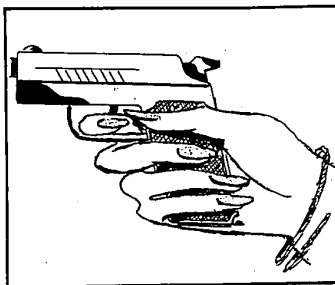


# Quickie Gun Course Draws Fire In City

The Livonia Police Department packed away its pistols and patted itself on the back last week after holding its first two lightning-quick Gun School classes in the police station basement.

Twenty-five persons attended each two-hour session Monday and Wednesday—evening police officials described as "completely covering" the minut of the safe handling of small arms.



AND 200 MORE men and women, some housewives who haven't touched cold metal before, and some army veterans, will flock to police quarters for the upcoming Gun School classes to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for the next three weeks. Each class will have 25 students.

Each student must carry a letter confirming his class date. And each student will get just two hours of instruction on one night only—no more, no less. That's the course.

"It's absolutely adequate," according to Chief of Police James M. Jordan, who organized the school on request from Livonia Mayor Harvey W. Moelke.

Jordan says his instructors (including himself) cover: (1) parts of a gun; (2) care of guns and security measures; (3) education of children concerning weapons; (4) handling of guns; (5) manipulation of guns; (6) loading and unloading.

Jordan says his department's lightning course in weaponry accomplishes three main objectives: First, "it helps people overcome their initial fear of a weapon." Second, he says, "it gives them a basic mechanical knowledge of a weapon."

AND THIRDLY, Jordan said proudly, "We have demonstrated to the students the instinct of pointing."

Jordan's theory on the "instinct of pointing" a weapon he himself describes as "developed, patented and sold to kill people—not rabbits." Is a feat he feels can be accomplished in a matter of minutes in Gun School classes.

A sergeant major in the United States Army and a veteran instructor in advanced weaponry, begs to differ.

Asked what could be covered in two hours of gun instruction, the expert said: "In two hours, an instructor could just about manage to tell his class what he plans to teach them in the next 53 hours. I would say a person should be able to become proficient in the safe handling of firearms in about 55 hours."

"Safe handling of a weapon alone, is a block of instruction that should cover from four to five hours."

"Waltzing through a gun school in two hours, it seems

to me, would make it hard to even scratch the surface of knowledge—let alone go into detail."

The major danger to a "quickie" gun school, the veteran of 20 years of military duty explained, "is you get a whole raft of new Daniel Boones."

"THEY'RE VERY likely to go out and blow their heads off because they think they know what they're doing. Remember,

any person unfamiliar with firearms can get himself hurt badly. What happens if he knows nothing about misfiring, for instance?"

So far, Livonia's police officers feel secure in the presence of their students equipped with unloaded weapons from the police arsenal.

And others versed in weaponry say, "I'd hate to be around those same students if and when they pick up their own guns, loaded."

## McNamara's Band Sets 'Gay Nineties'

It costs money to campaign for public office, so some friends of Edward H. McNamara are promoting a "Gay Nineties Shindig" to aid the candidate for re-election to the

## JFL Slates Roundup For '68

All boys who are interested in playing on teams of the Junior baseball program, co-sponsored by the Livonia Recreation Department and Junior Football League, are to be registered according to residence within the city.

The city is divided into districts with one registration site in each area. Parents must register their boys within their own district at the designated location.

On Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p.m., registration will be held in the following schools:

JEFFERSON SCHOOL: Includes area north of Joy Rd. to Schoolcraft and west of Merriam to Levan.

WHITMAN JUNIOR HIGH: Includes area north of Joy Rd. to Schoolcraft and west of Merriam to Levan.

BUCHANAN SCHOOL: Includes area north of Schoolcraft to Six Mile Rd. and Hubbert west to Hubbard.

LINCOLN SCHOOL: Includes area north of Schoolcraft to Six Mile Rd. and Hubbert west to Levan Rd.

BRYANT JUNIOR HIGH: Includes area north of Six Mile to Eight Mile and Hubbert west to Levan and Gill Rd.

HOLMES JUNIOR HIGH: Includes area north of Joy Rd. to Eight Mile and Levan Rd. west to Eckles and Haggerty Rd., inclusive of areas west of Laurel and Gill Rd.

At each registration location, a parents' meeting will be held to discuss the program, a question and answer period which will be followed by registration. It is not necessary for the boys to be present. The registration fee will be \$4, which covers all costs including insurance and a team picture.

# Interest Slips On Pay Raise For Policemen

Reaction to Councilman Edward H. McNamara's recommendation that Livonia patrolmen be paid a maximum of \$10,000 a year after four years of service has been "a little negative to neutral," the promoter said.

"I'm not disappointed, but rather surprised," said McNamara, who is seeking reelection to his council seat April 1. "The council hasn't discussed my request that the Civil Service Commission and the city's Bargaining Team begin negotiations to make the raise effective in the 1969 budget, December 1."

Not only is the man in the street indifferent, but McNamara said he had no word from the Livonia Police Officers' Association, which negotiates the police pay package and, itself, had asked for a \$10,000 maximum plus many improvements in extra benefits.

THE BARGAINING Team now is attempting to reach agreement with the LPOA for the present year, now three months old.

It has recommended a \$300 raise, similar to that given to other city employees except firemen, that would raise maximum pay for patrolmen to around \$8,500 a year. McNamara would add another \$1,500 based on experience. Firemen, now negotiating, want 10 per cent.

Where McNamara says the raise would cost about \$150,000 a year, Mayor Harvey W. Moelke fixes the figure at around \$200,000. McNamara says the money will be available from

the city's share of state income tax, which Moelke says already is absorbed in the budget.

The mayor's worries suggest that the raise for police would result in demands for higher salaries and wages for all city employees at a time when the city budget is facing a deficit.

He said a property tax increase might be required, but that raising the money would be a council responsibility.

McNamara contends he is looking ahead to needs for competent police, and recommended the \$10,000 as an attraction for college-trained men.

"I don't blame Mayor Moelke for being concerned over costs," McNamara said. "The income tax money will be available, but Moelke can see probably 400 other places to use it. I'm just concerned over attracting high calibre and well educated men to the ranks, because they become the police administrators, incept for the civilian commissioner."

McNAMARA said that Livonia's police should be "second to none," and that if Detroit raises salary, as recommended, to the \$10,000 level, so should Livonia. Moelke contends Detroit dangers entitle metropolitan police to 15 per cent more pay than suburban police."

Mayor Moelke produced figures showing that this fiscal year will see the cost of operating the police department "without regard to any current year wage adjustment, bringing an excess expenditure of \$61,000."

Voters, to provide a top police force, provided an extra mill of taxation.

The first year of additional police millage resulted in a surplus of about \$55,000 due principally to time necessary

## Candidates Get Time To File

A delay in the mailing of second notices from the office of the Wayne County Clerk will give seven Livonia candidates additional time to file now delinquent primary campaign expense reports.

The affidavits, listing receipts, expenditures and contributors, were due 10 days after the Feb. 19 primary, a second notice must be mailed to delinquents providing them another ten days, before a letter is sent to the prosecutor to take action.

The clerk's office said the second notice had not been mailed on time, but was sent out Thursday.

Listed as not having filed expenses as of Thursday were candidates for mayor Peter A. Ventura and George Kindred; city clerk candidates James McCarthy and R. Gerald Baker, and council candidates Neal C. Hall, Ralph E. Phillips, and Robert R. Thompson.

to fill vacant positions," Moelke said. The second year resulted in the expenditure of \$115,500 beyond the required figure (the \$55,000 surplus and \$62,000 overage). The current budget anticipates an excess expenditure of well over \$61,000, to be determined by pending contracts."

The mayor contends that it figures out that an additional 1.25 mills was spent for police in 1967, instead of the one mill required.

Studying the city's present budget of \$5,948,330, the mayor's staff comes up with anticipated expenditures now with the end of the fiscal year about nine months away—showing a deficit of \$9,223.

"THAT," said the mayor "does not include allowance for wage increases for police

and fire personnel and appointed officials which, if authorized at the same rates granted other employees, would approximate an additional expenditure of \$66,250. This, added to the \$9,223 deficit, would indicate a total deficit of \$65,473."

Mayor Moelke says he favors adequate salaries for qualified personnel, but that the city's legal limit of five mills plus fees demands a tight budget, and that any extra taxes must be a responsibility of the council.

McNamara said that taxes expected from increased commercial business, such as the Allied project, will help supplement the city's income and provide money for future needs. Moelke contends that the normal increase of expenses, and salary adjustments, has put the city in a pinch.

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