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Threats Cancel Black Parade

BEHIND THE SCENES: A parade scheduled by Negroes in Middletown was called off last weekend. Understand that threats by white militants resulted in parade organizers canceling the march just two hours before it was to get under way. There now is a feeling of tension in Middletown.

IS WINTON ROAD going to replace River Road as Cincinnati's "death highway?"

So far this year, six persons have died in traffic crashes on Winton Road. Four of the deaths were on the city's section of the road and two in the county area.

The area would make a good location for repeated radar speed checks.

UNDERSTAND THAT A COUPLE of Cincinnatians who had been investing in land now are dumping their holdings. They fear that the new real estate appraisals will make it unprofitable for them. As an example a piece of land held by one of them is on the tax books at \$250 an acre . . . They expect the new appraisals to set the value at about \$3500 an acre.

TRAINS BLOCKING RAILROAD crossings in Newport, Ky., and Hamilton, Ohio, are causing city officials problems.

Both cities last week issued orders which prohibit trains from blocking crossings for more than five minutes.

Hamilton officials say they will start issuing citations to violators about mid-week. Over in Newport Commissioner John Pelyso was not so patient . . . he ordered immediate enforcement.

COMMON PLEAS COURT Judge John W. Keefe is a sound sleeper. The other evening a local lawyer called and asked the judge's wife, Ruth, if the judge would sign a search warrant for him. Mrs. Keefe informed the attorney that her husband was sleeping. The lawyer then told her: "Throw cold water on him . . . you've got to wake him."

Mrs. Keefe disregarded the water idea and suggested that the lawyer find another judge. When Judge Keefe woke up his wife told him about the suggestion. From the judge's reaction the attorney had better not have a case before Judge Keefe for a long while.

Plunges To Death

Charles R. Knecht, 84, 1028 Rosemont Ave., Price Hill, plunged four stories to his death early Monday from his room at St. Francis Hospital.



Suburban Landmarks Eyed For Housing

THE BELVEDERE Apartments, Reading Rd. and Rose Hille Ave., (above) and the Kemper Lane Hotel, Kemper Ln. and E. McMillan St., (below) are being considered for use as housing projects for senior citizens and low and/or middle income families. (See story on Page 1).



New Crime Fighting Weapon

... Grote, left, holds detective model while Bracke holds uniformed police unit

—Enquirer (Herb Heise) Photo

Police Radio Gadget Making Debut Here

BY GEORGE HAHN
Enquirer Police Reporter

Responding to a routine "see the complainant run," the policeman left his cruiser and climbed to the third floor of the decaying slum building.

A crying woman opened the door and the policeman walked into trouble. The woman's husband walked out of the bedroom with a pistol in one hand and a baby in the other and threatened to shoot everyone.

As he dived behind a davenport, the policeman realized he was trapped in the room with the woman, her baby and a drunken gunman. He thought of his cruiser three floors below and wished it were possible to radio Station X for help.

WITHOUT any way to summon help, he knew he would have to depend on persuasion and, as a last resort, his gun to extricate himself from the situation. He hoped no one would be killed.

If a similar occasion arises next year, the policeman involved will have no trouble summoning all the help he needs. He'll merely press a button on a gadget attached to his

shoulder and be in instant communication with Station X.

The new gadgets, called "transceivers," are the Cincinnati Police Department's latest communications weapon against crime. Cincinnati will have the first department in the nation to use them.

By the first quarter of next year, they will have replaced police radios in squad cars and detective vehicles and converted each policeman carrying one into a miniature police radio station.

Monday, Lt. Col. William Bracke, commander, Inspection Services Bureau, and Vincent Grote, superintendent, Division of Communications, modeled the combination portable radio transmitters and receivers and explained how they'll work to the policemen of Division One and Traffic Bureau.

THE TRANSCIEVERS, which cost \$900 each, come in two models—one for plainclothesmen and one for uniformed patrolmen, Bracke explained.

The model for uniformed policemen weighs 38 ounces and consists of two parts—a box like unit containing the rechargeable battery and wiring, and an extension cord microphone and antenna, built to attach to the policeman's shoulder.

The model for detectives will have a built in microphone and antenna so the whole device can be hidden under the suit coat. It will weigh 30 ounces.

The transceivers will be put into use here as the result of a communications requirements study of the Cincinnati Police Department, undertaken by the Motorola Corp. in January, 1967, Bracke said.

"THEY CRITICALLY appraised our communications system as it was, advised us what our needs

were and drew up an ideal system for Cincinnati that would be surpassed by none," he continued.

Grote explained that the transceivers will be phased in conjunction with the new police communications set up when Station X moves to the third floor of District One next year.

"Each unit will have six channels—one for East Side traffic, one for West Side, one for all city traffic like bank robberies and riots, one for inquiries to the computer center, one for detectives' use and a command channel for police executives," he pointed out.

"FIFTEEN SATELLITE receivers will be scattered throughout the city with the nearest one to a policeman using a transceiver, picking up his message and beaming it to Station X. These satellite transmitters will guarantee 99% coverage within the city limits.

"Policemen using these transceivers will be able to communicate with each other in addition to with Station X," Grote said. "They have four times the penetrating power of current police radio equipment and will work inside buildings as well as outdoors and in cruisers."

Abernathy To Talk At NDA Meet Here

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will speak at a civil rights luncheon to be held during the 56th annual meeting of the National Dental Association August 3 to 7 in Cincinnati.

School Master Plan In Works

BY BILL CARLSON
Enquirer Education Reporter

Top administrators of the Cincinnati public schools will meet for six days, starting Wednesday, to work out major points of the system's new master plan for the seventies and eighties.

The plan, which has been in the works for two years, is scheduled to be unveiled sometime this summer.

The wide ranging blueprint will draw on recommendations of the Campbell Report from the University of Chicago survey team; 11 citizens task force reports; the system's two-year curriculum study, and the administration's study of the Campbell Report.

In charge of drafting the plan is Dr. James N. Jacobs, director of the district's division of research and design.

JACOBS SAID his personal opinion, based on research so far, shows three top priorities:

- Need for a set of demonstration schools for experimental programs.
- Need for early childhood education to combat the poverty cycle.
- Need for reorganization of the system's administration, with some sort of sub districting to put the officials closer to the local schools and the public.

Jacobs said these are his personal priorities but the final outline is still to be determined by top administrators and the board of education.

HE LEANED TOWARD the idea of a "small sub-set" of six or eight elementary and junior high schools for innovations. Each school would get extra resources to "try out new things on a very business basis," Jacobs explained.

He stressed he was not passing judgment on the proposed cluster school idea using the entire Woodward High school area.

Whisked By Death

Keen hearing and quick reflexes enabled a 63-year-old Westwood woman to miss death by inches Monday afternoon at Harrison and Queen City Aves.

"I was standing on the corner, reading The Enquirer while waiting for my son-in-law. I heard brakes screech and the sound of grinding metal," said Mrs. Blanche Albers, 3400 Millrich Ave.

WHAT MRS. ALBERS heard was a Deggeler Amusement Co. truck, roaring wildly down Harrison Avenue. Robert Paul Nalley, 36, Stuart, Fla., vainly tried to stop but the truck struck two west-bound cars on Queen City Avenue broadside.

"I didn't even look up to see what was about to happen—I knew," said Mrs. Albers. "I threw myself under a parked truck just before the truck and two cars jumped the curb and landed where I had been standing. Then I scrambled out of there as fast as possible."

Police, who investigated the accident, said Mrs. Albers would have been crushed to death had she not acted so quickly. A pole she was standing beside was sheared off. The newspaper she was reading was torn to pieces between the front bumper of the amusement co. truck and a station wagon it rammed.

Mrs. Albers was treated at St. Francis Hospital for skinned knees and a cut hand suffered in her scramble for life.

Harry Suelter, 55, 572 Pedretti Ave., who was trapped in his station wagon by the truck for 20 minutes, was admitted to the hospital with spine, neck and foot injuries.

Anthony Lawrence Martini, 28, 253 Twain St., and his passenger, Miss Rita Mittlehauser, 49, 6238 Ashtabula St., Delhi, were released after treatment. Both were in the second car struck by the amusement company truck.

'Today's Youth Protesters Tomorrow's Civic Picketers'

BY MIKE BLACKMAN
Enquirer Reporter

The enthusiasm of protesting youth one day will be channeled into "picketing" over the likes of polluted rivers, the use of pesticides and DDT, and the super highways which slice through city parks, the president of the Izaak Walton League of America believes.

"Young people are more aware

of these things," said Raymond A. Haik, in Cincinnati Monday for the league's national three-day convention which begins today. "Old people have been around and they accept, but the young people are not satisfied."

"I think they will be picketing over environmental problems just like they're picketing over Vietnam," said Haik, a Minneapolis attorney who has involved in league work "for about 15 years."

The 47th annual convention of the conservation organization is being held at the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson. Keynote speaker this morning will be Dr. Leslie Glasgow, assistant secretary of the Department of Interior. The theme of the convention is "Involving Young People in Conservation."

"I LOOK TO YOUNG people to be a bigger influence than they realize," Haik said in an interview. "They're questioning . . . and they want answers. They are concerned about what the establishment is doing and they aren't afraid to speak out."

The president of the 60,000-member organization said the league would be "moving through

the courts" to strengthen conservation practices. One of the issues would be to outlaw the use of pesticides and DDT, which can pollute water supplies and be deadly to fish and wildlife, he said.

Haik said the league wanted most for people to become aware of their environment problems. "I think conservation as such," he said, "has been growing in a direct relation to the people's awareness of the problems."



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Murder Suspects Hide From Camera

TWO SUSPECTS in the murder of a Fairfax service station duck from the camera as they appeared last night in Hamilton County Municipal Court at Norwood. Charles Helton, 20, 5825 Elm St., Mulberry, Ohio, left, was bound over to the Grand Jury without bond and Robert Mack, 17, Milford, right, was remanded to juvenile authorities. Troy Lee Carr, 28, was bludgeoned to death April 7, with the lid of a toilet in the restroom of a Fairfax service station where he worked.

School Budget Hearing Today

A public hearing on the 1970 budget for the Cincinnati Public Schools will be held at 7:30 p. m. today at the Education Center, 230 E. Ninth St.

The proposed \$64.7 million budget, which would begin next January, includes a \$6 million hike over 1969 spending.

Supt. Paul A. Miller said the budget reflects an "austerity level." Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the regular board meeting at 1 p. m. July 14, one day before the state deadline.

"But it's strictly my view that we're talking a bushful of money that we just don't have (to implement the cluster)," Jacobs declared. "It would be miraculous if we would get enough money from the government or any other source to really make an impact on 10,000 or 11,000 kids in the Woodward area."

HE SUGGESTED that the demonstration set begin with one or two schools and expand to six or eight as money became available.

In March the citizens task forces made 82 recommendations, 47 of which could be accomplished at no additional cost.

The plan will cover these areas: finance, staff organization, education and race, school-community relations, school plant, student personnel services, staff personnel, elementary education, secondary education, special education, (for the handicapped) and vocational education.

In an analysis of the task force reports, Jacobs cited the "strong signals" that emerged from the citizen study.

ONE OF THE major points, he wrote, is the need for "in-service training" of teachers and staff in four areas; improved public relations, adaption to changing technology, people-to-people relations within the organization, and understanding of disadvantaged pupils.

The idea of year-around operation of schools, still under study, "could have enormous impact on our school system," he stated.

Vice Mayor Gradison Seeks 5th Council Term

City Councilman and Vice-Mayor Willis D. Gradison Jr. announced Monday he will seek re-election in November to his fifth term on City Council.



Gradison

Gradison, a 40-year-old Republican, is chairman of both the Public Utilities and Urban Development, Housing and Zoning Committees. He is also a member of the Finance and Labor Committee.

In October, 1968, he authored an ordinance allowing the city to purchase property that is adding to the deterioration of its area. That ord-

inance received unanimous approval of Council. Last year he supported a 1% increase in the city income tax, a measure which the voters turned down.

FROM 1953 TO 1957 Gradison worked for the Federal Government in Washington, D.C., first as assistant to the undersecretary of the Treasury, and later as assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Gradison, who lives in East Walnut Hills with his wife and five daughters, attended Cincinnati public schools, Yale University and Harvard Business School. He received his DBA from Harvard University in 1954 and is a partner in W. D. Gradison & Co. stock brokers.