

# FBI National Academy Course Saves Lives

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Washington — (UPI) — Capt. Ernest N. Norris and Lt. F. W. Taylor of the Greenville, S.C., police department, spotted their quarry — a 220-pound six-footer — as he rounded a corner that night of April 1, 1960.

The big man had just robbed a cafe of \$153 in cash and a .22 caliber pistol.

Taylor lunged and tried to pin the bandit's arms to his side. The bandit wrenched one hand free and pointed the pistol — with its hammer cocked — at the lieutenant's head.

Norris, a step behind Taylor, covered the hammer with the palm of his hand just as the trigger was pulled.

The firing pin buried in Norris' hand but the gun did not fire. The captain twisted the gun toward the bandit's thumb.

As the bandit spun off balance Norris jerked the gun away and together he and

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Taylor overpowered and handcuffed the captive. The action Norris used to save his partner's life was a lesson in reflexes he had learned at the FBI National Academy.

**Curtails Crime**  
The episode is only one of many examples of how the national academy has helped curtail crime in this country and abroad.

But it illustrates how the academy is carrying out its objectives: FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover envisioned when he established the "West Point of Law Enforcement" in 1935.

The idea came to Hoover when mobsters were ruling many cities and corruption was widespread.

He felt that most of the nation's crime problems could be solved locally if law enforcement were raised to the

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dignity of a profession. For example, FBI agents had gathered a wealth of experience and material in the course of their investigations and in contacts with officers throughout the nation.

Hoover felt that this would be helpful to local police if an adequate system could be devised to furnish it to them. So the academy was established along the lines of the FBI's school for its own special agents.

But Hoover recognized from the outset that the

academy could not possibly offer instruction to all local police officers in the country.

**Graduates Instruct**  
He got around this by arranging for academy graduates to return to their local departments and instruct fellow officers in what they had learned.

Each student is required to keep a voluminous notebook on what he has learned so he can share his knowledge. Many of the graduates become instructors in their local departments.

To make sure the graduates do not merely use the academy as a stepping stone to better jobs outside law enforcement, each candidate is required to agree to remain in the field for at least three years after he leaves the school.

Since being founded the academy has graduated 4,454 officers, some from foreign countries. There are 2,832 graduates still in law enforcement and more than 28 percent hold executive positions.

After he graduates, an officer keeps in touch with other graduates through an organization known as "National Academy Associates." This helps the graduates keep up to date on police science and gives them examples of how fellow graduates are using their training.

A recent issue of the academy's newsletter told of a graduate who climbed a darkened stair in search of a mad gunman. When he thought he was near the gunman, the officer held his flashlight at

arm's length from his side. Then he turned it on.

A shot rang out and shattered the flashlight. But the officer was unharmed because he remembered his academy instruction on this point.

Any candidate for the academy must be recommended by his superior officers, or the mayor or city manager in the case of a police chief.

The qualifications are strict. A candidate must be between 25 and 50 years old, he must be in good physical condition, and he must possess outstand-

ing character and reputation. He also must have a high school education or its equivalent and must show ability to absorb a great amount of learning quickly.

The subjects are changed regularly to meet the latest demands of crime detection. But some of the regular courses include criminal law, identification, public speaking, general and physical science, visual education, fingerprint identification, preservation of evidence, and self defense.

In addition to the specially selected FBI instructors, the students are taught by visiting crime experts from colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Although there is no tuition for the academy, students must be prepared to pay for their own transportation, room and board, and living costs. Books and equipment are loaned to them.

The next 12-week session of the academy will begin late next month.

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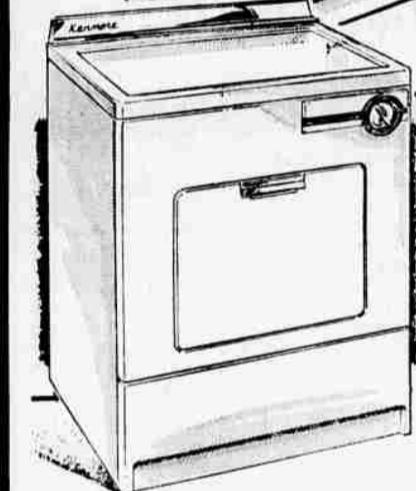
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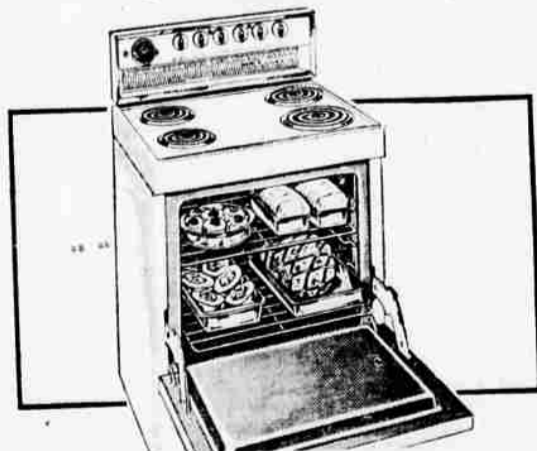
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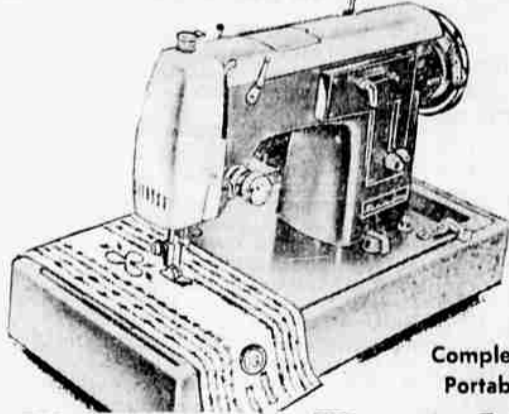


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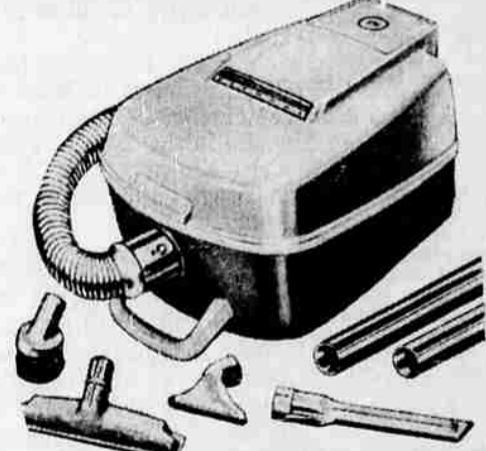


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