

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 1970

## FAYETTEVILLE ROCKED BY POLICE CORRUPTION

### Chief Parson Orders Arrest of Three Veteran Officers



Fayetteville Chief of Police James Parson at a loss of how long this gang operated under his watch. The amount of money these officers absconded is under investigation.

#### Chief Parson

James Parson has been with the Fayetteville Police department most of his adult life. He started in nineteen forty-six after the war, at the age of thirty-two. James graduated from Mississippi State College before joining the army and was stationed in England for four years. After discharge he joined our force as a patrol officer. Parson worked his way up through the ranks and became chief in nineteen fifty-nine. He has spent the last twelve years running the department.

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### Man Crushed to Death in Bentonville Industrial Accident

Brian Jones a local construction foreman for NWC Contractors was inspecting a new apartment site in Bentonville. Late yesterday afternoon while inspecting an eight foot deep trench, a side wall collapsed sending him to the bottom and covering with many tons of dirt.

Three men jumped in and dug Mr. Jones out. By the time the fire department got on scene Brian Jones' body was out, but he had expired. Numerous attempts to revive the foreman failed.

Stanley Topps

### UOA Autumn Theater Schedule

The University of Arkansas' Little Greek Theater is putting on a Fall program of Shakespeare. Opening night is September 30 with a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream

COMPLETE SCHEDULE: C5

### Twins Born

Twin baby boys were born to Eddy and Bill Millar of Springdale last Thursday at Washington Region Hospital. The first boy was born at eleven forty-eight and the second was nine minutes later. All are a during well.

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### Lieutenant Evans Arrested Suspicion of Receiving Protection Money



Conner Evans

Fayetteville Police Lt. Conner Evans was the ring leader in a protection payment scheme. The three officers reported to be taking bribes worth an undisclosed amount for as long as four years. Police Chief James Parson said it is under investigation whether more officers are involved. Continued on A3

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### Rookie Police Officer Breaks Protect Scam Wide Open



Jacob Smith

Officer Jacob Smith solved the largest case of police departmental corruption in the State of Arkansas in the last ten years.

On his own time Smith single handedly investigated three officers taking protection money from various local drug dealers and many small neighborhood markets.

He witnessed and photographed envelopes of money exchanging hands.

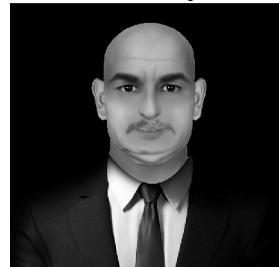
Our newest patrol officer arrived in Fayetteville earlier this year. He transplanted to our area from San Diego, CA after a distinguished seventeen year career with the SDPD. We are lucky to have Officer Jacob Smith.

Alexis Dench

### Detective Quarrie Arrested Suspicion of Conspiracy in Protection Payoffs

Detective Otis Quarrie is a seventeen year veteran of the force with the last eleven years as a detective.

Evans and Quarrie suspended without pay during the investigation of the alleged crimes. The pair face up sixteen years in state prison.



Otis Quarrie

### Officer Clarke Commits Suicide After Arrest

Officer Kelson Clarke shot himself in the head while sitting in his personal vehicle out side of the police station early Sunday morning. He died instantly from a single shot from his .32 caliber revolver. Officer Clarke was arrested along with Evans and Quarrie.

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Kelson Clarke

### Burger Shack to Close November 1st

Long time family favorite and Fayetteville institution Burger Shack scheduled to close down November 1st. Founder and owner Jack Zimmerman past a decade ago and the popular spot has been owned by his son.

### Arkansas Razorbacks Football Team Boar Through Florida A&M Rattlers Saturday night: 23 - 9



William Peterman connects three times to Johnny Low and kicker Ross Stevens hits 3 extra points and 2 field goals

Razorbacks verses Hawkeyes at Iowa State Saturday night

Sports Section D