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Cites Public In Winning Smoke Cases

Wolf Had Perfect '48 Court Record Against Offenders

Indianapolis smoke control, which has staggered groggy and defeated from municipal courtrooms here in bout after bout with the law, finally is beginning to emerge a winner.

That's the opinion of Robert Wolf, city combustion engineer, the man whose duty it was to pick smoke control up off the floor after every licking and toss him back into the fray.

Now that smoke control is coming out on top in legal battles, Mr. Wolf smiles benignly on municipal court judges. His 1948 record is perfect—he didn't lose a case all year.

Cities Difference

Why should Mr. Wolf now be winning cases formerly tossed out of court? He credits public opinion as the biggest single influence on the situation.

"When a whole city gets worked up about a problem, the noise of the mob drifts in through the courtroom window every time," he said. "It's different now than it was three years ago, when nobody cared whether a smoke violator was fined or not. And that difference is our margin of victory."

"Don't think I approve of our present law," he continued, "because I don't. It's a mess. We need a strong, airtight law with teeth in it and public opinion behind it if we're going to clear up the city."

Seek Heavier Fines

He cited a few statistics to illustrate his point.

"Indianapolis has, roughly, 1000 industrial plants, 10,000 commercial establishments and 100,000 homes. In the first category we do pretty well. With the second, we're already beyond our depth, and as for homes—you can see what we're up against."

Mr. Wolf isn't completely satisfied with the outcome of court cases these days, even though he wins them. Instead of \$1 and costs up to \$20 and costs now imposed on smoke violators, he would like to see heavier fines levied.

"But I'm not kicking," he said. "We're making progress, and that's what counts. You can quote me as saying, 'I like it.'"

Police to Buy 2 Resuscitators

Plan to Use Equipment On South Side

The police department hoped today that it soon will be able to help more accident victims breathe more easily—especially on the heavily industrial South Side.

Day Inspector Leo Troutman has announced that the department plans to purchase two more oxygen resuscitators.

"Money hasn't been appropriated yet," he said, "but it's a certainty that we will get two more."

For some time, only four—and in an emergency, five—resuscitators have been available, and none of these are located on the South Side.

Follows Parley

One is at Police Headquarters and another is at Fire Department Headquarters (on loan from the Police Department). Two are with Police Squad 14 at 30th St. and Kenwood Ave. A fourth is in the receiving office at General Hospital, and the fifth can be taken from the hospital's obstetrical ward.

Inspector Troutman said that one of the two new resuscitators will be put in Fire Station 27 at 10th St. and Parker Ave., and the other will be kept at Fire Station 3, on Prospect St., near Virginia Ave.

Inspector Troutman's announcement followed a conference with Cox said.

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Police Radio Pokes Light Into Crime's Dark Corners



Desk Lt. Francis (France) Gootee scans the day's crime reports as he takes over on the night shift.

Giant, Far-Reaching, Never-Ending Agent Relentlessly Tracks Down Night Crooks

By GEORGE RYDER

NIGHT IS a time of rest—for some.

But to the criminal and the policeman, it is a desperate time of rob and kill, hunt and capture—bound only by the borders of dusk and dawn.

A policeman's eyes cannot always see into the dark in which crime hides, but with him in this endless chase is a hidden helper—a far-reaching, never-ending agent—the radio.

Radio today hamstring the criminal, often catching him in the act, usually finding his trail minutes after he has fled from his crime, constantly pursuing him.

THIS GIANT sends cars screaming to the scene of the crime, keeps other cars alert along the path of the getaway.

This power in the night of Indianapolis is governed by the police desk lieutenant and his dispatcher—such men as firm, decisive Lt. Francis Gootee and crisp, staccato Sgt. Paul Meeker.

A plea, by telephone, sets a car in action. Sgt. Meeker sends a car to the place where the crime has been committed.... Let's say Car 18, 10th St. and Keystone Ave., holdup.

A few minutes later, Lt. Gootee's receiver brings to his ear the pertinent facts . . . a filling station . . . \$100 taken at the point of a gun . . . a short man wearing brown-rimmed glasses and a long brown overcoat. Wanted by Car 18 for holdup at 10th and Keystone, believed headed south on Keystone in green sedan. This man is armed.

An announcer at the radio station, WMDZ, drones an echo to Lt. Gootee's blanket order and gives the time signal. The hunt has begun, less than minutes after the frightened attendant opened the till to greedy hands.

Other police cars speed to the area of the hunt. One sees the car of the criminal, Lt. Gootee is told. Another blanket order goes

to Leonard Cox, who is in charge of ambulances at General Hospital, which handles police emergency runs.

Jarring Is Problem

Mr. Cox pointed out the reason the hospital's four ambulances are not constantly equipped with resuscitators—is that the day-in, day-out jarring that the ambulances take on Indianapolis streets would break the instruments, which are expensive and delicate.

"We have enough now, or will have in the immediate future, to handle any routine gas poisonings, drownings or electric shock accidents that will crop up," Mr.

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Serves as Head Of Education Unit

Mrs. Irene Moore will serve as chairman of a district committee on religious education for the fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

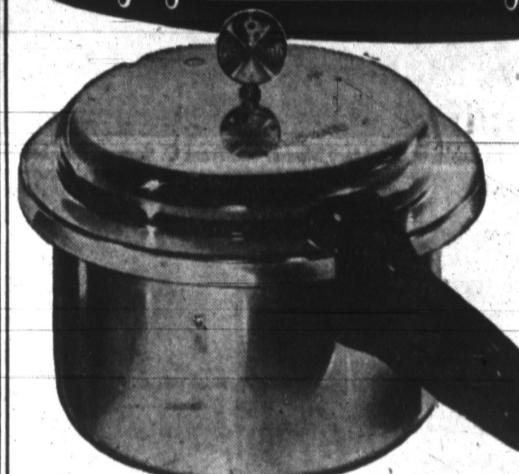
Mrs. E. H. Barnett is vice chairman and conference worker. Announcement of these officers were made by the Rev. G. A. Brooks, pastor of the Caldwell Chapel, in charge of publicity. The committee and officers were chosen at a recent meeting in Jones Tabernacle called by Dr. D. J. Hewlett, of Louisville, Ky., regional director of religious education for the fifth district.

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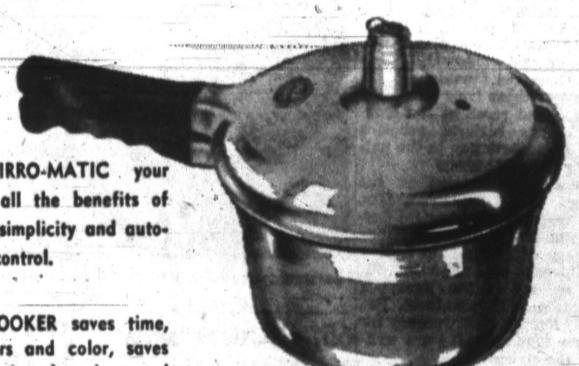
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