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2nd ANNUAL FALL DANCE

FRIDAY - NOV. 27, 1959

8:00 P.M. - 3:00 A.M.

Tickets \$3.00

Emily Chavez



Among some of the guests who attended the Installation Dinner were:-

Top Row, L. to R.: 1. Sgt. P. Grossberg, Pres. Showrin Society. 2. Ptl. Jeremiah Sullivan, Pres. Emerald Society. 3. Sgt. W. Bracey, President, Guardian Society. 4. Sgt. Vito De'Serio, Pres. Columbian Society. 5. Det. James Shea, Pres. Det. Endowment Assn. 6. Sgt. George Bismantini, Pres. Sgt. Benevolent Assn. Bottom Row L. to R.: 1. John Cassese, Pres., P.B.A. 2. Msgr. Dunne, Chaplain, P.D. 3. Magistrate, Manuel Gomez. 4. Inspector Regan, President Capt. Association.



LEFT TO RIGHT:- Det. W. Rodriguez, Your Editor Ptl. V. Ortiz and guest of honor at the 2nd Annual Installation Dinner & Dance Magistrate MANUEL GOMEZ.

Tickets and Reservations may be obtained by calling Sub. Treasurer Ptl. Eric Seize - WI 2-5055 or Det. Joe Conchiero - ES 2-1497

LOCAL NEWS

ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1959, the Society held its 2nd annual husbands and wives installation of officers Dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the St. George Hotel. Approximately 700 members, wives, friends and guests attended the gala affair. Highlights of the evening were the awards given to Det. Joe Conchiero - 90 Squad - from the Puerto Rican Merchants Association, and the "El Diario Newspaper". The award given to Det. Anibal Texiera from the Puerto Rican Merchants Association for services rendered to the community. The editor would like to say in behalf of Det. Texiera that "he is the most honored Spanish peace officer in the Police Department!" Awards were also presented in behalf of the Society to Magistrate Manuel Gomez, and to Mr. Pedro Cannino, prominent civic leader in Spanish Affairs. - Who was it that got the biggest hand of the evening? Why of course, our beautiful recording secretary ISABEL BARBER - We must give credit to our president William Rodriguez for the expert way in which he handled the dias - Represented at the affair were members of various organizations such as the Medical Association, Lawyers Association, D.A. Office, and members of the Judiciary. All in all it turned out to be a wonderful evening with the happy couples dancing 'till 2:00 A.M.

On the other side of the fence, we would like to congratulate Ptl. Valerian Martin on his promotion to 3rd grade Det. Our congratulations for a job well done and subsequent promotions to Det's Edward Colon, who went to first grade, Det. George Bermudez, Det. Manuel Torres and Det. Alex Cuesta from 3rd to 2d grade. These men were instrumental in the solving of the Hells Kitchen playground stabbings in which two 16-year-olds were slain, and the STRICKLER killing on the lower east side. Our congrats also to Ptl. Rodriguez on his transfer to the Youth Squad. - Ptl. Barrios assigned to Man. East Youth Patrol - Ptl. Dave Velez assigned to L.D.S. - Lets get well soon Dave.

The Society mourns the death of the mother of Det. Ricardo Santiago. - The Society wishes God Speed to retired Ptl. John L. Fernandez. - On June 21, 1959, 75 members of the society attended the San Juan Fiesta which took place at Randall's Island.

On August 11, 1959, the Society held its 3rd annual picnic at Lake Sebago in Harriman State Park. There was boating, fishing, swimming, outdoor grills, and plenty of wide open spaces. Highlight of the affair was the Annual Softball Game between the Young-timers and

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AS INTERVIEWED BY PTL. ORTIZ



Sgt. Alfred Garcia

SGT. ALFRED GARCIA - born in Santurce, Puerto Rico from Puerto Rican parents on May 14, 1919, and brought to the United States at the early age of 10. From humble beginnings, his parents settled in East Harlem in what is affectionately called "El Barrio".

Presently AL resides in the St. Albans section of Long Island. He attended Haaren High School in Manhattan, and presently became a member of the U.S. Army where he served in the Signal Corps. His Army campaigns took him to such places as India, Burma, China, and

Africa. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant after serving his country for 3 1/2 years.

Married the former Carmen Ollarvia in Nov. 1946 who has blessed their household with 3 children - Victor 12, Victoria 11 and Louie 8. AL claims that his favorite number is 6, so there is one more addition to the family on the way.

Appointed to the Department on 1/3/46. Served 2 years in the 41st Pct., where in 1948 he apprehended a man who had killed another during an abortive holdup. Because of this bit of good work, AL was promoted to the Detective Division. Thirteen years in the Dept., has seen AL serve in various assignments. Among those are the Bronx Youth Squad where he was temporarily assigned to the Bronx District Attorneys Office. While there he was instrumental in the arrest of a ring who was ferreting narcotics to inmates of Rikers Island. After serving two years in the Youth Sq. he was transferred to the 42nd Sq., where he served for another two years.

In 1950 he was commended for the apprehension of 3 men who were wanted for an armed robbery and did disarm them of three loaded guns - In 1952, he was again commended for capturing 2 youths who had committed a robbery and did disarm them of a dangerous weapon - Again in 1952, he apprehended an armed burglar and did recover vast quantities of stolen articles. On June 15, 1953, he attained the rank of Sergeant after having placed number 5 on the promotion examination. As a Sgt., he was assigned to the 32 Pct., where he remained for 3 yrs. During this tenure, in 1953 he captured 4 men who had committed an armed robbery and did disarm them of 3 loaded guns. He was then assigned to Man. East Det's. Squad where his many talents have been deployed throughout the 5 boroughs of New York City.

Among AL's 14 citations, 3 have been commendations, 8 meritorious, and 3 excellent police duty. His one ambition is to attain the rank of Captain. He is a member of

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the Holy Name Society, PBA, Sgt.'s Benevolent Association, and Det's. Endowment Association. His hobbies include, tropical fish, the collection of rare books and archery. He is also an active member of Saint Catherine of Sienna Parish in St. Albans. A point that the Sergeant emphasized during the interview was that it would make him very proud to see as many young men of Spanish descent make the next Sgt.'s list.

With tongue in cheek, he also claims to be an admirer of television Sgt. Garcia of the "El Zorro" series.

Children Who Need You . . .

Many children need foster homes in our city today ... more than we like to think about. They may need care away from their homes for a few months. They may need care for a long time. They want and need HOMES - NOT INSTITUTIONS.

A generous allowance will be paid for your love and care of these children, whose own parents are unable to care for them. Apply to the DIVISION OF FOSTER HOME CARE, Department of Welfare - WO 2-6910.

Free Polio Inoculations . . .

The Department of Health will give FREE inoculations of Salk vaccine to all persons regardless of age. It is especially important for pre-school children who have never been inoculated to get them at this time. GO GET YOUR SHOTS FELLAS!

Vacation News . . .

For those of you who haven't heard, the Police Department has a "vacation paradise" in the midst of the Catskill Mountains. Any member of the P.B.A. is eligible. Applications can be gotten from your P.B.A. delegate but must be submitted after April 23. The Camp is open from June 10 to September 10. Facilities include the main hotel as well as cottages and private bungalows. Rates per week are \$35.00 per adult - \$17.50 for children between the ages of 3 and 12, and \$1.00 per day for those under 3 years old. Very reasonable indeed, so go to it boys! Waiting for you are all kinds of recreation including swimming, tennis, horseshoe pitching, baseball, dancing, bingo, movies, and plenty of wide open spaces for hikes and fishing. Also the local country club has granted permission to members of the Department to use their golf course. Reservations are limited to two weeks per family, and retired members of the force are eligible. Don't miss this opportunity next year fellows...it's there waiting for you!

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the oldtimers. Of course, the old timers promptly plastered the Youngtimers with a display of power never to be seen in these parts again. The first couple of innings saw the Oldtimers pile up a lead of 3-0 with the Youngtimers falling completely apart. So devastating was the attack, that PAUL ROLDAN, got an infield home run on a routine ground ball. After showing the Youngtimers what they were capable of, the Oldtimers coasted to a loss of 9-6. This is due to the fact that the moral of youth must be kept up at all cost. Captain PAUL ROLDAN of the O. T. team was quoted as saying: "We showed them what we were capable of doing, and then let them have their way".

- Who was the young fellow that went after a routine foul ball and ended up in a mud bath?--- JOHNNY ACOSTA proved that he has lost none of his speed by sliding 30 ft. past 3rd base - Big scream of the game was "who forgot to bring the beer to the ball field". - Credit must be given to George Garcia who pitched for the Y. T. team. On the sad side, we hated to see the injury sustained by OCTAVIO ALVAREZ. Get well soon Al, we need you next year.--- WHO WAS IT THAT SAID "WAIT 'TILL NEXT YEAR?"

CITATION DEPARTMENT

DET. THOMAS MARTINO - 47th Sqd.

Did apprehend two fugitives wanted by Federal authorities and by so doing did receive the Journal American award of \$100.00, which was presented by First Deputy Commissioner James R. Kennedy.

DET. BERMUDEZ, Nar. Bur.

Did make direct narcotic purchases from 14 different persons & did effect the arrest of 7 others.

DET. ISABEL BARBER, Nar. Bur.

Was instrumental in the arrest of 9 persons who gathered for immoral and illegal purposes and did gain confidence of ring to the extent that she was able to purchase three pounds of marijuana.

DET. CHARLES CABAN, Nar. Bur. (2)

Apprehended 2 men who were about to commit an armed robbery and arrested them of two fully loaded guns. Was instrumental in the arrest of 8 persons possessing 25 ounces of heroin and other narcotic paraphernalia.

PTL. MIGUEL DOMENECH - 28th Pct.

Did effect the arrest of two men who had perpetrated an assault and robbery, and did disarm them of a loaded gun.

PTL. JOHN ACOSTA, 28th Pct.

Did effect the arrest of one male possessing 26 decks of heroin and full paraphernalia.

SUMMARY OF DEATH BENEFITS FOR ARTICLE I AND ARTICLE II PENSION FUNDS

	Killed in Line of Duty		Died of Natural Cause	
	Article 1	Article 2	Article 1	Article 2
Patrolman's Benevolent Assn. Group Ins.	1 OR 2 THOUSAND, BY CHOICE OF MEMBERS			
Award of Year's Salary Voted by Board of Estimates	\$6081.00*	\$6081.00*	.....	.....
Riot Relief Fund (Plus \$100 for each child under 18 yrs. of age) ..	600.00	600.00	.....	.....
Theodore Diamond Award	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
Refund of Member's Pension Contributions Plus Interest to Designated Beneficiary .....	.....	Based on Length of Service b	.....	Based on Length of Service b
Pension Fund Cash Benefit	.....	.....	.....	.....
Under 10 years .....	.....	.....	.....	3040.00* c
Over 10 years .....	.....	.....	.....	6081.00* c
Annual Pension from Pension Fund (1/2 salary)	3040.00* d	3040.00* e	600.00 f	.....
Police Relief Fund for Funeral Expenses (although a free funeral is provided)	1000.00	1000.00	.....	.....
Police Relief Fund payment at \$100 per month	10000.00	10000.00	.....	.....
Police Relief Fund .....	.....	.....	2000.00 g	2000.00 g

* Figures are Based on Salary as of Jan. 1, 1960
a Not less than Salary of 1st Grade Patrolman
b Value from \$500.00 to \$12,000.00 Dependent on Length of Service and the amount Contributed.
c 1/2 year's salary if less than 10 years service - 1 year's salary if more than 10 years service - only one payable.
d Payable to widow or child under 18 or dependent parent
e 1/2 final compensation but not less than 1/2 salary of 1st Grade Patrolman
f Payable \$50.00 per month.
g Payable \$500.00 immediately plus \$100.00 per month for 15 months to widow or dependent parent

Additional Benefits Applicable to Both Articles I and II Regardless of Death Cause

SOCIAL SECURITY-Lump sum for funeral expenses \$255.00
Widow with 2 or more children..... \$254.00 per month
Widow with 1 child \$190.00 per month
No widow - only 2 or more children \$158.00 per month
Benefits from Social Security are payable until widow reaches 18 years of age.

Widow with no children under 18 years must be 62 years of age to be eligible for Social Security benefits.

NOTE: Social Security benefits are based on full coverage since 1956.

RELIEF FUND -

In addition to the above, all widows may apply for assistance to the Police Relief Fund, Inc.,

Widow may also apply for the position of bedmaker. Preference is given to widows with the greatest number of children.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Benefits provided by Veterans Administration.

PLEASE DETACH FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.