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Squad Cars Bulldoze

'Round-Up-Time' in Wheeling for Police

Wheeling uniformed "cowboys" didn't enjoy the "roundup" of six stray heifers roaming the open fields, but without benefit of lariats or horses they "seen their duty and they done it."

To [illegible] to the rescue, two squad car, but that is [illegible] how Wheeling [illegible] chased the "varmints" as they fled down Hintz road, after crashing through the fence of the Gentry farm.

Tearing off for the railroad section on the east side of the Soo line, along north from Hintz road the runaways took off for the "wild and wooly spaces" about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

HOT ON THEIR heels, six three squad cars were Sgt. Howard Koeppen, Patrolman Howard Bitterman and Jack Kinsey, radio man.

Wheeling looked like the en actment of a Western melodrama as the redfaced, puffing policemen chased the heifer part of a mile, as the group flies back and forth over the open field between the Soo line and Meadowbrook and St. Joseph's church.

Finally, they herded the heifers and returned them to the farm from which they had fled. But this is not all.

AS IF IMPELLED by some mad TV-hysteria, the runaway fever seemed to infect the village's other quadrupeds. Perhaps they have their own grapevine.

The call came in about 8 30 p.m. the same day. Four horses had broken loose from the farm of Pat Laske's, at Wolf and Camp McDonald, kicking up their heels in new-found freedom.

Again, the "cowboys" went to the rescue, chasing up and down the Wheeling area. But the village's finest "came a cropper," or perhaps they were "bushed" from the previous "rodeo" activities.

Anyhow, a neighbor reported finding them in her yard at Palatine and Wolf, and Pat Laske and her assistants helped round up the hair.

AT 11 P.M., all was quiet again at "Bar X," more familiarly known to residents as the Wheeling police station.

Break-Into Wonder Baking Company Plant

Wh. In. June 2, 1960

Officials at Wonder Bread Baking Company, N. Milwaukee Ave., reported Wednesday a break-in the night before.

Although there was slight damage to the premises, nothing was taken, the report stated.

A person or persons gained entry into the baking company by crawling atop a parked truck in the rear of the plant.

A window was smashed and the intruders dropped through to the ground floor.

Wheeling police are investigating.

CONSEQUENCES?

Wh. Independent

Wheeling Police found a 13 year old boy walking down Dundee Road in the early morning hours Wednesday, April 13th. The car he had been driving was in a ditch.

The youth was brought to the police station where he told of taking a few cans of his father's beer, then waited until his parents were asleep before stealing the family car.

The boy was returned to his parents in Arlington Heights. Ap 2 196

Consequences???

Nosebleeder Hospitalized

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Wheeling police called upon last Thur evening to rush a 4-yea girl to the hospital when parents were unable to a nosebleed.

Esperanza Salazar, da ter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Salazar, 611 S. Wolf Wheeling, was escorted Libertyville, where Libe ville police met her and her to Condell Memorial pital.

She is in good condition day.

Chief Gets Third Case Of Mumps!

Wh. Herald April 28, 1960

Wheeling police chief M vin Horcher has been con e dto his home this week fering from the mumps, third case.

Horcher thus shoots h in the theory that a per can get the mumps once.

"I had them first wh ten-years-old," he said, " again in 1949. But this t they're confined to the r side."

To further complicate health status in the Hor household, a daughter, berta, 4, is nursing a case the measles.

Apprehends Wanted Man

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Man Of Many Aliases Held

Wheeling ~~Herald~~ Aug 27, 1964

Jacob Henry Meudt is currently residing at the County jail under $25,000 bond. Our part of the story starts when Sgt. Eugene Wolf of the Wheeling police noticed two men in the Wheeling Road storage lot of International Harvester at 9:30 p.m. August 18th.

Sgt. Wolf's approach to question them regarding the unorthodox business hours caused both men to attempt a speedy departure. The sergeant nabbed one immediately, hand-cuffed him to a tractor for safe-keeping, then caught the other as he tried to enter the Volkswagon camper they were using. The men identified themselves as Robert McCann, currently of 100 West Palatine Road, formerly of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Robert E. Smith of Chicago, and stated they were trying to rent a tractor. Under questioning, McCann admitted to being picked up with John LaPlume, formerly of Wheeling, in connection with a chain saw robbery in Oskaloosa.

Smith was found to be carrying a corrected driver's license made out to a Raymond H. Rodheim, and was held on a disorderly conduct charge pending further investigation. Further investigation proved to be very interesting indeed. There is a Raymond H. Rodheim in Chicago whose description is some four inches taller and ten pounds heavier than that on the corrected license in Smith's possession, and whose license was either lost or stolen some months ago. Subsequently it was found that Smith/Rodheim, whose true identity has been established as Jacob Henry Meudt, is wanted for bum check passing and a number of other offenses. Current charges include using fraudulent means to obtain a driver's license, auto theft (the Volkswagen camper on which the serial plate has been neatly exchanged), bond-jumping from criminal court, and fraudulent use of credit cards.

Meudt seems to have made a poor choice of aliases in at least one case. Robert E. Smith was one of three would-be robbers picked up in Skokie over the week-end. He is already on five-year probation for burglary.

Because of the triple aliases (there are charges against Meudt under all three names), the number of places where the charges are filed, and the resulting need to coordinate facts and evidence, L. Morse of the State's Attorney's Office has requested a conference with Wheeling Police Chief M. O. Horcher.

There's Nothing Like Making It Easy

.....for car thieves that is. Once again a stolen automobile belonging to a Wheeling resident has been recovered with the keys still in the ignition. It is true that it is no criminal offense to leave a car parked on private property with the keys in it, but it certainly is inviting the misguided youth and the downright thief to make the most of the situation. Patrolman Thomas Conte and Sgt. Robert Llewellyn are credited with the recovery August 21st. Cruising in the area of the new Wheeling High School at 2:30 a.m., they noticed a car crossing the school parking lot. Upon being signalled to stop, the driver sped onto Elmhurst Road, turned west on Hintz, then south into Sherwood Drive, where he abandoned the automobile. Conte and Llewellyn pursued the thief, a youth wearing a blue sweat shirt, on foot, but lost him in the high weeds growing in the area. A heavy rain was falling at the time making pursuit even more difficult.

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Held On Triple Charge

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Being held in the Wheeling jail on $200 bond, is Paul J. Flichman, who gave Wheeling police a Wheeling motel address. He is charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving off the road, and driving under the influence of alcohol. All this, at four in the afternoon. Flichman was apprehended August 20th, as he was proceeding eastward on Jeffrey Ave. (slightly northward and southward at the same time) after allowing his vehicle to smash into the wall of a house on the corner of Jeffrey Lane and Jeffrey Ave. when he was trying to negotiate said corner. The Allan Carlsons, who live in the home, were away on vacation. This is probably fortunate, since the force of the impact pushed a crib placed by the wall damaged by Flichman's car into the center of the room.

That Time is Here Again

Wheeling police don't need a calendar to know it's late August and school is still two weeks away. The usual rash of juvenile vandalism is occuring. This is probably not a condition peculiar to Wheeling, but one prevailing wherever the kids are bored, the parents busy, just a little tired, and relaxing a little in efforts to keep the kids constructively occupied fourteen hours a day. Recent activities of unsupervised juveniles, some of them potentially dangerous, and all of them dead wrong, include riding a hand car on the siding near the General Blower Co. in the Wheeling Industrial District, the damaging of a swimming pool and garden hose in Meadowbrook, the breaking of a lock on the Ben Franklin store in Dunhurst, and pilfering of junk and damaging of automobile aerials at North Shore Rambler on Milwaukee Avenue.

Wheeling Independent April 27, 1964

Injured Youth Still Hospitalized

Roy Seek, step-son of Village trustee Richard Fredericks, was still hospitalized Tuesday as the result of severe injuries sustained when he fell into Buffalo Creek last week-end. Roy, 15, and a group of other boys were playing in the area along the creek between Elmhurst and McHenry Roads. When he fell into the creek a piece of jagged wood ripped a 5-inch gash in the chest muscle under the arm. Wheeling Police rushed him to Lutheran General Hospital, where he is still under observation for internal injuries including a possible ruptured spleen.

Cruel Vandelism To Boy,s Bike

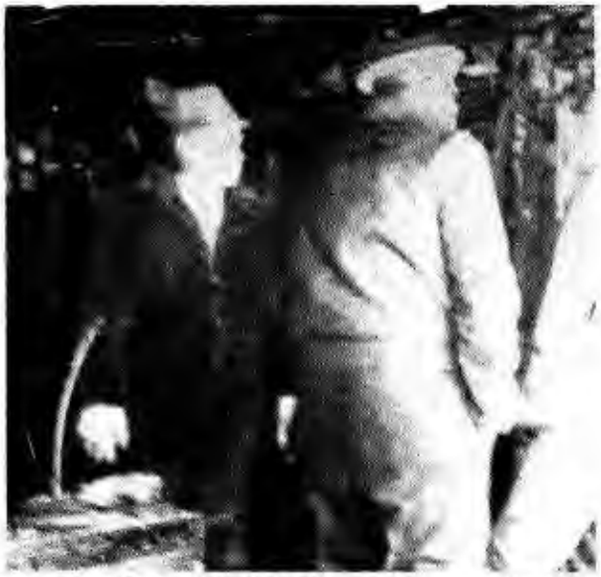
There must be something else to do for the Wheeling Youths in the evening than to multilate a 12 year old's bicycle.

When left standing in the Meadowbrook Park Monday evening, Bob Lord's bike was quite mistreated. The tires were flattened, spokes pulled out and bent, lights torn off, stickers removed and seat tampered with, results, one broken-hearted boy.

"FIRE"

2-15-73

Wheeling Fire Chief, Berny Koeppen and Deputy State Fire Marshall, Joseph Valle, discuss the possible origin and causes of the tragic fire which caused two deaths.



Wheeling and State officials Friday morning investigated the charred ruins of the Devitt home.

A young married couple died, Friday, when fire gutted their home at 705 S. Merle Ln., Wheeling.

Barbara Devitt, 20, died at Holy Family Hospital at 4:25 a.m. She suffered severe burns and smoke inhalation.

Her husband Michael, 24, was dead on arrival at the hospital, appartently a victim of smoke inhalation.

Firemen had found Barbara at the kitchen door, according to the report. However, she had not opened the door and firemen had to move her to get through the door.

Michael was found in the bedroom on the floor near the bed, according to the report.

A neighbor, Larry Steward, 586 S. Merle Ln., was returning home after work when he saw the fire.

According to Steward, he ran to the rear of the house to awaken anyone inside. Failing to do so, he ran to the home of William Null, 711 S. Merle Ln. and called the fire department.

Wheeling Police said the fire started approximately 3:38 a.m. in the one story frame ranch house.

After investigating the scene of the fire, Wheeling Fire Chief Berny Koeppen and Deputy State Fire Marshall, Joe Valle had eliminated foul play as a cause.

Fire Chief Koeppen said, Friday afternoon, they had determined that the fire started in the living room by the sofa and lamp.
lamp.

Also, he said, they were investigating the possibility of accidental causes.

Chief Koeppen said that at this time they could not say whether or not they could come up with the true cause of the fire.

Snow Advice Flurry Here

Wheeling Herald Nov 25, 1968

Beware the mighty snowflake!

Among the messages being distributed to area residents this fall is advice from the village governments to help in keeping snow off sidewalks and preventing traffic jams.

In Wheeling, Village Mgr. C. E. Olsen has met with police and public works officials to discuss snow plowing operations.

OLSEN IS urging Wheeling residents not to park on streets in the village after a three-inch snowfall until the streets have been plowed. Vehicles parked in this manner will be towed, but the time involved jeopardizes snow removal.

In Mount Prospect, Village Mgr. Robert Moore said residents have complied well with the ordinance prohibiting parking on unplowed streets after a two-inch snowfall for 24 hours. He said parking is not allowed on village streets between 2 and 6 a.m., the time during which most of the plowing is done.

Olsen explained that in Wheeling, illegal parking has met with serious results. If the snow is deep enough and the wind is blowing, up to 50 percent of the driver's vision is obscured. Roads that cannot be plowed because of parked vehicles become hazardous to motorists and obstruct emergency fire, police and ambulance vehicles.

BOTH MANAGERS requested that residents shovel sidewalks as soon as possible. Olsen said unshoveled sidewalks compel pedestrians, including children and elderly persons, to mingle with moving traffic on snow-packed streets and add to the already hazardous traffic conditions.

Olsen also said there is a local ordinance forbidding residents to leave garbage cans on village parkways.

During exceptionally heavy snow periods, garbage cans left on parkways will be mangled by plows, and the spilled garbage mixed with snow, remains until the next thaw and attracts rats, he said.

Residents are being urged to keep garbage cans behind sidewalks instead, to comply with this ordinance.

WHEELING NURSERY BURNS

5-7-73

Deadline item - Late Friday night or early Saturday morning flames spouted from the Wheeling Nursery, 642 S. Milwaukee Ave.

According to the Wheeling Fire Department the call came in at 1:31 a.m. Saturday morning.

Smoke and flames poured from the southeast corner of the building, which is one of Wheeling's landmarks, at least in name.

Nursery owners had been notified and were at the scene.

Firemen had an estimated 1200 feet of hoses connected to the nearest hydrant, which was near Mr. B's Restaurant. Milwaukee Avenue was blocked off from both directions and traffic rerouted.

Heat from fire and smoldering peat moss, fertilizer, and other nursery items melted plastic display items. As soon as possible firemen began searching the building to determine if anyone was inside.

At this time it was estimated the building was probably unoccupied. The ambulance and crew stood by nevertheless.

Fireman scaled the walls and worked on the roof, "Here's the hot spot". Then they removed a section of roof to pour more water on the smoldering fire. Smoke poured from the building almost continuously.

It was after 2:30 a.m. when firemen had the blaze under control and were carrying smoldering items from the building.

"Stand back!" shouted Fire Chief Berny Koeppen, "That's chlorine gas--".

He carried a smoking, smoldering container at the end of a long pole as he emerged from the smoke infested building.

By this time, water filled most of the walkways in the immediate area.

By 3:00 a.m., firemen estimated they had another couple hours work to make certain the fire was out.

Wheeling Nursery owners estimated the damage at over $200,000. It was the second fire at the nursery in the past 4 or 4½ years, according to a reliable source.

men win raise

S 28 patrolmen got their first pay raise since the village board last week. The salary increase, at 11 per cent, applies only to patrolmen. Officers, radio operators, records clerks, and secretaries who also work for the department are continuing their salary negotiations with the village. The raise brings the top pay, which all but two patrolmen receive, to $18,540 from $16,620 annually. A patrolman who has worked 12 years or longer for Wheeling will receive an additional $350 a year. Increased major medical coverage also was part of the settlement, negotiated informally between village administrators and four policemen [who are members of the Combined Counties Police Association, which hasn't been officially recognized by the village board as a bargaining agent]. Half of the pay raise goes into effect in May and the other half becomes effective in November.

Suburban Trib Jan 31, 1977

Village takes no action on police grievances

Sept 22, 1977

By EDWIN CALLAHAN

The Wheeling village board will take no action on the grievances filled by three top village police officers. The board considered both the grievance filled by Acting Chief Lt. Theodore Bracke and the one filed by Lt. Thomas Conte to be beyond the scope of the grievance procedure. Both grievances were related to changes in the police pay plan.

The board did rule Sgt. J.M. Hermes had a valid grievance. Hermes said in his complaint that former police chief M.O. Horcher had violated procedure when he had made public a grievance Hermes had signed last spring. The board agreed this was a violation. However, the board said there was no further action it could take since Horcher has retired.

Bracke said he was disappointed in the board's decision. But he said he was "stymied" at this point since there was not much else he could do.

Though the grievances focused on the different changes the village administration made in the pay plan, the major complaint had to do with the relationship between the village and the police management.

Bracke said he believed police management should have the same right to negotiate with the village as the police rank and file have.

"I'm not happy that police management is being eliminated from the collective bargaining process," he said. Current village guidelines give police management the right to "discuss" wages, benefits and working conditions with the village but states they cannot formally negotiate.

Both Bracke and Conte had told the board they believed there was not enough input from the top police officers into the decision-making process of the village. Bracke said they were "just left out" of the decision to change part of the pay plan.

Conte had filed his grievance in relation to the decision of the village to change the salary schedule. The village had changed the departments paydays from the first and fifteenth of the month to every other Friday. Bracke had filed his complaint about changes in the incentive plan, which was originally set up by the village to keep its experienced officers.

The board replied to Bracke that it was their position "management does not have the right to negotiate and (the board) is not prepared to institute such a right at this time."

The board said through it might seem "inequitable" at times, only non-management has the right to negotiate. Once a person enters the management level, he voluntarily gives up the right to negotiate, the board said.

Because of this, Bracke's complaint involved a policy of the village administration. Under Wheeling's system of government, the board said, they could not interfere with the village manager's right to set policy.

The board did not consider Conte's grievance valid since it also was a village policy. The decision said. Conte's complaint could be handled through grievance procedure only if the changes in the pay plan were not uniformly enforced.

Trustee Charles Kerr said Management personnel just doesn't have the perogative to negotiate like employes.

"I challenge anyone to find an agency anywhere that allows management the right to negotiate," he said. "Who are they supposed to negotiate with-themselves?" Kerr added, however, he thought Bracke seriously wanted a better dialogue between the village and the police department.

The police did not lose out completely, though. In response to complaints about the changed pay schedule, the village is conducting a survey of the police department to see which pay plan the police would like to have. The village will accept the plan the majority of the department supports.

Acting Village Manager Greg Peters also plans to start a policy of getting the management of all departments more actively involved in the negotiations between the village and department employes. The board also encouraged the village manager and the manageme levels of the different departments "discuss all pay matters even-handed with as much latitude as may l possible."

Bracke was still not happy with tl board's answers.

"If the village board won't take th feedback about problems in the polic department from the top officers and th acting police chief, there's somethin wrong," he said.

Police grievances to be aired by board today

Sept 8, 1977

The Wheeling village board will meet Sept. 8 in an executive session to consider grievances filed by Wheeling police officers. No deadline, however, has been set for when the board will issue a report on the grievances.

According to procedure, the board normally must reply to a grievance within eight days after a hearing. Public hearings were first held Aug. 8. Both sides agreed at the meeting that the issues were complicated enough for the board to need additional time to study them. The board now will reply to the grievances within a reasonable time."

The grievances, filed by top Wheeling police officers, involve changes in the police pay plan. However, it is the manner that the changes were made, as much as the changes themselves, that have brought the complaints.

There are three separate grievances. One was filed by Acting Police Chief Theodore Bracke about the changes in the police department's incentive plan and the negotiation rights of police management. Lt. Thomas Conte filed a grievance (with 20 concurring signatures from department members) about changes in the two-week pay plan. The third complaint came from Sgt. John Hermes who claimed violations of the grievance procedure by retiring Police Chief M.O. Horcher.

The officers said last week that the pay plan changes were made without consulting them.

"It's the principle of the matter," Conte said. "The changes came down from the administration with no reasons and no explanations."

Bracke said police management level personnel should have the right to negotiate their salaries in the same way as other village employes. The current village guidelines on collective bargaining state that management and supervisory level personnel can discuss their salaries informally with the village administration, but they cannot negotiate.

Bracke said the village should have input from the police management in salaries and department policy.

Conte's grievance involves the change of the police department pay schedule from the 1st and 15th of the month to every other Friday. Conti said the change gives the policemen less money per paycheck than the old system, even with a 3 per cent raise and longevity payments.

Conti said that much of the police force had no input into the decision. He said that former Village Manager Terry Zerkle had told him that the change in payment schedule was reached after discussions with some of the patrolmen on Dec. 15, 1976. Conti said this left out the managerial police personnel and the civilian workers, who should have been consulted.

Hermes' grievance states that Chief Horcher violated proper grievance procedures when the complaint about the changes in the two-week pay plan was first drawn up. Hermes was one of the 21 signers of the grievance.

Horcher returned the grievance to the department, saying that the officers were following improper procedure. Horcher put a copy of the grievance on the police bulletin board and sent a copy to village manager Zerkle, Hermes said.

Hermes said that this is a violation of grievance procedure since all communications in a case are to be kept confidential.

Zerkle, Horcher gone; Who will appoint chief?

SEPT 8, 1977

Wheeling Police Chief M.O. Horcher will officially complete his duties Sept. 16 and leave the police department. But the village can't appoint a permanent replacement because a new manager to replace Terry Zerkle won't be hired by then.

Horcher was planning to retire earlier this summer but agreed to stay until Sept. 16 while the village hired a replacement. Horcher, who moved to Arkansas in August, is officially on "vacation." Before he went, Horcher appointed Lt. Bracke as temporary chief. But it is not clear whether Bracke's appointment will be valid after Sept. 26.

Normally, the village manager would hire a replacement, but when Gregory Peters was appointed as acting village manager his hiring and firing powers were limited by the village board. The trustees said that Peters could not hire or fire department heads. Both the board and Peters agreed that the new village manager should be able to chose his department heads.

Board members and administrators both say that what the village will do now is not clear.

However, Village President William Hein said that there was no problem.

Village Attorney Alan Garfield said Peters could reappoint Bracke as acting chief after Sept. 16.

"That would be the best answer," he said.

Garfield said Peters would have to go to the board for permission to do that. He said that Peters could make that kind of appointment, even though he can not hire permanent department heads. Bracke would serve as temporary chief until a new one is chosen.

Wheeling has begun the process of hiring a new mianager but it is expected to take several months. The village staff will advertise in managerial trade magazines to get applicants.

After 30 years

Chief Horcher to resign

March 30, 1977 countryside

Wheeling will be losing its chief law enforcement officer, a veteran of nearly 30 years service, in September.

Police Chief Marvin O. Horcher submitted his resignation to the village manager last week.

"I think I've reached my peak," Horcher said. "I don't know if I could progress any further."

Horcher began his career in law enforcement in 1948 as an assistant marshal.

"Training then was fantastic," he said. "They gave you a cap and a badge, said 'I hope you've got a gun,' and sent you o work. Things have really changed then."

After suffering a stroke several ye ago, doctors told Horcher he would paralyzed, and warned his family of s to adjust to a new life style. But perseverance prevailed, and he eventu returned to his job as police chief.

The father of six daughters, the young a high school senior, Horcher plans to k busy in retirement with his hobby keeping bee hives. His resignation wil effective Sept. 16.

hree vacancies in Wheeling

It's a long, hard road to win police badge

June 23, 1977 countryside

By EDWIN CALLAHAN

Wheeling has three vacancies on its police force and it will have them for quite a while. The village is actively seeking to fill the openings but the process of hiring a policeman is not a short one. Robert Olson, the police and fire commission chairman, hopes the vacancies will be filled by the end of the year.

The process of hiring policemen is a process involving both physical and written tests, interviews and a health examination. The whole procedure takes several months.

The process is not made shorter by the fact that there are many applicants for each individual job. There are more than 60 applications for the positions on the Wheeling force and Olson says he can't figure out why the turnout is so low.

"Des Plaines has over 300 trying for positions on its police force," he said. "I'm surprised we have such a comparatively small turnout."

The examination and hiring process starts when the village puts a notice out that police positions are available. To apply for them, a person must be 21, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weigh 132 pounds and have a high school education.

Olson says that there probably won't be any problem with the qualifications being discriminatory.

"It's my understanding that the government will allow these standards. So far, we have been allowed to keep it," Olson says.

Olson added that he thought the height and weight requirements were the "minimum" requirements for a police officer. Anyone smaller couldn't handle some of the situations a policeman might have to deal with.

The next step is an orientation meeting to explain the nature of the tests and the job to the applicants and their families. The meeting will be held at Wheeling High School and is tentatively scheduled for June 29.

On July 23, agility tests will be held for the applicants. These tests will be used to determine which of the applicants can handle the physical side of police work.

Wheeling presently does not have a specific agility test but is examining agility tests from six other police departments and another designed by the Fire and Police Assoiciation of Illinois. Wheeling will either adopt one of these or use parts of them to develop their own.

Olson said there was no problem with any of the tests being discriminatory. The association's test, for example, has been approved by the federal government. Olson added that whichever test Wheeling picks, it will not be easy.

"The test is going to be tougher that the old one."

The applicants who pass the agility test will then have to take a written test Aug. 13. Part of the test includes a psychological exam.

"It's just a very basic test," Olson said. "In fact we're thinking of going into a more comprehensive testing. It's not an I.Q. test of any kind; it is strictly job-related."

The applicants who pass the written test submit their records to the FBI and the Illinois Bureau of Investigation for background checks. They mu physical examination. The b checks usually take about a n

The last step is individual int the remaining applicants by mission. Those who pass that hired to fill the vacancies or eligibility list. Those on the eli will be considered first for future vacancies.

The whole procedure can tak months. Olson said the three should be filled by the end of the

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Not 'acting' anymore

Bracke named new Wheeling police chief

By TINA LABELLARTE

After months of controversy Wheeling has a new police chief.

Acting Police Chief Lt. Ted Bracke was sworn in Friday as the permanent chief during a brief ceremony in the council chambers.

Village Manager Carsten Leikvold appointed Bracke to fill a vacancy created by the September retirement of former Police Chief M. O. Horcher.

When introducing the new chief, Leikvold said Bracke's training and experience are excellent.

"I am confident he will serve the Village of Wheeling with honor and distinction," Leikvold said.

Bracke has been a Wheeling police officer for 17 years, including nine years in a supervisory position. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology, an associate of arts degree in law enforcement and is working on a master's degree in public administration.

Ted Bracke

Although former Village Manager Terry Zerkle said he believed there were more qualified applicants outside the Wheeling Police Department, Leikvold thought Bracke was the best man for the job.

Zerkle was fired late last summer after he said he was being pressured to name Bracke to the position of chief. Zerkle said Village President William Hein and some trustees of the village board were pushing the Bracke appointment.

Bracke said although he is sure the Zerkle incident will come up, he is hoping the subject will soon pass.

"Hopefully, with increased productivity of the police department, it will go by the wayside," Bracke said.

Although some village officials said the timing of the appointment was unexpected, the choice itself was not termed a surprise.

"In view of the publicity, I wouldn't say the appointment came as a surprise," said Village Trustee Hugh Sommerfield.

Sommerfeld said he thought it was not the place of a trustee to comment on who was selected for the post.

"The appointment itself is Leikvold's responsibility. I will certainly be observing Bracke's performance, as will everyone in the village," he said.

Although Trustee Charles Kerr said Bracke might be a good police chief and that point remains to be seen, he did not approve of the way in which Leikvold handled the appointment.

"This confirms my growing opinion that

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New police chief—

(Continued from page 5)

our gutless village manager is working for Bill Hein who is calling all the shots," Kerr said.

"This type of action keeps Wheeling in a position of having a reputation for behind-the-scenes business," he added.

Leikvold said he was not pressured by anyone in making his selection, but did receive suggestions from many persons.

Leikvold interviewed 5 of the 87 applicants for the position. Kerr said most area police departments form a commission or hire a consultant to make such a choice.

Although his appointment comes in the wake of controversy, Bracke was happy to accept the job.

"Everybody comes into the department and thinks he would like to be chief of police. They never really think they're going to realize that dream. I appreciate being here," he said.

Bracke emphasized the need for a police department to be a service to its community. He said future plans will include seeking federal grants for service projects.

Bracke said he would work to improve railroad crossings, implement the traffic control program and form a canine unit to patrol industrial areas.

Fire calls

Herald neighbors Oct 27, 1983

Sports, industrial victims are aided by paramedics

Wheeling paramedics were called to a variety of cases this week.

A 16-year-old boy dislocated his shoulder during a football game at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhust Rd., Oct. 15. His arm was stabilized with a splint, and he was taken to the hospital.

A 53-year-old woman who had been to the dentist said she filled prescriptions for pain medication and penicillin, but got a reaction shortly after she took some, the report said. She was described as looking pale and sweaty when examined. She was given oxygen and an intravenous solution according to hospital orders and taken to the hospital.

A man who amputated his right thumb at the first knuckle in a punch press machine was taken to the hospital Oct. 17 after the thumb portion was retrived and wrappped in moist gauze with a cold pack.

Answer small fires

Wheeling firefighters went to three small fires this week.

The one in a paper baler at Segerdahl Corp., 1351 S. Wheeling Rd., was so small it did not activate an alarm, and employees had the fire out before firefighters arrived. Wells Fargo notified the fire department because the water flow alarm went off. Damage to the machine was estimated at $400.

There was also one of the commmon dumpster fires at Jack London School, 1001 W. Dundee Rd., Oct. 16. The origin was undetermined. There was no damage since only discarded paper burned.

The third fire was in a car Oct. 17, which caused $100 damage to a 1972 Chevrolet. The carburetor leaked gas and caused an engine fire at Wolf Road and Manchester, the report said.

Stuck elevators

Two elevators were stuck in the village last week.

The one at 1550 Sandpebble Dr. on Oct. 16 was running when firefighters arrived, but a rescue was performed at Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, 350 E. Dundee Road, Oct. 17.

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Wheeling awaits funds for traffic control plan

Wheeling has been given the green light for its plans to set up a traffic control division in its police department.

Office Armando Pizzi, who developed the proposal, spent three days last week in Springfield working to gain a federal grant to finance 70 per cent of the program.

"The traffic safety board has approved the program itself and now we must go before the evaluation board to get approval for allocation of the funds," Pizzi said.

Pizzi said the funding request would come before the evaluation board within 60 to 90 days. He said indications are the board will fund the program, allowing it to be implemented by August.

The $73,000 grant would be used by the police department under the traffic control division for a two-year project to reduce the high accident rate on Dundee Road (Route 68).

Total cost of the proposed project is $104,340. Along with federal funding, the village would pay 30 per cent of the first-year cost. The federal government would supply 50 per cent of the second yea cost.

Pizzi recently told the Wheeling villag board the program would give the villag a traffic control division after the two-yea project was over.

Although a traffic division would hand problems throughout the village, th two-year project would center on Dund Road which accounted for many of the 9 car accidents in Wheeling in 1976.

Nine people died in Wheeling traff accidents in 1976 and although statisti for 1977 are not in, Pizzi told the villa board he believed there were more th 1,000 accidents in Wheeling that year.

Under the proposed program, the polic would strictly enforce the posted 45 mil an hour speed limit on Dundee Road.

Accident investigation, bicycle safet driver education, pedestrian and scho bus safety, accident prevention and traff engineering programs would also t included in the proposed project.

From the Police Blotter

Reminder May 28, 1981

A Wheeling police officer noticed Robert Redfield, 20, Round Lake Beach, driving erratically and, after the traffic stop, saw a container of liquor in the car. Charges against Redfield included driving under the influence of alcohol and transportation of an open container of liquor.

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The handlebar, gear shift and rear wheel of a 27-inch, 10 speed bicycle were stolen at Wheeling High School. The parts are estimated to be worth $50.

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A small black and white dog with ribbons on its ears was found at Kmart and taken to Preiser's, Wheeling police said.

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Palwaukee Airport reported that someone was flying a kite in the flight path, but Wheeling police were unable to locate the kite flyer.

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A resident on Valley Stream Drive complained that some people had been storing a dead dog nearby for approximately 10 days. The dog was to be removed, Wheeling police said.

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A girl at Kmart tried out a bowling ball and could not remove her finger. The finger was removed without the need to call an ambulance.

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A young male called Illinois Bell in

The village board unanimously approved commendations for police officers and community volunteers who helped in the successful and safe return of kidnap victim Jennifer L. Monte.

"I don't know what else to say other than thank you," Village President Sheila Schultz told Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Monte was abducted a block from her home Nov. 3 just after she stepped off of a school bus. She was rescued 84 hours later from the home of a neighbor. Thomas Dahm, who has been charged in a 20-count indictment including aggravated kidnapping, armed violence and aggravated battery.

Haeger was recognized along with Sgt. Michael Hermes, Sgt. Jack Kinsey, Sgt. Edward Leach, detectives Richard Poppenga and William Sturman, and youth officers Walter Fitzgibbons and Timothy Killyer.

In addition, Investigations Unit Supervisor John Stone was recognized with officers Dexter Gorski, William Hubner, James Kuzyowski, Thomas Lorenz, Robert MacDonald, Frank Murphy and Michael Rompala. Community service officers Laura Kappler, Patricia Koehler and Robert Paskaski were also commended for their help.

Wheeling police arrest 12 after narcotics raids

By C.L. WALLER AUGUST 1, 1985

Youths may have a more difficult time purchasing illegal drugs in Wheeling as a result of a six-month undercover operation that netted 12 narcotics arrests.

Wheeling Police Department and the Northeast Metropolitan Enforcement group worked together on the investigation, which brought more than 20 felony counts of delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance or possession of stolen property, said Police Chief Michael F. Haeger.

Most of the arrests occurred from 4 p.m. to midnight last Thursday through a coordinated effort by police in Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights, Northbrook, Mount Prospect and the Northeast Metropolitan Enforcement group.

Those arrested were Josef B. Adamica, 20, of 347 E. Wayne, Wheeling; Edward M. Dian, 19, of 1013 Valley Stream Drive, Wheeling; Anthony L. Williams, 33, of 1433 Quaker Lane, Prospect Heights; Michael K. Wilson, 19, of 920 Valley Stream Drive, Wheeling; Brian J. Whitecotton, 17, of 349 Brougham, Wheeling; Steven A. Whitecotton, 22, of 349 Brougham, Wheeling; Janette Sinclair, 39, of 332 E. Jeffrey, Wheeling; James Lee Dyon, 18, of 781 S. Merle, Wheeling; Leslie Hineman, 27, of 1182 Wheeling Road, Mount Prospect; Mark B. Rivera, 21, of 65 Redwood Trail, Wheeling; Stace I. Humphreys, 18, of 245 Wheeling Ave., Wheeling; Timothy Alexander, 22, of 1228 Oboe Court, Wheeling; and a 16-year-old female companion of Humphreys'.

The investigation started through an informant and then marijuana and about $10,000 in cocaine were purchased by police undercover officers, said Deputy Chief Jim Roche.

The target of the investigation was suspected sources of cocaine and marijuana to high-school-age youths, said Haeger. "These are the nickel-and-dimers going to youth," Roche said.

The arrests should have a significant effect on drug sales to youths in Wheeling, the chief said.

Police confiscated 10 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and $1,900 in cash in conjunction with the Williams arrest.

Buys were being made in homes or cars, said Roche. Four vehicles were seized during the arrests.

Charges are as follows: Adamica, Dian, Wilson, Humphreys, and Alexander were each charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance; the Whitecotton brothers were each charged with one count of delivery of cannabis; Sinclair was charged with one count of delivery of cannabis and one count of possession of cocaine; Dyon was charged with one count of delivery of cannabis; Hineman was charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance; Rivera was charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance and Williams was charged with two counts of delivery of cannabis, one count of possession of stolen property and armed violence.

Williams had a stolen rifle in his possession and tried to flee out a window when police arrested him, police said.

LIFE in Wheeling

Wheeling Life Nov 21, 1985

Officer Dawson's legacy lives on

Jamie Conroy Merrell

[illegible] THAN two weeks have pass[illegible] Wheeling police officer [illegible]nneth Lawson was killed and [illegible]s about his death on Nov. [illegible] are fading from the newspa[illegible]ers.

But his family, his fellow offi[illegible] [illegible] friends in the com[illegible]nity [illegible] need newspapers to [illegible]ering qualities of Kenne[illegible] [illegible]on fresh in their minds.

Talk [illegible] anybody who knew him and they will tell you this 16-year veterar [illegible] of the Wheeling Police Department was one of the best. He always dealt with people fairly; he was proud of his work and he did it well.

It's been said before, but a situation like this one — the first killing of a Wheeling police officer — makes everyone feel a real sense of community.

"We felt a sense of empathy when Michael Ridges was shot," says Village President Sheila Schultz, referring to the Cook County Sheriff's officer who was killed less than three weeks before Dawson. "That's was close to home. And then when it's one of your own, it hits so much harder. It is like losing a member of your family.

"A TRAGEDY like this gives police officers a new awareness; it gives all of us a new awareness," Schultz said. "It forces you to be realistic. The city and suburbs have become so interrelated. The problems that creates need to be solved and not run away from. I hope that this will cause people to rethink the whole gun control issue.

"We are very proud of our police officers and this (situation) re-emphasizes our pride in the police force. When we need them, they're there.

"Other police departments have been so helpful. They come forward when somebody needs help, just like any family. They don't j st sit around and say, 'that's too bad.'"

Police officers demonstrated the special solidarity that exists between them at Officer Dawson's funeral. There is no sight to equal that of dozens of squad cars from departments as far away as Rockford, their lights silently flashing, as they follow each other in procession to honor one of their own.

Because so many village residents have wanted to do something for the Dawson family, a special fund (the Kenneth Dawson Fund) has been set up at the Main Bank, 350 E. Dundee, Wheeling, Ill. 60090.

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FREE IMMUNIZATIONS for children and adults are available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst. No appointment is necessary for this service, which is offered through the Cook County Department of Public Health. Dec. 9 is the next time it will be offered.

Parents should bring a complete record of all previous immunizations that were given to their children. Children who are ill or who have allergies, asthma or seizures will not be immunized.

For more information, call the Cook County Department of Public Health at 470-7227.

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job sending an application t[illegible] the Buffalo Grove Park District.

In an attempt to expand it[illegible] health and fitness programs, th[illegible] park district is looking for s[illegible]meone with experience teachin[illegible] prenatal aerobic classes an[illegible] aerobics for senior citizens. [illegible] interested app[illegible]applicants shou[illegible] contact Heather Kruple, recre[illegible]tion supervisor, 459-570[illegible].

Patient care a matter of speed, not choice

Countryside May 28, 1981

Wheeling patients will be transported to the nearest qualified emergency facility rather than to their choice of six area hospitals, according to the Wheeling fire chief.

Chief Bernhardt Koepper said a department committee recommended the new policy to save time and money. The committee said the old policy "reduced the availability of manpower" for other emergencies as well as increased fuel and vehicle mileage beyond necessity.

The committee also noted the village could be liable if a patient's condition deteriorated on the way to a more distant hospital.

According to the report, one exception to the new policy was if the [illegible] special resource [illegible] place. Directions for [illegible] given by the resource hospital [illegible] according [illegible] the report.

The co[illegible]ittee said the [illegible] policy dated from the beginning of ambulance service when fast transport was the basic treatment. Hospital emergency care varied from one facility to another, which the commitee said was not the case now since the level of care has improved.

The committee concluded the wide choice of facilities gave [illegible] advantages to the public.

According to a che[illegible] transports, [illegible] Holy Family [illegible] per cent [illegible] per cent went to [illegible] Hospital. Seven per cent of patients went to Northwest Hospital and 7 per cent went to [illegible] Hospital. Five per cent w[illegible] [illegible]k Hospital and 1 per cent went to Cond[illegible]

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Reminder May 28, 1981

Probe extended in accident

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus has extended further investigations concerning the police handling of the accident case involving a member of the politically-connected Stavros family.

Markus said he has not yet determined which attorneys will complete the investigation. Attorney Robert DiLeonardi's report, compl[illegible] last

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month, may be used with possible new findings, Markus said. Village President Sheila Schultz said DiLeonardi presented a preliminary report.

"I'm satisfied that Mr. Markus feels this needs further investigation. Now we can go on to another phase," Schultz said.

Police charged 25-year-old Gregory Stavros with improper lane usage as a result of a Nov. 1 accident when a family of four was allegedly run off the road.

Gregory Stavros is the nephew of James Stavros, former Wheeling Township Democratic committeeman who was a principal character in a 1974 zoning scandal. Palatine resident Marilyn Scott, the only witness to the incident, said Gregory Stavros fled from the scene and, when she reportedly pursued him, he refused to return.

The village's investigation came about after a Wheeling resident contacted Schultz after she heard Stavros' name while monitoring police broadcasts. The resident told Schultz that police said that the matter should be handled "carefully" and with "kid gloves."

Special fund established for slain cop

WH Life, 1985

WHEELING — A fund for the family of Kenneth Dawson, the Wheeling policeman who was fatally shot on Nov. 5, has been established by Main Bank, Wheeling.

To get the effort started, Main Bank has made a donation of $1,000.

Contributions can be sent to the Kenneth Dawson Fund Main Bank, Account Number 00226190-20, 350 E. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090.

New cameras may save lives

By KIMBERLY FORNEK
STAFF WRITER

8-12-99

Wheeling firefighters soon will have a new device to help save lives.

The fire department will buy two thermal imaging cameras, one for each fire station.

The camera "will help us to see through smoke-filled environments to locate victims quicker, as well as find the (location) of the fire much quicker," said Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac.

Although the fire department had budgeted enough money this year to buy only one unit, the Village Board approved the purchase of two cameras to better equip the department and take advantage of a cost savings.

The fire department spent about two years researching various types of thermal imaging cameras before recommending the purchase of a hand-held model made by ISG Thermal Systems that sells for $18,500. By purchasing two at the same time, the village will save $1,000. Wal-Mart stores have been raising money from the community for the cameras and will contribute about $8,000 toward their purchase.

Thermal imaging senses temperature change and uses the different temperature readings to create a black and white image visible through the camera. The hotter an ob-

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■ Cameras

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ject is, the lighter its image appears on the camera screen. Such differences in brightness will allow firefighters to differentiate between people and pieces of furniture, for example.

The camera also can minimize property loss because it gives on-screen infrared temperature readings. Instead of breaking open a wall, a firefighter can look through the camera to get a temperature reading to determine if the wall is a risk or not, MacIsaac said. The camera can help the fire crew completely extinguish the fire and increase their safety.

"The technology has come a long way," MacIsaac said.

"This unit is so sensitive," said Deputy Chief Ralph Perricone, "that after a person walks by, just from that little bit of heat, I can actually see the steps (with the camera)."

The cameras should be delivered in about three weeks.

POLICE NOTEBOOK

$125 woman's watch stolen out of Toyota

Lady Heard in 22199

WHEELING — A woman's black Seiko watch valued at $125 was stolen out of an unlocked 1989 Toyota parked outside a business at 955 Chaddick Drive, police said Thursday.

the 400 block of Arrow Trail, Thursday reports indicated. Four other bikes stored there were not taken.

Grill stolen off apartment patio

WHEELING — A barbecue grill valued at $75 was stolen off an apartment patio in the 200 block of Inwood Drive, Thursday reports indicated.

Bike valued at $200 stolen out of carport

WHEELING — A bicycle valued at about $200 was stolen out of a carport of a residence in

12/01/2006

The Wheeling Police Department has been named a flagship agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

The police department also was re-accredited for a sixth straight time. It has been an accredited agency since 1990.

According to the agency's Web site, CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations.

The purpose of CALEA's accreditation programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by:

Maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

"As a board, we greatly appreciate the fact that outsiders recognize the quality of our police department," said Wheeling Village President Greg Klatecki.

"This is an award for all of the police department. We all have to do it together to accomplish this. It's a group project all the way through," said Wheeling Police Chief John Stone.

"It take three years between accreditation each time you're tested. This department is something to be proud of," Stone said.

07/09/2005

Citizen's Police Academy: The Wheeling Police Department will host a Citizen's Police Academy from Aug. 11 through Sept. 29. The class meets Thursday evenings and runs for eight weeks.

This course allows residents an inside look at the expertise and operations of their police department. Applications can be obtained from either the police department or online. Seats are limited, so register early.

For information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 459-2679 or (847) 459-2993.

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Wheeling: 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the following places simultaneously: Whipple Tree; Arlington Club; Old Town; Dunhurst East; Redwood and Tahoe Circle. Each subdivision will host a block party where McGruff the Crime Dog is scheduled to appear along with members of the Wheeling Police Department and various dignitaries. Call officer Veronica Salazar at (847) 459-2679.

Halloween open house: The Wheeling Police Department's second annual Halloween Open House is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Police Department Neighborhood Resource Center, 99 Wolf Road.

The event will feature child fingerprinting/DNA kits, photos with McGruff the Crime Dog, a kids' Halloween drawing contest, child safety seat inspections, bicycle safety inspections, face painting, facility tours, ghoulish snacks, raffle prizes for costumed children and fire department activities.

Call (847) 459-2993 for more information regarding the open house or the resource center.

10/27/05

Wheeling police prepare for trick-or-treaters: Wheeling will hold its second annual Halloween Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Wheeling Police Department Neighborhood Resource Center, 99 Wolf Road.

The event will offer raffles for costumed children, a chance to meet McGruff the Crime Dog, Halloween drawing contest, face painting, tours, child fingerprinting and bicycle and child safety seat inspections.

Call (847) 459-2993 for information. 9/23/2005

July 7, 1977

Samaritan in blue: Police chief cares on and off the job

By EDWIN CALLAHAN

A police chief in a village like Wheeling has many roles. He is a law enforcer, peace keeper and dispute settler. And, perhaps, a Good Samaritan.

This role is not as unusual as it may first sound. This is definitely the case for Wheeling Police Chief M.O. Horcher. He is the head of the Wheeling Salvation Army Service Unit and he helps provide for people who find themselves with no money, home, job or future.

He finds the two jobs go together.

"When people are down and out," he says, "I've found that the police are the first to find out about it on a general day to day basis."

Because of this, Horcher finds himself involved in emergency cases. Horcher says there are no other agencies in Wheeling that handle cases that come up suddenly or happen late at night or on week ends. Eight to five weekday problems have a variety of welfare, legal or counseling agencies to get help from. But someone who spends his last dime (literally) to get to Wheeling and has no money to eat, find a place to stay or even leave town has only the Salvation Army.

By way of Chief Horcher.

Horcher became involved 10 years ago when Lt. Arnold Krause, who was the head of the Salvation Army Service Unit, retired. Before he left, he handed Horcher a file containing records of emergencies the unit had handled in the past.

Horcher decided to step in and see what he could do to help people in similar situations. And some of the people Horcher has come across have needed help in such a way that to say they were desperate is an understatement.

For example, the most current case was two couples and a child who hitchhiked into Wheeling late at night. Horcher said they were trying to reach Milwaukee where a relative had promised them work.

These people, Horcher said, were country people from Alabama. None of the four adults had even made it out of grade school. They had been employed for years as carnival workers. They had run out of money in Indianapolis, and had started hitchhiking from there. All they had by the time they got to Wheeling were the clothes on their backs. Everything else was in suit cases on a bus to Milwaukee.

Horcher said he, as the local Salvation Army officer, took the five of them to McDonalds for something to eat, found a motel room for them bought them breakfast and put them on an Amtrak train to Milwaukee.

This is the standard procedure that Horcher follows. A problem comes up suddenly, Horcher and other Salvation Army members find stop-gap measures to take the pressure off momentarily and then contact other agencies to come up with a long-term solution to the problem.

"We serve as a filtering agency," Horcher says. "We try to solve problems we find the agencies and organizations that can help. We serve as a referral agency.

Short-term emergencies are of all types.

"We had one case of a family where the husband took off and the wife lost the house. She needed an apartment for her and her children plus two month's rent while she looked for a job to pay her debts."

In a case like this, Horcher and his unit will find a place where the family can live. The Salvation Army will guarantee the rent will be paid eventually.

"Most people are honest and the bill will be paid," Horcher says. "If they're not, well, we get stuck with the bill."

This is one area where being a police chief is a big help. Claims of absolute destitution and massive bad luck can be checked out by the Wheeling police or detectives to see if they are legitimate.

"Some of these stories are phony," Horcher says.

The detective and police work are all part of normal police procedure. Horcher emphasizes that the Salvation Army is an independent group that does not get any money from the village and is not affiliated with the police force in any way.

Horcher says that there are actually few fakes. Most people are as bad off or even worse than they say they are. But it is the real cases that are hurt by the fakes.

"The sad thing is that when the taxpayer gets turned off from supporting a fake, it is the real needy that are harmed."

People get into these desperate straits in many ways. Often they have no control over what happens to them. For example, Horcher mentions the case of a woman and her children who moved out from Chicago to Wheeling.

She was the widow of a cancer victim. He had worked for one of the largest firms in the city, a firm with impressive health and life insurance benefits. His illness ran through everything. When he died there was absolutely nothing left.

The Salvation Army found her a place to live and gave her enough money to tide her over until she found work. Many cases are similar to hers.

Horcher feels that his two activities go together.

"It's not part of the job description of being police chief," says Horcher. "But I do it because it needs to be done."

Horcher finds that being a police chief gives him a certain advantage when he tries to help people.

"If I can't get people to do what they need to do for themselves, I can always use the law as a club and force them to do what is good for them."

Chief M.O. Horcher

Damage at Least $35,000

GENCE' CAUSED FIRE

Sept 22, 1966

it Given Funds

THIS IS HOW the Rum House Bar looks at Seven Countries Restaurant in Wheeling after an estimated $35,000-$40,000 fire early Tuesday. No arson is suspected, according to Fire Chief Bernard Koeppen. He blamed "negligence." The early morning blaze was under control in 20 minutes. It took two hours to quell the fire. (Staff photo)

Officials say negligence caused a fire at Seven Countries Restaurant at 61 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling early Tuesday. Damage was estimated at $35,000-$40,000.

The blaze at the plush restaurant was discovered at about 2 a.m., Fire Chief Bernard Koeppen said. Some 24 volunteer firemen had the fire under control in "twenty minutes" but it took three hours to quell it completely, he added.

There were no injuries reported, Koeppen said.

Koeppen said he and state fire officials do not suspect arson. "It's negligence not arson," he said. The fire chief thinks a cigarette was thrown into a pile of dirty linens, smoldered for a couple hours, then exploded into flames.

"I CAN't RECALL any other fire which caused the damage this one did," said Koeppen, a long-time fire fighter in Wheeling. The Bargain City fire of 1960 reportedly caused $25,000 damage, he added.

The first floor, housing the Rum House Bar, the German Room, French Room, the pantry area and part of the kitchen were gutted.

Koeppen said the department used two pumpers to quell the huge blaze. There wasn't much damage to the outside of the two-story frame building.

No other fire departments were required to assist Wheeling.

J. A. ROSEMAN, the proprietor, said every room in the cafe was damaged, although he admitted that the Scandinavian and Italian Rooms were not as bad as the others.

Smoke and water damage occurred throughout the entire building, fire officials said.

The eating house has been closed, but Roseman said he is seeking bids to remodel the place. "We're starting the clean up and repair right away," he said.

According to Roseman, the repair would be completed and Seven Countries would open again in about six weeks, "hopefully."

Want New Members for Police Reserve

Wheeling Independent
April 9, 1964

Antonio Marinda (left), his sister Brenda and their friend Ivan Rodriguez beat the heat during Rockin' with the Cops. Page 5

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Cops and kids making a connection

Wheeling programs are about reaching out, helping forge a bright future

By Casey Moffitt
Staff Writer

Engaging Wheeling's youth plays a vital role in the Police Department's crime prevention program; officers hope to instill good judgment and influence wise decision-making in children.

Last week, 24 boys and girls participated in the department's Police and Children Together Camp and more than 100 youth converged at the Aquatic Center for Rockin' with the Cops Saturday evening. A Youth Police Academy will begin this Saturday. Police officers also continue to teach DARE classes, speak at drivers education classes and talk to students in the middle schools and high schools.

Scott Laverd, an officer with the Community Response Team, said the department tries to find new ways to work with young people to instill respect for the community and good behavior.

"Everything we do — when we're not working on gangs or drugs — is all about the kids," Laverd said about the team's work. "I got into law enforcement to see what part I could play to change things. Think of the potential working with kids. You can arrest an adult, and they may not change their behavior. But with kids, there's a lot of opportunity."

Camps & academies

During the Police and Children Together Camp, or PACT Camp, officers run a weeklong day camp for children 10 through 13. They worked together on team-building skills, played games, visited a zoo and worked with the elderly. All the children were invited by police officers and most are from underprivileged families.

"The sad reality is some of these kids are unsupervised until 7 or 8 at night because their parents are working," Laverd said. "We offer them an alternative to what they've been doing the past week."

The Youth Police Academy will focus on crime-solving techniques. The children participating will get the chance to process their own "crime scene" and take footprint impressions. The goal is to give children an inside look at how police officers do their jobs.

Rockin' with the Cops at the Aquatic Center is more of a free-for-all, letting the kids swim, play basketball or volleyball, or dance. Officer John Abbio played disc jockey, brining in his own equipment. State funding for programs like Rockin' with the Cops was recently cut; some of that money used to pay for a DJ.

"You can't have Rockin' with the Cops with no music," Abbio said.

State and county funding for many youth programs has been cut in recent years, but the department continues to try to find ways to hold on to the programs. DARE, PACT Camp and Rockin' with the Cops have all seen funding decreases in recent years. It can be a challenge to keep the free programs running.

"We do the best we can," said Sgt. Pete Panagakis of the department's crime prevention unit. "Like all grants, they eventually come to an end. So we can either drop the programs or go through the village. We have great trustees, with many who come to the events and see what we're doing. Hopefully, come budget time, we have no problems."

Panagakis also said many local businesses are willing to help, too. All the youth in PACT Camp are fed lunch. Dog Den, Rammy's Sub Contractors and El Famous Burrito all helped out this year, giving the officers a break on food prices. Panagakis also said partnerships with Laidlaw, the Wheeling Park District and even local homeowners' associations have contributed to the youth programs.

"Once we tell them what it's all about, they're willing to help out," he said.

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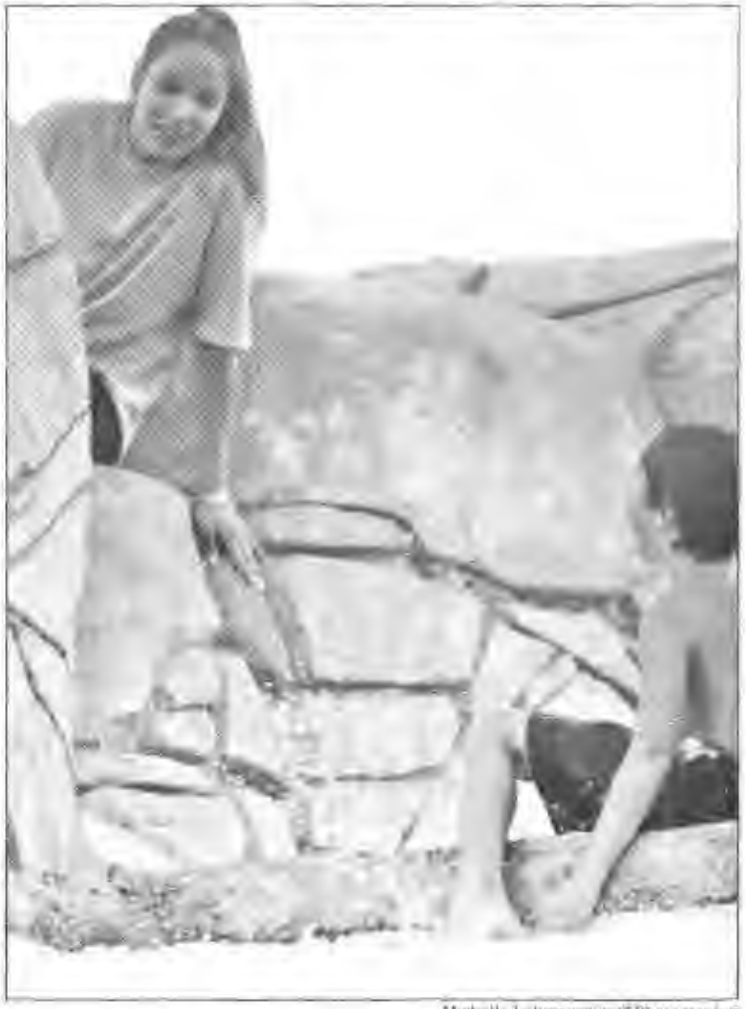

Michelle Lohmann/Staff Photographer

Aquatic Center employee Stacey Probert encourages 7-year-old Joel Salazar to take the trip down Paradise Falls during the Rockin' with the Cops outing.

haviors.

"In junior high, they're being invited to parties for the first time, where they're exposed to alcohol or offered drugs, or even find themselves in sexual situations," Abbio said. "Sometimes, they come to us to talk about it."

"At 10, 11 or 12, they're easily influenced by negatives," Laverd said. "They need a little extra help from parents, teachers and police officers. If one of those legs is missing from the triangle, you're setting yourself up for failure."

Many of the kids who participate in the programs say they enjoy the opportunities the Police Department offers.

Weston Ross, 13, attended the PACT Camp last week and said he was having a good time.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I knew it would be fun," he said. "Everything has been awe-

"They act like one of us," he said.

Allison Densler, 11, said she had seen Abbio in her school and was interested in joining the camp when she was invited. She said she was worried she would not be able to participate in all the events because of her asthma, but she has been able to have plenty of fun.

Both said they have been to Rockin' with the Cops in the past, and they invite their friends to join them in different activities hosted by the department.

The officers say they believe the message is getting through to most of the youngsters involved in the programs. Many of them will walk up to the officers if they see them in the hallways at school, or on bike patrol, and tell them what's going on in their neighborhoods.

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Italians Prepare for New Offensive in Ethiopia—Milk Strikers Spurn Truce in Battle for Higher Prices

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

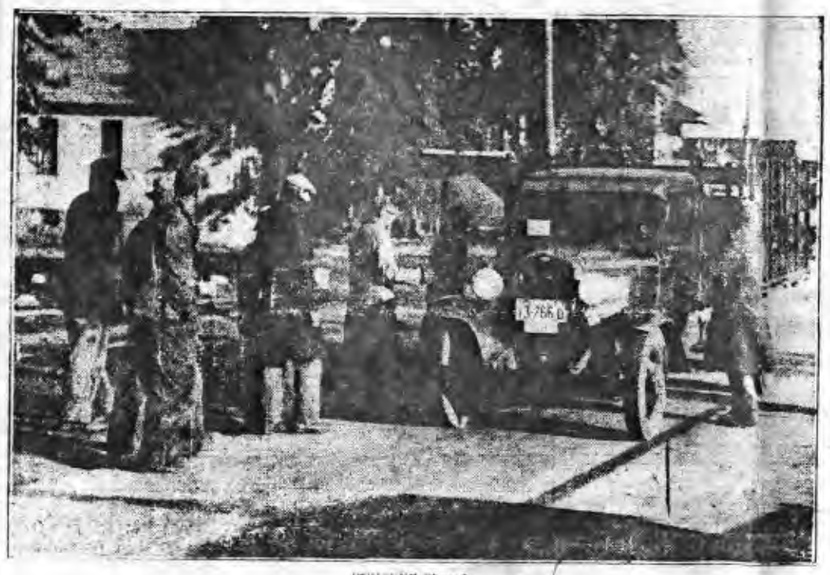
CHEER MUSSOLINI AFTER FALL OF ADOWA—
in dictator as he appeared before cheering followers in
e during celebration of capture of Ethiopian city. Pic-
sent across Atlantic by radio. *(Story on page 1.)*

[Associated Press Wirephoto. From Paramount News.]

EMPRESS FLEES FROM ADDIS ABABA—Empress Menen with her umbrella bearer and retainers when she left the royal palace in Addis Ababa for retreat in mountains when it was feared Italians would bomb the capital.

[TRIBUNE Photo.]

MILK STRIKE PICKETS CONTINUE ACTIVITIES AS EFFORTS TOWARD TRUCE FAIL—Strikers who are demanding more money for the milk they produce for Chicago delivery shown keeping warm around a bonfire at Harvard, Ill., across the road from the plant of a Chicago milk company. These pickets were in battle with farmers yesterday which resulted in two arrests. Four milk trucks reached the plant. *(Story on page 1.)*



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TRUCKS HALTED BY STRIKERS AS MILK WAR TRUCE IS SPURNED—Pickets halting farmer's milk truck at Big Foot, near the Illinois-Wisconsin line on Route 14. In refusing to agree to truce plan the strikers promised to end violence on the highways, but police forces were being increased in many localities. *(Story on page 1.)*

VICTIM OF STRIKE—Herbert Lesch, Wheeling chief of police, killed in milk truck convoy crash. *(Story on page 1.)*

DIG AUTO FROM FACTORY WRECKAGE—Steam shovel removing crushed auto from ruins of soya plant of Glidden company yesterday as search went on for bodies of victims believed to be buried in debris.

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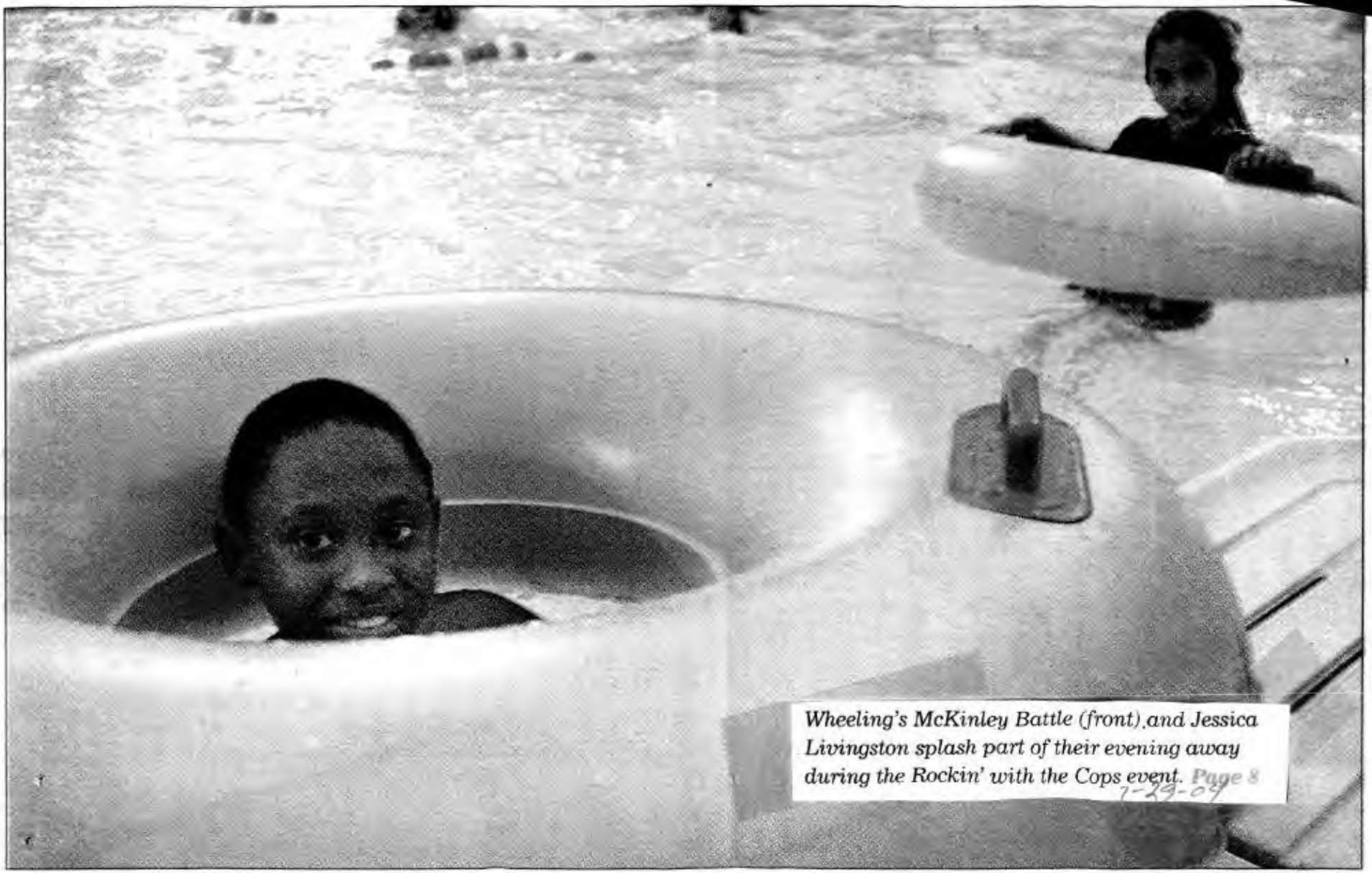

Wheeling's McKinley Battle (front) and Jessica Livingston splash part of their evening away during the Rockin' with the Cops event. Page 8 7-29-09

Photo by **Suzanne Tennant** ● *For Pioneer Press*

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[illegible]-year old Maxim Plotnkov of Wheeling goofs around with friends at Rockin' with the Cops at the Wheeling Aquatic Center.

Kids enjoy rockin' with cops

Wheeling police officers and about 125 kids joined forces for an evening of fun July 24 at the Wheeling Aquatic Center.

The Rockin' with the Cops event is designed to let children hang out with the officers in a social setting, said Sgt. Peter Panagakis, head of the Police Department's crime prevention unit.

While the children braved somewhat cool temperatures that evening and enjoyed their time swimming in the pool, Panagakis said none of the officers could muster the same courage. The officers did, however, join the kids for volleyball and dancing to tunes spun by a disc jockey. Members of the village's volunteer Citizens Patrol also participated.

Raffles were held, where some kids took home a bicycle helmet, flashing lights for their bikes, water bottles and T-shirts. Panagakis said the department has run Rockin' with the Cops for the last three years. The event is funded by a local law enforcement block grant.

Kids invited to rock with the cops

The Wheeling Police Department is hosting another Rockin' with the Cops event at the Community Recreation Center Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The event is designed to give area youth an opportunity to hang out with police officers in a social setting. The free event will feature a disc jockey, raffle prizes, an open gym and swimming in the Aquatic Center.

Registration and waiver forms are available at the Wheeling police station, 255 W. Dundee Road, the Neighborhood Resource Center at 99 N. Wolf Road and at the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road.

7-23-04

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Police host open house

10-28-04

The Wheeling Police Department's crime prevention unit invites the public to stop by the Neighborhood Resource Center at 99 N. Wolf Road for a Halloween Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The open house will feature child fingerprinting, identification photos, scary raffle prizes, apple cider and snacks. Officers will also hold Halloween and bicycle safety demonstrations. Wheeling firefighters and McGruff the Crime Dog will also visit the open house.

Officers from the crime prevention unit will also unveil and dedicate a mural painted by Wheeling High School art department students.

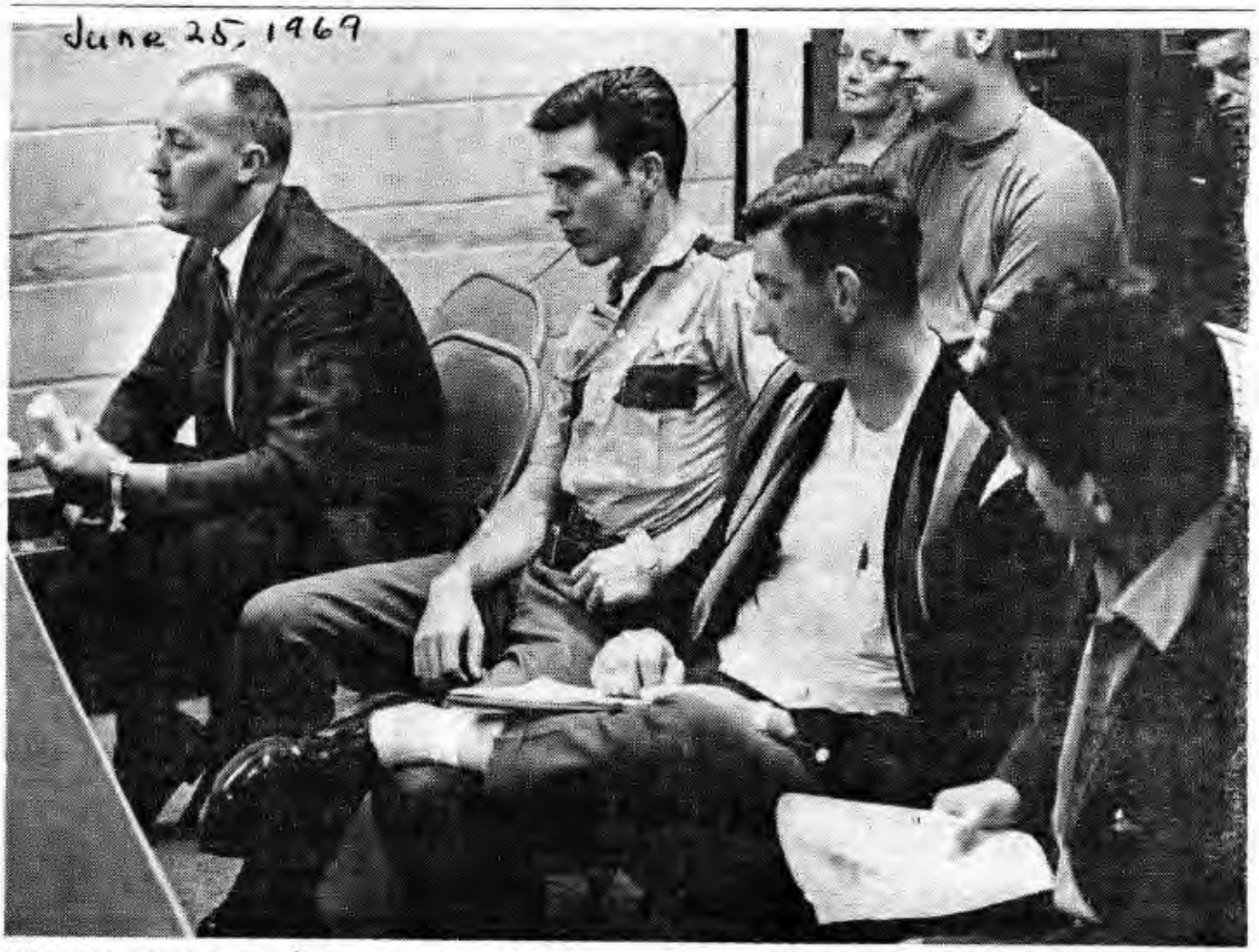
The unit will also be holding its annual used winter clothing giveaway at the open house, donating hats, gloves, scarves and other winter clothing to residents who might not be able to afford such items for the upcoming season. The Police Department is still collecting used winter clothing. Donations can be made at the Neighborhood Resource Center or the Police Department records unit at 255 W. Dundee Road during normal business hours.

The open house and winter clothing giveaway are supported by the Wheeling Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and community contributions.

For more information about the open house or giveaway, call Sgt. Pete Panagakis at (847)459-2993.

Improvement

June 25, 1969



WHEELING POLICEMEN had their first chance to explain their grievances Monday night at a police and fire committee meeting. From left, Sgt. Gene Wolf, Officers William Hoos and Tom Javens and Sgt. Ted Bracke explain the policemen's desire for overtime pay. Though the four were recognized by the board as individual policemen, all are officers of the Cook County Police Association's Wheeling chapter. 6-25-69

Police Will Reject Overtime

June 25, 1969

Wheeling policemen belonging to the Cook County Police Association (CCPA) announced yesterday they will refuse to work overtime beginning Monday.

If the policemen do refuse overtime assignments they will seriously impair, if not cripple, police department operations in the village.

The men plan to decline overtime work unless village officials make a firm commitment by Monday to pay the policemen time and a half for overtime duty.

Currently the police officers are reimbursed with time off on a straight time basis for their overtime duty.

Because the Wheeling police force faces a heavy workload, patrolmen often work overtime for court appearance and special events like parades.

Over ninety percent of the force belongs to the CCPA, and would participate in the refusal to work overtime.

LT. ROBERT LEWELLYN, second in command in the police department, said yesterday that "all areas of law enforcement would suffer" if the men refused to work overtime.

Last month Wheeling policemen worked 179 hours of overtime duty. They could only fit in 18½ hours of compensatory time off however.

Under the existing arrangement the village board has been paying the men a straight hourly rate when so much overtime accumulates so that it would be impossible to give the men time off in repayment.

This spring the board paid out $3,000 in back overtime pay to the police on the direction of former Village Mgr. C. E. Olsen.

THE PROMISE TO turn down overtime assignments came in a letter written to William Hart, a trustee and chairman of the village board's Police and Fire Committee. A carbon copy of the letter was sent to Police Chief M. O. Horcher.

Sgt. Gene Wolf, president of the Wheeling Chapter of the Cook County Police Association wrote the letter to Hart. Wolf's letter said the men would end overtime services because of "the avoidance of a positive decision by the Police and Fire Committee related to compensation for police overtime."

Wolf told the Herald if the board does add the overtime hike to the new budget, the men will not refuse overtime assignments.

HART IS CURRENTLY out of town on a vacation and will not return until two days after Wolf's Monday deadline. Moreover, June 30 is the fifth Monday of the month there is no village board meeting scheduled for that night.

The letter was sparked by the comments of trustees at the Police and Fire Committee meeting Monday night. Trustees Hart, John Koeppen, and Peter Egan, committee members, refused to vote to endorse the overtime pay hike, saying that any decision must be made by the board's Finance Committee.

Wolf wanted the Police and Fire Committee to recommend the pay hike for overtime to the village board as a whole and to the Finance Committee.

Wheeling women in uniform

Phyllis Mack hunts for a file at the Police Station. 7-19-73

Donna Nystrom answers a call at the Wheeling Fire Station. 7-19-73

Women in uniforms?

To some die-hard, romantic souls, the idea may seem contradictory. But to several Wheeling women, it represents an identifiable direction in their life styles.

Donna Nystrom, Shirley Mueller and Phyllis Mack all wear uniforms. Donna works for the Wheeling Fire Department as a secretary while the other two women are record clerks at the Police Department.

The women all agree that more and more women are getting into public service.

The uniform, they said, illuminates their feelings of responsibility and generates an extra degree of respect.

Kathleen O'Keefe (Wh.)
11 S. Wheeling Ave.

Shirley Mueller does some police paper work. Photos by Reminder staff photographer 7-19-73

July 19, 1973

Previous teacher, musician becomes new police officer

3-23-1984 WHEELING HIGH STUKESMAN

Sitting in his new office is rare for Armando Pizzi, the new police officer. Although he has only been at WHS a short time, he has already solved a number of cases. [Photo by Lisa Morris]

by Laura Goldberg

With 13 years of police work to his credit, Officer Armando Pizzi has become the new school police officer. He has had experience with students through teaching.

"We are really pleased to have him on our staff," said Louis Nettelhorst, assistant principal. "He has an excellent attitude towards young people," he added, "and will be able to provide very valued guidance to our students, their parents, and our staff."

MR. PIZZI has had a variety of jobs, including police officer, teacher, and musician. He taught school from 1962-1970. During that time, he worked with the mentally retarded and disabled and was a music teacher. "I like working with young people," he explained.

His friends and relatives, he said, had a lot of influence on his leaving teaching to become a police officer, as his brother, brother-in-law, and friends were already officers.

When the chance came for him to incorporate working with young people and police work, he took it. "I enjoy this more than driving in a squad car," he explained.

EVEN BEFORE his teaching career, he held other jobs. Before he was drafted into the army, he played in bands. Also, he said, he worked for the MGM Studio writing and arranging music for two years.

"It was a very exciting type of life," Mr. Pizzi commented. Besides having played his music on television, he has worked with recording stars, such as Annette Funicello and Tommy Sands.

Keeping in touch with music, currently he has a band with three of his six daughters. They play at parties, dances, and weddings. Mr. Pizzi said he plays 11 instruments, including trumpet, trombone, french horn, piano, organ, guitar, baritone, sousaphone, drums, bass and accordion. All of the girls play piano and guitar, he added.

ALTHOUGH Mr. Pizzi has only been at WHS a short time, Mr. Nettelhorst said he has already solved a number of cases. "I encourage people to meet him," said Mr. Nettelhorst, "get to know him, and seek out his advice."

Mr. Pizzi finds he is fitting in well at WHS. "I think the school is great," he said, "the people are really nice!"

Add Police Pay to Budget

7-7-69

Wheeling's Village Board Finance Committee added $20,000 for time and a half overtime pay for village policemen to the recommended budget Thursday night.

Final decision on whether the overtime appropriation will remain in the budget and whether village policemen will be paid time and a half for their overtime duty will be made by the village board before the end of the month.

MICHAEL VALENZA

The finance committee, headed by trustee Michael Valenza, also recommended a $15,000 a year salary for Police Chief M. O. Horcher. Former Village C. E. Olsen had recommended the chief be paid $13,500 yearly, but Valenza raised the figure after Horcher pointed out that it was only $500 more than the lieutenant was getting.

VALENZA, HORCHER, and Sgt. Gene Wolf, president of the Wheeling chapter of the Cook County Police Association, went along with Olsen's recommendations that the starting salary of village policemen be increased to $8,356 with a maximum pay of $10,666 for patrolmen.

The committee altered the schedule however, so that patrolmen would reach the maximum salary at the beginning of their fourth year on the force instead of at the end of that year as proposed by Olsen.

Several policemen attended the hearing as observers. They were the first audience for the budget committee since it began the hearings a week ago.

Wolf also proposed that the village pay insurance premiums for the policemen and their families instead of just paying the officer's premiums. He pointed out that such a program would encourage recruitment from other police forces and would keep the men already on the force from moving to other jobs.

VALENZA TOLD Wolf if money were available when he balanced the police department budget he would include funds in the contingency fund so that some, if not all, of the family insurance payments currently paid by the men would be transferred to the village.

If the board decided not to pay the time and a half overtime, monies in the $20,000 contingency fund set up by Valenza could be used to hire additional patromen to cover the approximately 200 hours per month which policemen currently work in overtime.

Valenza also told the policemen that as soon as the budget is passed he will bring the issue of overtime pay owed to the men before the board. He said if time and a half pay is estalished, he would like to see the men paid for the overtime on a weekly basis.

Police Requests Delayed

Wh Herald June 24, 1969

Wheeling policemen and the village board took a giant step toward true communication at a police and fire committee meeting last night. Sgt. Gene Wolf, who spoke as a representative of the police, commented after the meeting that the board showed, "More receptiveness toward our problems than it has in the past."

Trustees William Hart, Peter Egan and John Koeppen, who make up the board's police and fire committee prefaced the discussion with a reminder that they would talk to the men as policemen and not as members of the Cook County Police Association.

THE BOARD has refused to recognize the CCPA, a form of police unions with a chapter in the village.

The policemen asked for time and a half overtime pay and special consideration for policemen who's shifts are changed suddenly because of special events.

The men also suggested that a manpower increase was needed to meet the department's needs. Trustees affirmed the board's resolve to investigate the grievances. "I'll do all in my power to see you get time and a half or whatever," Koeppen said.

The board members agreed to meet with the policemen again sometime in the future when Hart returns from vacation.

Wolf told the board that salary schedules in overtime pay in area police departments varies greatly. He said a large part of the overtime pay was due to policemen's appearances in court. Trustee Michael Valenza questioned that there was no request for overtime pay in the upcoming budget. Policemen at the meeting testified that, to their knowledge, none of the officers had been involved in preparing the budget.

The policemen said that they deserve compensation for sudden shift changes because it causes a "social hardship" on their families. The question of overtime pay and pay for shift changes will be taken up with the board's finance committee at up coming budget hearings.

Wheeling policemen decided last Thursday that they would ask the police and fire committee for overtime pay instead of compensatory time off, development of a public relations program by the board of trustees, and measures preventing undue transfers of policemen from assigned positions without just cause.

They also planned to question statements by Trustee William Hart in a letter urging the policemen to bring their grievances to his committee. Hart limited the invitation to appear before the committee to "any men or spokesmen of the men from within the department," thus excluding Sgt. John Flood, the CCPA president who is a member of the Cook County Sheriff's police and the CCPA attorney, Arthur Loevy.

Chief detective in Boyd case quits Wheeling force

May 12, 1983

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

A Wheeling police officer, stripped of his investigative duties shortly after a judge ruled that police had violated the constitutional rights of a 16-year-old murder suspect, has resigned from the department.

William Hoos was the chief investigator in the 1981 strangulation slaying of Mary Kosinski, 14, whose body was found in a shed behind the suspect's home.

Police charged William C. Boyd Jr., 408 Sunset Lane, Wheeling, with murder in the case, but Cook County Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro later dismissed Boyd's confession and arrest, citing a string of actions by the Wheeling Police Department that violated his constitutional rights — including evidence that investigators forced the confession by having the youth placed in a hypnotic trance.

Boyd's attorneys also accused Hoos of deliberately isolating the youth from his parents and leading him to believe that he could not leave the police station although he had not been placed under arrest.

THE ARREST was invalidated March 1. On March 21 Hoos was relieved of his investigative duties and shifted to the position of patrol officer. County state's attorneys dropped murder charges against Boyd March 28.

Police Chief Michael Haeger said, however, that the Boyd case was not the reason Hoos was shifted from his investigative post.

"I can transfer people whenever I need to and we are going through some shifting here right now," Haeger said. "He's not the only one I moved. I don't move people because of the actions they might take on one case. I just thought he could be better used elsewhere."

Hoos submitted his hand-written resignation on a sheet of white paper, notifying the village board and Haeger that it should be taken as a formal letter of resignation.

Hoos told The Daily Herald the resignation was a "personal matter" and refused to comment further.

Hoos testified in mid-February that he failed to tell Boyd or his parents that the "doctor" interviewing him was a hypnotist, not a medical doctor, and that during one two-and-a-half-hour interrogation, he told the youth "Billy, you did it," four or five times.

Hoos joined the Wheeling police in 1967, but resigned in 1972, also after he was taken off investigative duties. He returned to the police force in 1974 and was made a division investigator in 1980, Haeger said.

President Cites Four Policemen

10-13-66

Four Wheeling policemen were complimented by Village Pres. Ted C. Scanlon Monday night for being among the top 10 to graduate from a four-week course at the Illinois Police Training Academy. The school was sponsored by the University of Illinois and classes were conducted at Elmhurst College.

Officer Jack Kimsey was named valedictorian of the class of 58. Other Wheeling officers who finished near the top were Andy Neargarder, Harvey Gorman and Ted Homeyer.

The officers studied criminal law, traffic procedures, public relations, riot control and other facets of law enforcement.

Hearing Set

The Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the village hall on a request to rezone a tract of land near Dundee and Schoenbeck Roads from B-4 service business to B-3, general service district.

Wheeling Policeman Is Promoted

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Sgt. Robert Llewellyn has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, the Wheeling Police and Fire Commission announced this week.

The 36-year-old officer has been with the Wheeling Police department for six years. Llewellyn was advanced on the basis of recent promotional examinations, Police Chief M. O. Horcher said.

Llewellyn was named sergeant in December 1961. A graduate of Highland Park High School, Llewellyn lives in Northbrook.

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'Sick-In' Threat Gone

July 23 1969

by ANNE SLAVICEK

July 23-1969

Wheeling's policemen won approval for a 10 per cent salary raise, time and a half overtime pay and increased insurance benefits Monday when village board members agreed on a $396,420 police budget.

The approval removed any immediate threat of a police "sick-in."

Under the new pay schedule, Wheeling patrolmen will make $8,300 a year starting pay. They will reach the maximum $10,666 a year at the beginning of the fourth year.

Several policeen told the Herald yesterday they credit the Wheeling chapter of the Cook County Police Association with the wage hikes and overtime pay procedures.

The board had refused to recognize the association, though it met with the group's officers, considering them individual policemen representing other policemen.

SGT. GENE WOLF, president of the Wheeling chapter of the association, said the policemen are happy about the raises and overtime pay.

He said, however, that the policemen still have grievances which the association will bring before the village board.

Next Monday a village committee will deal with the question of establishing a grievance procedure for policemen.

The board endorsed the concept of time pay for the policemen and placed $20,000 in a contingency fund for its payment. An ordinance authorizing time and a half pay must be passed by the board before the policemen can be reimbursed for their overtime, retroactive to May 1.

OTHERS IN THE police department did not fare as well as the sworn officers.

The board lowered recommended salaries of the four civilian communications operators. Each will receive a slightly higher salary than last year, however.

THE CUTS CAME after Trustee William Hart said it was known that the board wants to phase out the civilian employes. "If all four quit tomorrow, it's fine with me — then we can replace them with patrolmen," Hart said. "Their duties don't warrant any more money," he said.

Hart then questioned the legality of civilian personnel being employed by a police department.

TRUSTEE IRA BIRD and Village Pres. Ted. C. Scanlon came to the defense of the civilians, however, and the salaries weren't cut back as much as Hart had asked.

Bird said he had "qualms on the method of a wage squeeze" Hart was recommending. "We shouldn't deny them the cost-of-living increase we are giving all other village employes," he said. Scanlon reaffirmed that the operators should be compensated at the same rate as others.

The salary of Police Chief M. O. Horcher was raised to $14,000 a year. His salary last year was $12,000. Horcher had asked for a yearly salary of $15,000.

The board members voted on Horcher's salary after arguing several minutes. Scanlon and Trustees John Koeppen, Michael Valenza and Bird voted for the $14,000 figure, while Trustees Hart, Roger Stricker and Peter Egan held out for the $13,500 figure recommended by the former village manager.

Bird began the discussion on the chief by pointing out that, on the basis of Horcher's letter, he would recommend the $14,000 figure.

In his letter, Horcher told the board that he is responsible for 32 employes and a third of the village budget. He said $15,000 is comparable to lower than the pay rate in surrounding communities which have lower police incident rates.

STRICKER OBJECTED TO Bird's suggestion. "Without pulling any punches, we've had administrative problems; $14,000 is a hell of an increase for any individual," he said.

Egan agreed. "I for one am very critical of his administration," he said.

Scanlon reminded the trustees that Horcher is one of the few chiefs in comparable towns throughout the state with a salary below $15,000. "You still have a straight, honest man you can look up to," the village president said.

In other areas of the police budget, trustees refused to decide whether there would be four or five sergeants in the department. Keeping the number at five in the budget, they left the decision up to the new village manager when he is hired.

HORCHER HAS ADVOCATED four sergeants for the department, while former Village Mgr. C. E. Olsen recommended five.

The board also agreed to let the new manager decide what to do about phasing out the communications operators.

PADDOCK PUBLIC

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Police, Boar

A fiery exchange erupted between Village Pres. Ted Scanlon and officials of the Cook County Police Association (CCPA) at Monday night's Wheeling Village Board meeting.

After the meeting, John Flood, association president, told the Herald, "Mr. Scanlon could possibly bring about the first police strike in this village."

The meeting began with an explosive confrontation between Scanlon and Flood. Flood contested the village's refusal to meet with representatives of the organization.

Defending the village's unwillingness to recognize the organization on the advice of the board's attorney, Scanlon cut off the argument with a bang of the gavel.

AFTER THE MEETING Flood told the Herald that Scanlon did not give the CCPA demands a fair hearing.

Saying the village left the association little alternative, Flood hastened to add that any (CCPA) action will have to be decided by the Wheeling chapter members.

The CCPA is a newly formed association of 450 men that has led several village polices forces in obtaining increased wages and benefits. The association has organized strikes in other communities.

The Wheeling chapter of the association, headed by Sgt. Gene Wolf, has over 90 per cent of the village's policemen in its membership.

The men have authorized the association to represent them in all aspects of their employment.

Sticking to its guns of not dealing with the association, the board recognized Flood as a citizen of the village, but not head of the CCPA.

FLOOD, ASKED THE board for two things for the Wheeling policemen. "The Wheeling policemen are asking for two basic democratic rights of labor. They are asking, number one, to have the right to negotiate relative to their salaries and asking the right to establish grievance procedure," the CCPA president said.

Flood attacked the board for "violating just about every democratic concept of labor-management relations in this country" by refusing to meet with CCPA representatives.

"I submit to you that the statutes clearly and specifically state that municipalities may provide for any relations with their employes," Flood said.

Scanlon answered Flood's statement after other members of the village board refused to comment on the situation.

THE VILLAGE president repeatedly affirmed "there is always an open door in this village."

He began his comments on Flood's demands by reading a lengthy letter from Mrs. Pat Carpenter of 503 McHenry Road, which praised Wheeling policemen as a "great bunch of guys who take care of us day and especially the scary hours of the night."

Scanlon said the letter expressed the feelings of the village and the board. Referring to the approximately 23,000 cases he had heard as a police magistrate in the village, Scanlon said, "I stake my reputation to say that we have never turned our back on any of your policemen."

Scanlon told Flood the association could meet with the judiciary committee when they sit down with the budget or with the Police and Fire Commission. "I am sure there can be a gathering of brains, and we can sit at a common table and whatever your request may be, as it has been in the past, I am sure the police department will be heard out."

LATER, HOWEVER, Scanlon said the village attorney has advised that there is no statutory provision that gives the association a right to bargain with the board. He told Flood that if bills currently in the legislature to allow the policemen to bargain collectively were passed then the village could recognize the association.

When Scanlon said that the "board is ready to sit down with any man," Flood argued that any individual could only bargain for himself, while association representatives could bargain for the entire department. Scanlon countered that he and the board think of the police department

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Strike Hinted By CCPA Head

John Flood, president of the Cook County Police Association, told the Herald Monday that the Wheeling Village Board has an anti-labor attitude and refuses to admit that a problem exists with the village's police department.

Flood repeated a quote attributed to Village Pres. Ted C. Scanlon by Wheeling Sgt. Gene Wolf. "The mayor told Gene that if we want anything from this village, we're going to have to strike to get it," Flood said.

Scanlon denied the statement and said it was ridiculous to believe he'd say such a thing, when questioned Monday night.

Flood said the village is leaving the association no alternative but to strike, by refusing to recognize the CCPA.

SAYING THAT THE police don't like to be dictated to by the mayor, he called the village board "irresponsible." Flood said other municipalities have also been unwilling to talk with the association.

Arthur Loevy, attorney for the CCPA, said he thought the fact that not one trustee asked a question or commented on the presentation reflected the board's concern.

Flood closed his remarks to the board with a warning that "I think it would be a firm mistake to underestimate the resolve of the policemen of Wheeling in this matter."

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No Action On Firings

Despite confusion and disagreement among elected officials in Wheeling concerning the dismissal of four civilian police radio operators, the village board did not take any further action on the dismissals at Monday's board meeting.

Three Wheeling trustees and the village president had told the Herald Thursday that board action at a public meeting would be necessary before the employes were dismissed. Three other trustees said the manager had the power to dismiss the four and that no further action was necessary.

The employes were notified Oct. 23, after an Oct. 20 executive session, that their positions as police radio operators will be terminated Feb. 1.

The issue did come up at Monday's meeting, however, in attacks on three recent Herald articles by Trustee Ira Bird.

THE ARTICLES, which ran in the Herald last Wednesday and Thursday and Monday, described the dismissals.

Last week's articles revealed that the board directed Golden to dismiss the four employes. The articles also noted that if the board took any action in the executive session Oct. 20, that action could be "null and void" under the provisions of the Illinois open meeting law.

The article Monday outlined the differing views among the elected officials on the dismissals and on the way the dismissals were handled.

Bird said Monday he saw the articles as "a means, whether intentional or not, to undermine the manager's authority with village employes."

Bird also said he found it "very difficult to recognize the thoughts reported to be mine" in a Monday issue of the Herald.

BIRD TOLD THE small audience at the board meeting that shortly before the meeting Golden had told Bird he was satisfied that memos to employes had clarified responsibility for the dismissals.

Bird said Golden had told him there was no need for further comments. The trustee said, however, he felt the issue had become a board matter.

He said the executive session "as reported in the newspaper was not the executive session that I attended."

According to Bird, the intent of the board to phase out the four civilian employes and replace them with policemen "is a matter of record as policy set by the board before Golden was hired."

"Numerous questions as to the timing of the phase out remained to be settled," after that policy was decided, Bird said.

He said the board did overrule Golden's decisions but that the Herald gave the impression that Golden "is no longer boss or never has been."

Bird turned to Golden and asked, "Is the board or is it not allowing you a free hand in running the village as promised during your interviews?"

GOLDEN REPLIED "Yes, the board has in every sense of the word."

Bird charged that only the village manager and the village employes were hurt by the Herald articles. "We board members are used to it," he said.

The Wednesday Herald article explained that Golden said he had fired the four "at the direction of the board." The Thursday article included an amended statement by the manager in which he explained that the board had merely re-emphasized a policy to phase out the employees and that the decision to fire the four was his own.

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Firing of 4 May Be Null

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The firing of four civilian police employes in Wheeling last week may be "null and void."

Last Thursday Village Mgr. Matthew Golden informed the employes, all radio operators, that their jobs would be "terminated" next Feb. 1.

Golden took the action after an Oct. 20 executive session of the village board. Golden said Tuesday the four civilians will be replaced by five new patrolmen.

HAD THE VILLAGE board voted to fire the four employes in the executive session, it would have violated provisions of the Illinois open meeting law. Under that law the village board is allowed to discuss hiring and firing of village employes in executive session, but actual decisions made by the board concerning the hiring and firing of personnel must come in open sessions through public votes.

Early Tuesday Golden told the Herald that he fired the four "at the direction of the board." However, Golden said Tuesday night that the board had not actually voted on the matter in the session.

Instead, according to Golden, in the executive session the board merely reaffirmed its public policy of "phasing out" the civilian employes. Golden said that in implementing the policy, he chose to fire the employes. He said he chose this course rather than continuing a lengthy "phase-out" period with civilian employes being replaced by patrolmen upon the employes' resignations.

In conflict with Golden's later explanation, however, is an ordinance passed by the board last January stating that the communications operators may be hired and fired only by the village board itself.

GOLDEN ALSO SAID late Tuesday the board authorized the hiring of five new policemen to replace the communications operators. He said this action was taken in the same Oct. 20 executive session.

Previously, all village board approvals for the hiring of additional policemen have come either in a new budget, passed in open session, or by a public vote during an open meeting of the board.

If the firing of the four employes as well as the hiring of the five additional patrolmen was in fact agreed upon by the board in executive session, the action is probably null and void according to the open meeting law.

No action may be taken in executive session. Employes affected by such action can contest it through civil court action.

Village Atty. Paul Hamer, who normally advises the board on the legality of its deliberations during executive sessions, was not present at the Oct. 20 session.

1968

Communications Job Created for Police

Wheeling's police department finally got its communications operators Monday night, like it or not.

The village board passed an ordinance creating the job of communications operator, and abolishing the civilian police assistant job.

The board acted unanimously on the ordinance, which removes all jailkeeper and police duties from the radio operator's duties, and places the hiring and firing of the operator directly under the control of the village board.

The board followed the recommendation of the Police and Fire Committee, headed by Trustee William Hart.

BOARD members acted against advice by the village manager, however, in approving the ordinance as written. In a special report, Mgr. C. E. Olsen said that the ordinance as passed violated the organizational principle of the council manager plan, which provides for separation of policymaking from administration.

He said that removing the hiring and firing of the employes from the responsibility of the chief of police interferred with this separation of powers.

Olsen's report also said that the limiting of the duties in the ordinance gave no flexibility for the jobs the communications operators are to perform. He suggested that qualifications for the post could be included in the ordinance, instead of having the board hire and fire the radio operators.

BOARD members did take note of Olsen's report before passing the ordinance. In repeated statements, they emphasized that the power of hiring and firing was merely a means of seeing that no more communications operators are hired, and that when one of the present four quits, he or she is replaced with a patrolman rather than a civilian.

Trustee Peter Egan said, "Let's face it, we want to get rid of them."

Trustee Hart emphasized that the purpose was to see that no more operators are hired, not to take over the hiring.

Wheeling police chief M. O. Horcher commented Tuesday that putting the hiring and firing power under the board "could lead to political patronage" in the future, if another board didn't want to abolish the civilian help.

Wheeling Independent

1959

MEN IN BLUE

HAVE BUSY YEAR

1958 may have had its slow downs in many different vocations however that is definately not the case for the Wheeling Police Department.

Three years ago in 1955, when Wheeling was comparatively small the station complaints received totaled slightly more than 350. At the time our Police Force consisted of three men. In 1958 the complaints were over 600% more with only nine regular Police officers. The ratio is approximately 33% greater than in 1957.

Last year there were nearly 120 accidents in Wheeling with 21 injured and 1 death, however this number of accidents is only slightly larger than the preceeding year. In major crimes such as robbery, burglaries, larcenies, stolen autos and etc. were on a par with 1957 and in many cases were even less than the preceeding year. This in itself is a good record for the department.

Stolen autos have been reduced in our area which can be attributed to stringent enforcement of the no parking on the street after 2 a.m. law. This law has also aided in the reduction of the number of attempted burglaries.

Besides the above mentioned duties the Police are kept busy with many other tasks. Making an average of nearly thre emergency runs to the hospital a month they are often called upon to administer first aid to the injured. Well over 100 general and family disturbances were brought to the attention of the department. Vandalism and Juvenile cases are also handled.

Many other tasks confront our officers and as servants of the public they are always ready to assist. They impound enough dogs each year to begin their own kennel since the number is over three score.

With the nine regulars and the Police reserves the department has had a busy year but there record is a good one and everyone should compliment our men in blue for a job well done.

1967

Wheeling women in uniform

Shirley Mueller does some police paper work. Photos by Reminder staff photographer

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Civilians: In or Out?

by ANNE SLAVICEK

It depends on how you look at it.

Two weeks ago tonight the Wheeling Village Board held an executive session.

Subsequent to that meeting the four civilian communications operators in the police department were informed by Village Mgr. Matthew Golden that their employment with the village would be terminated Feb. 1.

Responsibility for that decision, if in fact such a decision has been made at all, is being attributed to both the village board and the village manager simultaneously.

CONFUSING THE ISSUE are the legal implications of an ordinance saying only the village board may fire the four employees. Moreover, state law bans the village board from taking any action in an executive session.

Few of the participants in that controversial Oct. 20 executive session agree on what actually happened.

Some say the civilian radio operators were fired, and the board authorized the hiring of five new patrolmen to replace them.

Others say no such action was taken.

One thing is certain — no action on either the dismissals or the hirings has been taken at a recent public meeting by the village board.

GOLDEN, WHO HAS BEEN in office since Sept. 2, is adamant in his position that the dismissal of the four civilians was his decision.

Golden said that the board merely reaffirmed its policy of "phasing out" the civilians at its Oct. 20 executive session. He maintains the decision to fire the four was one he made in enforcing that policy.

Earlier statements by the new manager indicated that he himself favored using civilian employes whenever possible, to allow patrolmen to work in the field.

The manager, however, also said that he feels the board is right in reaffirming its policy on phasing out the employes because he was not yet working for the village when decisions on the civilians was first made.

wishes. "It was not his decision. The manager was 100 per cent for retaining them. He says that the regular patrolmen could then be released for duty," Valenza explained.

Valenza said he went along with the dismissals because he thought the employes should have time to prepare for other jobs and because he thought it would be safer if civilians weren't left to run the police complaint desk at night.

He also said no further board action was necessary to hire the five new policemen.

Trustee Ira Bird explained that he thought the board had decided to change the qualifications for the communications operator jobs so that only patrolmen could qualify. He cited the court case banning part-time policemen as evidence that the civilians could not legally fill the radio jobs.

"IT WAS MY FEELING that the board wanted policemen's abilities in these jobs," Bird said. He said he agrees with phasing out all the civilians at a given date.

Bird said the board will have to change the existing ordinance so that a radio operator must be a patrolman. He also said the board must publicly act to hire the five policemen before the patrolmen can be sworn in.

Trustee Roger Stricker said he agreed with the dismissals for two reasons. First, he noted that if the legality of using civilians was questioned at all, he thought it would be better to have patrolmen performing the duties.

Secondly, he said that "based on the pay scales, for a very small amount more, we can get fully trained police officers and expand the force."

HE SAID THE MANAGER has the power to fire the four civilian employes because of powers delegated to him by ordinance. Action on hiring the five policemen must be taken at a public meeting, however, he said.

Trustee John Koeppen said that no further board action was necessary because Golden had the authority to hire and fire the four radio operators.

However, Koeppen also said he wanted to allow the operators to remain on the job if it was legal. Koeppen said that if they could not legally be radio operators, "we should give them other comparable jobs in the village."

VILLAGE PRES. Ted C. Scanlon sees what happened in the executive session somewhat differently.

Scanlon told the Herald Thursday that the board "forced Golden" to fire the four employes. He said that Golden is "shielding the board."

Scanlon charged that the trustees were "not giving him (Golden) a free rein" as they had promised to do when the new manager was hired.

"On one side of the cards the board is saying, 'You're the boss,' — on the other side they're saying 'You'd better get our okay first,'" Scanlon declared.

The village president explained that at the executive session Golden had acquiesced to the board and agreed to dismiss the four employes. Scanlon said that Golden had apparently decided on the Feb. 1 date himself. Board members had favored a May 1 dismissal date, he said.

SCANLON ALSO SAID that the dismissals were not yet legal because the board must take action on them in an open session. He said he agreed with Golden that the civilians should remain on the force as radio operators.

The village president said the board members were using a court decision which outlaws part-time policemen as an excuse to fire the civilians. He said, however, that compliance with that law was met when the board took all police duties away from the radio operators last January.

Scanlon also said he thinks the "patrolmen should remain on the street."

Each of the six trustees on the board has his own view of the situation.

TRUSTEES PETER EGAN and William Hart agree that the civilians' jobs should be taken over by patrolmen as soon as possible.

Egan told the Herald, "I don't think we've fired them yet. The board has to change the ordinance at a public session and delegate the power to fire them to the manager." He said the board has not yet hired the new patrolmen, either, but must do so in an open session.

Hart took substantially the same stand. He charged the operators had "not yet been fired, execept in news stories in the Herald." Both said Golden, and not the board, made the decision to dismiss the four.

Trustee Michael Valenza saw the situation another way. He understood at the executive session that no further board action was necessary. He said the four "have been dismissed" and said that the decision was "made by the board."

HE SAID GOLDEN enforced the board's

1969

Firing of Civilian Police Employes Ordered

Wheeling's village board has apparently changed its mind about its "commitment" to let new Village Mgr. Matthew Golden run the village.

The board, in an executive session Oct. 20, directed Golden to fire four civilian employes currently serving as communications operators in the village police department.

Golden had said at earlier meetings he thought civilian employes should be used whenever possible to do nonpolice jobs so patrolmen could be, "used to the max-advantage."

HE INFORMED THE four civilian employes of the board's decision in a letter last Thursday. Their employment will be terminated as of Feb. 1.

In his letter to the four employes Golden explained the termination was result of an executive session. He said the trustees and village president had made the move to, "benefit the police department, village government, and the citizens of Wheeling."

He did add, however, "every attempt to absorb the employes involved in vacant positions" in the village government would be made.

Golden said yesterday the board was also concerned with the legality of using citizens as policemen under recent court decisions.

He said the jobs will be taken over by patrolmen. According to Golden the board considers it important for patrolmen to be, "exposed to the important and critical communications job."

THE MANAGER, WHO began his duties in the village Sept. 2, explained additional policemen will be necessary to fill the communications posts.

Golden refused to give his personal opinion of the board's action, saying it would serve no purpose.

Golden, in saying he hoped to absorb "at least two of the employes" in other jobs, pointed out that possibilities would include a bookkeeper's post in the finance department and a records clerk position in the police department.

Those two posts will be filled by open competition on a equitable basis of all applicants, however, he pointed out.

POLICE CHIEF M. O. Horcher was also optimistic that the civilian employes might be hired for other jobs. Horcher said yesterday he had asked for two records clerks during preparations of the last budget, but

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Civilian Employes Fired 1969

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the board appropriated funds for only one. He also noted that reorganizations of personnel being undertaken at present on a village-wide scale could create more jobs.

The four communications operators who were fired last week have known since last fall that their jobs were in jeopardy.

Last fall the question of the legality of the communications operators duties came up before the board. A Justice, Ill., court case had cast doubt on the legality of anyone performing part-time police duties. Aimed primarily at eliminating police reserves, the case applied to the Wheeling situation because the civilian operators had police powers only when in the station actually performing their jobs.

The village board then passed a new ordinance changing the communications operators duties. Under that new ordinance the communications operators lost all of their police powers.

AT THAT TIME and before the ordinance was passed late in January 1969, trustees had said several times that the four employes would be "phased out."

Village board members had said their intent was to replace each of the four civilians with a patrolman when they left their jobs.

That ordinance also included a provision that the communications operators could only be hired and fired by the village board.

Most of the trustees at that time said the provision for the hiring and firing of the communications operators was only to keep Horcher from hiring additional civilians. Trustee Peter Egan at that meeting, however, said "Let's face it, we want to get rid of them."

The board passed the ordinance despite objections from C. E. Olsen, then village manager, and Horcher. Olsen said the ordinance was a violation of the, "organizational principle of the council manager plan which provides for separate policy making and administration." Horcher said such power in the board, "could lead to political patronage in the future."

NO MORE WAS heard about the question and the four operators took over their new duties. Last summer, however, the board decided the question of whether or not the communications operators should be eliminated would be left up to the new village manager when he was hired.

The four communications operators probably were optimistic about their future after Golden was hired, because the manager said publicly that he was anxious to back patrolmen with civilian personnel wherever possible.

The Board's decision to fire the four employes last week apparently overrode the manager's right to decide the fate of the four employes' jobs.

What the firings will mean to Wheeling taxpayers is an additional amount in the police department budget once estimated at between $5,000 and $6,500 by Olsen.

It will also mean, according to Golden, a more professional police force, which the board says will benefit citizens.

Horcher said last year that patrolmen with three years experience on the street act as radio operators on the Chicago Police force. However, in suburban communities around Chicago, only Park Ridge and Des Plaines have patrolmen operating radio communications, the Herald learned.

Patrolman Resigns for Better Job

Wheeling police patrolman Howard Bitterman submitted his resignation to village president A. R. McIntyre last week to take "a better position with a more liberal salary."

The letter asked that the resignation become effective Saturday, Feb. 25.

McINTYRE commended Bitterman for being an excellent police officer. "I hate to see him go," he said. "I don't know of anybody that didn't respect his work."

Bitterman was appointed police chief by McIntyre last May, but was overruled by the board in favor of incumbent police chief M. O. Horcher.

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Fearless cop, joyful person

Shamekia Goodwin-Badger

Police from all over suburbs turn out to mourn Wheeling officer

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Loved ones and law enforcement colleagues Wednesday remembered Wheeling police officer Shamekia Goodwin-Badger as a woman who was both a pillar of dedication and reliability while on an assignment and a source of kindness and joy all the time.

Video from the service

• Bagpipes play as suburban police file in, at **dailyherald.com/more**.

"She loved to laugh," Wheeling police Sgt. Paul Hardt said during a memorial service for the 33-year-old officer and single mother. "I always knew when Shamekia was in the building. You could hear her laugh down the hall."

Goodwin-Badger was an Army veteran of deployments in Kuwait and Iraq who joined the Wheeling Police Department in 2008 after being laid off due to budget cuts in Hawthorn Woods.

She died Saturday after collapsing

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Officers from police departments throughout the greater Chicago area pay their respects during the wake for Wheeling police officer Shamekia Goodwin-Badger at Kolssak Funeral Home in Wheeling Wednesday.

Fearless: Radio inside casket conveys message thanking officer

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last Thursday night from complications caused by a blood clot in her lung.

Wheeling Police Chief William Benson recalled first meeting her at a benefit car wash in Hawthorn Woods. He said he instantly recognized that this was an officer who had it all together and would be a boon to any department.

So when he learned of Hawthorn Woods' layoffs, he actively sought her out.

Colleagues said her warm smile and attitude made her a ray of sunshine on the midnight shift. But no discussion about her could go very far without acknowledging the central place her 13-year-old daughter Kendra held in her life.

Goodwin-Badger made it a priority to raise her daughter to be a woman of great character and academic achievement and was justifiably proud of her success.

An aunt from her native Fort Lauderdale, Fla., recalled a time when Goodwin-Badger had to ask her to look after Kendra for a short while. At the same time, she was caring for six other children — all of whom were failing in school.

But within just a brief period, Kendra's influence — a reflection of her mother — turned those six other children into honor roll students.

Family members and friends promised Kendra to see her through the rest of her life's journey her mother had dreamed for her. Goodwin-Badger herself had lost her mother while she was only 13 years old.

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Members of the police and fire departments prepare to form a line to proceed past the casket at the conclusion of Wednesday's wake for Wheeling police officer Shamekia Goodwin-Badger at Kolssak Funeral Home in Wheeling.

The late officer's fearlessness was remembered as well as her sense of joy. During one call in which a man armed with a samurai sword had barricaded himself in his bedroom, Goodwin-Badger instantly volunteered for the job of standing closest to the man while holding up a shield to protect other officers during the negotiation.

Though tears were shed throughout the service — attended by police officers from throughout the suburbs and the state — attendees became most emotional at the very end.

From a radio inside Goodwin-Badger's open casket, a police dispatcher requested radio silence, called three times for "Unit 160" and reported that "Unit 160 does not respond."

Then the dispatcher called on "Officer Shamekia Goodwin-Badger," thanking her for her service on behalf of the residents of Wheeling.

The police department is accepting donations for Goodwin-Badger's daughter at Wheeling Police Benevolent, 1 Community Blvd., Wheeling IL 60090.

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Death caused by blood clot:

The Wheeling police officer who died Saturday after collapsing during a training exercise suffered from a blood clot in her lungs, an official confirmed Tuesday. The clot in officer Shamekia Goodwin-Badger's lung led to a pulmonary thromboembolism, according to Wheeling Police Chief William Benson. "It's under natural causes," said Benson. After collapsing Thursday night, Goodwin-Badger, 33, was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge but did not regain consciousness. She was pronounced dead Saturday afternoon. A wake and service will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling. In lieu of flowers, the police department is accepting donations for Goodwin-Badger's 13-year-old daughter at Wheeling Police Benevolent, 1 Community Blvd., Wheeling IL, 60090

Shamekia Goodwin-Badger

Officer collapses during training, dies at hospital

Daily Herald report 7-29-13

Wheeling Police confirmed that a village police officer collapsed during a training exercise on Thursday and died at the hospital Saturday night.

Shamekia Goodwin-Badger, 33, was pronounced dead at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge on Saturday afternoon.

She was transported to the hospital after collapsing during a training event Thursday night and did not regain consciousness.

The Cook County medical examiner's office did not have a record of Goodwin-Badger.

The Wheeling Police Department said it would be releasing more details this morning.

Police to host open house: The Wheeling Police Department will host its annual Halloween Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Police Department Resource Center, 99 N. Wolf Road. The open house is a chance for the community to meet with police officers, fire personnel and village employees. There will be refreshments, activities for the kids and a raffle. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes.

For more information, call the police department at (847) 459-2632.

The police department also will have a safety checkpoint targeting impaired drivers on Saturday night. The enforcement initiative is funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, division of traffic safety.

As Halloween draws near, the village of Wheeling would like to remind the public to be extra careful on Halloween as many trick-or-treaters will be out.

Police Chief John Stone wants motorists to be especially cautious. "Children often get caught up in the excitement of the holiday and may do things that are unexpected. We want to remind drivers to watch out for children and take whatever precautions are necessary while driving," he said. The village has set trick-or-treating hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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Wheeling police and firefighters block off Hintz Road where utility crews were working Thursday to isolate the source of a gas leak. The leak forced road closures for hours Thursday but did not cause any immediate evacuations.

Gas leak prompts road closures

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Utility crews were able to plug a "significant" gas leak on Hintz Road in Wheeling, where construction crews struck an 8-inch main Thursday, authorities said.

The leak was stopped at 5:50 p.m., though crews worked into the night on more permanent repairs to the main, said Wheeling Batallion Chief Mark Menzel.

Watch the video

See the response to the Hintz Road gas leak, at **dailyherald.com/more**.

Most lanes of Hintz between Lakeview Drive and Schoenbeck Road were reopened after having been shut down for much of the afternoon.

Nicor Gas crews brought in special welding equipment to bring the leak under control, Wheeling Deputy Fire Chief David Palmeri said.

"There is nothing that we would be able to do with our equipment to control a gas leak like this," Palmeri said.

The leak began when contractors were cutting curbs on Hintz Road between Waterman Lane and the VIP Apartments, Palmeri said.

Firefighters continued to monitor the air for gas levels around apartment complexes and other residences. No homes or businesses were evacuated, but the leak did produce an odor.

Nicor customers saw no disruption in their service, Palmeri said.

Officials estimated earlier that it would take eight to 10 hours to isolate the source of the leak and another four to eight to make repairs.

• *Daily Herald staff writer Christopher Placek contributed to this report.*

BREAKING N

Wheeling cop dies; blood clot blamed

July 30, 2013

The death of a Wheeling police officer who fell ill during a departmental training session last week appears to be related to a blood clot in her lung, the officer's sister said Monday.

Shamekia Goodwin-Badger, 33, began feeling lightheaded during the session Thursday and was taken to a hospital, said her sister, Lakisha Owens. Goodwin-Badger lost consciousness and never regained it before dying Saturday, her sister said.

Goodwin-Badger

Goodwin-Badger, mother of a 13-year-old girl, seemed to be in strong physical condition, her sister said, and her death was a shock.

Wheeling police Chief William Benson said Goodwin-Badger was "one of the most loved persons on this department."

Goodwin-Badger, an evidence technician, was receiving training on nighttime photography when she fell ill and was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Benson said. The training does not appear to have led to the officer's medical condition, he said.

The Cook County medical examiner's office had no information on her death Monday.

A wake and memorial service are scheduled from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, the Police Department said.

Goodwin-Badger will be buried in Florida, her family said.

—Dan Hinkel

Officer collects police department history, nostalgia and memorabilia

Daily Herald Feb. 1994

By Michelle Kramer
Special Sections Correspondent

Ever imagine Wheeling's past simulating an old Western flick with Illinois' equivalent to Jesse James causing havoc up and down Milwaukee Avenue?

Well, guess again. According to old police records, Wheeling's law enforcement efforts could have been ill-fated considering their police department consisted of one village marshall. This one marshall was paid $.25 per day plus $.50 for each wild or stray dog that was destroyed – not exactly juicy material for "Cops".

Wheeling police officer Rick Sheffler collected these facts as well as a plethora of other historical items as part of a growing collection of Wheeling Police Department memoirs.

Sheffler began his collection when he started with the department 10½ years ago. Since that time he has accumulated old photos of former police chiefs, past patrol cars, and other police happenings.

In the 1920s and '30s, the community residents were happy with the Wheeling State Bank because it was never robbed by John Dillinger, and it was one of the few banks that was able to stay open after the stockmarket crash of 1929.

Photograph courtesy of Wheeling Historical Society

Officer Rick Sheffler displays his collection of Department badges. He has collected Wheeling police department historical items for more than 10 years.

Sheffler's collection includes a shadowbox of former badges that have changed through the years.

"The older badges are the most interesting to me," claimed Sheffler.

Included in his collection are old documents, which describe such laws as the prohibition of racing horses and wagons on village streets, and requiring the drivers of such horses to give proper turn signals with their arms or whips, and preventing manure from being thrown onto public thoroughfares, such as Milwaukee Ave.

"I am hoping that one day someone in the department will carry on my collection and add on to it," he said.

Wheeling residents with old photos or historical items pertaining to the Wheeling Police Department should contact Sheffler at 459-2632 at the station.

Oct. 2007 WHSoc. program

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

MY IDENTITY HAS BEEN STOLEN!

It's been a bad year. You are grieving at the recent loss of your loved one. How is it that your spouse had all these financial dealings you knew nothing about? Who needs six credit cards? When your feelings of being overwhelmed have reached a breaking point, a kind voice breaks the silence on the other end of the phone. Your rescuer states, "Hi, this is Mike from Credit Card Services. I'm so sorry for your recent loss and I want to try to help you through this time of crisis. We're going to close out all those accounts. I just need a little information from you…"

Well, guess what? Mike is not really Mike—"Mike" could be anyone—and that anyone may have just stolen your identity (or that of your loved one). According to the latest Federal Trade Commission statistics, 2006 saw over 246,000* *reported* complaints of Identity Theft (which is undoubtedly higher as many times people aren't even aware their identity has been stolen).

Or how about this: Mr. Bad Guy gets a hold of your social security number and other information, creates an ID in your name with his picture and applies for a Home Equity Loan in your name. He leaves the closing with a big check and leaves you with the aftermath. This is a bit simplified, but it has happened…

Victims are not limited to the old or the weak—Identity Theft can hit any adult, at any time. In fact, the greatest percentage of those targeted fall between the ages of 18 – 29 (29%), followed by 30 – 39 (23%), 40 – 49 (20%), 50 – 59 (13%), 60 and over (10%) and finally under 18 (5%)†.

Where do they get your information?

Purses and Wallets. Stolen wallets and purses are rich with personal information; never carry your social security card with you (or any other document that has your social security number on it) unless you know you need it for a specific reason that day.

Shoulder Surfing. Sometimes, that person standing next to you at line in the store isn't really on the cell phone, he's actually using his camera phone to photograph your personal information as you prepare to pay for your items.

Dumpster Diving. Always shred credit card offers, old tax returns, check stubs, etc. befor throwing them away in the garbage. Criminals are not beneath going through your garbage in order to hijack your personal information.

Places of Business. Be careful who you provide your personal information to: if you get a bad feeling from the hotel clerk, you may want to take a step back and consider alternative payment methods, before providing your credit card information.

Police officer, veteran, mother

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Purple and black bunting hang from the facade at the Wheeling Police Department on Monday to honor officer Shamekia Goodwin-Badger, who died Saturday after collapsing during a training exercise Thursday.

Suburban police mourn loss of one of their own

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The Wheeling police officer who died Saturday after collapsing during a training exercise two days earlier was a decorated Army veteran with service in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as the mother of a 13-year-old girl, the department said Monday.

A wake and service for Shamekia Goodwin-Badger, 33, will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Kolssak Funeral Home in Wheeling.

Goodwin-Badger joined the Wheeling department in 2008 after four years as an officer in Hawthorn Woods.

"The loss of Officer Badger has deeply shaken all members of the Wheeling department," Chief William Benson said in a statement released Monday. "She was an officer who could handle any situation, displaying a calm, firm demeanor, but also one that was compassionate and understanding."

Wheeling village flags are flying at half staff, purple bunting marks the entrances of the department in her memory, and memorial decals created by public works employees are adorning police and

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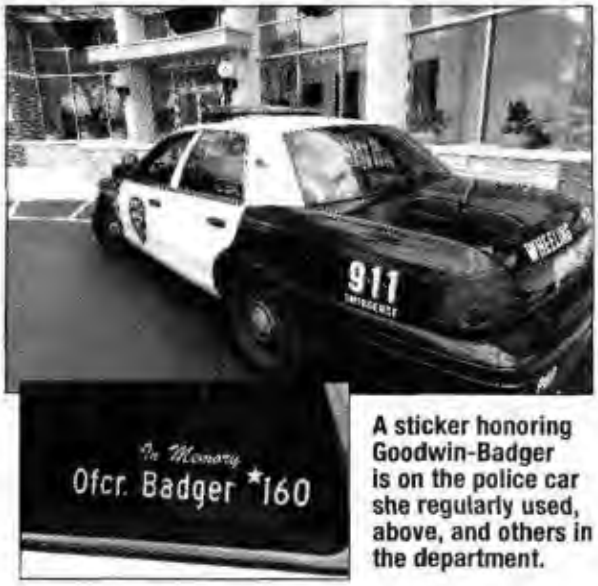

A sticker honoring Goodwin-Badger is on the police car she regularly used, above, and others in the department.

Remembering an officer
Wheeling Police Chief William Benson remembers Shamekia Goodwin-Badger, at **dailyherald.com/more**.

Mourn: A memorial service is planned for Wednesday

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fire vehicles.

Goodwin-Badger worked the midnight shift with specialties as a youth officer and evidence technician.

"Officer Badger was very special to the members of the police department — no matter what was happening in one's life, you could always go to her for a word of encouragement and a guaranteed smile," Benson said.

Goodwin-Badger was pronounced dead at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge Saturday afternoon. She was taken to the hospital after collapsing at 9:15 p.m. Thursday during night photography training and did not regain consciousness.

A cause of death has not been disclosed. Benson said Monday he had only been told that the death was due to natural causes. Since Goodwin-Badger is an organ donor, Benson said it was his understanding there would be no autopsy.

Goodwin-Badger was in "great physical condition with a very healthy lifestyle," said the chief, who added that firefighter-paramedics stationed nearby were able to literally run to her aid Thursday after she lowered herself to the ground and fell unconscious.

Goodwin-Badger's reputation as a police officer was so strong that Benson asked her to apply for a job in Wheeling after budget cuts forced Hawthorn Woods to lay her off in 2008, said Deputy Wheeling Police Chief John Teevans.

Benson said as many as 40-50 officers from Wheeling, Hawthorn Woods and other departments were at the hospital after Goodwin-Badger fell ill. Hospital officials set aside a few waiting rooms for her family and supporters and sometimes had to ask them to make room in the hallways, he added.

"A lot of people in other departments in Cook and Lake County worked with her," Benson said.

Benson expects many police officers to show up at Wednesday's memorial and honor service the department is planning with her family.

Benson said Goodwin-Badger volunteered for the night photography training.

"She always wanted to do more for the department and for Wheeling," he said. "Her family told us she enjoyed working with the Wheeling police and getting along with people. She considered people here her family."

When she was off duty Goodwin-Badger's main interest was her daughter, Benson said.

Hawthorn Woods Police Chief Jennifer Paulus also praised Goodwin-Badger.

"She was a wonderful officer and a fantastic friend to a lot of guys here," Paulus said. "I am sure she would still be with us had we not had to lay her off in March of 2008."

Paulus said Goodwin-Badger had attended the retirement party of another Hawthorn Woods officer in the past year. "She was a pleasure to work with, and it's sad news to hear," she said. "We wish her daughter the best. It's very sad."

In lieu of flowers, the police department is accepting donations for Goodwin-Badger's daughter at Wheeling Police Benevolent, 1 Community Blvd., Wheeling IL, 60090.

At a later date funeral services will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for Goodwin-Badger, who grew up in that state.

Aug. 1956

Krause Triplets

Pictured above are the three Krause triplets (l. to r.), Tom, Dick and Harry, who celebrated their 14th birthday on Monday, July 30. Their very proud father is Lt. "Bud" Krause of the Wheeling Police Force.

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Two Die; Wheeling Police Chief Badly Injured in Crash

Two men were killed and four injured before dawn Sunday whe they were run down by an automobile driven by Mrs. Martha Block, 54 years old, of Lyons, Wis., in Milwaukee avenue just south of Dundee road in Wheeling.

Five men were being questioned at the roadside by Chief of Police George Mollenkamp of Wheeling, after they had abandoned a stolen automobile which had crashed into a pole. Raymond Bezden, 23 years old, 1139 North Branch street, and Ignatius Ciesielski, 22 years old, 1525 Elston avenue, were the two who were killed. Chief Mollenkamp's left leg was fractured, but the doctor promises that it will be as good as ever.

3 Incur Minor Injuries

The three companions of Bezden and Ciesielski incurred minor injuries. They are Orville O'Hara, 39 years old, 3750 Diversey avenue; Edward Waszak, 24, of 3440 Belmont avenue, and Joseph Beback, 27, of 1510 Elston avenue. Mrs. Block, her husband, James, a milk dealer, and their daughter, Mary Ann, 10 years old, were unhurt.

Chief Mollenkamp, seeking the occupants of the abandoned car, was southbound in Milwaukee avenue when he overtook them. He pulled his car over to the wrong side of the road, parked it in the northbound lane, left the headlights burning, alighted and began to question the five men.

Mrs. Block's Story

Mrs. Block told Sergt. James Allegretti of the Morton Grove county highway police that she saw the headlights of Chief Mollenkamp's car, concluded that Milwaukee avenue curved to the right at that point, and swung to the right to clear the parked car. The six men, standing directly in the path of the Block car, saw the headlights approaching and scattered, but too late to avoid the tragedy.

Police said the abandoned car was reported stolen on Saturday from the Wenzel Motor Sales, Inc., 1143 Diversey boulevard. Waszak and Beback said that O'Hara, the driver, had invited them for a ride on Saturday night, and that all had been drinking beer in various taverns. O'Hara and his two surviving companions were locked up for further questioning and Mrs. Block was held for the inquest.

No clues found to missing Wheeling boy and horse

Aug 18 1950
Cook County Herald

No word has been received from Kenneth Kesler, 16-year-old Wheeling boy, who left home several weeks ago, Police Chief Harold Maekh reports.

It was believed that Kenneth, who was riding a horse when he left, might have returned to his former home in southern Illinois. A police alarm was issued at the time of his disappearance, but no clues to his whereabouts have been reported.

Wheeling youth still missing; horse found at Lake Forest riding stable

Cook County Herald 9/33/50

The horse rode by Kenneth Kesler, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Kesler, Hintz rd., and Jackson drive, Wheeling, has been returned to the Kesler home but no word has come from Kenneth, who left home July 21.

It was at first supposed that the boy had gone to visit his old home near Carterville and Johnson City, but word has been received that relatives in that area are just as much in the dark as the home folks as to Kenneth's whereabouts.

The Keslers learned of the horse by inquiring along Sanders road. Conley's Riding Stable, where the horse was found, claimed that the animal was picked up by them as a stray.

Wheeling people injured in accidents Tuesday

Sept. 6, 1950
Cook County Herald

Two accidents both occurring on Palatine road and caused by failure to obey stop signs, brought injuries to five persons who reside in Wheeling township near the village of Wheeling, Tuesday.

The more serious accident occurred early Tuesday evening at Palatine and Wolf roads where occupants of one car, Kenneth Fish and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ascen were sufficiently injured to be taken to the Swedish Covenant hospital. They were traveling south on Wolf road.

Louis B. Smith, 23, 1877 Kealey ave., Glenview was driving east on Palatine rd., and hit the other car, which was very badly damaged.

Mr. Fish and his passengers operate a noodle factory on Hintz road, west of Wolf.

Miss Irene Kum is in the Palatine hospital and her sister, Rose, is at their farm home near Wheeling recovering from injuries received Tuesday afternoon when their car, traveling north on State rd. at 2 o'clock was hit by a car being driven east on Palatine road by Norman J. Pedersen, 30, 7357 E. Prairie rd., Lincolnwood.

The girls claim that Pedersen failed to stop for the stop sign. Irene, the driver, has facial and leg lacerations, requiring stitches and may be otherwise injured.

Wheeling police using squad car it bought self

July 14, 1950
Cook County Herald

The Wheeling police department is now using the new Ford special police model squad car which was purchased with department funds.

The new car, dark blue color, was delivered Saturday. Equipment includes a riot gun, a gas gun, cartridge holder, rubber raincoats, a rifle, blankets, and road flares, making it one of the most complete equipped police cars in the state.

A radio will be installed in the car at a complete cost of $572 to the department. Wheeling equipped 101 monitors the district Cook county station at Mount Grove. This new radio will also make it possible to contact other squad cars which monitor the same station.

The purchase of the car and radio set was financed with funds raised by the annual dance stage by the Wheeling police department. Such cars are usually purchased at a cost to the taxpayers, and Wheeling residents are privileged to have a department which contributes much to its own support.

MT. PROSPECT BURBAN

Woman killed in auto crash near Wheeling

Cook County Herald 8/1
Fri. Nov. 10, 1950

Grace Bratrude, 51, of 543 Lake st., Antioch, died at Hines hospital shortly after receiving injuries in an auto accident at Rt. 83 and Dundee rd., last Saturday afternoon.

Her husband, Dr. Amos T. Bratrude, on the staff of Hines hospital, was driving south on Rt. 83 when his auto collided with another driven by Malcolm Hill of Lake Zurich. According to police records Bratrude claims he stopped for the stop sign and proceeded across the intersection because he saw no approaching vehicles. Hill was traveling east on Dundee.

Hill claims he saw the auto pulling across the intersection and applied his brakes, but he couldn't avoid the collision.

His wife, Moselle, 21, who was riding with him, suffered a broken right leg. She was also taken to Hines hospital.

Both autos, Hill's a 1950 Pontiac, and Bratrude's a 1950 Ford, were badly damaged.

Wheeling police offers to buy new squad car

Cook County
May 12, 1950

The Wheeling Police Department offered at the Village Board meeting Monday night to finance the purchase of a new squad car and the installation of the FM radio system.

The board approved the project and a meeting was set to discuss offers for a trade-in on the present car owned by the village and the purchase of the new car.

The funds for the car will be taken from proceeds of the dance given recently by the department.

Vehicle sticker or fine states Wheeling mayor

Cook County Herald April 21, 1950

Local motorists will be fined $5.00 for failing to purchase a vehicle sticker announced Mayor Arthur Ortegel at this week's Village Board meeting.

The vehicle tax ordinance was amended to include provisions for duplicate stickers. If a sticker is ruined a duplicate may be purchased from the clerk. Sufficient evidence must show that the $1.00 produced to be beyond further use.

A charge of $1.00 will also be made for transferring a sticker if a different car is purchased. If a car is the village, the living within the village, to remain. original sticker is to be removed, however, the sale is to be reported to the clerk and a $1.00 charge will be made.

Police dance in Wheeling April 22

Cook County Herald
April 14, 1950

Valuable prizes will be a outstanding feature of the Police Dance to be given Saturday, April 22 at the Union hotel, Wheeling.

A silver-fox scarf, a modern table lamp and a canopied sandbox are among the gifts some of the dancers will take home.

Music for the dance will b

Woman injured when cars collide due to icy pavement

Dec 30 1949
Cook County Herald

Mrs. Kathleen Beier of Wheeling was taken to St. Francis hospital Tuesday morning following an accident on Milwaukee ave., south of Wheeling.

Mrs. Beier was driving a 1949 Studebaker south on Milwaukee ave., when she skidded on the icy roads and collided with an Army truck. The truck was driven by Paul L. Britt, 24, stationed at O'Hare Field.

Mrs. Beier's condition is not considered critical. The car was seriously damaged and was towed to the Triangle Ga ago.

Tickets on sale for annual police dance here

Cook County Herald
March 10, 1950

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Wheeling Police Dance to be held this year Saturday, April 22, at the Union hotel. Music for the affair will be furnished by "The Four of Us." The tickets for $1.50 are on sale at local business concerns.

The annual dance was originated by Chief of Police Harold Mackh three years ago. Funds raised have been used for the purchase of necessary equipment to give Wheeling an efficient Police Department. The equipment obtained includes a two-way car radio, riot guns and other valuable items. Insurance for the two officers was also paid out of the dance proceeds.

POLICE FUNDS have sponsored the construction of a park for small children, a lighted bulletin board at the corner of Center st. and Milwaukee ave., and parties for the grade school patrol boys.

Chief Mackh reported that the Department would pay all the expenses for a week's vacation for the patrol boys at the Kiwanis camp in Des Plaines this summer. All boys who performed their patrol duties faithfully during the school year will be included in the group to attend the camp.

Chief Mackh urges everyone to support the dance and thereby help to give Wheeling bigger and better Police Department and aid in providing recreation for the young people of the village.

Frederick Schmoyer, band director of Arlington Heights high school, has announced that 27 schools have entered the District Music Contest to be held at the local high school beginning at 9 o'clock, March 25.

Two Wheeling plumbers arrested for doing work without state license

Cook County Herald 7/28/1950

Two local plumbers, Charles Kosmin and Frank Scammehorn, were arrested last week for doing plumbing in Wheeling without a state license on complaint of William Wiest, village plumber and building commissioner. They were taken before Judge C. M. Behrens of Arlington Hts. and released on bonds for trial Friday.

Four injured in 2 Wheeling fog accidents Sunday

Cook County Her
Jan 30 1951

Fog was blamed for two dents occuring early Su morning in Wheeling in w four persons were injured.

Bruce Johnson of 2412 Place, Evanston, lost contr his auto while driving sout Milwaukee ave. He hit the c ing and overturned in fron the Earl Johnson residence a 1:30 a. m. He and three c passengers, Jim Koenig, V Bost and Harmen Deal, al Evanston, were not injured.

The second crash happ about 4:30 a. m. when an being driven by Bruno Lacka of 5308, Ashland ave., Chic was struck in the rear by an er driven by William Certi 4838 Bellplane ave., Chic Certik said his vision was secured by the heavy fog.

Both cars were headed n on Milwaukee and the acci happened near the Rain Lounge.

Four occupants in the Ce auto were injured and take the Evanston hospital, wl Mrs. Certik was reported in ious condition. Others inj were Richard and William tik and Louis Rauschenberg

John Glass, Jr., crashes tree on Milwaukee Ave.

Cook County Herald
Nov. 17, 1950

John Glass, Jr., son of John Glass, 2nd Ave., Wheeling, crashed into a tree at 3:15 Wednesday morning on Milwaukee Ave., opposite Dr. Larson's office. Night Officer L. W. Beck called the Oehler ambulance and the injured man was taken to the Highland Park hospital. The Chevrolet car is a complete wreck.

John's friends are glad to learn that no bones were broken and he expects to be back home almost as soon as readers see this story.

4 autos damaged in stop-light pile-up

July 7 1950
Cook County Herald

Four cars were involved in an accident near the corner of Dundee Road and Wille Ave., in Wheeling last week Tuesday.

The first car was driven by Robert Tiley of Chicago, who brought his car to a stop on Dundee for the traffic light. Two more cars, driven by Homer L. Webb of Lake Villa and by Raymond Paus of Chicago, stopped behind the Tiley car.

Howard Foster of Lake Villa rammed the last car causing the other two to hit.

No one was injured seriously. Mr. Foster received minor head and leg bruises. All four cars were damaged.

Another accident occurred Saturday in front of the Harry Jaegerman's Bait Shop on S. Milwaukee ave.

Warren Hoppe of 1525 N. Mason ave., Chicago, was driving south on Milwaukee when he lost control of his car. After crossing three lanes of the highway he ended up in the Haegermann driveway facing the opposite direction.

No one was injured.

Dog bites owner

Cook County Herald
Nov 17, 1950

Mrs. Madge Klonder, of 6th and Strong sts., Wheeling, was bitten on the ankle and hand by her dog last Wednesday. She was taken to Dr. Larson by the police department, where she received treatment.

State-wide alarm out on theft of automobile from Wheeling garage

Aug 18, 1950
Cook County Herald

A state-wide alarm has been sent out for the Chevrolet automobile of James L. Bailey, Mors ave., Wheeling, which was stolen from his garage early Wednesday morning.

The car, a 1949 model two-tone green club coupe, had only been driven 10,000 miles. It had been locked in the garage. Chief Mackh was confident it would soon be recovered.

Police give party for patrol boys, girls

June 16, 1950
Cook County Herald

The Wheling Police Department was host to a group of Wheeling school patrol boys and girls at a party Monday, June 5.

In the group were 17 patrol boys, 10 substitutes, and eight patrol girls. They enjoyed hot dogs and all the trimmings at the north Forest Preserve shelter house.

The party, financed entirely by Police Department funds, was the last party of the year for the group as a whole.

NOTIFICATION TO PERSON ELECTED

F. P. PETTIBONE & CO. CHICAGO 994½

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Cook County, } ss.

Office of Village Clerk
of the Village of Wheeling

To Edward F. Gieseke, Jr.
Wheeling, Ill.

You are hereby notified that at the Election, held on the 21st day of April A. D. 1953, you were duly elected to the office of Village President

Given under my hand at Wheeling this 29th day of April A. D. 1953.

Adeline Schneider
Village Clerk

Under the administration of Village President Edward Gieseke, Jr.

He established the new police reserve which now numbers 13 men.

He has added two regular police officers and modernized the department by adding radio and transmitter equipment.

He personally instituted the adult school patrol which affords greater safety for Wheeling children.

He has revised the village ordinances and placed the village code in book form which, for the first time, is available to the public.

He encouraged the formation of the planning commission which is so vital to our still growing community.

He was instrumental in the formation of the village electrical commission.

Under his leadership, Wheeling has seen the installation of a new sewer system; the construction of three beautiful subdivisions; the use of house numbers; the erection of new street signs; the construction of a new shopping center; house to house mail delivery; a medical center; the creation of separate village departments such as the water and building offices; the construction of new and valued industry . . . all this which makes Wheeling a better place in which to live.

Police Reserves Draw A Bead On Big Annual Dance Nov. 26

Wheeling Progress Nov 16, 1955

Preparations for the 2nd annual Police Reserve dance on November 26 are getting into full swing, with only a few days remaining before the big affair.

Scheduled for the AmVets' Hall, the dance will feature music by the Key Notes, and is open to the general public. The music will start at 9 p.m., and continue until everyone throws in the towel.

Drinks, Prizes

Refreshments, served at moderate prices, will be served at a special bar set up for the occasion. And some lucky patrons will walk off with beautiful and useful door prizes.

Tickets for the dance are being distributed by members of the Reserve at the ridiculously low price of $1.00. All Wheeling residents, old and new, are urged to turn out Nov. 26 and help make the affair a success.

Members of the ticket committee are Frank Iyer, Art Middenhauer and Howard Weldin.

Other Committees

Raffle committee members are Howard Bitterman and Ray Widing.

Ruth Grandt is in charge of the kitchen that night.

The bar committee (lucky fellows) are Jack Deubel, Maury La Plant and Howard Koeppen.

Wives of the Reserve members will help out in various ways wherever needed during the dance.

Wh. Progress - Nov 16, 1955

Village Names Pair of Police Matrons Here

Wheeling will have two police matrons instead of one, as a result of action taken by the Village Board at its meeting this week.

Appointed as police matrons are Barbara Lesch and Evelyn Ruth Diens. The motion was made by member Bernhardt Koeppen, seconded by Philip Runnfeldt and passed unanimously by the Board.

They replace Alice Shearer, and will be reimbursed by the Village on a part-time basis.

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Police Reserve Hold 2nd Annual Dance Nov. 26

Wheeling Police Reserve will hold its 2nd annual dance on November 26. It will be held at the Amvet's Hall in Wheeling.

The music and entertainment will be furnished by the Key Notes. The dance will start at 9 p.m. The tickets are $1 apiece. Door prizes will be awarded to lucky ticket holders.

Car Hits Barricade On Dundee Road

Nov 4, 1955 Wh Progress

On Oct. 2 at 1:55 a.m., J. Sloan of Highland Park crashed into a barricade at Dundee and Wolf rds. Sloan told police officers that a car passed him as he approached the intersection, and he didn't see the piles of dirt and barricades.

The car was towed to Wheeling Motors.

Burglaries

Nov 4, 1955 Wh Progress

Police received a report on Nov. 2 of a series of burglaries at the Dunhurst Heights subdivision. . . Larson of the Hi-Lo heating c pany told police that over period of the last three weeks ab 25 Honeywell Thermostats we stolen out of furnaces in the new ly constructed homes.

He said that the thermostats were valued at about $ apiece.

IT'S CAPT. ED HINKS NOW

Wheeling Progress Nov 18, 1955

VETERAN IS BOOSTED; KRAUSE UP TO LIEUT.

It's Captain Ed Hinks of the Wheeling Police Department, now.

The veteran Wheeling policeman has been appointed to that post after serving for a time as lieutenant on the force here.

Along with the move, Sergeant Bud Krause has been boosted to lieutenant.

The move in no way affects the status of Police Chief Marvin Horcher, who retains his post as head of the department.

The occasion has been marked by frequent, heated clashes among members of the Village Board and Village President Edward Giesche, Jr.

Focus of the trouble centered about the switchover of the Wheeling force to civil service status.

(Under civil service, a great deal of job protection is afforded office holders, whereas in ordinary political appointments job holders can be fired without notice.)

Under the new Wheeling arrangement, both Hinks and Krause will receive civil service status when the changeover is made. However, civil service does not cover a police chief's job.

Wheeling Progress
Aug 24, 1956

Dog Trouble Here

Dogs are becoming an increasingly annoying and dangerous aspect in Wheeling.

Police report that there have been three bites and one scratch since August 18. The children were all between the ages of 3-7. The dogs are being checked for possible rabies carriers.

TEE HEE Wheeling Progress

Tanks For Nothing

Aug 24, 1956

The funniest story to come off the Wheeling police blotter in many years was unfolded this week.

Siford Loraase of 9th and Strong streets was driving down Dundee rd. Suddenly his motor coughed, sputtered and went dead.

When Loraase couldn't get his motor started, the police were called in. After a quick examination of the car it was quite evident why the car wouldn't run.

The gas tank was gone.

A puzzled Loraase and police finally found the missing tank on McHenry and 68. It has evidently fallen off the car.

Lattof Motors Gets New Squad Car Contract

Progress Wheeling Dec. 7, 1956

The Wheeling Police Department will soon be driving a new squad car. The Village Board voted unanimously to make a contract with Lattof Motors, for the rental of a car.

The PROGRESS learned that the new car would be a Chevrolet 210, 4-dr. 8 cylinder, with power glide. The contract with Latoff also includes insurance, grease jobs, gun racks and dome lights. A representative of Lattof told this paper that the car would be delivered within the week.

Monthly cost for the rental of the squad will be $225 per month.

The Police Committee also requested that the Police Department be given a $50 expense account for prisoners meals, stamps, etc. The vote was unanimous, and the bill included a $50 expense account for the water department also.

Wheeling Progress

Police Recover Newsman's Car

Dec 7, 1956

Monday night Wheeling police recovered a stolen car belonging to a news editor of a Des Plaines paper.

At 12 a.m. Monday police found the car, a 1951 Chevrolet on Wolf rd. near Hintz rd. Further checking showed the car to be stolen fro James C. Bade of 207 E. Emerson, Mt. Prospect. The car was stolen from the driveway of his home on December 3 at 8:35 p.m.

Bade picked up his car from Wheeling police Tuesday morning.

10 STILL MISSING Wheeling Progress Aug 24, 1956

Spotted Any Steers In Your Back Yard?

Shades of Dodge City, and the wild west.

Although it seems impossible, the truth is that at press time there were 10 cattle roaming in and around Wheeling.

On Tuesday afternoon Oscar Weidner of Aptakisic rd. received a car load of 14 cattle. They were enclosed by electric fence but somehow escaped. They stampeded across the southern portion of Chevy Chase and across Milwaukee ave. The police department was flooded with calls as people looked into their back yards and saw 14 steers romping across the lawn.

After the cattle crossed Milwaukee ave. they seemed to disappear. A PROGRESS reporter was on the scene as police quickly rounded up a host of volunteers to scour the river banks and forest preserves. It was thought at first that the cattle had crossed the river, as no trace of them could be found, save a few hoofprints.

On Tuesday night, two of the strays were located off Milwaukee ave., just north of Wheeling. Two more were found Wednesday morning, and reports coming from points all around the city led police to believe that the herd had broken up and were now roaming singly or in pairs.

Up to press time, only four of the cattle had been found, but search parties were looking for the remainder. Some observers believe they may be in the heavy brush and woods in the forest preserve.

If any residents catch sight of the cattle, police would appreciate it if you would contact them.

Police Reserve Slates Dance Nov. 10

Wheeling Progress Oct 26, 1956

The Wheeling Police Reserve will hold their annual fall dance on November 10. The proceeds of which will go to buy the Reserve a two new radios. The dance, which will be held at the Anvet Hall, will be furnished with music by the Key Notes.

A new feature this year is a turkey party that will be held along with the dancing and entertainment.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. until 1? and the admission charge is one dollar per person.

New Firemen

Two new members have been added to the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department. They are Art Horcher and Jack Mayer. Welcome boys. June 8, 1956

Wheeling Progress

Crane Tips Over

Wheeling Progress June 15 1956

On June 3 a truck hit a large crane on Wolf and Dundee causing the crane to tip over. It took three hours to get the crane righted. The crane driver, William Lewis of Des Plaines said his brakes failed and he clipped the truck. Neither driver was injured.

Wheeling Progress

Car Population, 800

June 8, 1956

Wheeling's car population has reached the 800 mark according to Police Chief "Sike" Horcher. The village has sold 800 vehicle stickers this year.

Horcher estimates that there are still 150 more to be tagged.

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Dog Owners Warned Of Encephalitis

Wheeling health officer Jo Grunst again warns dog owners the great epidemic of Encephal which is spreading rapidly over Wheeling area.

Numerous veterinarians ha warned that this particular case is highly contagious and fa to the animal which has it. He ever, vaccination may keep disease from spreading. Health

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Driver Not Lost Car Is Lost

"Oh where, oh where could my little car be."

The above could easily be the song that Ned Burras of Park Ridge sang to Wheeling police last week.

On June 11 at 4:20 a.m. Burras was driving merrily along. His car ran off the road. Another car picked him up and took him home. The next day at 10:40 he came into the Wheeling police station and told officers that he couldn't find where his car was.

He said that he knew it was around Wheeling someplace, and that it was on a blacktop road but he had no idea where.

At 12:20 Lake County police found the car off the road and in a field at Rte. 83 and Aptakisic road. Burras sheepishly went to recover his car.

Slow Down

June 8 1956 Wh Progress

Slow down, said the Village Board Monday night.

They are going to back up their statement with the erection of speed limit signs of 15 mph.. The signs will be erected in Dunhurst, Meadowbrook and East Ave. .....

John Grunst made the motion, Bernice Koeppen seconded. Merle Willis will check to see how many signs will be needed.

Cycle Going North, Road Turns, Cycle Doesn't

Charles Stevens of Half Day rd., Deerfield, was headed north on Rte. 83 on a motorcycle. He kept going north on 83, but 83 doesn't go north. At McHenry rd. he plowed into a ditch.

He was taken to Resurrection hospital with a broken leg. The girl who was riding with him was uninjured.

Wheeling Progress June 15, 1956

Police Again Aid Tipsy Drivers

Dec 26, 1956 Wheeling Progress

The Wheeling Police said this week that they will continue to give transportation to any driver who feels that he has celebrated too much and can not drive home.

Wheeling has not had a traffic fatality in 1956 and they are striving to finish out the year with that record. The Police also added that anyone caught driving under the influence will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Both the Police Department and the reserves would like to wish one and all a safe, sane and Happy New Year.

Wheeling Progress

Lt. Krause Under The Weather

Dec 7, 1956

Lt. Arnold Krause of the Wheeling Police Department is in the St. Francis hospital, Evanston. Lt. Krause is being treated for injuries resulting from the accident in which the Wheeling squad car was recently involved.

He is in room 130 at the hospital.

MAD DOG NABBED Wheeling Progress Dec 21, 1956

Police Declare War On Dogs in Village

The Wheeling Police have declared open war on all dogs in the village.

This ultimatum was ordered after a mad dog was captured in Dunhurst. It had not bitten anyone, but it had been fighting with a pack of other dogs and chances are some of them are also effected.

Any dogs roaming the village without a collar will be picked up, say Police. Two dogs already seen roaming with a pack have been shot. Any one bitten by a dog should immediately contact his doctor, as police do not know how many of the dogs are affected.

The mad dog was captured after a four hour chase involving police Reserves, construction employees, milkmen and passer-bys.

Wheeling Herald
Dec 21, 1956

Wheeling Police Aid Tipsy Drivers

This year, as last the Wheeling Police force is offering transportation home to drivers who have indulged in too much Holiday celebration. Drivers who feel that they cannot drive home should call the station and transportation will be made available.

There has not been a traffic fatality in Wheeling this year. Police are hoping that they can end the year on with a perfect record. The accident rate has been kept quite low this year, report police.

Any driver found operating a motor vehicle under the influence will receive the full penalty of the law, states the department.

The Police force wishes everyone a safe, sane and Merry Christmas.

Injuries, Accidents Mar Holiday Weekend

Wheeling Progress Dec 29, 1956

Accidents and injuries marred Wheeling's record of a safe and sane Christmas on the highway this year. Although no fatalities occurred, there were four accidents and four injuries over the holiday week-end. Two of the auto mishaps were minor.

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3 Hurt In Auto Truck Mishap

On December 21, a car driven by Del Dobbins of 206 S. Willie collided with the back of a pick up truck on south Milwaukee avenue.. Dobbins suffered a broken left thumb, cracked left leg cap and face cuts.

[illegible] of the truck Vernon Lass of Northbrook had a cut over his left eye and abrasions and bumps on his head. A passenger of the truck, Thomas Norton of 573 S. Milwaukee suffered possible broken ribs. Dobbins was taken to Resurrection Hospital and the other two men were taken to Doctor Larson's for first aid.

Injured Driver Is Held On $225 Bond

One man was seriously injured in a two car collision on Dundee and Elmhurst Rd. (83) last Saturday. The injured man was identified as Reveriano Martinez of Lake Forest. He was taken to Resurrection Hospital by police squad.

The driver of the other car Daniel Nardles of Lake Bluff was not injured. Estimated damage to both cars was $1000. The Wheeling volunteer fire department was called to wash spilled gas off the road. The mishap occurred at 3 a.m. Martnez was later given a Drunkometer test and the result was "Indicating Intoxication." He was held on a $225 bond.

Wheeling Progress Oct 26, 1956

Three Burglars Are Given Thirty Days

Also Placed On A One Year Probation

Three Chicago youths who were caught in a burglary attempt on October 2 were given 30 day sentences in the county jail last Friday by Wheeling Police Magistrate Lenard Geiske. In addition the boys were given one years probation with the stipulation that they must report to Geiske every month.

Assistant State's Attorney Tom Halpin reduced the charge previously from burglary to petty larceny.

The owner of the gas station that was burglarized, Gene Reuss was the first to testify in the crowded courtroom. He identified the stolen property as his. Police Chief Mike Horcher was the next to take the stand. He told the court of the capture of the youths and identified them.

Attorney for one of the boy's Mr. Phillip S. Makin asked the court to take in consideration the 17 days the boys had already spent in jail. He also said that the boys would plead guilty.

Geiske after conferring with Halpin agreed that the boys would only have to spend 13 more days in jail to complete their sentences.

Geiske said, "I'm sure these boys are not criminals and that they do realize the gravity of their error."

Halpin stated," The State's Attorney's office is attempting to make good citizens of the boys."

Attorney Makin told the court that the boys were cooperative with police officers in confessing. Halpin denied this stating that they were cooperative only after sufficient evidence to convict them was produced.

The boys sitting gum and morose were then taken to the county jail in Chicago

Two Fined For Speeding; Vehicle Stickers Defended

Wheeling Progress June 14, 1957

Two persons were fined for speeding in Wheeling Traffic court last Friday afternoon by police magistrate Ted Scanlon. Two others were fined for failure to procure four dollar vehicle licenses from the village for 1957.

According to village ordinance each resident of Wheeling who owns an automobile must purchase an annual four dollar vehicle sticker. Failure to do so may result in a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than $100 for each offense. Separate and distinct offense is considered as [illegible] each day a vehicle owner [illegible] village resident [illegible] on the public thoroughfares [illegible] village without the required [illegible]

Stickers must also be displayed on the automobile windshield in the lower right [illegible] corner on the inside of the [illegible] to display the sticker [illegible] result in a trip [illegible] court.

Four persons were brought before the court for failing to display their automobile stickers, or displaying them in the improper space. The offenders were asked to display their stickers properly in the future and their cases then were dismissed.

Police magistrate Ted Scanlon defended the village policy of enforcing the law pertaining to the purchase and display of vehicle owners of vehicle licenses.

The village does not have the intention of abusing any village resident by enforcing the law in the 1956 village ordinances, Scanlon told an offender. He said that all village residents would be treated alike in the matter.

Scanlon said the village intends to enforce all laws in the village, and that the sticker ordinance is no exception. The law on sticker purchase serves two purposes he said. It puts money in the village coffers for village use, and eliminates the number of suspicious cars in the village through the sticker identification.

He said the kindness of the court toward offenders was running out and urges all village residents with automobiles to purchase the necessary vehicle stickers for them, if they have not yet done so.

Arrested Youths Confess To Series Of Burglaries

Wheeling Progress Feb 8, 1957

The arrest of two former college students by Des Plaines police early Saturday morning cleared from 18 to 20 burglaries in the Northwest suburban area according to police chief Jack Wigham.

The youths, Roger Wilson, 22, of 1746 Spruce st., and Richar Hughes, 24, of Wheeling were captured while attempting to burglarize the Standard Service Station at the corner of Lee and Perry. Bot have admitted not only their pa in this burglary and in the bu glary of the Texaco Service statio on the northeast corner of the i tersection, but have also admitte a string of burglaries in Glenview, Deerfield, Northbrook, Libertyville and Barrington as well a others in unincorporated areas o Cook and Lake counties.

The burglaries, Wilson an Hughes said, had been committe between Wed. Jan. 18 and Satu day, Feb. 2 and had netted thei about $400. An additional $185 wa recovered from the Standard St tion in that attempt.

Sideswiped

Harold E. Jackson, 25, 1018 S. 7th Ave., Maywood attempted to pass the auto in front of him, driven by Robert J. Murray, 27, made a left onto Merle Ln. and the two collided. Murray lives at 781 S. Merle. Damages to both vehicles were to be $650. The accident Thursday, June 6.

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Reports Hit-Run

Feb 8, 1957 Wheeling Progress

Ruth Kastner, 84 George rd. reported a hit and run automobile accident to Wheeling police this week.

Mrs. Kastner said her automobile was hit by a car which was exceeding the speed limit while she was turning off route 68 to enter George rd.

The automobile struck her car on the right rear causing damage to door, fender, bumper, and trunk.

TWO YOUTHS, LOCAL WOMAN INJURED HERE

As a result of an automobile accident on Bush Road, ¼ mile east of Rt. 83 near Long Grove, two seventeen-year-old boys and a woman from Prairie View were injured and taken to Condell Memorial Hospital.

At 8 a.m. Monday morning Juli Horcher and Frank Waddle, on the way to High School westbound Bush Road, collided with a car d ven by Mrs. Consuela Naverjo, w was pulling out onto the road fro a driveway. The extent of injuries the victims was evidently minor sin they were released from the hospit after treatment.

Sept 25, 1957

Slips, Breaks Wrist

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A broken wrist was the result of a fall taken by Emil Shelens, 640 S. Evergreen, Arlington Heights last week at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

Shelens slipped on a marble floor while wearing iron-cleated golfing shoes. The injured Mr. Shelens was taken to condell Memorial Hospital in Libertyville for treatment.

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Police Call

By Kelsey Campion

Electric speed timers in Wheeling have been invaluable to the entire community, although speeders may not think so, Police Chief Syke Horcher said this week.

Since the acquisition and use of the timers, he continued, the village accident rate has decreased about fifty per cent, and the losses from accidents has decreased about 75 per cent.

Horcher said Wheeling, as a result, has one of the best accident loss ratios in the country.

Wheeling police issued seventeen vehicle sticker violation tickets in two days last week it was announced.

The violation ticket provokes a five dollar minimum fine and the violator must also purchase a four dollar vehicle sticker.

So for the benefit of thrifty persons, Police Chief Horcher explains, it is suggested they buy a four dollar sticker, if they are without one, before it costs them nine dollars.

The old proverb, "Look before you leap," may have been applicable last Thursday (May 23) when Mrs. Lilian Berdorf, 41 Wheeling rd. became trapped by soft cement.

She stepped on what she thought was a dry cement sidewalk at the Wille-Dundee Shopping center.

She was pulled out by Wheeling police.

William Hoffman, 43, 370 East Merle lane, died early last Saturday morning in his home of a heart attack.

Police tried to revive him with an inhalator, but were unsuccessful. Hoffman is survived by his wife, Alice, and two children, Susan 12 and Robert 8.

Steve's Drive-In Burglarized

Wheeling Progress Feb. 15, 1957

A cash register valued at $464.40 and about $100 in cash were stolen from Steve's Drive Inn, 31 N. Wolf rd., last Saturday mor[illegible] burglar or burglars ga[illegible] trance to the drive in by jimmying open the window of the men's washroom. A cigarette machine was wrenched from the wall, but not broken into. Police took prints. The burglary was reported by the owner of the drive in, Gerald Stevenson, police said.

RECOVERED

A stolen auto was recovered by Wheeling Polic[illegible] Saturday morning [June 8th.]

The 2 door Henry J was spotted [illegible] Officer Bitterman parked behind [illegible]'s Cities Service Station on Wolf and Dundee Rds. at 2:30 a.m. and at [illegible]30 a.m. police received the report [illegible] it had been stolen. The owner [illegible] vehicle, George A. Mugler, 2[illegible] [illegible]ing Rd., Arlington Heights, said [illegible] auto had been stolen at Milwaukee Ave. and Central Rd. between 10 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. A bicycle was found at the scene of the theft and it was impounded by Sheriffs Police.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners announces that applications for Regular Police Officers for the Village of Wheeling are now being accepted. Prospective applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 35. A rigid physical examination will be required and all candidates will be given a written examination. Regulations governing appointment are posted [illegible] Bitterman [illegible] Hall and applica[illegible] accident, [illegible]tained there during [illegible] down the hours.

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CONFUSED

June 26, 1957

Harriet Griffeths, 45, 203 N. Menard, Chicago became confused last Wednesday when she neared the intersection of Dundee Road and McHenry Road. She plowed into the rear of an auto driven by Ann T. Rogers 45, 4 Patterson, Chicago. Damages to the Rogers vehicle was slight, but Mrs. Griffeths was left with . Ford that looked like this....

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Local Police Save Life Of Tot, 3

June 26, 1957

Two Wheeling officers, Lt. Bud Krause and Sgt. Howard Koeppen, deserve a lot of credit for their heroic efforts in saving the life of little Barbara Smith, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

The siren wailed last Thursday around suppertime, the inhalator was summoned and the police rushed to the Trailer Ranch, 573 S. Milwaukee Avenue and found the little girl in convulsions as a result of a high fever from infected tonsils. She stopped breathing, but resumed again after firemen applied first aid, and was placed in the squad car, along with her parents, for a hurry-up trip to Evanston Hospital. Police arranged for a relay escort with Morton Grove, Skokie, and Evanston Police and took off at speeds of 80 and 90 miles per hour.

While enroute, however, Barbara stopped breathing again so while Lt. Krause was speeding down the highway Sgt. Koeppen applied artifical respiration. Mr. Smith told police he thought his little girl was "a goner."

The Smiths brought their little girl home Monday, thanks to a group of volunteers who knew what to do in case of such an emergency.

The American Red Cross ... by ... Erickson, ... the fire department's emergency quad.

Others attending the classes were Wheeling firemen and police from Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect and Palatine.

First Aid Classes For Police, Firemen

over Wheeling Herald March 21, 1957

Wheeling's 4-man regular police force has reached the half-way mark in attendance at a 6-week first aid course sponsored

Police Get Two New Cabinets

Wheeling Progress

The Police Committee asked the village board Monday night to appropriate money to buy to needed steel filing cabinets for the Police Department. Bernie Koeppen who heads the committee said the cabinets were very much needed for the efficient operation of the department.

He added that the cost of the two cabinets would be $130. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Police Complete Law Enforcement Course

Chief of Police Syke Horcher, Lt. Bud Krause, Sgt. Howard Koeppen and Police Magistrate Ted Scanlon have completed an advanced inservice training course in general law enforcement sponsored by the FBI, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Police Association.

Chief Horcher attended classes at Mundelein and Lt. Krause, Sgt. Koeppen and Police Magistrate Scanlon received their five-week training at Arlington Heights.

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F.B.I. School

Police magistrate Ted Scanlon, police chief Marvin Horcher, police lieutenant Bud Krause, and police sergeant Howard Koeppen each received a diploma from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after attending classes in methods of arrest and procedures of law it has been announced.

June 14, 1957

Fire Law

June 14, 1957

According to the village ordinance (1956 edition) of Wheeling...

It is against the law to give or conduct any medicine show or performance in connection with or for the purpose of attracting prospective buyers of, or crowds for the purpose of lectures on, or demonstrations of any tonic, medicine, remedy or alleged specific for human ailments without first getting a permit.

It is unlawful to exhibit any criminal or the body of any criminal or any person who shall have become notorious because of the commission of a crime, in any other public place.

It is unlawful for any persons, firm or corporation to burn any leaves, paper rubbish, or other substances upon any of the public streets, sidewalks, or alleys in the village.

Any stagnant pool of water in the village is hereby declared to be a nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to permit any such nuisance to remain or exist on any property under his or its control.

Wheeling Progress Feb 22 1957

Will Srengthen Police Force McIntyre Says

"The United Citizens party, if elected, will make no changes in or new appointments to the Wheeling police force, except to add additional police officers when needed."

This statement was released this week by A. R. McIntyre, who is seeking the village presidentship.

"Our chief and regulars are very efficient, courteous, and mannerly," McIntyre added.

He said their work has been and is now of the highest calibre, and that they have been congratulated for their efforts by those who have needed their assistance.

"The integrity and honesty of our police force is not to be questioned," he continued.

McIntyre says he will take the police out of politics and place them on civil service which he says is now being looked into by his party.

This will prevent the police officers from having their positions jeopardized, he added.

McIntyre said the crime rate in Wheeling is mounting every day due to an inadequately staffed police force, and that he is in attempt to correct this situation.

Wh Independent Sept 25 1957

THEFTS REPORTED HERE

A telephone operator in the Wheeling office, Mary Gewecke, told local police the story of gasoline being siphoned out of her car parked in the Telephone Co. parking lot, on three different evenings last week. The first night she noticed it was Friday the 13th, it happened again on the 16th and again on the 18th. Mary lives in Prospect Manor, Mt. Prospect.

Another theft was reported by Bob Harding, who recently opened his bicycle shop on 105 N. Wolf Rd. Bob related someone ransacked the glove compartment of his car and attempt to remove the metal plate around his ignition switch. The intruder made off with a pair of sheepskin gloves. Bob gave police the description of a lad 12 to 14 years old whom he saw take off through the field.

Wheeling Indepent June 13

Hits Fire Plug

George H. Johnson, 36, 3218 Jackson Dr., Arlington Hgts. ran off the road on Milwaukee Ave. Just north of the city limits last Thursday evening, and struck a fire plug.

Johnson told police he got a flat tire and was trying to reach a service station when he struck the fire plug. He received a hard blow on the [illegible] according to the police, required medical attention. Damages to the car were estimated [illegible] with damaging

Wh Independent June 13, 1957

HELPS INJURED MAN, DRIVING STOLEN AUTO

Gordon McDaniel, Malta, Illinois brought an injured man to the Wheeling police station early Tuesday morning [June 11]. The injured man, he said, had been in an auto accident about a mile and a half north of Half Day, knocking over a telephone pole.

Officer Bitterman thanked McDaniel and proceeded to drive the injured motorist, John Sternick, 18, [illegible] N. Dayton Ave., Chicago, to Condell Memorial Hospital where he could be treated. On the way, Sternick told Bitterman an unbelievable story about someone trying to rob him.

Findr- [illegible] s tale hard to swallow, [illegible] vent to the scene of the [illegible] ecked the car and took license number. While [illegible] de stolen auto records Officer [illegible] rman found the car that had been driving was stolen owner in Chicago T. C. Nor- 345 N. Hoyne.

[illegible] nick is being held by the Lake [illegible] Police.

PHONY DOUGH

It wasn't much, just a half-a-buck, but when you hear the fall of a coin end in a dull thud your heart falls with it, if you happen to be the guy it was just passed to.

If there is such a thing as a genuine counterfeit coin this piece of lead sure is a good example. The phony turned up at Koeppen's Service Station at the corner of Wolf and Dundee last Thursday. Don't worry about this one lining your pocket; Rob immediately placed it in the hands of local lawmen.

Wheeling Independent Sept 25, 1957

Smacks Rear Of Stopped Bus

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A car full of teenagers returning from High School, via the Forest Preserve, smashed into the rear of a Glenview Bus stopped to let off passengers at Wheeling Farms on Dundee Road just east of the stoplights.

Lorenzo P. Duran, 18, 828 N. State Rd., Arlington Heights, the driver of the car, told officers he was tuning in his radio and did not see the bus in front of him in time to avoid the collision. He swung out into the inside lane in an effort to pass but struck the left rear of the stopped vehicle. Duran faces a hearing on Friday on charges of improper passing and driving too fast for conditions.

Passengers in the auto, John Bleile, 18, 109 S. Wille St., Arlington Heights, Georgia Poteracki, 14, 249 George Rd., Wheeling, Patricia Nelson, 15, 280 E. Wayne, Wheeling, and Nancy Hoppe, 15, W. Wayne were uninjured as was Duran. The driver of the bus Allen Westbrook, 34, 172 Lincoln, Libertyville, likewise escaped injury.

Estimated damages to Duran's car were set at $230 and damages to the bus were from $40 to $50.

Wheeling Progress Feb 8 1957

Teenager Apprehended

A Wheeling teenager, accused of cashing three stolen checks totaling $97.57, was apprehended by Wheeling police this week. The boy said, according to police, that he found the checks and used them to purchase clothing, jewelry, and other items.

Chief Horcher warns businessmen, and others, to be sure of [illegible] identification [illegible] cashing checks.

Wh Independent June 13, 1957

Citizens Warned Again

Police Magistrate, Ted Scanlon this week again warned Wheeling residents to purchase their overdue vehicle stickers or face a fine.

Police are clamping down vigorously on those who fail to buy and display their tags. Stickers are available at the Village Hall at the cost of $4.00. This fee is half of what surrounding villages charge for vehicle tags and the funds collected are used for the maintenance of village streets.

Scanlon said, people will save themselves a lot of trouble if they secure their tags now, before they are ticketed and must appear in court to pay the $5.00 fine.

Reasons Against Speeding

Wheeling Progress June 14, 1957

What Wheeling Traffic court con-
dered excellent reasons why a
iver shouldn't speed in his auto-
obile on public thoroughfares was
inted out last Friday by a teen-
ger in a 500 word essay submit-
d before Police magistrate Ted
canlon.

The teenager, arrested earlier
r speeding, read the following
say before the court. When the
ading was completed, Police
agistrate Scanlon said he couldn't
derstand why a person who
uld write such an essay could
eed in the first place. He later
smissed the case.

"Thou shalt not kill," and "Love
ey neighbor as thyself" are two
ell known phrases of the Bible
hich are two of the best reasons
shouldn't speed. God gives life
nd should be the one to take it
way, but some misinformed per-
ons must feel they also are great
nough to share with God this priv-
ege, to take lives. I do not award
yself this honor. I could never
rgive myself or forget if I usurp-
d this power.

Everybody has something for
hich to live. All age groups are
ne their natural life span whether
be only a few months longer or
few months old.

No accident which takes lives
ust happen because I, the driver
my vehicle, could prevent it by
eeping my car under complete
ontrol according to the circum-
ances.

The law wouldn't be existent if
ere were not a need, and it would
differently arranged if that
ould best suit the requirement.
herefore, the speed limit signs are
remind the drivers the safest
eed at which to drive to dictate
ost adequately every movement
the car in the particular situa-
on.

Having a driver's license is an
dication that I, a teenager, am
anted certain adult responsibili-
es. One of which is helping and
rotecting the children of this country. It certainly doesn't help them to run them over; nor is it easier to see them and percieve their next actions if one's speed is not moderate if not just plain slow.

My little sister and brother are very close to me, and I wouldn't be the cause of any pain to them at all, and I expect other drivers to accept the same responsibility to be as cautious as possible around them, as they play or at any other time. I must also assume this responsibility toward other's sisters and brothers, parents and friends.

Many children have bicycles which they ride on the street (according to the law). One must be exceedingly careful of such as these. They swerve and might fall right in front of the car's path. These children must be watched out for.

Not only is a driver's responsibility for children, but also of people who might have a hearing and/or seeing deficiency. Dogs and cats even though they are not human become very much attached to their owners, and the owners want you to protect them. It is more important to God that a rabbit or a dog lives than that I get anywhere on time.

My parents have given me the finest education possible and a superior training and discipline. I owe it to them to respect the law as I have been taught and to honor the punishments given me. If I break it, as my own and not depend on their support whether it be my bail or fine or just mental support.

The car which I might drive is not my own but my parents, and I must keep it in running condition as well as looking well when I drive it. If I ever get a car of my own I will want to keep it undemolished also.

One can speed all one wants if he keeps his eyes open, but the one time something happens he will wish he had never speeded at all."

Wheeling Progress Feb 1, 1957

Soldier Of Fortune

Sergeant Theodore C. Alexander had his share of hard luck last weekend when his automobile had a flat tire, his car was hit by another automobile from the rear, his speedometer cable snapped in two, the door handle of his auto broke, and he was arrested for speeding by Wheeling police.

Sgt. Alexander said he suffered all this while on a pass last weekend from the 49th AAA Missile Battalion near Mundelein where he is stationed.

"It was one of those weekends," he commented in Wheeling police station Monday morning where he paid his speeding fine.

The sergeant obtained his weekend pass to visit his wife in Danville. It was in Danville where he noticed his speedometer cable was broken, and it was in Danville, in front of his home, where his automobile was hit from the reaf by another car.

Alexander's tail light was knocked off his car as a result of the collision.

"I'm glad the other fellow had insurance," he said.

The sergeant was arrested for speeding on Milwaukee ave. near Mors ave. while traveling north last Sunday. He said the police officer clocked him at 45 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone.

"My speedometer cable had broken earlier," he said, "and I may have been speeding." But he said he wasn't sure. Officer Koeppen issued his ticket.

Alexander paid Ch Horcher $10, the amount of the fine Monday morning.

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Need Safety Chief Says

May 17, 1957

Wheeling police chief Marvin Horcher called for village officials this week to set up a safety commission to study ways to make the village a safer place in which to live.

He referred specifically to the danger of traffic accidents on village subdivision streets.

Unless something is done to keep children in the subdivision off the streets, and motorists are educated to obey the 15 mile per hour speed limit, fatalities will occur, he declared.

"We can't go this year without a subdivision traffic fatality unless something is done about the condition," he warned.

Wheeling Progress April 19, 1957

Justice Impeded By Barbed Wire

A barbed wire fence figured in the escape of a driver wanted for speeding despite the pursuit of Lt. Bud Krause of Wheeling to capture him last Sunday.

Lt. Krause observed a blue [illegible] Mercury speeding [illegible] heading north on [illegible] Krause, in his police car, [illegible] He pulled alongside of the speeding car near the north limits of Wheeling.

The driver swerved [illegible] the police car, and although not hitting it, forced Krause off the road. Both vehicles stopped momentarily. The speeding driver was able [illegible] his car before Kra[illegible] his [illegible]

Krause cont[illegible] found the M[illegible]

[illegible] two warning shots [illegible] failed to stop. The [illegible] along one side of the bushes while Krause followed him along the other side.

Spotting what the thought was an opening along the line of bushes, Krause attempted to run thru it but ran into barbed wire and received barbed wire scratches.

The speeding driver eluded Krause at that point. It was raining and the ground was muddy.

Lake county police were asked to assist in the search by Krause but the police officers could not find the runaway, who, it was later learned had stolen the Mercury he was driving.

The car was later claimed by Fara Mantio, 1831 N. Troy, Chicago, who was unaware that his car had been missing.

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Heroism Is Rewarded

Wheeling Progress

Jon Weston Burlingham, at one year, tends to his thumb sucking, as he is held by Police Chief Sike Horcher, and Wheeling volunteer Fireman Walter Scanlon. May 31, 1957

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HEROISM PAYS OFF — not in a monetary fashion, but in seeing a little boy live and grow, who would not be here except for the quick thinking and efforts of Chief Sike Horcher and veteran fireman Walter Scanlon.

On March 24th last year, Mrs. Mary Fisher raced into the Wheeling school and asked Mr. Jack Norris to report an emergency in front of the school — Mrs. Ray Burlingham an expectant mother. The Wheeling police and volunteer fire department responded immediately. Chief Horcher decided to rush Mrs. Burlingham to Evanston Hospital, where she could be attended by her obstetrician, Dr. William G. Cummings, and pediatrician, Dr. Alvah L. Newcomb. He asked Mr. Scanlon to accompany him, along with Mr. Burlingham. The trip was made in a record 13 minutes.

While en route, Chief Horcher and Mr. Scanlon assured the Burlinghams they would assist in the delivery if they could not reach the hospital in time. Sike also contacted the hospital by radio to make sure the doctors had been notified. Everyone arrived at the right place at the right time, and the 4 pound, 14 ounce baby boy was born less than an hour after Chief Horcher and Mr. Scanlon delivered the Burlinghams to the hospital.

Mary and Ray Burlingham are very grateful to all those whose quick action saved the day — Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Norris, the telephone operators, and, of course, Sike Horcher and Wally Scanlon.

July 3, 1998

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Greetings All:

I received a phone call from the Village of Wheeling and was told Earl Seul Sr. had died. An inquiry had been made to the Village relating the Earl's position as Captain of the Wheeling Police Reserves, but I was told the Village was unable to locate any information relating to the Wheeling Police Reserves, or on the men that had served in the unit. Earl's daughter Jo Ann Theobald advised me that Earl had died of cancer, which began as a spot on the lung. He had donated his body to science, and because the family was spread over much of the country, there was no wake or funeral as such. Earl's wife Ann had asked that those who knew and worked with Earl remember him in their prayers.

Those wishing to send a card or letter of encouragement to Earl's wife Ann, the address is; Ann Seul, #77, 235 N. Ellsworth Rd., Mesa, Az. 85207.

The Wheeling Police Reserves played a very important role and performed many law enforcement and other social services during the years the Village of Wheeling population incressed by hundreds of percent per year.

I have very little documented information or photos of the Police Reserves members. However, enclosed is information gleaned from my old computer in a book of memories I call, "Wheeling Wunderland, You Wondered What Would Happen Next." Some of the information is from newspaper stories I have in a scrap book. I think it would most fitting to have information about the Reserves on display at the Wheeling Historical Museum, as well as being part of the Village records. If anyone has a roster of the names of the members, and has any other documented information and/or photos, and would send me copies, I will try to develope the information into a presentable display.

Sincerely,

Marvin O. 'Syke' Horcher, Chief of Police, Retired
600 McHenry Rd., Wheeling, Ill. 60090, Phone & Fax 847 537 2323

cc: Village of Wheeling
Wheeling Historical Society

--- The Wheeling Police Reserve unit was formed pretty much along the lines of the Volunteer Fire Department. In time they were so well organized that they interviewed and investigated their own applicants, had fund raisers to buy their uniforms, to pay for training programs, and to provide a second man in each squad car during evenings and over weekends. The Village saved a lot of money for such services.

--- I don't think there was one man on the Department or the Reserves that wasn't involved in at least one child birth case.

--- Ken and June Reese are super people. He served on the Police Reserves, and later was a member of the Fire and Police Commission. When June started having labor pains she thought she had plenty of time to get to her doctor and hospital in Oak Park. It was another time my station wagon was needed. The further we drove, the shorter the time between labor pains. We radioed for help with traffic, and were given a police escort. Hospital personnel were waiting for us. June was taken from the station wagon and put onto an emergency cot, and the baby was born as they wheeled her into the hospital.

--- Maurice (Maury) La Plant and Earl Suel Sr. were two more key people. They were Wheeling Police Reserve Captains who regarded their unit with a pride and distinction that would make the U.S. Marines envious.

--- A much earlier call to the Clearview Motel related to young kids, ages 15 to 17, causing a disturbance. Reportedly, some of the kids had left before we arrived. The room was a mess. Those present were drunk with some vomiting all over the place, although we found very few beer cans for that many kids to be so intoxicated. Two of them were so smashed we couldn't unfold their legs from the yoga style positions they sat in on the floor. We picked them up under the arm pits and just swung them into the back seat of a squad car. I picked up a couple of clear liquid bottles and sniffed at the contents. It had the odor of good old fashioned moonshine. Maury LaPlant and other Police Reserves helped in this case. More of the kids became ill, vomiting on everything, including us. When we arrived back at 84 S. Milw. Ave., the one room police station, those kids still walking were given mops, buckets, disinfectant cleaner, brushes and rags, and were made to clean up after those who remained so sick. I poured out a spoonfull of the suspected moon and put a match to it. It burned down to a small drop of liquid. I suspected that it was at least a second run from a still, potent enough to put in the gasoline tank of a car.

--- Wheeling and it's near surrounding communities were in dire need of an ambulance . The only ambulance services available were from funeral homes in Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Morton Grove, and Libertyille. Most vehicles were hearses into which stretchers could be locked in place, instead of coffins. The only other alternative when time appeared to be a life and death factor, such as uncontrolable bleeding, was to place the accident victims in the back seat of a squad car, and drive like hell.

--- At a meeting of the Police Reserves, the members with the backing of their wives, took on the challenge of furnishing the Village with an ambulance. They held dances and other fund raisers. Eventually they bought a Ford station wagon equipped with the latest emergency equipment that could be fitted into it. They earned the right to be proud of their achievement. When we asked permission to come to the Village Board meeting to present the title to the ambulance to the Village, we were told that most Village Board members did not want the financial responsibility of owning and operating an ambulance. We couldn't believe it. Fire Chief Koeppen gave us permission to park the untitled, unlicensed and uninsured ambulance in his fire house.

--- Within days a man came running into the police station yelling that his mother was having a heart attack. I told the Shift Sgt. to roll the ambulance, and to hell with the title, license, or whatever. A policeman or Reserve Officer drove, and volunteer firemen worked the resusitator and oxygen mask. Resurrection Hospital was new and the closest hospital. Several hours later I received a phone call from a doctor saying our men are to be congratulated. They were responsible for saving the woman's life. I said, "Doc, send me that information in the form of a

letter." He did. The Police Reserves went to the next Village Board meeting, presented the title with a copy of the doctor's letter, and the Village of Wheeling has had an ambulance ever since.

--- The population , businesses, and industry grew very fast from the Mid 1950's on. But there was never any money for needed additonal police department personnel, space, and equipment. At times the police department would only have one commissioned officer on duty. He was the shift commander, who ever he was. Any other officers on duty were members of the Police Reserves. The Reserves were paid $1.15 per hour when they had to fill in for commissioned officers. Reserve Captain Maury LaPlant was on patrol driving the ambulance one night when he spotted a big German Sheppard dog running loose. Maury opened the passenger side front door and called the dog. The dog jumped in, sat on the seat, and looked straight ahead. Maury put his police cap on the dog and told it to stay. It did. Maury continued on patrol, and when people saw this big dog wearing a police cap, their mouths opened in amazement. One citizen asked what the dog was doing in a police vehicle. Maury said something about how hard it is to get good help on the police department's budget. That statement got back to the Mayor. Maury found himself in the same Mayor's dog house that I was in.

--- As stated earlier, the Reserves selected, trained, and equipped their own members, raised money by dances and other events to pay their way. They also elected their own leaders from within their organization, a system that worked well from the time the Reserves were organized. As per ordinance they sent their selections to the Village Board for approval, which had been the rubber stamp proceedure from the time they organized. In June, 1961, the Village Board, behind closed doors, questioned that selection process . The Village Board, decided they wanted to appoint the Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeants of the Police Reserves. The Fire and Police Commission's attorney advised the Commission that they had no authority over the Reserves. My input was, if it works, don't fix it. After a few Police Reserve-Village Board stand offs, and proposed ordinance changes, the Wheeling Police Reserves resigned. Every one of them.

--- We wore out the Police Ambulance the Police Reserves had bought for the Village. We wrote specs for another, a larger station wagon, that could hold two stretchers on the floor, and two more cot sretchers hanging from the ceiling, if needed. Normal operations for transporting one person allowed an attendant to sit next to the victim who would be on a folding stretcher. The attendant could use the resusitator, administer oxygen, hold bandages and compresses in place, etc.. I never expected the ambulance to play a role in my life as it did, but then neither did the many others whose lives were saved by having been transported to hospitals with the Police ambulances, a service originated by the Wheeling Police Reserves.

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Wheeling Historical Society

Village Hires New Policeman Boosts Three Employees Pay

Wheeling Progress Aug 10, 1956

Approves Two Planning Commission Suggestions

The Wheeling Village Board voted last Monday night to hire a new policeman and to raise the salary of three village employees.

The new policeman, Al Berg, 42, will start immediately. He has had experience on the County and Stonegate police forces. He is married and lives in Chicago.

The Board also voted to increase the salaries of Building Commissioner Otto Bruner, $10, and Water Department officials Russel Rudolph and John Schmidt, $15.

The acquisition of a new policeman boosts the force to four men. The police will still use Reserves to bolster the force. It was also voted to give police $62.50 to buy handcuffs and finger printing equipment.

Board member Merle Willis took over as acting president as Village President Edward Gieseke was unable to attend the meeting.

In other board action they approved a pair of plans which were submitted by the Planning Commission. Commission members John Sicks, Rev. McGill, and Jim Gaston presented a plot plan for all the future thru roads for the village. This plan will be forwarded as the intentions of the village for future roads.

Commission member John Sicks said that the village is now divided up into too many "islands" and that there were not enough thru streets to take the traffic load. Gaston pointed out that we would need many more cut off roads to alleviate the tremendous traffic tie-up at Milwaukee and Dundee, Wolf and Dundee and Elmhurst and Dundee.

The other plan was for the village to buy two lots to gain a right-of-way from Wolf rd. to Shoenbeck rd. to provide access to the new school.

The land in question is at present owned by E. A. "Red" Herzog. A committee is attempting to start negotiations with Herzog. At present there is no road from Schoenbeck to Wolf, between Dundee and Hintz. The acquisition of two lots would rectify this situation.

In another move by the board they purchased a Wheeling Atlas for use by the Planning Commission. This atlas has been compiled by Surveyor Rossitor over a period of fifty years, and is "invaluable."

The bound atlas is slated to cost $150. There will also be copies of the plate made for use by the Zoning Board, Planning Commission and Village Board.

Injuries, Acci[illegible]s Mar Holiday [illegible]eekend

Wheeling Progress Dec 29, 1956

Accidents and injuries marred Wheeling's record of a safe and sane Christmas on the highway this year. Although no fatalities occurred, there were four accidents and four injuries over the holiday week-end. Two of the auto mishaps were minor.

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3 Hurt In Auto Truck Mishap

On December 21, a car driven by Del Dobbins of 206 S. Willie collided with the back of a pick up truck on south Milwaukee avenue. Dobbins suffered a broken left thumb, cracked left leg cap and face cuts.

The driver of the truck Vernon Lass of Northbrook had a cut over his left eye and abrasions and bumps on his head. A passenger of the truck, Thomas Norton of 573 S. Milwaukee suffered possible broken ribs. Dobbins was taken to Resurrection Hospital and the other two men were taken to Doctor Larson's for first aid.

Injured Driver Is Held On $225 Bond

One man was seriously injured in a two car collision on Dundee and Elmhurst Rd. (83) last Saturday. The injured man was identified as Reveriano Martinez of Lake Forest. He was taken to Resurrection Hospital by police squad.

The driver of the other car Daniel Morales of Lake Bluff was not injured. Estimated damage to both cars was $1000. The Wheeling volunteer fire department was called to wash spilled gas off the road. The mishap occurred at 3 a.m. Martnez was later given a Drunkometer test and the result was "Indicating Intoxication." He was held on a $225 bond.

Police Again Aid Tipsy Drivers

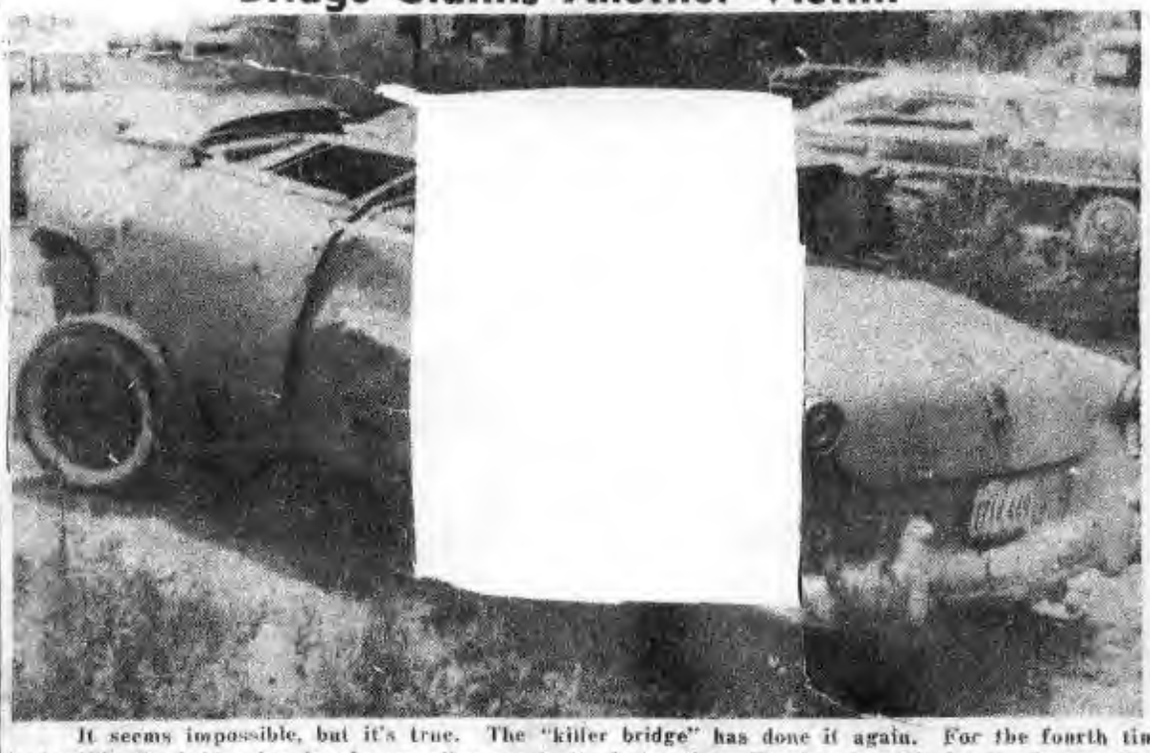
The Wheeling Police said this week that they will continue to give transportation to any driver who feels that he has celebrated too much and can not drive home.

Wheeling has not had a traffic fatality in 1956 and they are striving to finish out the year with that record. The Police also added that anyone caught driving under the influence will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Both the Police Departmen[illegible] the reserves would like to w[illegible] and all a safe, sane an[illegible] New. Year.

WHEELING, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1956 Wheeling Progress Twelve Pages

Bridge Claims Another Victim



It seems impossible, but it's true. The "killer bridge" has done it again. For the fourth time in 6 weeks the bridge has lured a speeding car to its destruction. The latest accident took place on June 12 at 12:15 a.m. The bridge's "scoreboard" for the last 6 weeks is one dead, 5 injured and 4 cars wrecked. Charles Kearns, age 51 of Chicago hit the bridge at a high rate of speed. Police say the car "took off," and flew and skidded 222 feet from point of impact. The windshield flew still another 132 feet. Kearns was pinned under the car. His artery was cut and he was bleeding profusely. Robert Wood of 5335 Bernice, Chicago crawled under the car and applied pressure on the artery until the tow truck lifted the car off of Kearns. He was taken to Libertyville hospital in very serious condition.

Police say that the only way to stop this terrific accident rate [illegible] do something drastic. Some suggestions from Police, towing truck drivers and [illegible] bigger and lighter signs, put up a blinker light, paint the [illegible] of the bridge with luminous paint, paint a white line along the right edge of the road.

"Killer Bridge" Scoreboard

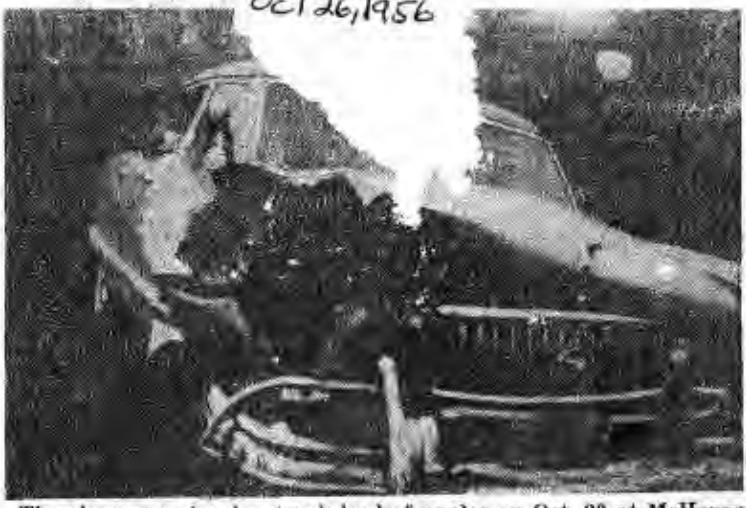
APRIL 29	MAY 3	JUNE 2	JUNE 12
3 INJURED CAR WRECKED	1 DEAD CAR WRECKED	1 INJURED CAR WRECKED	1 INJURED CAR WRECKED

Steel vs. Concrete

Slowly but surely the hurtling tons of steel of autos and trucks are chipping and whittling away the solid concrete edge of the "killer bridge." The auto involved in the most recent accident flew and skidded to a location approximately even with that of the car seen in the background.

Accident Line News

Wheeling Progress
Oct 26, 1956



The above car struck a truck load of apples on Oct. 20 at McHenry and Elmhurst, causing apples to be scattered along the road for 500 ftet. Mrs. Volberg Goddard, the driver of the car, was uninjured, but the truck driver, Albert Barnhart, suffered a possible skull fracture.

Attempting to swerve to keep from hitting a milk truck, the above car ran off the road and struck a utility pole on October 20. The driver, E. A. Luby of Glenview, suffered a fractured right leg and severe lacerations of the head. He was taken to the hospital. The car was going north at the time of the accident.

(PROGRESS photo by A. R. McIntyre)

FOUR YOUTHFUL ROBBERS CAUGHT IN WHEELING

Year in Pictures Dec 29, 1956

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On these pages this pape presents some of the high lites of the year 1956 in pic tures. All the pictures her were taken by Editor Bo Lee.

They represent some o the biggest stories of the year, that covered by the re porters and editors of this paper. We hope you enjoy them.

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The "Killer" Does It Again

Wheeling Progress June 8, 1956

What is it, [illegible] circle that can mysteriously attract [illegible] a speeding [illegible] to its destruction. The "killer bridge" has done it again. For the third time in 5 weeks, it has torn apart cars, mangled bodies and killed. This time, luckily the occupant survived, although he is reported in serious condition. But [illegible] perhaps was the most spectacular of all. The car was speeding north [illegible] when it clipped the inside of the bridge at a very [illegible] speed then flew a remarkable [illegible] through the air, hit the river bank on its side and bounced up 10 feet into the culvert where [illegible] came to rest. Police, towing drivers and reporters can find no solution why this "killer" has [illegible] what it does for cars. Road crews no sooner get all the bridge warning signs up when they [illegible] them down again. The driver of the car in the latest "statistic" is David Frederick of 7301 [illegible] Des Plaines. The front seat of the car has a safety belt, but police say that it wasn't being used.

(Progres photo by Don Lee)

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BANDITS ROB WHEELING BANK; CHASED, DROP LOOT

Wreck Car, Take to Woods as Police, Bloodhounds Close In

Wheeling, County and suburban police and the FBI are searching the woods along the Des Plaines river, near River road and Rt. 58, for two bandits who staged a bold daylight robbery at the Wheeling State Bank Wednesday morning.

Wheeling police gave chase in a matter of minutes after they drove away from the bank. The bandits traveled on Milwaukee ave. to River rd., turning off River rd. into Maryville Academy, near Central rd. In turning, the car went out of control and hit the entrance gate. The bandits abandoned the auto, one running in the direction of the academy and the other toward the river, dropping a bag containing the money in their flight.

The local police were joined by the county police at this point. It is assumed the bandits met again some distance from where they abandoned their car and the police believe they have them trapped in the wooded area near Rt. 58 and River rd. Bloodhounds were added to the chase late Wednesday afternoon.

Lew Holtje, bank president, said he was conversing with Erick Wenzlaff, a customer, near the bank door when two men entered and said, "This is a holdup."

While one man kept the customers at gun point at the back of the bank the other shoved Wenzlaff out of his way and jumped behind the counter. He took an undetermined amount of money out of three cash drawers, including a deposit of several hundred dollars made by the Amvets, which were receipts from a recent party.

In making their escape one bandit left his gun on the counter. They drove off in a 1949 blue Oldsmobile "88". As soon as they were out the door Holtje called the police and Robert Benson, vice president of the bank, ran to the window to take down the license number of the auto.

It was not known at this writing whether or not the money recovered was the full amount stolen. At the time of the holdup there were seven employees and three or four customers in the bank.

Party Cuts Halloween Pranks in Wheeling

It was a most quiet Halloween week end reported Wheeling Police Chief George Brautigan, with no calls of vandalism or mischief of any kind to take up the time of the police force.

The Chief feels the Halloween party given Saturday night in which all of the organizations and village officials of the town cooperated and which had an attendance of well over 500, helped in bringing about this good behaviour.

Prize winners of window painting, pumpkin carving, and special prizes are listed elsewhere in this paper.

Wheeling Herald Nov 5, 1953

Truck in which Fred Kraus, 24, of Wheeling, was seriously injured last Saturday when it went out of control and hit a cement culvert on Dundee rd., near Buffalo Grove rd. A cut on his face required 30 stitches, and he also suffered lacerations on his knee. He was taken to St. Francis hospital, Evanston, for treatment. Arlington Fender and Body shop cleared the wreckage. —Staff Photo.

Wheeling Herald NOV 5, 1953

Village Views

WHEELING, ILLINOIS MARCH/APRIL 1998

Wheeling, District 21 Sponsor Learning Academy

In a world of copycats and imitators, few things are truly unique. Such uniqueness will help make the forthcoming Wheeling Learning Academy a compelling area-wide experience. Scheduled for the morning and early afternoon of March 14 at Jack London Middle School (1001 W. Dundee Rd.), the Learning Academy will feature 24 family- and adult-oriented learning opportunities rolling through three sessions.

The event is open to all residents of the Village and surrounding communities. Organizers envision it as a way for families to share a fun, educational experience.

The event arose from recommendations of the Wheeling: 2000 and Beyond planning effort that spanned 12 months in late 1996 and much of 1997. That project suggested programs calling for "weekend learning academies; opportunities for people to meet each other in a social setting; and development of public and private community-business-education partnerships that promote lifelong learning."

The learning sessions will include such adult fare as "Seafood Facts from Bob Chinn," "Cooking Italian the Buca di Beppo Way," "The Roth IRA: Does It Make Sense for You?" and book discussions conducted by book reviewer Judy Levin.

Younger participants will learn about bicycle safety, experience a large planetarium set up in the school's gym, delve into "Math Hidden in that Newspaper," and have an adventure with light, among others.

Community Learning Academy Highlights

- **"Seafood Facts from Bob Chinn"**
- **"Cooking Italian the Buca di Beppo Way"**
- **"The Roth IRA: Does It Make Sense for You?"**
- **Book discussions conducted by book reviewer Judy Levin**
- **Bicycle safety**
- **A large planetarium set up in the school's gym**
- **"Math Hidden in that Newspaper"**
- **An adventure with lights**

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John Popadowski Named Wheeling Chief of Police

The Village has named John Popadowski as Chief of Police, effective February 2, 1998. Popadowski was appointed Acting Chief in August 1997. He joined the Wheeling Police Department in 1995, after serving for 27 years with the Evanston Police Department.

Village Manager Craig Anderson, in announcing the appointment, lauded Popadowski's record of 29 years as a police officer. "We conducted an extensive search that lasted almost five months. Out of a pool of more than 70 applicants, we concluded that we had the best talent in-house and made Chief Popadowski an offer. We are pleased that he has accepted."

Before joining the Wheeling department as Deputy Chief, Popadowski, 51, accumulated broad experience in a variety of police work in Evanston. While there, he served in positions of increasing responsibility, ranging from patrol officer and detective to Commander, Division of

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Focus on Wheeling Police Department

"Ideas for change and improvement have been percolating to the top since the department introduced community-oriented policing two years ago."

By the standards of, say, Chicago, the Wheeling Police Department is relatively small – just 83 people (including 59 sworn positions). Many of its members see each other, if just passing in the halls, almost every day. But its collegial atmosphere belies an environment as professional as any around.

One needs to look only at its varied programs to see how this department provides service to what it calls the "authority-granting constituency" – residents of the community. Its range of services include youth, community service, patrol (including bicycle and canine), traffic, undercover, and investigation.

The community orientation – built on input from residents and front-line troops, the patrol officers – ranks high because of the department's willingness to listen and innovate. Ideas for change and improvement have been percolating to the top since the department introduced community-oriented policing two years ago.

Time was, decisions were made at the administrative level – a top-down approach the department now sees as a barrier toward effective communication. Today, for example, officers who see high school students smoking during lunch can request that they not take calls for a half hour while talking to the kids.

"We want everyone in the department to contribute," said Chief John Popadowski. "The message is: don't be afraid to innovate because you don't want to incur official wrath."

One such innovation is the "officer-in-a-bank" project suggested by a patrol officer. The concept is simple: place a desk in each bank where officers can write reports, use a telephone, and be visible to bank personnel and customers. The two-year-old program gives officers a chance to distribute crime-prevention materials and head off the potential for robbery.

When the newly appointed chief joined the department in the number-two position in 1995, the move toward community policing had just begun. Since then, it has expanded to become known as SPAN (Solving Preventing, Analyzing Neighborhood Problems). Headed by Sgt. Terrie Wisnewski, the SPAN unit touches many residents, who are cooperating partners in preventing and solving problems.

SPAN oversees 22 Neighborhood Watch units, which meet every 3-4 months to identify and solve problems in cooperation with the Police Department.

In addition to people, the department's $5.7 million 1997 budget supported a 31-vehicle fleet, a modern communications setup and one dog, Nitro. Arguably the department's most popular member, Nitro is the heart and soul of Wheeling's Canine Unit, started in 1987 by Sgt. Bill Benson and now headed by Officer Randy Olsberg. The German shepherd has a nose for drugs and burglars, an ability to control crowds at major events and win friends in school classrooms.

In-school activities center on plainclothes officers who maintain a constant presence. Along with members of the SPAN unit, these

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Greg Klatecki,

Length of service: Board of Trustees since 1997.

Birthplace: Chicago.

Family: Married to Sue, 24 years; Sons Gregg and Brian.

Education: B.S. in Biology, St Joseph's College, IN; M.A. in Administration and Supervision, Roosevelt University, Chicago.

I've lived in Wheeling: 15 years.

Employment: Since 1977, Holmes Middle School (Wheeling) – Teacher, Coach and Activities Director.

I ran for public office to: help make Wheeling a better place, and improve communication and cooperation with businesses, neighboring villages, school districts and Park Districts.

or Wheeling

Village President

Before I was a trustee I was: a member of the Wheeling Park District Commission 89-97 and its President 95-97; 85-88 Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee; 86-88 Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals.

The thing I like best about Wheeling is: the people.

My favorite place in Wheeling is: Holmes Middle School.

When I'm not working I like to: travel and fish.

My idea of a great day is: completing everything I wanted to.

I wish I had more time to: do two jobs.

My favorite quotation is: "Winners do what they're supposed to, when they're supposed to and how they're supposed to."

officers help implement the "Stranger Danger" program and work with youth at risk. They also implement the Violence, Education and Gang Awareness effort to control and divert anger, resist gang influence and deal with issues of self-esteem. Working with the schools' counseling departments, the police act as mentors for many of their young constituents.

Controlling crime, sustaining quality of life and creating a sense of security are at the top of the department's agenda. SPAN officer Frank Lozano said even deteriorating buildings get their attention. "We used to think that a run-down building wasn't our responsibility. But we've come to realize that such structures can be breeding grounds for crime. We work with landlords to upgrade their buildings before problems occur."

More on Village Police Services in the May/June Issue of Village Views.

Popadowski Chief

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Patrol Operations.

An affable advocate of community-oriented policing, Popadowski said the move in that direction began almost simultaneously in Evanston and Wheeling – positioning him to make an immediate contribution. "It's not a quick fix or a project," he said. "It's an organization-wide philosophy change that starts at the patrol-officer level – identifying problems and working with the community. It puts us much more closely in touch with the people we serve."

The chief pointed to the similarities and differences between police work in Wheeling compared with Evanston. The size of the two communities, number of calls and variety of police specialists are different, although the types of calls are not. He expressed great satisfaction with the level of training and expertise in the 83-person Wheeling department.

"I really appreciate what has happened to me," Popadowski said. "I came here as an outsider, and I'm proud that I was so graciously accepted. I think we've got a great police department and a great community. It's an unbeatable team."

Community Learning Academy

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A Community Design Charette will give all attendees a chance to help plan Wheeling of the future, especially the area surrounding the new train station. (A "charette" is a tool used by architects to develop sites or entire communities using miniature three-dimensional buildings and other features.) When finished, the resulting ideas will be shared with the Wheeling Village Board.

A concurrent Community Fair will feature tabletop presentations and exhibits for organizations working in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

The Community Fair and Community Design Charette will be open from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Learning Academy sessions will last from 9:30 a.m. through 12:10 p.m. The event will end with an optional lunch for all participants.

For more information about the Community Learning Academy or a complete listing of activities, phone Avi Poster at 520-2775.

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Commissions Seeking Volunteers

The Village of Wheeling has two commissioner openings: one with the Board of Health, and one with the Senior Citizen Commission. Please contact Chris Brady at 459-2608 for more information.

Pencil in the Date — Community Calendar

Residents are welcome to attend public meetings of the following Village boards and commissions . Most meet in the Village Hall Council Chambers (unless otherwise noted).

Village Board – Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission – Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m.

Human Rights Commission – Second Tuesday of the month, Village Hall lunch room, 7:15 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Commission – Third Monday of the month, the Pavilion Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Fire and Police Commission – Third Tuesday of the month, Fire Department Conference Room, 7 p.m.

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11 – Community Blood Drive, Village Hall Council Chambers, 2:30-8:30 p.m.

12 – Citizens Police Academy, Fire Department training room, 7 p.m.

14 – Community Learning Academy & Community Fair, Jack London Middle School, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

18 – Airport Commission, Chevy Chase Country Club, 6 p.m.

19 – Citizens Police Academy, Village Hall Council Chambers,7 p.m.

24 – Board of Health, Village Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

25 – Peer Jury, Village Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

26 – Citizens Police Academy, Fire Department training room, 7 p.m.

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8 – Special Events Committee, Village Hall lunchroom, 7 p.m.

15 – Airport Commission, 1020 Plant Road, 7:30 p.m.

22 – Peer Jury, Village Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

25 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center parking lot, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

When It Rains

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are available at Indian Trails Public Library. If you'd like to get your own free copy, contact the Community Development Department.

Next-Best Prescription

Since 1978 the Village has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes flood insurance available to all residents. You don't have to live in a flood-hazard area to be eligible for this insurance. You can purchase a "Standard Flood Insurance Policy" from any agent licensed to write property and casualty insurance. Rates are based on building type and age.

SPEAK OUT

Communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and **will receive response.** Please complete this form, detach and return to: Village Manager, Village of Wheeling, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Comment _____

When It Rains, Sometimes It Floods

The flatlands of Illinois are prime targets for periodic flooding. Powerful, moisture-laden storms that sometimes sweep through the area can cause localized, widespread and sometimes sudden high-water problems.

The Des Plaines River, which forms Wheeling's eastern boundary, occasionally gushes over its banks to jeopardize both property and lives. The otherwise benign McDonald Creek and Buffalo Creek/Wheeling Drainage Ditch, which bisects the Village, can become fast-flowing torrents that periodically overflow. Certain low-lying areas are also at risk for floods.

It has happened twice within recent memory. Floods in 1982 and 1987 caused thousands of dollars in losses and insurance claims. Additional damage and dislocation resulted from heavy rains in 1997. For these reasons, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated 30% of the Village as a Special Flood Hazard Area. More than 1200 buildings in the Village lie within this zone.

Are You in "The Zone"?

The best way to find out whether your home or business is at risk of flooding is to check the village's Flood Insurance Rate Map. Free copies are available at Village Hall and Indian Trails Public Library.

If you plan to obtain a new mortgage or refinance an existing one, you may need to purchase flood insurance as a condition of the mortgage. Before you can do that, you must submit the following information to the Community Development Department: name of applicant; address of property, if assigned; legal description; survey of the property; PIN number; topographic survey, if available; $25 fee.

Precaution the Best Medicine

You can prepare for the possibility of flooding by preparing a flood fighting and evacuation plan and taking some important precautionary steps.

Two booklets published by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Water Resources, contain more helpful prevention suggestions. *Protect Your Home From Flood Damage* and *Flooded Basement: A Homeowner's Guide*

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Protect Yourself

- **Relocate movable buildings out of harm's way. If that's not possible, raise them above flood hazard level, construct flood walls around them, and install dry and wet flood proofing to minimize damage.**
- **If the deluge comes despite your best efforts, stay out of the basement. Water levels can rise swiftly and unpredictably. Basements present serious potential for shock from breaker boxes and electrical wiring.**
- **If you learn about the possibility of imminent flooding, shut off the electricity, gas and water and the main switches or valves.**
- **Keep your family together and make sure everyone has identification.**
- **Move everyone, including pets, to high ground. Once water depths reach two feet, you'll be cut off from rescue crews.**
- **Driving across flooded roads can be deceptively dangerous. If you get caught in advancing water on a roadway, your car could stall. Don't try to save it; leave it and protect yourself.**
- **Walking through flowing water above your knees is even more hazardous. Currents can be deceptive.**

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Board actions January/ February 1998

- Added the Economic Development Commission
- Granted variation and site plan approval to 167-203 S. Milwaukee Ave. – rebuilding of garage at Kolssak Funeral Home.
- Granted variation for required parking at 567 Northgate Pkwy., the Wieland Subdivision.
- Rezoned property from B-3, General Commercial, to B-4, Highway and Service Commercial, for Amoco Service Station and Minimart, southwest corner, McHenry & Lake Cook Roads.

Blood Drive March 11

Thr Wheeling Board of Health is sponsoring a blood drive on March 11, 1998, from 2:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling. For more information call Mike Boyle at 459-2520.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The villages of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove and the Wheeling Park District, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, are sponsoring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center Parking Lot, 333 W. Dundee Rd.

This is your chance to dispose of the following materials:

- paint
- furniture stripper
- antifreeze
- insecticides
- household cleaners
- metal polishes
- pool chemicals
- aerosol products
- hobby chemicals
- household and automotive batteries
- used motor oil
- paint remover
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- agricultural chemicals

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July 4 Activities Update

Many thanks to the following restaurants committed to participating in the "Taste of Wheeling:"

- Bob Chinn's
- El Famous Burrito
- Taste of Hunan
- Wa-Pa Ghetti's Pizza
- Lupita's Bakery
- Crawdaddy Bayou
- Golden Chef
- Hackney's
- Guardino's

New Rates for Refuse Collection

The rates for waste hauling within the Village will increase slightly March 1, 1998. New monthly rates for residents receiving once-per-week collection are:

- Single family detached units – $14.06
- Multi-family units receiving curbside service – $10.89
- Multi-family units receiving common service – $9.35

Welcome New Businesses in Wheeling

- Little Mexico Thrift Shop, Sister Therese Mary Martinez, 115 N. Wolf Rd.
- Ace Cab 10, Jerry Edler, 47 W. Dundee Rd. #2NW, 229-0400, taxi dispatch
- Mainline Crafts Inc., Chun Kyo Yi, 400 Denniston Ct., manufacturing bags
- Quality Impressions Ltd., Donald Hack, 1716 S. Wolf Rd., 465-0320, contract finishing
- Pagoda Computer Supplies Inc., Gary Frager, 140-G Shepard Ave., 808-8984, Supplies, sales & refurbishing
- ACCU-FAB Inc., Patrick M. Erickson, 849 Seton Ct., 541-4230, Precision metal fabrication
- America's Home Detailing Corp, Richard Shapiro, 306 N. Wolf Rd., 459-1110, office dispatch cleaning staff
- Kirby of Wheeling, Lois W. Washburn, 324 N. Milwaukee #A, 808-9550
- Mechanical Component Sales Inc., Charles A. Cardella, 561 North Wolf Rd., 541-1976, manufacturing representative
- America Furniture, 1950 S. Wolf Rd., new furniture

1998 Top Ten Stories

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:eling's future began to take pe in 1998, as construction ects brought new vigor and w look to the central portion ıe village. Other elopments, from issues at vaukee Municipal Airport to sighting of an Asian long-ned beetle, also piqued rest. Here are our top stories ıe year.

Richard Baijalich/Pioneer Press

Media attention focused on Wheeling in September, after police received reports of a body possibly being stored in a storage facility in the village. Deputy Chief Michael Hermes later announced that police had found two victims in an apparent murder-suicide.

ure plans

L Wheeling trustees moved forward on the development of the former Sportmart site, located on the northwest corner Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee d, by approving Joseph Freed & ociates' plan for a mixed commer- and residential use on the 13-acre

he proposal calls for a free-stand- Walgreens, two restaurants, a ll retail building expected to se two stores and three, seven- y condominiums with 48 units ı. Trustees were divided on ther to allow drive-through res- ants on the site, but the devel- r said he would try to find sit- n restaurants for those two spaces.

rustees expect the site to bring new prop- tax revenue to the village and residents to Milwaukee/Dundee shopping area. Condo- iums already are for sale, but no ground has n broken on the project.

ıking a CASE

2 Members of CASE, Citizens for Airport Safety & Environment, collected petition signatures this summer seeking to place two advisory referendum ques- ıs on the November ballot. CASE wanted ıdents to voice their opinions on whether a httime curfew should be imposed at Palwau- Municipal Airport and whether to reduce ılane weight limits.

'he members only came up with about half he signatures needed to place the ballot on Wheeling ballot. Although the petition drive ı unsuccessful in Wheeling, CASE said it ırd from many residents who shared their ıcerns about Palwaukee.

'illage officials in both Wheeling and Pros- t Heights, which own the airport, were con- ned that any changes to airport operations uld result in the Federal Aviation Admini- tion taking over the airport, leaving the two ınicipalities with no control over operations ere. Keeping local control over the airport is y they agreed to purchase Palwaukee over 10 ırs ago.

eetle scare

3 In late July, a dreaded Asian long-horned beetle was found at the Speedway gas station at 923 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Buffalo Grove. Officials at the nois Department of Agriculture positively identified the beetle but found no other specimens after searching portions of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove. Investigators believed the beetle arrived in the area on a landscaping truck that had visited the infested Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago.

Agriculture officials believed it unlikely the beetle could have made its way from Ravenswood to the Buffalo Grove service station on its own. A Lincolnshire man brought the beetle to the Wheeling Police Department after finding at the service station July 20.

Ethics issues

4 Trustee Bill Spangenberg this fall submitted an ethics complaint against Village Attorney Jim Rhodes and requested the Ethics Board's first-ever investigation into a village employee. Spangenberg alleged that Rhodes had been using time spent working at Village Hall to conduct business for his private law practice. Rhodes argued that the private work he does is minimal, and that he takes vacation days to do the work.

To back up his complaint, Spangenberg requested and received a list of calls made from Rhodes' Village Hall office, many of which he claimed were related to private legal matters. That list was presented to the board and Anderson for their consideration.

The Village Board soon voted, with Spangenberg and Trustee Trevor Lehmann dissenting, to turn the matter over to Village Manager Craig Anderson. Anderson was working with the Village Board in December to possibly limit Rhodes' private practice. Rhodes has been allowed to have a private practice since he was hired by the village in 1982.

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Jeff Krage/For Pioneer Press

Indian Trails Library patron Harvey Kaplan, of Wheeling, scans the shelves for a favorite title after the library's grand re-opening in November.

1998 Year in Review

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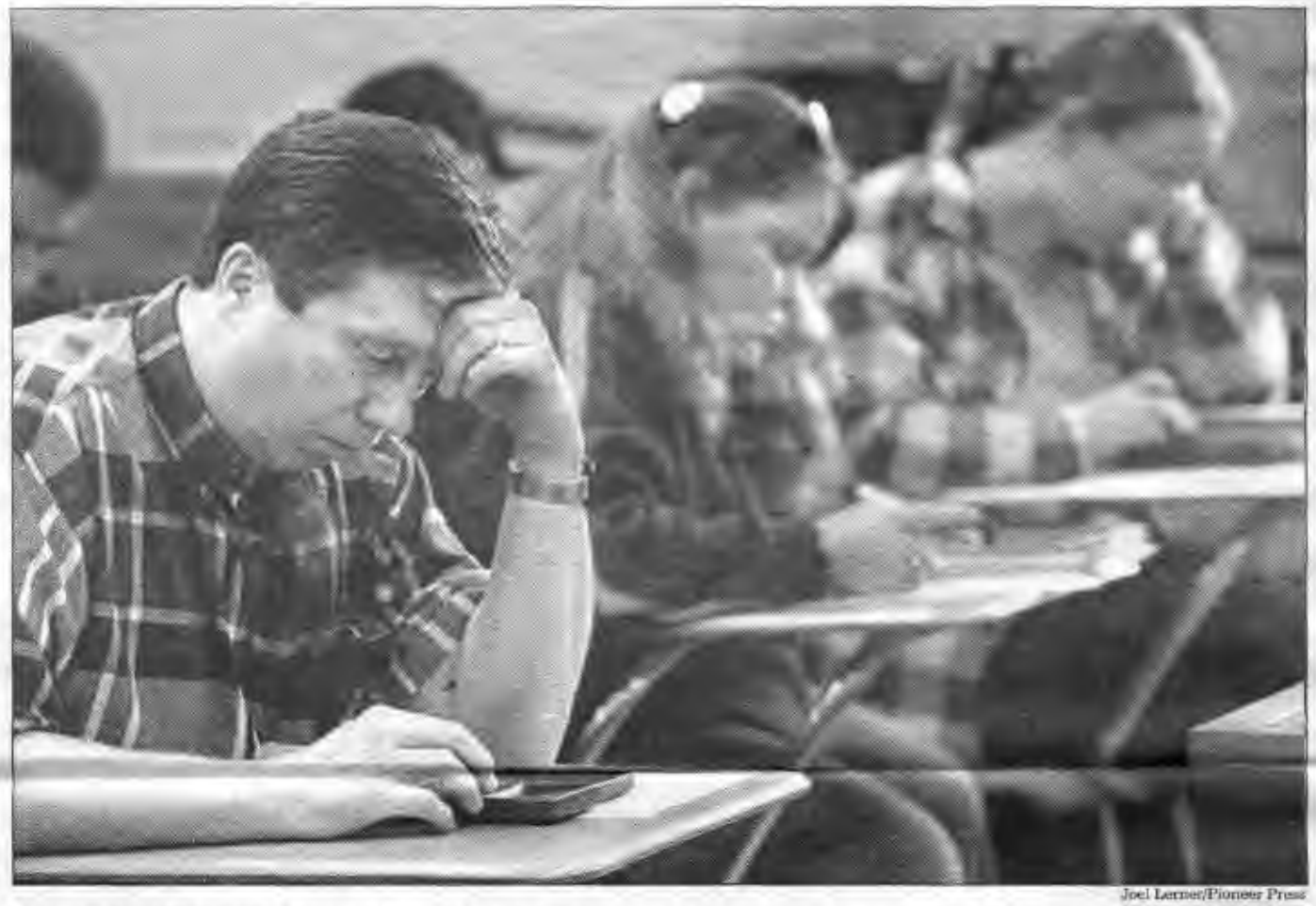
January

Wheeling village trustees begin the year by unanimously approving the creation of an Economic Development Commission and the hiring of a full-time economic development director. The recommendation was made by a citizens committee formed during the yearlong "Wheeling: 2000 and Beyond" strategic improvement process.

Officials in Wheeling Elementary School District 21 begin working with Wheeling police to enforce traffic safety rules on school property. Representatives from both groups meet to iron out an agreement that would allow police officers to ticket drivers on the school's private property. Without the agreement, Wheeling police officers can be called to the schools to mediate a problem but can't issue tickets.

Wheeling Park District commissioners review preliminary plans for the renovations at Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. Architects Sente & Rubel are directed to maintain as much of the traditional ambiance as possible while drawing plans to make the clubhouse more user-friendly. Voters in April 1997 approved a tax increase expected to generate $1.2 million of the estimated $2.8 million needed in repairs.



Joel Lerner/Pioneer Press

Parent Ralph Mansfield tries his best to solve a calculus problem during his son's pre-calculus class at Wheeling High School. Parents spent a day at the school in February to learn more about student life.

February

After a 14-hour negotiating session, teachers in School District 23, which serves parts of Wheeling, Arlington Heights and Prospect Heights, accept a tentative contract agreement, averting a feared strike. The teachers union had filed an intent to strike notice Jan. 12 but never set a strike date. The two sides had been meeting with a federal negotiator since fall.

Members of the Wheeling Park Productions, an adult theater group, search the northwest suburbs for a new home and review plans to request an affiliated status with the Wheeling Park District. Park officials in January announced they were dropping the adult theater program, saying the Recreation Center doesn't have adequate space to accommodate a theater group and that the space available could be put to better use with other, more popular programs.

Village trustees vote 4-2, with Trustees Wayne Wisinski and Judy Abruscato dissenting, to have the Wheeling Plan Commission assume the duties of the Sign Code Board of Appeals. The Sign Code Board duties were traditionally handled by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Last year, the board abolished the Appearance Commission and handed its duties over to the Plan Commission. The ZBA, however, remains intact.

March

Cramped conditions at Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, have village officials combing the village for potential new sites. The Community Development Department already has relocated to office space at the nearby Wickes Furniture, 351 W. Dundee Road, to allow the Police Department to expand into its former Village Hall offices.

If another location is found for the village's administrative offices, it's possible the fire and police departments could expand into the entire Village Hall. Staff continues to debate whether new space should be built or whether an existing building in the village could accommodate all of the village's needs.

The Wheeling Resource Center, which serves the village's Hispanic population, announces plans to move May 1 into larger offices at 210 N. Wolf Road. The move will give the Resource Center more space to accommodate its growing staff and increased menu of social programs. The center, which opened in December 1993, provides a number of services to low-income and immigrant Wheeling residents.

Wheeling park commissioners begin to discuss plans to build an indoor pool as part of an addition to the Wheeling Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road. In late 1996, the Park Board voted to sell the Wheeling High School Neptune Pool to High School District 214 for $1. Ongoing maintenance costs and scheduling conflicts prompted the board to sell its interest in the high school pool. The project to build a new indoor pool is estimated to cost $3.8 million.

April

Congregation Beth Am, located at 850 Jenkins Court for the last 12 years, announces plans to buy the 37,000-square-foot former Seigle's building on McHenry Road in Buffalo Grove to renovate into a synagogue. The congregation, which celebrates its 18th anniversary this year, boasts about 500 members from Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Palatine, Barrington, Northbrook and Glenview. The members hope to be in the new building in time to celebrate the High Holidays in 1999.

A year-and-a-half after a Gulfstream IV crashed on takeoff from Palwaukee Municipal Airport, the National Transportation Safety Board releases its report that gusty winds and pilot error cause the 1996 crash that killed all four aboard. The NTSB finds that the pilot, 53-year-old Martin Koppie of Aon Corp., failed to maintain control of the plane during take-off and then waited too long to abort the flights. The investigation also finds that his co-pilot, 50-year-old Robert Hampton Whitener, failed to adequately monitor and take action to avoid the crash. The crashed also killed flight attendant Catherine Mio Anderson, 33, and Aon executive Arthur Quern, 54.

Parents of Wheeling Elementary School District 21 students sound off to School Board members during a curriculum discussion.

Superintendent Lloyd "Bud" DesCarpentrie said the district is seeking to strike a balance between teaching in the traditional method with drills and segregated subjects, and teaching in the integrated method, which tries to connect several academic areas with a single theme.

Parents have complained that the district's curriculum, particularly in the middle schools, is too "touchy feely" and not strenuous enough to adequately prepare students for high school.

May

Three Wheeling High School seniors participating in the village's annual Youth in Government Day persuade trustees to change Wheeling's curfew to drop 17-year-olds from the ordinance.

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Other surrounding communities, including Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights, have curfews for those under 17, but Wheeling's curfew is imposed on those 17 and under. That presents a problem when the teens are out in one of the other communities and try to drive home after the 11 p.m. weekday and midnight weekend curfew.

Wheeling resident Gary Cohn, who started a local Web site, www.wheeling.com, as a means to protest the Union Square townhouse development on Milwaukee Avenue, is honored by the Wheeling-Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce as the organization's Business of the Year.

Cohn created the Web site in 1995 to keep residents informed of the Village Board's actions concerning the townhouse development. It since has evolved into a site where browsers can find business information, link to local newspapers and search for a variety of community information.

In an effort to spruce up the appearance of Milwaukee Avenue, the Wheeling Plan Commission plans a "Brooms and Blooms" cleanup on May 30. Residents who volunteer will help pick up trash along the thoroughfare and plant flowers. A sample of the banners that eventually will adorn light poles along Milwaukee also is unveiled.

June

Residents find themselves cleaning up from a storm that swept through Wheeling overnight May 29. The storm, with wind gusts reported at Palwaukee Airport at 61 mph, downs

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Todd Heisler/Pioneer Press

Rebecca Way, 4, looks up at a Wheeling firefighter during a tour of the Wheeling Fire Department in March.

Todd Heisler/Pioneer Press

London Middle School student Reggie Scruggs paints a railing on the Dundee Road overpass in May. Students gave of their time to improve the appearance of the bridge.

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Wheeling High School saxophonist Julie Yoshinari plays a number with the school's Jazz Ensemble during a February concert.

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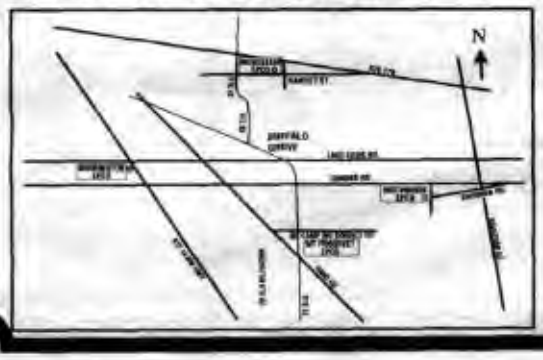

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■ Review

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power lines, uproots trees and leaves traffic snarled. Although residents question whether a tornado had passed through, the National Weather Service classifies the storm as a heavy thunderstorm with powerful wind gusts.

Wheeling trustees consider a proposal submitted by Burnside Construction to build 165 townhouses and condominiums on the northwest corner of Hintz Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

The site is located in unincorporated Cook County, but village officials want to annex the site in order to maintain developmental control over the project.

Palwaukee Airport commissioners review plans to move the main runway to provide safer, and quieter, residential areas in both Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

If the airport could shift the runway, planes would take off and land over the Cook County Forest Preserve and Wheeling's industrial park, rather than over homes.

July

An estimated 8,000 people converge on the grounds of the Community Recreation Center to partake in the village's first Taste of Wheeling, held on July 4.

Palwaukee learns it will be the recipient of a $3.4 million state grant that will help build a taxiway parallel to the airport's main runway, pay for the removal of trees that obstruct runway approaches and fund demolition of buildings to make room for more parking. Gov. Jim Edgar visits Palwaukee to announce the grant.

Metra announces plans to pursue expansion of the North Central commuter rail service by adding a second rail along the length of the route from Antioch to Franklin Park.

If Metra can receive funding necessary for the upgrade, the North Central line could add 12 trains a day.

August

Village trustees approve a rental inspection ordinance to go into effect Oct. 1. The inspections, proponents say, will help improve living conditions for renters and give a boost to the overall appearance of the village.

Some trustees, however, fear the village is understaffed and probably will be unable to enforce the ordinance.

After 45 years of devoting their summers to area youths, Bob and Marcy Brower close the Circle M Day Camp on Hintz Road for good.

Each summer, the couple's six-acre camp became the daytime home of 275 campers from the surrounding suburbs and North Shore. The Browers formed the day camp in 1953, with 1954 being their first summer in business. They moved the camp to Wheeling in 1956.

Trustees consider approving a $23,300 contract to have a consultant study and report on how the Dundee Road overpass can be repaired and possibly replaced.

Trustee Trevor Lehmann pulls the item off the consent agenda, saying he wanted to talk to residents before spending $23,300 for a study. The overpass is at the end of its 30-year life span and trustees are debating whether to replace the structure or remove it, possibly replacing it with a stoplight.

Wheeling Elementary District 21 Board members approve a $58.9 million budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year that shows a $6.6 million deficit. The largest item in the budget is the $41.4 million education fun, from which teachers' salaries are paid and the technology plan is funded.

Board members say they expect the district's financial situation to turn around as property values and assessments increase in coming years.

September

Residents who participated in the yearlong "Wheeling: 2000 and Beyond" project, a strategic improvement plan started in October 1995, decide to seek new volunteers to continue implementing the suggestions that arose during the planning process.

Among the ideas raised by residents who met at Chevy Chase to discuss the plan's progress are to involve more high school students and to let local government take ownership of some of the recommendations and implement them.

Village trustees agree to investigate whether the village can assume responsibility for the maintenance of dozens of private retention ponds located in developments throughout the town.

In June, representatives of the Ridgefield Homeowners Association asked the village for help in securing state funds to correct erosion problems at its retention ponds. That work is estimated to cost $180,000. Village staff has recommended against village ownership of the ponds, but trustees say they want more information before making a decision.

Wheeling Elementary School District 21 Board members hear a report from Superintendent Lloyd "Bud" DesCarpentrie on whether the

district should continue its paid busing to students who live within a 1.5-mile radius of their school.

Parents pay $300 per child for the paid busing service, but many have complained that the stops are too far away from their homes and that the service is unreliable. The district subsidizes the program at least $12,000 a year, DesCarpentrie said.

October

Former Girl Scouts approach the Wheeling Park Board, asking that the Denoyer Cabin be spared the wrecking ball.

The Wheeling Park District purchased the cabin and its surrounding 4.5 acres in 1996 with plans to renovate the cabin and use it for some park programs. Upon further investigation, park officials decide the repairs needed could easily reach $150,000, a figure they're not willing to spend to repair the former Girl Scout cabin.

Wheeling trustees decide to place a referendum on the April 1999 ballot asking voters whether the village clerk should be appointed or remain an elected position.

Village Clerk Elaine Simpson says she supports the referendum, saying the position is one for a secretary with excellent note-taking skills. She sees no reason the position should be elected.

The Horcher family celebrates 150 years of owning its family farm on North McHenry Road.

The farm remains one of the largest undeveloped tracts in the village. Part of the farm, which now supports a greenhouse and a towing and landscaping businesses, is for sale. The Village Board has zoned the property for commercial use.

Wheeling loses a good friend Oct. 24 when former Trustee Bill Rogers dies. Rogers, who served as trustee from 1981 to 1993, was serving on the Palwaukee Airport Commission at the time of his death.

Rogers attended many Village Board meetings, often questioning trustees about their progress on the diversionary channel and the possibility of removing truck traffic from Wolf Road.

November

Village officials and Meyer Material representatives agree on a land swap that will bring another seven acres under village ownership and provide Meyer with a new site for its gravel business near Lake-Cook Road.

The village agrees to pay Meyer about $1.5 million for

Meyer's new site in exchange for the former Meyer property, which is located just south of the new Metra station.

Village officials would not say what type of use they plan for the Meyer site.

A 10-year-old Wheeling boy dies at Lutheran General Hospital after being struck by a truck on Wolf Road Oct. 23.

The boy, Jimmy Beitzel, was hit as he rode his bike near Holmes Middle School. He was not wearing helmet. The driver of the truck was cited with two minor traffic violations.

The accident increased attention to a truck ban Wheeling officials had been pursuing for Wolf Road. The village, however, cannot institute such a ban until they take over jurisdiction of the road, which is expected to take place in 1999.

Horizons Children's Center announces a bold expansion plan that will include the opening of five more northwest suburban child-care centers and the construction of an intergenerational facility at the center's current location, 3316 Schoenbeck Road.

Director Suzan Tash announces that construction on the new intergenerational facility, which will serve senior citizens and children in an integrated environment, could start as early as next month.

December

The death of state Sen. Marty Butler, R-28th, shocks friends and family members.

Butler, a fixture on the suburban and state political stage for decades, died Dec. 1 after suffering a massive heart attack at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Butler is remembered at his funeral as a man who fought for suburban issues such as O'Hare Airport noise abatement and fair representation of local topics at the state level.

Butler's successor had yet to be announced by the end of the year.

The Wheeling Jaycees continue their holiday generosity by bringing 20 local children to Kmart to shop for family holiday gifts.

The children, selected by social workers at Twain, Whitman, Field and Frost schools, were each given $30 from the Jaycees and $20 from Kmart to shop.

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New chief

5 Acting Police Chief John Popadowski was named Wheeling's new police chief effective Feb. 1.

Popadowski, a deputy chief with the department, had been serving as acting chief since Aug. 22, 1997, when Chief Michael Haeger began a fully paid administrative leave. Haeger officially retired from the department Dec. 26.

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Murder charges

6 The body of Tomasz Pohl, a Wheeling man who was reported missing in May, was found Oct. 15 in a shallow grave in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Pohl, 45, apparently died from gunshot wounds to the head. Pohl was a self-employed contractor who had been working on a construction site in Evanston prior to his disappearance.

A Buffalo Grove man, Igor Lyubyezny, 41, was later charged with two counts of first-degree murder. Police believe Lyubyezny owed Pohl $15,000 and killed him at the auto body shop he owned in Skokie. They then believe he took the body to Michigan and buried it in a wooded area.

Library addition

7 Residents were welcomed back to the Indian Trails Public Library for a grand reopening celebration Nov. 21 after the library's move into its newly built addition was completed. The addition added 14,500-square-feet to the library, which serves an estimated 60,000 residents in Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

The addition allowed the library to expand its compact disc and video collections, add more reading areas and study rooms, create a new children's reading center and add more computer technology.

Residents approved a $3.8 million referendum in November 1995 that funded the addition.

Whitmer welcomed

8 William Whitmer joined the village staff in August as Wheeling's first economic development director.

Whitmer, the former vice president of City Center Marketing for the Joliet/Will County Center for Economic Development, said Wheeling has a number of assets that could spur more development, including Palwaukee Airport, the Metra commuter station and Restaurant Row.

Whitmer is expected to serve as a liaison between the business community and the village, and to encourage businesses to locate in Wheeling.

Double tragedy

9 Media attention focused on Wheeling in September when blood was discovered seeping from a locker at the Public Storage facility, 900 S. Milwaukee Ave. Police later found two bodies in a burning truck at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 16, parked near an abandoned warehouse in Zion.

In the driver's seat was 25-year-old Geoffrey Leon of Prospect Heights, who apparently killed his friend and neighbor, 22-year-old Scott Bielech, also of Prospect Heights, and stuffed the body in a metal gun cabinet. The cabinet was stored at the Public Storage locker in Wheeling until an employee noticed the blood and called the leaseholder, Leon's mother who was living in Louisiana.

When contacted by his mother, Leon removed the gun cabinet from the locker and drove to Zion, where he burned the truck, killing himself and burning Bielech's body, and left a five-page handwritten confession. Police believe Bielech had been selling and distributing illegal narcotics and laundering the drug money through Leon's business. It is believed Bielech owed Leon $6,000, but no mention of the money was included in the suicide note.

OMNI anniversary

10 OMNI Youth Services, founded in 1972 by officials and parents in Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and Prospect Heights, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1998.

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CHIEF'S CALL

John Popadowski, left, Wheeling's new police chief, officially begins his duties Monday. For a look at some of his priorities, turn to ...

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Wed 7/8/1998

■ A man stole $60 Wednesday from White Hen Pantry, 1081 Lake-Cook Road, police said. An employee told police the man entered the store, reached around to the cash register and grabbed the money. He then fled on foot.

The man was described as 25 to 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a medium build, goatee and black hair. He was wearing a white T-shirt and jeans.

The suspect was taped by a surveillance camera during the theft.

■ Vandals smashed the passenger's-side window Tuesday on a 1998 Oldsmobile Cutlass parked on the 300 block of 8th Street, police said. The damage was estimated at $200.

■ Thieves stole two aluminum ladders Tuesday or Wednesday off two cars parked on the 400 block of Manda Lane, police said.

The ladders were valued at $300.

■ Vandals spray painted graffiti Tuesday or Wednesday on a garbage container and sidewalk behind a synagogue on the 800 block of Jenkins Court, police said.

■ Thieves stole two hubcaps Tuesday off a 1990 Lincoln Town Car parked on the 200 block of Camp McDonald Road, police said.

The hubcaps were valued at $50.

■ Vandals spray painted graffiti Tuesday on a fence on the 1200 block of Iota Court, police said. The damage was estimated at $100.

■ Burglars stole $250, a garage door opener and a wallet Sunday out of a car parked on the 1000 block of Kennilworth, police said.

The car was left unlocked.

The loss was estimated at $275.

WHEELING

9/15/99 Chi Trib

Man pleads guilty to stealing guns from home

A 22-year-old Wheeling man pleaded guilty Tuesday to breaking into a home in Rolling Meadows last fall and stealing several handguns and an assault rifle.

Jeremy L. Stebbins of the 200 block of Albert Terrace pleaded guilty to a charge of residential burglary and is to be sentenced Oct. 19 by Associate Judge Richard A. Kavitt in the Rolling Meadows branch of Cook County Circuit Court.

In exchange for his guilty plea, Stebbins is expected to receive an 8-year prison sentence but could avoid going to prison by completing a 4-month term in the Illinois Department of Corrections boot camp, according to Cook County Assistant State's Atty. Mark Shlifka.

Stebbins admitted breaking into a home in the 2700 block of St. James Street in Rolling Meadows last fall. Also charged in the burglary were George Davenport, 19, of Wheeling and Aaron Corson, 20, of Hoffman Estates, authorities said.

The men allegedly took 20 handguns and an assault rifle from a locked gun safe. They were charged with the burglary after police in Bloomingdale and Elgin confiscated some of the weapons from alleged gang members, Shlifka said.

Davenport pleaded guilty to residential burglary in July and received an 8-year prison term with a recommendation for boot camp. The case against Corson, who is being held in Cook County Jail, is pending.

Robin Mohr

Wheeling man gets boot camp in burglary

10/20/99

By Robin Mohr
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

Jeremy L. Stebbins of Wheeling was sentenced Tuesday to four months in a state-run boot camp for a home burglary in Rolling Meadows in which 20 handguns and an assault rifle were stolen.

Stebbins, 22, of the 200 block of Albert Terrace was sentenced to eight years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, but will avoid prison time if he completes boot camp, said Cook County Assistant State's Atty. Mark Shlifka.

Stebbins pleaded guilty last month to a charge of residential burglary after admitting he broke into a home in the 2700 block of St. James Street and stole the weapons from a locked gun safe.

Also charged in the burglary last year were George Davenport, 19, of Wheeling, and Aaron Corson, 20, of Hoffman Estates.

Davenport pleaded guilty to residential burglary in July and was sentenced to eight years in prison with a recommendation for boot camp. As part of their plea agreements, Stebbins and Davenport have agreed to testify against Corson, Shlifka said.

Corson is scheduled to appear Monday in the Rolling Meadows branch of Cook County Circuit Court.

THE BLOTTER

Reports received from area police: Daily Herald Sat Dec 11, 1999

Wheeling

■ Thieves stole an electrical outlet between Nov. 24 and Tuesday out of a mens restroom at the Metra station, 400 Towne, police said. Value was estimated at $20.

■ Burglars stole a laptop computer Tuesday out of a 1999 Dodge Intrepid in a restaurant lot at 604 N. Milwaukee Ave., police said. The item's value was estimated at $4,000.

■ Burglars took an in-dash stereo Wednesday or Thursday out of a 1996 Jeep Cherokee in a business lot at 171 Marquardt Drive, police said. Someone smashed the rear passenger's-side vent window to gain entry, reports said. Damage and value estimated at $325.

Police want to hire 3 new officers

By Brad Webber
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER
March 19, 1999

Ever since Wheeling started bicycle patrols three years ago, police officers assigned to the team also have served as a tactical unit on gang activity and drugs.

That works fine for the winter months, when pedaling after bad guys isn't practical, but it is disruptive to the team's community policing initiative during the summer, according to Wheeling Police Department brass.

The village has seen a near doubling of gang-related crimes, from 80 in 1994 to 151 last year. The number of drug-related cases, excluding arrests for small amounts of marijuana, totaled 155 in 1998, compared with 116 in 1994, said Deputy Chief Michael Hermes.

To keep the bike unit intact and concentrate on the spikes in crime, the Police Department is asking the village for three more officers for a full-time tactical unit.

The Village Board likely will consider the hires in April, and if they are approved, the positions could be filled by May, Hermes said. The new officers, who would be paid starting salaries of about $40,000, would boost the number of officers to 62.

"Traditionally, back as far as eight years ago, we, like other departments, went to regular, organized task forces, where you

to create full-time tactical unit

would use these people in areas where you see a high concentration of car burglaries, for example," Hermes said.

"As calls for services increased and manpower did not increase, for a while we did away with our 'tac' unit and the officers worked regular patrol," he said.

Thanks to federal funds for community policing, which was part of President Clinton's 1994 crime bill, the department was able to hire two new officers in 1996 and another in 1997. Those officers—the most recent additions to the Wheeling ranks—are the nucleus of the bicycle patrol unit.

The new unit also would undertake operations in the town's highest-crime areas, notably the concentration of four apartment complexes in the triangle of Milwaukee Avenue and Wolf and Dundee Roads, Hermes said.

Village Manager Craig Anderson said the request for the officers, which moved through Village Board budget review sessions in February with no opposition, couldn't come at a better time.

Wheeling has grown by about 1,000 residents since the 1990 census to about 31,000 currently, and Anderson cited the increase in the village's industrial base, retail operations and annexation.

"Areawise, there's more to patrol," he said. "We want to be on top of any gang issues, be it outdoor drinking or what."

Police want to add 3 new officers, start full-time anti-drugs, gang unit

BY SHAMUS TOOMEY
Daily Herald Staff Writer 3-2-99

The Wheeling Police Department wants the village to hire three new sworn officers to allow for the establishment of a full-time tactical unit with a central goal of fighting drugs and gangs, officials said.

The new hires, which are detailed in this year's budget request, would allow the department to split up the current bicycle/tactical unit. The four officers in that unit now split responsibilities between the two, but are often spread thin, especially in the summer, Deputy Chief Michael Hermes said.

By adding three new officers at $40,332 a year, the department can shift three veteran officers to full-time tactical duties which would include spending about 90 percent of their time on plain clothes assignments, Hermes said.

"What we'll be able to do is concentrate in areas where we have problems," Hermes said.

One of the reasons for the need for a full-time tactical unit is an increase in drug and gang activity, Hermes said.

Drug incidents have increased from 116 in 1994 to 155 last year, a 25 percent jump. Gang-related incidents rose 47 percent in that same span, moving from 80 in 1994 to 151 in 1998, according to the budget request.

The department used tactical officers in the past to supplement uniformed patrols during manpower shortages. By increasing the number of officers in the village by three to 62, Wheeling would aim to keep the tactical officers from being loaned to other units, officials said.

Forming a separate tactical unit would also allow the department to dedicate officers to the 4-year-old bicycle unit. Some of the responsibilities of that unit include safety programs, demonstrations and public relations events.

And because officers on bicycles often catch criminals off guard, a dedicated unit will have more of an opportunity to do so. "What you'll see is the bike unit the way it was designed to be used," he said.

The village board voiced no objections to the proposal during a budget workshop last weekend. If the plan is approved, the department could make the additions in May, Hermes said.

Suspect arrested in 1996 murder of Wheeling man

May 27, 1999 - Pioneer Press

By PAT KROCHMAL
STAFF WRITER

Armed with new witnesses and additional evidence, Des Plaines police have arrested a suspect in the 1996 slaying of a Wheeling man and his girlfriend.

Assisted by Oregon State Police, Des Plaines detectives arrested James Justin Thivel, 27, in Medford, Ore., at 6 a.m. Monday when he reported for work at the National Flora Company on Cardinal Way, police said.

Thivel

Thivel is accused of firing numerous shots, execution-style, into the backs of the heads of Robert Farberger, 24, of 400 Manda, Wheeling, and Eva Caudell, 20, of 12 N. Broadway, Joliet, on Jan. 10, 1996.

The victims were discovered around 2:30 a.m. in Caudell's 1985 Chevrolet Sprint at 2549 Prairie in Des Plaines, police said. The .38-caliber automatic weapon used in the killings was not found at the time.

No motive was established, but the victims, who were romantically involved, seemed to have gang ties, police said.

Farberger had an arrest record that included charges of burglary, theft, criminal damage and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He also served time for auto theft at the Illinois River Correctional Center.

Caudell reportedly had married Salvatore Giancana, a reputed gang leader, in 1992. Giancana was in Stateville Correctional Center on murder and drug charges at the time of the marriage.

Giancana was charged with ordering the killing of a Stateville guard while imprisoned. Before he could be brought to trial, he died of liver trouble at age 45.

Thivel, who was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the couple's deaths, was to attend an extradition hearing Tuesday concerning his return to Illinois.

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Guy Harris Wilson

Guy Harris Wilson was born May 27, 1891 at West Bridgewater, Mass., and passed away at the Speedway hospital at 11:15 p. m. Monday, April 4, 1932.

He came to this part of the country in 1912 and made it his home the remainder of his life. At the age of 18 years, he enlisted in the Navy and served for a period of 4 years and reenlisted for another three years during which time he served with the Naval Reserve Overseas. At this time he suffered exposures which seriously impaired his health and which in the course of time cost him his life. On his return to civilian life, he was a member of the Cook county police for three years, and served the village of Wheeling as Chief of Police for the past 7 years. He was a member of the American Legion, the Masonic Order and Order of Eastern Star. He was married to Miss Olga Svahn of Chicago, on April 12, 1927, who proved herself a worthy helpmate, as she so bravely stood by him in his losing battle against the ravages of disease.

There remain to mourn his passing, his parents, his wife, a broth-

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1925 - Wheeling's first police car, a 1925 touring car, in front of Ice Cream Parlor located on Milwaukee Ave. Policeman's name is unknown.

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There remain to mourn his passing, his parents, his wife, a brother, Roy Wilson, and his sister, Ruth Wilson Thomas, besides scores of friends among his associates and acquaintances in his various fields of service.

The body lay in state in the village hall from Thursday afternoon until the hour of the funeral on Friday, April 8. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church and interment took place in the Masonic section at Ridgewood cemetery. About 40 comrades of the motor police formed a guard of honor for the procession. The rites at the grave were read by his fellow Masons and a salute of farewell was fired over the grave and the note of taps sounded by a guard from the Navel station. The large display of floral tributes and the many in attendance at the service, testified to the place Guy held in the hearts of his countrymen.

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Harold A. Mackh, Chief of Police, Wheeling, Ill.

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Some twenty odd miles northwest of Chicago historic old Milwaukee Avenue crosses over the scenic DesPlaines River and then swings into a series of widely sweeping curves skirting the Forest Preserve to the east until it comes to Dundee Road, whence it straightens out for the long run north.

Where Milwaukee crosses Dundee has stood for the past century and a quarter the Village of Wheeling. Previous to the founding of the village in 1833, we are told, this fertile, lovely land was occupied by the Pottawatomie Indians and the Miami Confederacy whose members greeted the explorer De LaSalle here in 1681.

For more than a century the Village of Wheeling was content to drowse along, known merely as a pleasant pause on the stage-coach and, later, the motor-coach run from Chicago to Milwaukee. It early established a reputation which it still maintains - for fine eating places.

The modernization and progressive improvement of Wheeling as a home place really began as recently as 1945 when the present Village administration under Mayor Arthur A. Ortegel took office. Under his active and enlightened administration better roads have been built, the lighting and water systems have been improved, the police and fire departments have been modernized with new equipment. As a result many new and important business enterprises have been attracted to Wheeling.

With all this progress and modernization, however, the people of the village have lost none of their charm of manner and friendliness to the strangers who visit the village by the thousands each year to test its renown for fine food and fare. Every one, the busy executives, the courtecus shop and inn keepers, the idling patriarchs, has time for a friendly word or a leisurely chat. Only the very big big-shot or the occasional stuffed-shirt is greeted other than by his given or nick-name.

Wheeling is indeed a friendly place and the friendliest man in the village is undoubtedly the Chief of Police, Harold A. Mackh. Chief Mackh likes people and people like Mackh - even those to whom he must give traffic tickets. Yet with all his friendly charm, no one ever tries to impose upon him. Chief Mackh is one of those rare policemen who can be a friend to every one and yet uphold fully the dignity of his office.

With his capable assistants, Officers Lawrence Beck and John Wick, Chief Mackh is giving Wheeling a thoroughly efficient twenty-four-hours-a-day police administration..

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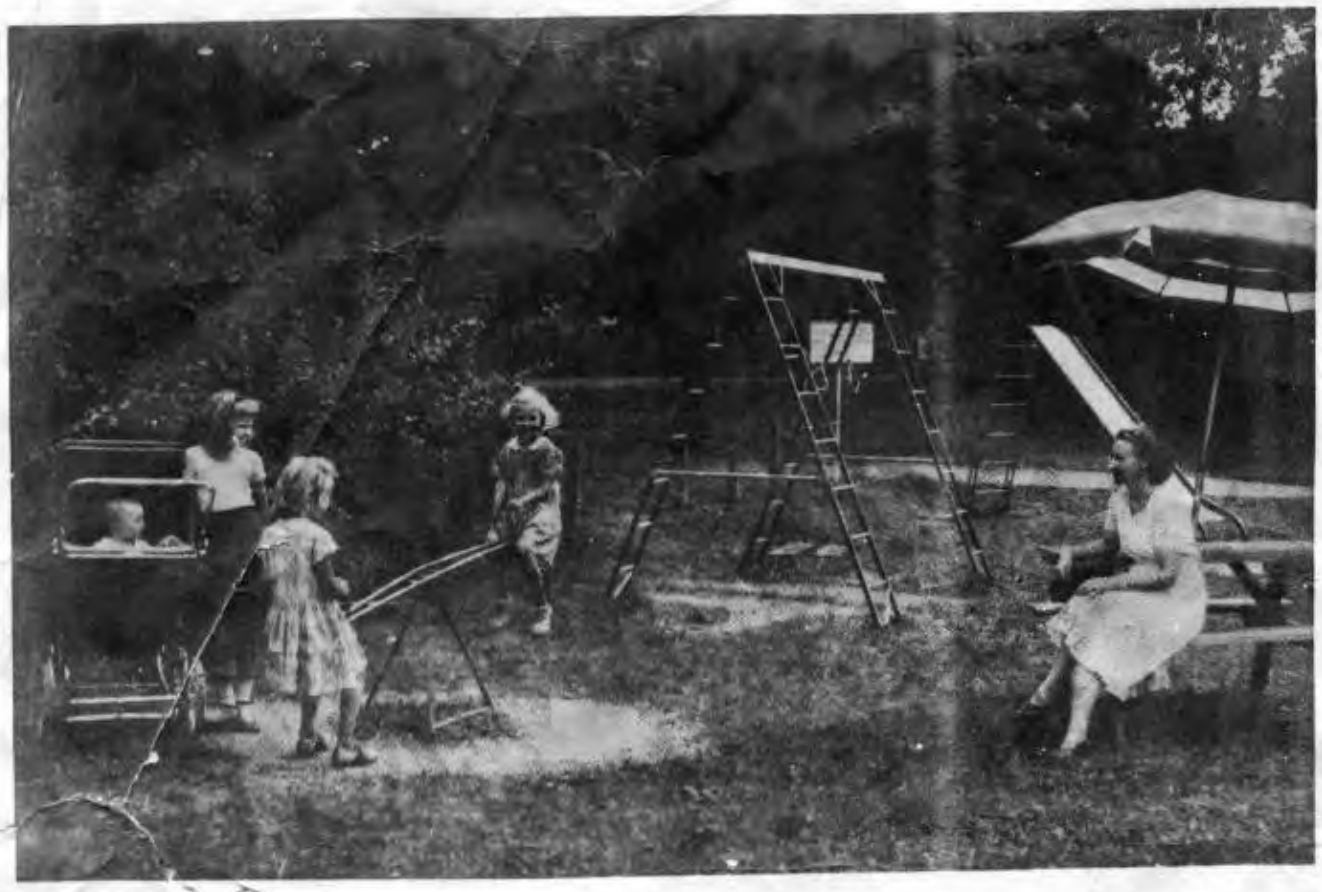
Hon. Arthur Ortegel, Mayor of Wheeling, as acting Chief of Police during Chief Mackh's vacation.



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Police Officer Lawrence P. Beck.

Traffic Officer John J. Wick.

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Chief Mackh greets movie star Peggy Garner

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Daily Herald Feb 2, 1997

In 1948, Wheeling's police chief was Harold Mackh. He's standing in front of the police department's squad car, which is a 1948 Chevrolet. Marvin 'Syke' Horcher was hired that year as a assistant marshall to work the graveyard shift. According to Syke, this squad car was used numerous times as an ambulance.

Syke has more than 20 computer pages of recollections of life in Wheeling. Many of these memories are from his days on the police force.

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Wheeling women in uniform

Donna Nystrom answers a call at the Wheeling Fire Station.

Women in uniforms?

To some die-hard, romantic souls, the idea may seem contradictory. But to several Wheeling women, it represents an identifiable direction in their life styles.

Donna Nystrom, Shirley Mueller and Phyllis Mack all wear uniforms. Donna works for the Wheeling Fire Department as a secretary while the other two women are record clerks at the Police Department.

The women all agree that more and more women are getting into public service.

The uniform, they said, illuminates their feelings of responsibility and generates an extra degree of respect.

Kathleen O'Keefe (Wh.)
12 S. Wheeling Ave.

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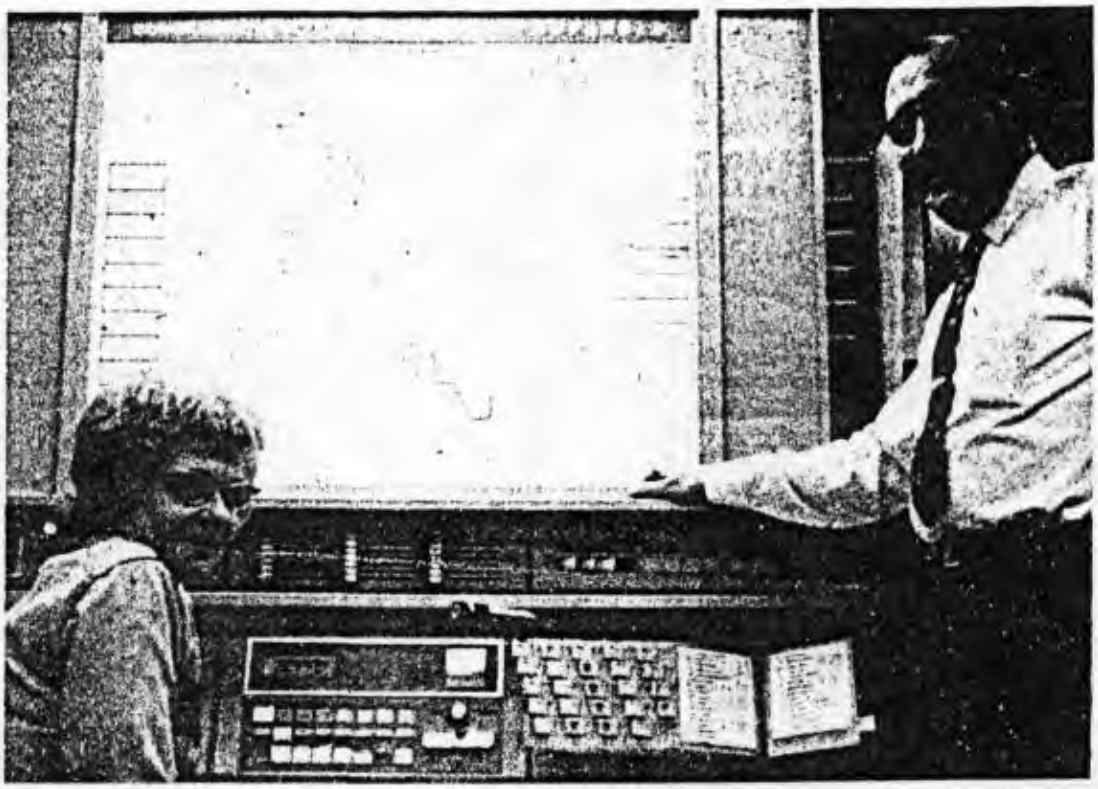

Mrs. Shirley Mueller, Communication Operator, mans Wheeling Police Department's new Communications Control Center, while Police Chief Marvin O. (Syke) Horcher looks on. The Control Center provides instantaneous communication with the patrol cars, fire department, civil defense and other emergency services and surrounding communities. This $26,700 console is just one of the many new features which make the Wheeling Police Dept. one of the most modern in the state and mean better service and safety to the citizens of Wheeling.

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POLICE CHIEF OF WHEELING IS KILLED BY CAR

State Police Car Guarding Milk Truck Caravan is in Accident

Herbert Ray Lesch, police chief of the village of Wheeling was killed Tuesday afternoon in an accident with a state police car occupied by Sergts. M. C. Baughman of Pontiac and John Thean, of Sterling, who with four other police cars were accompanying a caravan of trucks, northbound, upon Milwaukee avenue.

Conflicting stories are in circulation regarding the direct cause of the accident, and due to absence of a driver of one of the milk trucks who witnessed the accident, the inquest which was opened Wednesday at Des Plaines, was postponed two weeks.

Short funeral services are to be held at the Wheeling village hall Thursday afternoon at 2:30, after which the remains will be taken to Welcome, Minn., the home town of both Mr. and Mrs. Lesch.

Present indications are that Chief Lesch was riding his motorcycle alongside of one of the police cars when one of the milk trucks swerved out to pass a car, the police escort started to follow also Mr. Lesch on his motorcycle. The latter apparently started to make a wide turn as for the purpose of returning to Wheeling. In some way the rear of his motorcycle came into contact with the side of the police car, throwing the officer to the pavement, knocking him unconscious.

The accident was also viewed by Mrs. H. C. Barrett, who called her husband and who took the injured officer to the Wheeling hospital. Death came an hour later.

Mr. Lesch had been chief of police of Wheeling two years. He served in a like capacity for the village of Mt. Prospect during 1929 and 1930.

ELECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL VACANCY

FIVE MORE DAYS TO PAY TAXES

Wednesday is Last Day to Pay Tax to Collector Wm. Annen

Although the original notices of tax collections gave Saturday, October 12 at the final day when Wheeling township taxes could be paid to Wm. Annen, tax collector, there will be three days of grace. On account of the delay in receiving the 1931 tax credit checks, Mr. Annen will be able to keep the tax books in his possession until Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Present indications are that there will be a loss of twenty per cent in the amount paid this year to the local collector. Unless a lot of taxpayers come to Mr. Annen's office within the next few days, taxing bodies who expected to receive the same amount from the local collector as a year ago are doomed to disappointment.

"The taxing bodies need the money," says Mr. Annen, "and I would like to give it to them, but unless more people realize the great need of paying their taxes at home, there are going to be many taxing bodies who will be disappointed."

Farmers' Institute a Big Success

The Farmer's Institute held at Childerley Hall last Saturday afternoon and evening proved to be very worthwhile. The program of the day opened with a talk on the timely topic of "meat substitutes", by Mrs. Petersen, an authority on the subject of foods and well known to many housewives thru her talks over WENR. In order to make it possible for more mothers to attend this session a special outdoor program of games and races for children was held during this period under the leadership of Mr. J. Breitenfeldt assisted by other teachers. To make the contests more interesting small prizes were awarded through the generosity of Arlington Heights and Wheeling business people. The following contributed a large variety of prizes: Sieburg's Drug

CHICAGO BLAST KILLS RESIDENT OF ARLINGTON

Salesman S. Van Gelder Was in Factory When Explosion Occurred

Samuel Van Gelder, 7 West Campbell street, Arlington Heights, was instantly killed Monday noon in the explosion that wrecked the soybean product plant of the Glidden company, at 1845 North Laramie avenue, Chicago. Six others were killed and 43 were injured. Some of the latter were in adjoining homes and buildings.

Mr. Van Gelder is a salesman and was calling at the plant when the accident occurred. The date of funeral is dependant upon word from Holland, where the parents and other members of the family reside.

Deceased was born June 6, 1890, in Harlingen, Holland, and came to America in 1908. He leaves a wife, and four children, Louis, Dorothy, Gerson, Irwyn.

The blast, which occurred at 11:40 a. m., razed most of the plant—half a block long—and filled three huge empty storage tanks. Showers of brick and steel fragments from the falling factory wrecked five automobiles parked nearby and crushed two railroad boxcars on a spur track.

The force of the explosion shattered windows of houses, stores and street cars within a radius of several blocks.

The damage to the plant, which opened Monday morning after being closed for five weeks, was estimated at more than $500,000. The factory was erected a year ago and new machinery had been installed within the last few months.

BIG TIME FOR THE KIDDIES SATURDAY

Arlington Theatre Offers A Big Gift Matinee

OBLIGATION OF ARLINGTON TO PAY SHARE

Quota Is Only $500; Local Scoutcraft Will Depend on Results

Under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Schmitz, general chairman of the campaign for Boy Scout funds in Arlington Heights, plans are rapidly moving forward to place everything in readiness for the opening of the drive, Monday evening, October 21. At a meeting of the general committee held last Monday evening at the South Side School, additional assignments were made and the progress reported on the work of completing team organization.

Individuals representing the following organizations have indicated their willingness to assist and also to interest others in helping: American Legion, (Troop No. 5 sponsor), American Legion Auxiliary, Democratic Club, Lions Club, Parent-Teachers association, Parent's Auxiliary to Scouts, Republican Club, and Troop No. 1 sponsors. A number of other organizations have been approached and their acceptance is anticipated within the next few days. Another meeting will be held at the village hall next Monday evening, October 14, at 8:00 p. m. to check up on the progress that has been made and work out the final details of the campaign.

Plan of Campaign

The plan of campaign provides for the organization of as many teams as possible consisting of from five to ten members each. These teams will be representative of various civic and fraternal organizations of the city. Quite a bit of friendly rivalry is expected as these various teams compete for the honor of bringing in the largest amount to apply toward the $430.00 balance needed to pay in full the Arlington Heights share of the administrative cost of Scouting in the local area.

The amount that has already been raised this year represents the voluntary contribution of a few individuals who because of having already contributed will not be approached in the coming campaign.

To Have Opening Meeting

The drive will open with a "kick-off" meeting, probably a dinner Monday evening, October 21, and will close the latter part of the week. Inasmuch as each worker is to be asked to see only ten people it is estimated that the whole job can be completed within a few days.

MILK STRIKE GETS CLOSER TO COOK CO.

Vote of Local Farmers Is About Fifty-Fifty for Adherence to Strike

Cook county farmers, whether they desire it or not, are being drawn in the milk strike maelstrom. Local residents are receiving nearly their full quota of milk, but tomorrow it may be a different story. Pickets from other communities are invading local territory. Farmers have given up all attempts to make own deliveries to the dairies, the latter collecting their own supply.

An unrest has developed in northern Cook county, which has always been considered a stronghold of the Pure Milk association. Meetings were held this week at Palatine and Buffalo Grove. It is reported that at the Palatine meeting, the vote stood 20 against strike and 34 in favor of joining the strike. At Buffalo Grove the milk producers voted in favor of $2.00 milk.

Wednesday morning farmers from both communities took up picket duty in other territory and unless some solution is found or the strong hand of the government intervenes it appears that the strike will grow in proportion. However, with the aid of a large number of state police guards an increasing amount of milk is reported to be entering Chicago.

First dumping of milk in Palatine township occurred Sunday morning when three local farmers had to standby and watch pickets empty their milk cans. The Chicago press is full of stories of violence, refusal of strikers to accept thirty day truce proposed by Governor Horner, etc.

Warns Policy Holders Of Fire Hazards

George Busse, Secretary of Des Plaines and Cook County Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., Gives Advice to All Home Owners.

"As this week is fire prevention week I think every policy

ASKS BIDS ON TAX WARRANTS

Propose Sale of $15,000 at 4 Per Cent Interest

Preliminary to an official offering of $15,000 worth of 1935 tax warrants to investment houses, the Arlington Heights village board at its meeting Monday night passed a resolution authorizing the solicitation of bids for a block of 1935 tax warrants, based upon an interest rate of four per cent. In recommending such a resolution, Alderman Krause, chairman of the finance committee, said, "there is apparently a good market for municipal tax paper at this time. The village owes $8,000 to the Public Service Co., and other bills. If the village is going to continue upon a cash basis it will be necessary to issue a block of tax warrants and I believe it will be worth while to secure definite proposals from interested investment houses."

The resolution was adopted and the bids are asked for the next meeting of the board. A letter was read from E. F. Laurin, auditor, recommending that the statutory 2% collection fee be taken from certain special assessment funds where the collection of that fee will not impare the financial status of such specials. Such fees will amount to $1,700 and will be placed in the general fund of the village to partially reemburse the municipality for collector's salary.

Bills and payrolls passed for payment that evening totaled $2,354.64, which will be held for payment when funds are available in the respective funds.

Treasurer Lorenzen reported that $4,972 had been received from the state gas tax to apply on contracts recently awarded by the village.

The September report of the village treasurer showed collections during the month to credit of general fund amounting to $1,343.08 with expenditures of $1,135.18; water funds receipts $361.82; expenditures $356.76.

Arlington Heights will join other villages in an action to be taken against that part of the sales tax act that applies to municipalities in the collection of water charges. All tax now being collected will be held in trust until the case is settled.

Alderman Schneberger was appointed as representative of the village board to serve upon the Boy Scout committee.

Considerable discussion was had over delinquent water bills, and the need of a more strict enforcement of present ordinance.

The Arlington Heights benefit club asked for a free permit to hold a dance Oct. 23, for the benefit of civic relief fund, which request was

TO CELEBRATE COMMISSIONER BUSSE'S THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Barbecue, Games for Young and Old and Other Events to be Staged at Northwest Hills Country Club Oct. 12th; Everyone Invited; Special Rates for Golf Arranged.

William Busse, dean of the County Board, will be honored by Country Towns Republicans at a get-acquainted rally and old fashioned barbecue to be held at the Northwest Hills Country Club, Mount Prospect, Commissioner Busse's home town, on Saturday, Oct. 12, to which the general public is invited.

Besides commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Busse's first election to the County Board in 1900, the affair will be the first general get-together of Country Towns Republicans in anticipation of the '36 campaign. A large attendance from throughout the district, always a Republican stronghold, is expected, and while no formal speeches have been planned, in an effort to preserve the informal, friendly atmosphere of the occasion, party leaders anticipate a further strengthening of the organization through the opportunity afforded by the outing for party workers to get acquainted.

The barbeque is to be an outing for all the family, with prizes, races and refreshments free, according to Oscar W. Schmidt, of Wilmette, chairman of the committee in charge. In view of the holiday (Columbus Day), many are expected to devote the morning to a round of golf on the Northwest Hills course, prior to the commencement of picnic festivities at 2:00 p. m. Games and races for children, with numerous prizes, are planned to start at 3 o'clock.

Committee members in charge of the affair, besides Mr. Schmidt, include George Blaumheiser, of Niles Center; Carl J. Carlson, of Blue Island; Herbert A. Dilg, of Morton Grove; Hugh E. Donnelly, of Oak Park; William Erickson, of Evanston; Frank E. Foster, of Harvey; Edward A. Griese, of Northfield; Frank J. Kriz, of Western Springs; John Mackler, Sr. and John Mackler, Jr., of Chicago Heights; Lester F. Mahaffay, of Palos Park; and Barney Reeves, of Franklin Park.

Born on a farm in Elk Grove Township, Commissioner Busse's first public office came to him unsolicited when he was appointed a deputy sheriff in 1891, which office he held until his election to the County Board in 1900. With the exception of one term, from 1912-14, he has been a member of that body ever since, serving on all important committees and twice as President of the Board. He has been especially active, as a board member in pushing the development of adequate arterial highways and good rural roads throughout the county, having been among the first to advocate the Avondale super highway as a means of stopping the appalling slaughter resulting from automobile accidents. He has also taken a leading part in the acquisition and development of the Forest Preserve District, and in the various county charitable activities.

When the Village of Mount Prospect was organized, in 1917, Mr. Busse was elected its first president, and held that office continuously for twelve years. He also served a similar term as secretary of the local school board.

Starting in the general merchandise business in Mount Prospect, where he and his wife still reside, in 1897, Mr. Busse's business interests have expanded to include two automobile sales companies, William Busse & Son, of Park Ridge, and Busse Motor Sales, of Mount Prospect, as well as the Busse-Bierman Company, hardware, plumbing and heating contractors of Mount Prospect, and the chairmanship of the board of directors of the Mount Prospect State Bank. In recent years he has devoted all of his time to his duties as County Commissioner.

A member of the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church at Mount Prospect, he is also a director of the Northern District of Illinois of the Missouri Synod of his church.

Geils-Gieseke Church Wedding Held Thursday

Miss Marguerite Gieseke, daugh- ... Gieseke

VEHICLE TAGS MAY COST LESS NEXT YEAR

EN LADIES

MIGHTY PROUD of their two new squad cars are the 11 members of the Wheeling police department. Pictured examining the village seal on one squad's door are (l. to r.) front row: Ted Bracke, Sgt. Howard Koeppen, Robert Llewellyn, Lt. Arnold Krause and Sgt. Ray Widing. Back row: Chief M. O. Horcher, Jack Kimsey, Robert Amundsen, Howard Bitterman, Gil Vizensky and Sgt. Gene Wolf.

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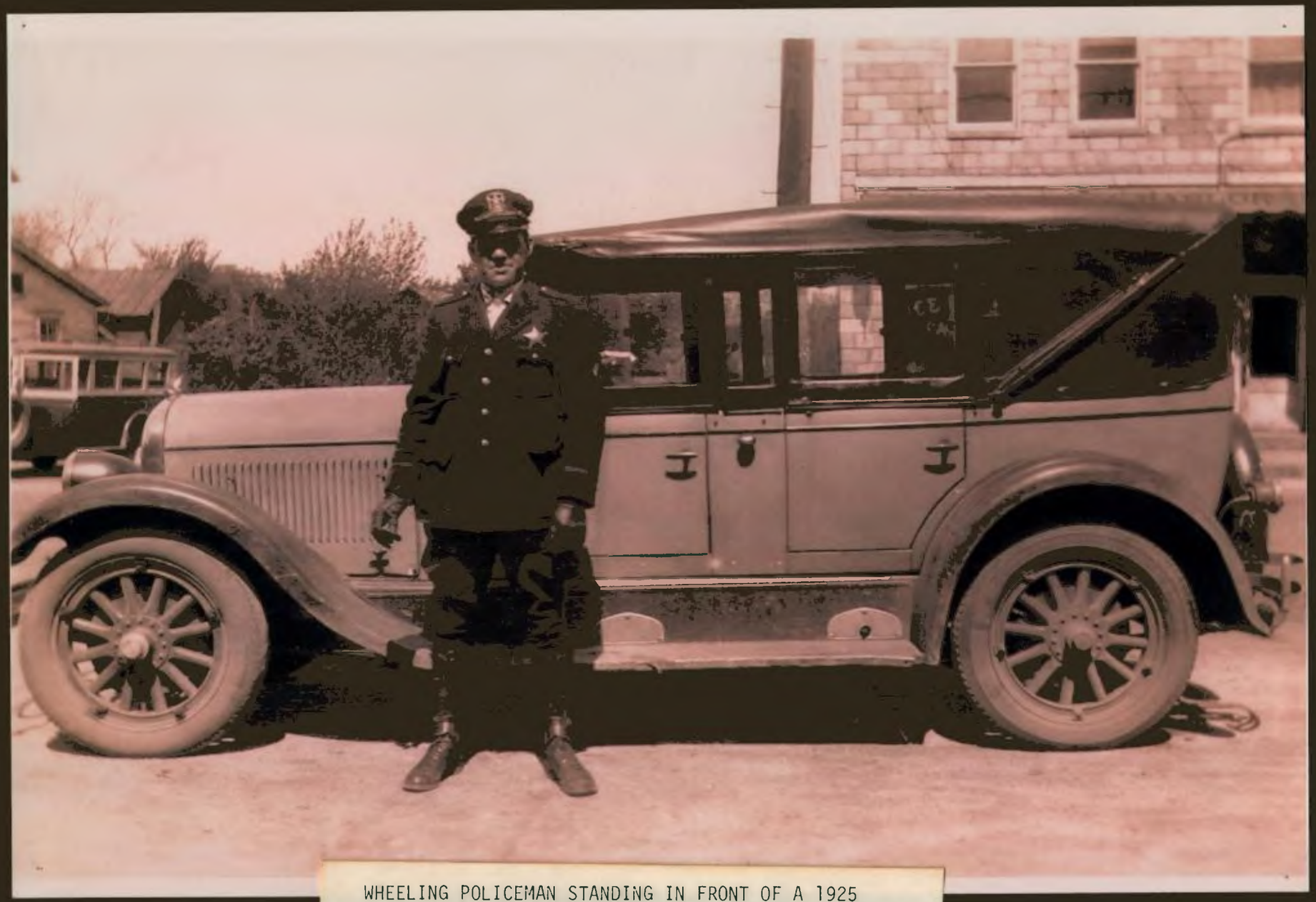

WHEELING POLICEMAN STANDING IN FRONT OF A 1925 TOURING CAR IN FRONT OF WHEELING ICECREAM PARLOR LOCATED ON MILWAUKEE AVENUE.

*Herb Lesch was a twin brother to Ray Lesch. Herb was reportedly killed while riding his police motorcycle. Ray and his wife, Laura became well known for the Lar-Ray Cafe they operated on Milwaukee Avenue across from the Wheeling State Bank Building.

** Chief Horcher collapsed in March 1972.