

## COUNTY READY TO LAUNCH ITS SAFETY DRIVE

Madison Officials Seek to Cut Toll of Deaths on Highways.

Anderson, Ind., March 20.—With appointment of Municipal Judge Robert C. Smith as executive chairman, Madison County was preparing today to enter upon an intensive safety campaign under auspices of the Indiana Committee on Public Safety.

Detailed plans for the drive, particularly to stimulate highway safety, are to be laid when citizen committeemen and traffic specialists meet here Monday night.

Appointment of committees to

serve under the executive group followed preliminary preparations for a concerted effort to check traffic casualties in Madison County. These included conferences between city officials and Lieut. F. M. Kreml, Purdue safety consultant; assignment of WPA patrolmen to local schools, and plans for a county-wide traffic survey.

### Supervisor Names Aids

Selected by Earl Dunbar, county supervisor for the Indiana committee, to assist Judge Smith, were Mrs. Jessie Wallace, first vice chairman; O. W. Bluemel, second vice chairman; Josephine Early, secretary, and Louis Eggman, treasurer.

Mr. Dunbar said various committees enlisted for the work would direct an educational program to include lectures and safety demonstrations before schools and civic groups, publication of traffic rules and warnings, and posting of warning signs.

Other committee chairmen selected for the campaign are James R. Day, education; Fred Barr, enforcement; Fred Antrim, engineering; L. W. Seaton, legislative, and Frank Clem, fire prevention.

## POLICE QUICKEN DISPATCHING BY RADIO NETWORK

Indianapolis System to Be Fastest in Country, Captain Says.

### BY SAM TYNDALL

In less than a month, when radio engineers complete improvements on local police radio operations, Indianapolis is to have the fastest police radio dispatching system in the country, Capt. Robert L. Batts, Indianapolis police radio head, said today.

Four improvements in efficiency, recently incorporated in this department, have made the Indianapolis station, WMDZ, unique among police radio stations. Two of the fea-

tures are to be adopted in New York and Wilmington, Del.

"For several years we have operated our station with a home-designed automatic power reserve system affording the least risk of a halt in broadcasting in event of damage by fire, water or electrical storms," Capt. Batts said.

### Engineers Study System

"This system we are now using has been studied by radio engineers from nearby cities, New York and Wilmington police radio officials have wired us for complete details

on our designs. I have learned that they are to adopt them soon."

Several cities have adopted the system instituted by Capt. Batts, whereby it is possible by use of an amplifier to overhear all conversations coming through the police telephone switchboard. "In this way," he said, "the dispatcher is more quickly prepared to handle emergency calls."

Another feature adopted some time ago in the interest of speed

by local engineers limits the dispatcher at police headquarters to one broadcast, the two repetitions being left to a dispatcher at the radio station at Willard Park.

### Additional Dispatcher Needed

The changes now being carried out at police headquarters include equipment for an additional full-time dispatcher.

Maps of radio car districts with lights controlled from the radio

operator's switchboard, a reminder of the position and errand of each squad car, were made several weeks ago. They are to cover the wall space in front of each operator.

Sound proofing, air conditioning and indirect lighting equipment in this important department of the police was installed last week.

"The only improvement that must wait for further experimentation is two-way broadcasting," Capt. Batts

said. "We expect to experiment with broadcasting from squad cars again next summer."

### Mystery Disease Hits Reindeer

By United Press  
POINT BARROW, Alaska, March 20.—A mysterious disease is causing the death of many reindeer in the Point Barrow region, Paul Stafford, acting supervisor of the reindeer service, has reported. He is investigating the disease.

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