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Police Unit Head Urges Adding Job Incentives

A policeman's career should be made more attractive to draw young people into police work, says Patrolman James B. McMullin.

"We have a tough time filling vacancies," he said. "I guess the most important thing needed is more money to make this work more attractive."

But, despite this, McMullin doesn't regret being a "cop" and constantly encourages youngsters who show interest in becoming policemen "when they grow up."

McMullin, twenty-nine, recently was elected to his second consecutive two-year term as president of Red Rose Lodge 16, Fraternal Order of Police.

He said that most young fellows take "a big cut in pay" when they join the police force. Starting salary now is \$3,707.50.

Gave Up Carpentering

He cited his own case. "I was a carpenter. During my last week I made \$83. I started on the force at about \$50 a week." The same situation applies to many others who join the force, he said.

McMullin said he couldn't remember exactly why he decided to become a policeman. "Probably, he said, because it's steady work. "Even the best mechanics and carpenters are out of work from time to time," he said.

Most important requirement to being a good policeman, he feels, is to like people and be able to get along well with them.

He feels that also is one of the biggest advantages offered by police work. "You meet a lot of people. And you're pretty much your own boss when you're out on the street.

"But you must remember the people you deal with are..."



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City Policeman James McMullin

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