spend being mad at someone is minutes wasted that could be used to better yourself....



Greetings, Fellow Members:

At the time of this first mailing and in the "humble beginning" stage of our Division's development, I am happy to report that there are now 17 members. We have \$51.00 in assets and no expenditures have been made.

A formal petition for charter in accordance with Article III of I.A.I's By-Laws has been sent to the parent organization and action is expected in the near future. Also encouraging is that of our membership's diversity -- people from Emporia, Garden City, Lawrence, Liberal, Johnson County, Junction City, K.B.I, Kansas City, and Wichita.

Letters welcoming new members along with copies of our Constitution and By-Laws will be sent out shortly.

Everyone is encouraged to submit material for these Newsletters. Probably the most important reason for having this organization is to provide the "collective wisdom" of its membership to the individual members, so send in your ideas and thoughts -- let us know about some of your cases, techniques you are using or have heard about, your opinions, news about an upcoming event, employment opportunities -- anything is better than nothing at all. Now is your chance to be heard from, even if you're full of beans! Just send it c/o John Scofield, Sec.-Treas.; Johnson County Criminalistics Laboratory; 6000 Lamar; Mission, Kansas 66201.

Hopefully, this first Newsletter will, if nothing else, "get the ball rolling", and we will start getting some input to make the second Newsletter much better.

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Bill Tucker, K.I.A.I President, has asked that any members that have suggestions as to when and where our Annual Conference should be held, please make the suggestions known to the Board of Directors, thru the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

According to our By-Laws, "the Annual Conference of this Division shall be held in the month of October, the date and place to be determined by the Board of Directors". Furthermore, our Constitution requires that the Board of Directors "select the place and date of all conferences, and provide all members with thirty (30) days notice thereof".

A decision in this matter, therefore, will probably be made in the latter part of this month.

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Meetings and Seminars

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION COURSE

The Wichita Police Regional Laboratory is sponsoring a 40-hour course on Fingerprint Classification. This will be conducted August 23rd thru August 27, 1976, at 455 North Main Street, Wichita, Kansas. For information call Captain Jordan D. Jones (316) 268-4673

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SEMINAR ON PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION
OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The Western Conference on Criminal and Civil Problems is sponsoring a "Seminar on Photographic Documentation". It includes crime and accident scenes, autopsy documentation, courtroom presentation, and educational use in Law Enforcement, Medicine, and Law. Seminar to be held November 4 & 5, 1976, at the Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kansas. Fee is \$25.00 and limited to 200 people. Those interested should make check to W.C.C.P c/o William G. Eckert, M.D., P.O.Box 8282, Wichita, Kansas 67208.

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MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS CONVENTION

M.A.F.S. Convention will be held October 6th thru October 9th, 1976, at the Seraton Inn, Madison Gateway, Madison, Wisconsin. For information contact: Program Chairman Michael A. Haas, Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, 4706 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702 Phone: (608) 266-2031

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Definition of an expert:

Anyone more than fifty miles from home with a briefcase ...

A professor lost in a train station carrying a box of slides ...

The ideal expert witness (you may have heard this before) is the man with a wisp of white hair and a bad case of piles. When testifying from the witness stand, his lock of white hair reflects his experience and dignity, while his case of piles creates an expression on his face of grave concern over the case at hand.

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Miscellaneous -

Helen Turner, of the K.B.I., returned to the Identification Section this past month. Helen had accepted a position elsewhere in the bureau but decided to return to her old job. Helen has been in the Identification Section since 1961.

Karen Tibbets, K.B.I, formerly working in teletype, has transferred to the Ident Section replacing Fern Koelling. Fern retired last month. She gave about eleven years to the profession, working for the Wichita Police Dept. Ident Section and the KBI ID Section. We wish Fern the best of luck Helen Ohlsson, with the bureau ID Section since 1960 and Sandy Meier, since October, 1975, complete the ID staff.

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Agent Bill Tucker, KBI, recently returned from a two-week Staff Security Officers Orientation School held at San Antonio, Texas.

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Captain Jordan Jones, Wichita Police Regional Laboratory, announced that his laboratory is conducting experiments with the Magna-Brush and is obtaining satisfactory results. We hope Captain Jones will make his results available to all upon completion.

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From our neighbors in Missouri -- Richard H. Fox, Chairman of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, is moving to sunny California as Chief Criminalist of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Crime Laboratory, effective August 16th. He had been Director of the Regional Criminalistics Laboratory, Independence, Missouri for approximately the last 5½ years.

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Carl Carlson, Investigator, Junction City Police Department, reports that they have received a grant of \$15,957.00 for a mobile crime scene search van and equipment.

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The staff of the K.I.A.I encourages articles about yourself or your organization. It can be of a personal nature, such as your wife having a baby, getting promoted, demoted, whatever.. Let the rest of us know about it.

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Developing Latents Inside Laminated Cards

Det. Lee Branum
Johnson County Criminalistics Laboratory

A local police agency sustained a loss from their office of several blank police commission cards. The stolen commission cards began showing up some days later, filled out, signed and laminated. The recovered cards were submitted to the laboratory for processing for latent prints. The laminated exteriors presented no problem, but several attempts at removing the laminate so the card itself could be processed proved futile. It was decided that we would attempt to inject the ninhydrin, with a hypodermic needle, between the layers of plastic. This technique proved to be successful and identifiable latent prints were developed without removing the lamination.

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Man Without Prints Dies

Det. Lee Branum
JoCo Criminalistics Laboratory

Robert James Pitts (ROSCOE), the man without fingerprints, died in July at the South Carolina Central Correctional Institution. Roscoe's fingerprints had been surgically removed by a doctor in New Jersey in the 1930's. He later stated that the operation was a mistake because he soon became known as the man without fingerprints. The operation was a very lengthy process, and required about 3 months recovery before he could have use of the hands. The scars left by the surgery made the fingerprints extremely easy to identify and did not give him the anonymity he sought.

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Hub Cab Finks on Tire Rim

Agent William W. Tucker
Laboratory Division, KBI, Topeka

Two tire rims and one hub cap was received in the laboratory for comparison to each other. The rims were removed from a car at a used car lot and the hub cap was found in the suspects vehicle.

Using Coe-flex and soft lead, known marks were re-produced and cast. Castings were also taken of the questioned marks on the tire rim.

Microscopic comparison on the AO proved that the hub cap had been on one of the rims and not on the other. The suspect was bound over for trial and later pleaded guilty.

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Handle With Care-Fingerprints DON'T Lie

Agent William W. Tucker
Laboratory Division, KBI, Topeka

Fingerprint examiner's Bill Tucker and Steve Couch of the KBI have been testing the silver plate method under laboratory conditions and on actual cases. The results are encouraging, and the cost for a kit is low.

The equipment needed is: Silver plate .01" thick, 3"x4"; Silver Polish, Commercial type; cloth bag 3½ x 4½"; Kimwipes; Iodine and silica gel mixture; light source (100 watt bulb); cotton and distilled water.

TOTAL COST ABOUT 10.00-15.00 dollars

Using the silver plate method favorable results have been obtained on the following items:

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| Polyethylene bags | News papers | Cigarette Wrappers |
| Tissue paper | Leather | Unfinished wood |
| Car Tire | Styrafoam Cup | Adhesive tape |
| Fruit | Blood stained clothing | |
| Human Skin (alive)* | | |

*Smudges have been developed on rape victims (alive) and a body found in a car believed to be dead about five hours. The impressions were of no value.

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