

# Village of Garden City

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July 31, 1956

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have known Gene Hiner for the past three years and he has been employed by the Village of Garden City during that time. I would not hesitate to recommend him to any Law Enforcement Agency needing an officer. He is quick to learn, reliable, honest and sincere in his efforts. He does not question the orders of his superiors but does the job sent out to do to the best of his ability. Gene is my idea of a good officer and had I a place for him at this time he would be on my payroll.

Ted Dicus  
Chief of Police.

## New Police Officer Named for Meridian

At a special meeting of Meridian City Council Tuesday, the resignation of Melvin Ewing, who has been acting as officer in the local police force the past seven weeks, was accepted, and Gene Hiner was appointed to fill the vacancy. His appointment was effective as of August 1. Mr. Ewing has accepted a position in Montana.

Officer Hiner comes highly recommended by Chief Dicus of Garden City, where Mr. Hiner worked as police officer. He has also been connected with and worked as Ada County deputy sheriff.

## MEN ARRESTED

Two Mountain Home Air Base airmen were arrested in Meridian on charges of petty larceny in the theft of a case of beer from a delivery truck in Garden City this week. They were Robert R. Nicks and James F. Bolen. They pleaded guilty to the charges before Justice of the Peace J. M. Lampert, and were each sentenced to 29 days in jail and fined \$50. The jail terms were suspended.

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## Burglars Enter Meridian Store

MERIDIAN — Police Chief Steve McGill said Thursday his office is investigating a burglary at the Meridian Cigar store early Thursday in which some small change and various items were taken. Entry was made by breaking the front door glass and reaching the latch inside. Patrolman Gene Hiner discovered the break-in.

## Probation Granted Boisean Accused Of Petty Larceny

Probation for 90 days was granted Monday by Justice of the Peace J. M. Lampert for Donald Boylan, 20, Boise, charged with petty larceny in connection with the theft of a sun visor holder from a wrecking yard in Garden City.

The Ada county prosecuting attorney's office said Boylan was caught Saturday night near Abbott's Auto Wrecking yard by Gene Hiner, Garden City police officer.

## Two Airmen Fined By Judge Lampert For Petty Larceny

Two Mountain Home Air Force base airmen were fined \$50 and costs each Monday in addition to being given 29-day suspended jail sentences when they pleaded guilty to charges of petty larceny before Justice of the Peace J. M. Lampert.

Police said James F. Bolen, 19, and Robert Nicks, 22, were charged in connection with the theft of a case of beer from a truck parked near the Hi-Ho club in Garden City Saturday night.

## Pair Sought In Attempted Boise Attack

Ada county sheriff's officers said today they are searching for two men who reportedly attempted to physically attack a young Boise woman, later threatening her life if she told.

The report, officers said, was made by Miss Loretta Jackson Allen, 22, of 1722 North Eighth street, who told them she was forced into an automobile at 8:30 p.m. Thursday on South Sixteenth street by the men who released her 15 or 20 minutes later in the 100 block of North Orchard street after "roughing her up."

## Burglars Enter Davis Grocery

A Sunday night break-in of the Davis grocery netted the intruders only three or four dollars in change and two cases of motor oil.

The burglary was discovered about midnight Sunday by Gene Hiner, Meridian policeman, Police Chief Steve McGill said entry had been gained by breaking a window at the rear of the store.

A few minutes later, Patrolman Hiner discovered that an attempted entry had been made at the Meridian Cigar store. A knob had been broken off and other damage done to a rear door, but the would-be thief or thieves had been frightened off before gaining entrance.

## Police Arrest Man Who Admits Burglary

A Glenss Ferry man, arrested in Garden City on charges of carrying a concealed weapon was turned over to Ada County authorities after he admitted the burglary of the Trolley lunch stand on Rose Hill, Police Chief Ted Dicus said.

In custody is Edward Lee Duncan, 23. He is being questioned for possible implication in other recent burglaries in this area.

Chief Dicus said Duncan and another man, Ray Lloyd Collins, 23, also of Glenss Ferry were arrested last Tuesday night. He said that a waitress at the Chinese Lantern called police after she observed that one man was holding a gun on the other under the table. When police officers investigated, they found that not one but two guns were involved.

Collins pleaded guilty in Garden City police court to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was fined \$25 by Police Judge Irene Walters. Duncan is awaiting a preliminary hearing.

## Two Meridian Youths Caught For Thefts

MERIDIAN—Two Meridian brothers, 12 and 15 years of age, were turned over Friday to probate court in Boise on charges of burglarizing a cafe at the Meridian Sales yard Thursday night, Police Chief Steve McGill said.

Officer Gene Hiner apprehended the two boys who had gone through a window to gain entry.

They also admitted other thefts from garages and cars in the area, Chief McGill said.

The 15-year-old has been on parole to Chief McGill for an earlier theft, the police officer said.

Meridian police also have turned over to probate court three other boys between the ages of 14 and 18 who have been charged with theft, Chief McGill said.

He said the boys were arrested at the Jack Thorne farm near here after allegedly stealing some gasoline. Other cases of similar thefts have been reported by area farmers during recent weeks, police added.

THE IDAHO EVENING ST

## Canal Claims Tot's Life At Meridian

### Victim Is Located By His Mother Following Search

MERIDIAN (Special) — A two-year-old Meridian boy was drowned yesterday afternoon when he fell into a small, but fast flowing irrigation ditch less than a block from his home.

The youngster, Billy Gober, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gober of 237 East State street, wandered away from home while playing with a group of neighborhood children and fell into the ditch, according to Gene Hiner, assistant police chief at Meridian.

Hiner said the boy was found by his mother about 20 minutes after a search had been started. The boy apparently fell into the ditch on one side of State street and was carried through a culvert under the street before being stopped by a head gate at the opposite side, Hiner reported. The ditch was described as about three feet wide and one and one-half to two feet deep, but running full of water.

The Gober youngster was taken immediately to Meridian City hall where a resuscitator was applied and medical treatment was administered, but the rescue attempts failed, Hiner said.

The boy is survived, in addition to his parents, by a sister, Virginia, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. U. DuBois of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gober of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Robison chapel with the Rev. A. M. Thomas officiating. Interment will be at Meridian.

## Moon's FIFTH QUARTER

### (Our Two-Bits' Worth)

Garden City police, and especially Officer Gene Hiner, deserve a lot of credit for their handling of a case this week. Officer Hiner made what he thought was a routine arrest on a drunk charge, and came up with a man who admitted one Boise burglary and is now being questioned regarding several others.

Officer Hiner was called to the Chinese Lantern when a waitress noticed one man holding a gun under the table and another. The police officer had previously checked the cafe and told employees to notify him if there was any disorderly conduct, so he thought, when he went into the place, that he had been called to make an arrest on a drunk charge. He quietly and efficiently removed one of the men from the restaurant, took him to the police station and booked him.

When he went back to the restaurant to clean up the details of the case, the waitress told him about the gun. That was the first he knew about it. He went to the home of the other man involved, and asked for it. The wrong one was produced. One thing led to another, and by the time the evening was over, Officer Hiner had two guns and the other man in custody. Both of the men were then charged with carrying concealed weapons.

The next morning, police detectives and a deputy sheriff arrived on the scene, and under their questioning, the first man arrested admitted burglarizing a Boise lunch counter.

The whole handling of the case was an example of excellent police work. As is usual when a policeman answers a call, Officer Hiner didn't know what he was getting into. But he didn't let the matter drop with a drunk arrest, and his continuing investigation produced not only evidence of a more serious charge but a confession which cleared up another crime. His actions bring great credit not only to

himself but to the entire police department. \* \* \*

Glen W. Parrish  
107 Riley Ave  
Macon, Mo.

# Meridian—America's Dairy Center



From left to right are members of the Meridian Police Department—**FIRST ROW:** Chief of Police Steve J. McGill and Officer Gene D. Hiner; **SECOND ROW:** Herald J. Cox, city clerk and magistrate; Mayor Don M. Storey and Police Commissioner, W. Dean Mayes.

Home of the Meridian Dairy Show held each year in the early spring and a jalopy race track, second to none in the Northwest, where weekly races are held by daylight or at night on the extensively lighted track with an attendance of 2,500 to 3,000 at each race . . . cause a tremendous increase in vehicular traffic in Meridian.

The local police have handled the traffic in such a manner that they can boast of a record of not a single accident report during the races in the past four years.

Meridian has a two-man police force. Steve J. McGill has served as chief of police for nearly four years and is a long-time resident of Meridian. He is mar-

ried and has a son stationed with the airborne division in Korea.

Officer Gene Hiner has been with the Meridian department for more than six months. He came from Garden City, where he had served for two years. Gene has won the reputation of being a capable and efficient officer. He is married and the father of a son, four months old.

Herald Cox has served as city clerk and city magistrate for the past six years. He is married and has three children: one boy and two girls. Herald is active in many civic groups in the community. He was chosen Meridian's "man of the year" for 1956.

Mayor Don Storey after serving two terms as mayor is unopposed in his bid

for a third term. He is married and has one daughter. The mayor is a conscientious and devoted civic leader in the community and displays courage and foresight in his efforts for municipal development.

Dean Mayes, member of the city council, serves as police commissioner. Dean has served two years of his four-year term on the council. After World War II, Mayes returned from service to enter the insurance business in Meridian, in which he is presently engaged. He is married and the father of two children: one boy and a girl.

## Four Nyssans Face Charges Of Assault

NYSSA — Four Nyssans were arraigned in Justice court Monday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon following two separate fights at a Nyssa tavern.

Two brothers, Richard and Ernesto Apodaca, waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the Malheur county grand jury. They were held in the county jail at Vale in lieu of \$500 bail each.

The pair was arrested following a fight Saturday night. They are charged with beating and kicking Joe Madrid of Nyssa.

Madrid and his son Louis also were charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. A complaint signed by Roberto Apodaca accused the Madrids of assaulting, beating and kicking him in another fight Jan. 23. Roberto is the father of Richard and Ernesto.

The Madrids have requested a preliminary hearing but are being held in the Malheur county jail in lieu of \$500 bail each.

## Area Man Joins Police at Nyssa

RICHFIELD, Jan. 25 — Gene Hiner has left for Nyssa, Ore., for employment with the police force there. His wife and daughter will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Armstrong, before moving to Nyssa.

### EMPLOYED AT NYSSA

Gene Hiner arrived at Richfield Sunday evening to take his wife and daughter to Nyssa, Ore., where he is employed by the police department.

## Joins Force



GENE HINER

... newest member of the local police force, comes to Nyssa from Richfield, Idaho. He began duties as Nyssa patrolman Jan. 23. He spent two years on the police force at Meridian, Idaho, and was sergeant-patrolman with the Garden City, Idaho, force for two years. He also worked for six months in the sheriff's office in Ada county, Idaho. Hiner attended traffic courses covering general functions of law in regard to police work in various cities while a member of law enforcement staffs. He, his wife, Margaret, and seven-month-old daughter, Laura, are now residing in Nyssa.



LAW ENFORCEMENT officers attending a police school at Nyssa are, front, from left, Gene Hiner, Nyssa police; Ernie Cole, Boise; Bill Holland, Emmett police chief; Nyssa police chief Robert Love; Del Rose, Boise; Thomas Salzman, U.S. Marines; Noel McKean, Weiser; George Mehas, Ontario, and

Dalton Derrick, Ontario; back row, Gene Johnson, Emmett; Wes Taylor, Boise; Wes Huffaker, Emmett; Frank York, Emmett; Glen Griffiths, Nyssa; Bill Pace, Boise; Mike House, Boise; Edwin Lee Reed, Weiser; Harold Amador, Ontario; Wayne Jeannot, Weiser; Dale Haile, Canyon county sheriff.

While working  
as Deputy  
Sheriff

1959



Gene HINER + another officer



Gene Hiner + another  
officer.



Two officers Gene  
worked with at the  
sheriff's office

1959

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Mrs. Oral Coleman, Treasurer  
Steve McGill, Chief of Police  
Orville Vincent, Works Supt.

MERIDIAN, IDAHO

Phone 8-4433

DON M. STOREY

Mayor

## COUNCILMEN

W. Dean Mayes, President  
Bill Brown  
Terry McGoldrick  
Ray S. Anderson

January 3, 1961.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

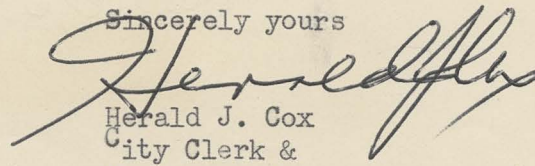
Dear Sir:

According to our records, Gene D. Hiner, worked for the City of Meridian, August 1, 1956 to May 8, 1958, serving as Patrolman for the Police Department.

His work was satisfactory, while employed by the City, and I would recommend him for any capacity he feels he is capable of performing.

He terminated his employment with the City of Meridian, of his own accord, presumably to seek more favorable employment.

Sincerely yours



Herald J. Cox  
City Clerk &  
Municipal Judge



W. R. HOLLAND  
Chief of Police



PHONE EMPIRE 5-4483

# POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF EMMETT

Emmett, Idaho

January 5, 1961

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Reference to Gene Hiner that I have known for the past five years. I have found him to be a polite, efficient, neat appearing, and courteous Officer.

It was my pleasure to work with him on the Garden City Police Department and at the Ada County Sheriff Office.

I have found him at all times, available when needed, day or night, to respond to any calls when he is needed. He handled his calls with speed and efficiency. Also, Gene was a very good investigator and very thorough.

His honesty and integrity as a Police Officer I have found to be above reproach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. R. Holland".

W. R. Holland  
Chief of Police.

WRH/gb

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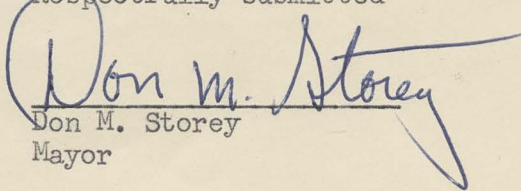
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sir:

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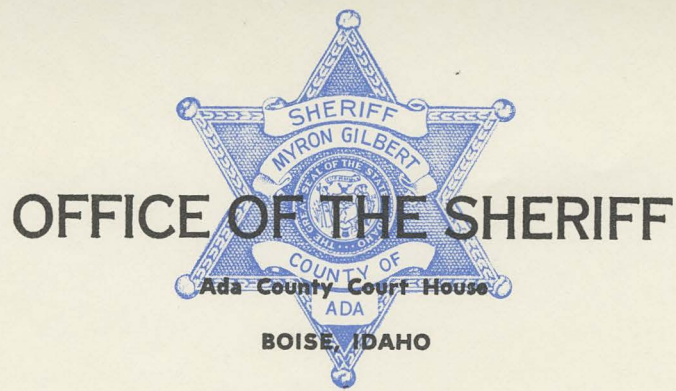
I am happy to recommend this man for any police position he might apply for.

Respectfully submitted

  
Don M. Storey  
Mayor



MYRON L. GILBERT  
SHERIFF



P. O. BOX 2815  
PHONE 2-4518

January 6, 1961

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

GENE HINER was employed by me in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff. During his employment here I found him to be hard working, honest and dependable. I would recommend him as such to any other employer.

MYRON L. GILBERT  
Sheriff, Ada County  
Idaho

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

ADA COUNTY COURT HOUSE

P. O. BOX 2815

BOISE, IDAHO

Theford Marion  
Meridian, Idaho.

January 6, 1961.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sir:

While I was Sergeant on the Garden City Police Force, Gene Hiner was under my supervision for about a year and a half.

While there he did his job in a satisfactory manner, and I found him to be faithful to his duty. I recommend him for any police capacity.

Sincerely yours,

*Theford Marion*

Theford Marion  
Meridian Police Dept.

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1-25-61 A.M. LC (NYSSA)

NYSSA POLICE CHIEF ROBERT LOVE REPORTED YESTERDAY, THAT A NEW POLICE OFFICER, GENE HINER, HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE NYSSA POLICE FORCE. HINER WILL REPLACE GENE THOMPSON, WHO RESIGNED TO GO INTO PRIVATE BUSINESS. HINER HAS ~~PREVIOUSLY~~ SERVED WITH THE MERIDIAN AND THE GARDEN CITY POLICE, THE ADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE MILITARY POLICE.

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Sincerely,

*Niki Ann Selby*  
OPERATIONS DESK

FEB 1961

# Training Session For Area Police Held in Nyssa

By Robert W. (Bob) Love  
Nyssa Police Chief

Nyssa police department was sponsor of the Police Training and Educational association's regular monthly session Tuesday, Feb. 14. Officers from law enforcement agencies throughout Treasure Valley were on hand for a full day of classes covering police procedure and techniques.

Instructors for the school were Nyssa's Chief of Police Bob Love, who presented a film from the FBI library dealing with duties of the foot patrolman. Love also outlined techniques involved in reporting evidence in crime and accident scenes.

Chief Bill Holland, Emmett police department, spoke on the subject of evidence and also discussed with the group new ideas in publishing a Merchants Crime bulletin. Holland also gave an informative demonstration on use of an iodine cabinet for the purpose of revealing latent prints on paper.

## Discusses Police Photography

Guest instructor for the day-long course was Ernie Cole, photographic and identification officer for the Boise police department. Officer Cole showed photographs of the various types of scenes that should be procured in accident and criminal investigation. He discussed the finer points of photography in relation to its use as evidence in a court of law.

PTEA is in its infancy stage at this time—Nyssa being the second meeting of the organization. The association was originated by Chief Holland in Emmett in November and meetings have not been held due to busy holiday work loads since that time.

Primary function of PTEA is to assist the departments within their coverage area in training personnel in rules of conduct, investigation techniques and aid in bringing greater uniformity to po-

FEB 1961

# Nyssa Juveniles Face Theft Charge

Tuesday and Wednesday of last week five Nyssa boys, ages 12 to 14 years, were charged with theft, burglary and/or vandalism by local authorities, according to Police Chief Bob Love. Five others were implicated but no charges are pending on them at press time.

Love said one of the boys was caught trying to get a purse from a car parked at Ray's Food Fair lot and when he was questioned he implicated others. When they were interrogated, they implicated still others.

Five of the boys either admitted their guilt or stolen goods in their possession was recovered. Two admitted burglarizing a house on North First street, three admitted thefts from garages, and others ranged from school supplies to toys, margarine, valentines and purses.

The vandalism was committed with air rifles used to destroy windows at a greenhouse, the sugar factory and car glass damage.

The five boys, who are believed guilty, will appear with their parents in city court Saturday to see if they shall be sent to the county juvenile court.



1962  
**Nyssa Policeman  
Goes to Emmett**

Sgt. Gene Hiner has tendered his resignation from the Nyssa police force to become effective Monday, Sept. 24. He will join the Emmett police force as patrolman.

In his letter of resignation to Police Chief Bob Love, Hiner said, "I have enjoyed working with you, your department and find that I have gained experience here that will be of great help to me on the other job."

Hiner has been on the local force since Feb. 1, 1961.

**Farewell Dinner Given  
Tuesday for Gene Hiners**

A farewell dinner party was given Tuesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hiner at Grace's cafe.

In addition to the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelley, guests included Police Chief and Mrs. Bob Love, Patrolman and Mrs. F. E. Petrie, Patrolman and Mrs. Gene Griffin, Patrolman Roger Goade, Fred Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sage. The honorees were presented with a gift.

The Hiner couple and their two daughters, Laura and Denise, will leave Monday for Emmett, Idaho, where he will join the police staff as patrolman.

Sept. 1962

1962  
**Policeman Resigns To  
Take Burley Position**

The Emmett Police Department has accepted the resignation of Lee Bartholomew, effective Oct. 1, Chief Bill Holland announced yesterday.

Bartholomew has resigned to take a position with the Burley police department, he explained.

Sgt. Gene Hiner of Nyssa has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Emmett force and will report for duty next week.

Dec. 1962  
**Police Family  
Enjoys Holiday**

Police officers, wives and guests enjoyed a holiday dinner party at the Moose home. A magic show was presented by George Burchett.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Ness, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stocking, Clara Thommen and Louise Johnson, the Jack DeWalds, Al Lyles, Orville Wrights, Bud Sims, Ernie Driscolls, Don Welchs, Al Pratts, Gene Johnsons, Gene Hiners, Joe Hardins, Larry Hardins, Bill Corpetts, Wes Huffakers, and the William Hollands.

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Dec  
1962  
**Richfield Woman Has  
Guests for Christmas**

Christmas day guests of Mrs. Dorothy Reynolds were: Mr. and Mrs. Tony Beitia, Shoshone, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, Pocatello, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holibaugh and Lisa, Reedsport, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Armstrong, Tom and Janet, Richfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Armstrong, Willie and Dawn, Hansen, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hiner, Laura and Denise, Emmett.

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District of Nyssa

MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON  
NYSSA, OREGON

DON M. GRAHAM  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

TELEPHONE 372-2244

September 18th 1962.

Bill Holland Esq.  
Chief of Police;  
Emmett, Idaho.

Dear Chief:

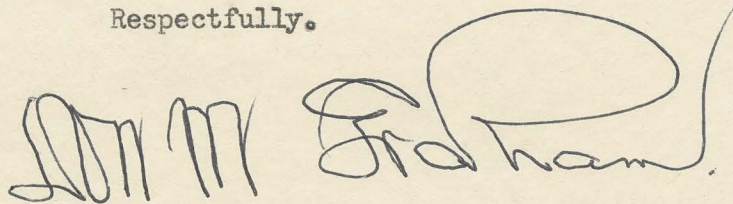
It gives me much pleasure to be able to write such a letter as this one, concerning a man whom I hold a very high regard for.

I have personally known Gene Hiner for the past two years, and can say that he is a good Police Officer in every respect, he has cooperated with this Court 100% in all matters brought before this Court by the City of Nyssa Police Department, many times in talking with him about certain cases, he has suggested and recommended to me matters that ordinarily would not be brought out in a court hearing, hence enabling me to arrive at a good and fair judgement.

Mr Hiner has served with the Nyssa City Police Department for 2 years, and during the past 1½ years he has been Sgt of Patrolman, included in his duties being Record Officer, and Assistant Chief of Police, and I am proud to state, that the Nyssa City Police Department has a really good set of records and one of great value to law enforcement in this Valley.

Mr Hiner has had a total of 7½ years of Police work, therefore, I know that he will be a credit to your Department, and a worthwhile Officer in every respect.

Respectfully.



Don M. Graham.  
Justice of the Peace.

DMG;nb



# City of Nyssa

THE SUGAR CITY

NYSSA, OREGON

OFFICE OF  
~~THE CITY MANAGER~~

Chief of Police

14 SOUTH THIRD ST.  
CITY HALL

September 18, 1962

W.H. Holland  
Chief of Police  
Emmett, Idaho

Dear Chief;

I would like to take this opportunity to pass this recommendation to you on behalf of Gene Hiner, presently employed by this department in the capacity of Patrol Sergeant.

During Sgt. Hiners employment with this department he has shown a very high degree of results in obtaining any police objective. He is very conscientious, attitude and attention to duty are very good and he has always been willing to contribute any necessary long hours without complaint.

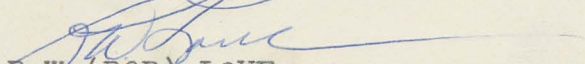
Gene's loss to this department will be felt greatly and to replace him will be hard. However, when a man such as Gene can better himself in obtaining a goal in law enforcement he should be encouraged to do so. Good men are very hard to come by and even harder to keep within the profession.

Gene came to this department January 24, 1961 and displayed his ability very well. On July 1st, 1961 he was appointed to the rank of Sergeant and has served as a sergeant since that time. He had the confidence of his men and myself and could be relied on to take over the administering of the department in my absence very well.

The only thing I can say is to quote the old well worn proverb "My loss is your gain". Gene has a fine family and his addition to your fine city will be an added asset.

I remain

Respectively Yours,

  
R.W. (BOB) LOVE  
Chief of Police

## Joe Friday Tells What Being a Cop Means

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In answer to numerous requests, the dialogue about "What Is a Cop?" delivered by Sgt. Joe Friday (Jack Webb) to a rookie policeman suspected of armed robbery on the NBC Television Network "Dragnet 1967" colorcast of Feb. 9, is herewith repeated. The text was written by Webb and the late Richard L. Breen, who died just a week before the show aired.)

**IT'S AWKWARD** having a policeman around the house. Friends drop in. A man with a badge answers the door. The temperature drops 20 degrees.

Throw a party and that badge gets in the way. All of a sudden there isn't a straight man in the crowd. Everybody's a comedian. "Don't drink too much," somebody says, "or the man with the badge will run you in." . . .

Or, "How is it goin', Dick Tracy? How many jaywalkers did you pinch today?" And there's always the one who wants to know how many apples you stole.

All at once you've lost your first name. You're a "cop," a "flatfoot," a "bull," a "dick," "John Law," you're "the fuzz," "the heat," . . . you're poison, you're trouble . . . you're bad news.

They call you everything, but never a policeman. It's not much of a life . . . unless you don't mind missing a Dodger game because the hotshot phone rings . . . unless you like working Saturdays, Sundays, holidays . . . at a job that doesn't pay overtime.

**OH, THE PAY IS ADEQUATE.** If you count your pennies, you can put your kid through college. But you'd better plan on seeing Europe on your television set.

Then there's your first night on the beat. When you try to arrest a drunken prostitute in a Main Street bar and she rips your new uniform to shreds. You'll buy another one . . . out of your own pocket.

You'll rub elbows with all the elite: pimps, addicts, thieves, bums, winos, girls who can't keep an address and

men who don't care. Liars, cheats, con men, the class of Skid Row.

And the heartbreak: underfed kids, beaten kids, molested kids, crying kids, homeless kids, hit-and-run kids, broken-arm kids, broken-leg kids, broken-head kids, sick kids, dying kids, dead kids.

The old people that nobody wants, the relievers, the pensioners, the ones who walk the street cold and those who tried to keep warm and died in a three-dollar room with an unvented gas heater. You'll walk the beat and pick up the pieces.

**DO YOU HAVE REAL** adventure in your soul? You'd better have. You'll do time in a prowler car. It'll be a thrill-a-minute when you get an "unknown trouble" call and hit a back yard at two in the morning, never knowing who you'll meet . . . a kid with a knife . . . a pill-head with a gun, or two ex-cons with nothing to lose.

For every crime that's committed, you've got three million suspects to choose from. Most of the time you'll have few facts and a lot of hunches. You'll run down leads that dead-end on you.

You'll work all-night stakeouts that could last a week. You'll do leg work until you're sure you've talked to everybody in California . . . people who saw it happen, but really didn't. People who insist they did it, but really didn't. People who don't remember, those who try to forget. Those who tell the truth, those who lie.

There are over five thousand men in this city who know that being a policeman is an endless, glamorless, thankless job that must be done. I know it, too. And I'm damned glad to be one of them.

"Dragnet 1967" is colorcast on Channel 2 Thursdays.

Given to us  
when we left  
Nyssa.  
1962



GOODBYE

and

Good Wishes

Goodbye and  
Good Wishes

And hope all goes well-

You're going to be missed

More than words can tell!

Grace & Bill Fay  
Kelley  
Ray J  
Be & Carlene Long  
Ted Jackson  
Alvin & Betty Hoffman  
F. E. Ketrie



HOW WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO RUN  
YOUR FINGERS  
THROUGH A  
MILLION DOLLARS?

TELLER



BEST OF LUCK:

ON YOUR NEW JOB:

Bill & Betty Halland  
Larry & Winona Hardin  
Don & Emma Wilch  
Al & Muriel Pratt  
Joel & Janet Harp  
Orville & Brown Wright  
Miss & Jean Hefner  
Bud & Ruth Sims  
Emil & Frances Ornicoll  
Jack & Marian DeWalt



WITH THIS HIGH PAYING JOB

YOU DREAMER YOU:

1962

Changing jobs - Emmett P. D.

Emmett Feb 4, 1963



NAMED POLICE CHIEF by the Meridian city council Monday night is Gene Hiner, 33, a member of the Emmett police force for the past five months. Hiner was to meet with Meridian officials this week to arrange resignation notice to the Emmett department and details of his new position at Meridian. He has been in law enforcement work eight years, including two each at Meridian, Nyssa and Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. Hiner and their two daughters will move to the Boise valley town. Chief of Police Bill Holland said last night a replacement on the Emmett force has not yet been selected.



JAIL SENTENCES were meted out to two young Emmett men this week following recovery of 32 stolen batteries, and five juveniles were referred to juvenile court and state probation authorities in connection with the petit larceny. Thomas W. Hansford, 19, and Walter E. Thornton, 21, were sentenced to six months in city jail Monday. The juveniles implicated were two boys and three girls ranging in age from 14 to 17. Emmett officers Wesley Huffaker, left, and Gene Hiner were on a routine patrol Saturday night when they observed one of the group carrying a battery from the rear of the Coast-to-Coast store. A search of the car revealed 12 stolen batteries, and the officers' investigations led to 20 more at one of the homes.



### New police chief

GENE HINER was named by city officials Monday night as new chief of police, filling vacancy created by recent resignation of Oren Pritchard. Chief Hiner was formerly with Meridian police department, serving here from 1956 to 1958. Currently employed as police sergeant at Emmett, Idaho, the new chief will report for duty at Meridian next Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hiner and two small daughters will make their home here.

*Meridian Feb 7 1963*

### BATTERY, WIRES STOLEN

MERIDIAN — Police Chief Gene Hiner said he had received a report Friday that the garage of Wallace Hiatt, 1028 East First Street, had been entered and a battery and spark plug wires taken from his car.

*May 1963*  
**Cyclist Hurt  
In Accident  
At Meridian**

MERIDIAN — Lance Espey, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Espey, Meridian, underwent surgery in St. Luke's Hospital in Boise Tuesday following a collision in Meridian involving his bicycle and a car, police reported.

Hospital officials listed the boy's condition as "satisfactory." The nature of the injury was not disclosed.

Meridian Police Chief Gene Hiner said the accident occurred at the intersection of East Pine and East Fourth Streets in Meridian. He said an investigation is continuing and named the driver of the car as William C. Fuller, Meridian, Route 1.

*May 1963*  
**Headon Crash  
Injures Pair  
At Meridian**

MERIDIAN—Two men were injured in a head-on crash at 7:21 p.m. Friday at Cherry Lane and U.S. 30, Police Chief Gene Hiner said Friday night.

Taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Boise was Oscar Felt, 81, Meridian, Route Three. Treated at a local physician's office and released was Grant Ambrose, 47, 929 East First Street.

Chief Hiner said both men suffered severe cuts about the head, hands and legs.

*May 1963*  
**Three Boys Nabbed  
For Having Beer  
In Meridian Area**

MERIDIAN — A 19-year-old youth and two juvenile boys, aged 16 and 17, were apprehended near Meridian High School Friday night with beer in their possession, Police Chief Gene Hiner said Saturday.

Richard Skaugstad, the 19-year-old, from Seattle, Wash., is at liberty on his own recognition, pending court appearance on a charge of illegal possession of beer. Time and place for the appearance will be set later, Hiner said.

The two juveniles are also at liberty on their own recognition, pending appearance before Juvenile Court authorities.

*May 1963*  
**Railroad Flares  
Lighting Solves  
Meridian Breakin**

MERIDIAN — The solution to a breakin last Wednesday of a Union Pacific Railway Company storage shed was obtained after a citizen saw four small boys lighting railroad flares Sunday night.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said Monday a 10-year-old in the group admitted breaking the lock off the door of the storage shed and taking 25 of the flares. The other three, aged 10, 11 and 12, did not participate in the theft, he added, but joined in lighting the flares.

Only two of the flares were recovered, Chief Hiner said. The boys told him they lighted some of the flares, and threw others into a creek.

*at the hospital*  
*Blueberry 1963*  
**Three Youths Seized  
For Stealing Hubcaps**

MERIDIAN—Three boys, aged 17, were arrested Saturday and turned over to Ada County juvenile authorities on charges of stealing hubcaps from a car at Meridian last Monday, according to Police Chief Gene Hiner. Two of the boys were from Nampa and one from Kuna, he said.

*MAY 1963*  
**THEFT AT MERIDIAN**  
MERIDIAN — A canvas boat cover, valued at \$75, was stolen early Tuesday morning from a boat in the back yard of its owner, Lyle Wood, 713 Meridian Street, according to Police Chief Gene Hiner.



# Ada County Thefts Told By Juvenile

June 1, 1963

Four Youths Nabbed  
After Kuna Breakin;  
One Makes Statement

*Meridian*  
NAMP—Confession to eight burglaries and numerous gasoline thefts was made to Police Chief Gene Hiner Saturday by one of two juveniles arrested along with two 20-year-old youths earlier in the day in connection with a burglary at Kuna.

The 20-year-olds are James Spall, Boise, and Edwin McNeill, Mountain Home Air Force Base. The four youths fled in a borrowed car from the W. W. Cutler farm near Kuna, officers said, after Cutler found two of the youths in his home with a flashlight shortly before midnight Friday. One of the youths knocked Cutler down, officers added, but Cutler got up and fired two rounds from a .410 shotgun into the back of the fleeing car.

The youths wrecked the car about 1½ miles from the farm and were picked up after they came into the Nampa Police Station to report the accident.

Chief Hiner said a 17-year-old in the group admitted that he and the 16-year-old youth had burglarized the home of Melvin Ellis, 919 West First Street in Meridian, Friday night. Taken were a collection of foreign coins, an electric razor, several packages of cigarets and a pair of gloves.

Chief Hiner added that the boy also told him all four had been involved in at least eight other burglaries recently in Ada County, and over a period of months had stolen about 400 gallons of gasoline in Ada and Canyon counties.

Meridian News-  
Times

JUNE, 1963

Just a JOKE

Police Chief Gene Hiner isn't so sure about being used for child-training.

A woman on West First called Gene Monday and asked if he'd speak to her little boy about using rough language. "He likes policemen, so maybe he'll listen if you tell him."

So the first time Gene saw the youngster, he called him over and said, "What's this I hear about you using naughty words?"

"Where'd you hear it?" the kid said defensively. "Never mind," Gene said. "A little bird told me."

"A bird!" the kid gasped. "And here I've been feeding those damn little stinkers."

# Child Injured In Auto Crash Near Meridian

*June 25, 1963*  
MERIDIAN—A car sideswiped a bridge abutment near Meridian Tuesday about 7:20 a.m. but its occupants escaped serious injury, despite one of them being thrown to the roadway, officers said.

JoeRae Holsclaw, 3, was thrown out of the vehicle, officers said. She was treated at St. Luke's Hospital and dismissed. The driver, Mrs. John Holsclaw, Meridian, Route 2, and Lauren Holsclaw, 1½, escaped injury, according to investigators.

Meridian Police Chief Gene Hiner said the accident occurred on Highway 69 about three and a half miles south of Meridian.

Mrs. Holsclaw fell asleep at the wheel and woke up when the car struck a shoulder but was unable to avoid striking the bridge, according to Hiner.

March 19, 1965

Federal Communications Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

To Whom It May Concern:

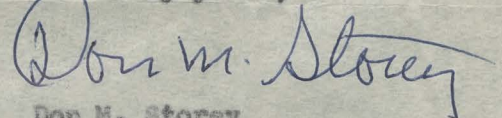
Dear Sir:

The Meridian Auxilliary Police was organized to assist the Meridian Police Department in the performance of its widely diversified duties of law enforcement and Civil Defense.

The City Council of the City of Meridian has given approval for the formation of the Auxilliary Police Force and pays the premium for the State Insurence Fund coverage for the group. They operate and respond under the direct supervision and command of the Chief of Police, Gene D. Hiner, who was appointed by the Mayor and City Council to his position.

The communication services of the Auxilliary Police will be used only for emergency and to give aid and assistance to the regular police department of Meridian in its necessary and special duties.

Sincerely yours,



Don M. Storey  
Mayor

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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Trainmaster's Office  
Nampa, Idaho

November 21, 1967


Mr. Don Storey, Mayor  
Meridian  
Idaho

Dear Mayor Storey:

While at the special meeting of the City Council at Meridian recently, I intended to express to you and the other council members my sincere appreciation for the excellent manner your Police Department, and especially Chief Gene Hiner, performed during the investigation and at the actual scene of the most regrettable crossing accident on Highway 30 and the railroad on November 4, 1967.

I found Chief Hiner to be very efficient and cooperative. It is my sincere belief that you can be proud to have a man of his calibre in charge of your Police Department.

Kindest personal regards,



E. C. Shultz  
Trainmaster, UPRR

cc: Mr. Gene Hiner  
Chief of Police

Mr. Ralph Hunter, Editor  
Meridian News Times