

Cop Who Never Carried Gun Quits With Bravery Record

New York (AP)—The dream which comes to all policemen has come true for John Cordes, a slight-of-build detective who rose to fame behind a hard pair of fists and a quick, sharp mind. John Cordes never carried a gun. Once he was shot by mistake by another police officer, he feared that some day he, too, might shoot a colleague in confusion.

Now, after 34 years of service on the New York City police force, Cordes, 59 and gray haired, is retiring Jan. 1.

Fellow officers agree that Cordes made it the hard way.

In his years as detective Cordes twice won the coveted medal of honor, the police department's highest award. He also received a score of commenda-

and showed their "artillery" almost in sight. And in one way or another Cordes was "always around."

He never looked like a cop. In a business where burliness is important, Cordes was comparatively little. And he bore none of the sartorial characteristics of cops in those days. That was how he came to be chosen for plainclothesman duty while still in police school.

It was an asset which enabled him to move in on gangsters and loiterers without giving them a telltale advantage. Slight of build, sandy haired and nattily dressed, he looked the part of an enthusiastic salesman. Certainly, never a cop.

But Cordes was no dude. He beat the daylight out of racket

men; others never chose to fight—they simply went along peacefully. Others ducked him on sight.

For years Cordes was teamed with John Broderick, another detective now retired, who also had a great reputation as a fighter. Cordes, however, often chose a more diplomatic way of getting his man. Whatever the difference, the pair were known as Cordes the Brain and Broderick the Brawn.

Cordes had never planned to join the police force. As a teen age youth, he served as a hustler for a civil service school. He got \$25 a week and \$5 for every candidate he enrolled. One of the candidates bet \$100 that he couldn't take a police

exam and pass it. Not only did Cordes win the bet, but he led his class.

In his latter years, Cordes headed the Manhattan river front squad, a non-publicized agency whose job it is to hold down crime along the miles of the city's piers. On a beat where "toughs" abound by the dozen, Cordes never wore a gun.

He always figured to "out-smart" his man. He usually did.

Stockman Visits Parliament

London, Dec. 14 (AP)—Three U. S. congressmen visited parliament Tuesday. They were Reps. Stockman (R., Ore.), Flood (D., Pa.), and Hedrick (D., W. Va.).

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Lumber Union Planning Strike

Portland, Dec. 14 (AP)—The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union primed its 60,000 Pacific northwest members today for a possible strike in demand of a \$100 monthly pension.

Letters went out from the executive committee to the 14 district councils, urging united action in the demand, a strike if necessary.

Union spokesmen said they would demand quick action from employers. There was no immediate reaction from employers. Some

said they were willing to receive the union's proposal, but would make no comment.

One spokesman, C. S. Hoffman, speaking for the Oregon Coast Operators' association, said a pension plan was "out of the question" for small operators.

Kenneth Davis, LSWU secretary, said the plan called for employer financing with the contribution at not less than ten cents an hour.

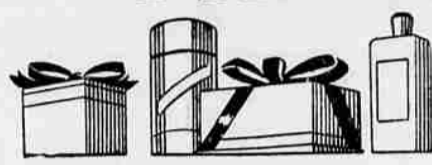
The union made it clear that the pine regions of Montana, Idaho and eastern Washington and Oregon would be in the proposal. Earlier they had announced that the four district councils covering the fir belt of western Washington and Oregon would not press for the pensions.

Ackley Is Hurried To Complete Home

Monmouth — Mr. and Mrs. Merton Ackley are parents of a son, Michael Dale, born at the Good Samaritan hospital in Corvallis. The Ackleys have just completed their new home on the former W. E. Williams place and Mr. Ackley had a busy week moving in and getting things in order before his wife and son came home from the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ackley, grandparents of the new arrival, came from Tillamook. Mrs. Ackley plans to remain for a few days. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dalton of Monmouth.

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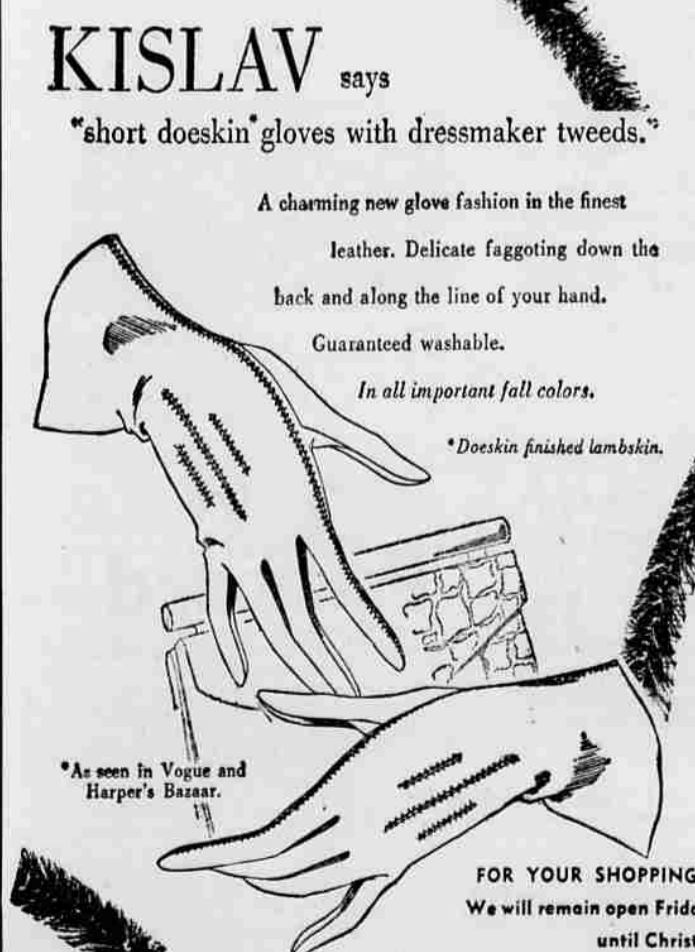
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