



THE QUEENS AND THREE — All smiles are Miss Joyce Elmore, third from left, "Miss Capital Classic" for 1957, and Misses Barbara Mitchell, left and Helen Cobel, right, who were runners-up. The beautiful young women were awarded trophies by The Coca-Cola Company at half-time of the Capital Classic in Washington, D. C., last week. Standing in on ceremony are Horace Corroff, Washington Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Moss H. Kendrix and Otis N. Thompson, Jr., The Moss H. Kendrix Organization, public relations representatives for the Coca-Cola industry. Morgan State College defeated West Virginia State College 33-0 in the 16th annual classie event.

Reporter Rides With Cop: Patrolling A Beat

By STAFF WRITER
While most of us sleep, numerous police cars cruise over the city streets, patrolling the day and night beats of the city. How do patrolmen describe this "beat" patrol? Is it what you do in your spare time? Is it their work? Is it a job? I found out when the Police Department permitted me to ride in one of its patrol cars with Officer John Baker, who is a veteran of 15 years with the Raleigh police department. His beat of duty carries him over an extensive area on Southside eastward between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. Patrolman Baker resides at 509 Freeman Street.

PATROLMAN BAKER, along with five other Negro policemen, help maintain law and order within the city limits. Other Negro officers include: Joe Winters, who joined the department October 14, 1943; Norman Actis, January 17, 1950; T. T. Street, November 25, 1952; James Daye, February 4, 1956; and Alfred Grigsby, September 10, 1957. As soon as I made my appearance in the office of Lieutenant Bailey, Patrol Division, I was assigned to ride with Patrolman Baker. I was escorted downstairs by one of the administrative officers who remained with me until Patrolman Baker rolled up. We then drove out on Wilmington Street turning late right on East Martin Street. We followed a route in the South and East area, many times repeating the route. To me this was a new experi-

ence, but to the patrolman it was just another day. As we moved onward over the prescribed route, Officer Baker briefed me on his responsibilities and duties. He stated that he answered calls to settle family fights, disturbances in public places, checked traffic violations, investigated shootings and fights, knife cuttings, and made arrests whenever necessary.

BEFORE STARTING I HAD been briefed on the duties of the patrol in a general way. Lieutenant Bailey stated that Sundays were usually quiet, but that it was on Fridays and Saturdays, especially at night, that most calls came in. "Paydays, for example, might increase violation activity," he said. When we were about a half mile from headquarters, our car, No. 8, was dispatched to a scene of disturbance. Upon arriving it was found that a 21-year-old man charged his Uncle with refusing to let him get his clothes out of the house, and with hitting him with a stick on the side of his face. These charges were denied by the uncle who said that he slapped his nephew to keep him from getting into trouble.

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Suspensions were that the young man had been drinking. A RUSH CALL CAME IN advising our car to go to 510 Smithfield to investigate a fight. The woman said her husband knocked her over a chair, and the man denied the accusation. He said, "Officer, this woman wouldn't let me use my own phone!" The wife remarked, "He wanted to take a call from his other woman; she calls him up here all the time." In the course of conversation, it was revealed that each party was fed up with the other. They mentioned divorce several times, and the woman wanted Officer Baker to put the man out of the house. Baker advised the wife to take out a warrant if she wanted to, since he had no power to do this under the circumstances. As Officer Baker departed, he said, "Madam, keep on going to church and take him

with you." Thus he demonstrated the role of the peacekeeper. Heading back toward headquarters, we passed a potential fight in which a woman was taking her husband home from the other woman; but this reporter learned that the woman was not his wife.

AROUND 7:45 p.m., our car was dispatched to St. Agnes Hospital who had been cut. While Patrolman Baker was investigating, I stood at his side watching the doctor sew up the wound of the man who at first did not want to tell who cut him. Under constant questioning, the injured man gave the name of the suspect — a man who had just been released from prison. The officer then followed up leads as to the whereabouts of the suspect but apparently the man had moved. Patrolman Baker called head-

quarters asking that an announcement be dispatched to the entire force to arrest the suspect on sight. A patrol car is equipped with police radio, spotlights, and has placed therein warrants and list of stolen cars, etc. Our car's radio kept us alerted on hold-ups, burglaries, stolen cars, disturbances, and the like, in various parts of the city.

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MEANWHILE GEORGE KILLS SOME TIME MAKING MOUNTAINS OUT OF MOLEHILLS IN HIS WORKSHOP

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