

**PARTY'S OVER**— Officer Jesse Caines drops in on an outdoor "wine-tasting" party in a littered area behind some old buildings in the First Precinct. Arguments,

sometimes with tragic consequences, are a frequent result of such sessions, he said.

## Job Rewarding, Repulsive Policeman's District Tough

By Robert Albrecht  
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What makes a young man want to stay on a paddy wagon in one of Columbus's toughest areas and brings him into contact with its residents when they are at their worst?

In police officer Jesse Caines' case, it's the sweet remembrance of a few good deeds and the chance to do a few more.

FOR THE PAST six years, he has been on a paddy wagon in the First Precinct, the area of N. High St. between Broad St. and King Ave.

He's most likely to come into contact there with ex-convicts, families involved in vicious fights and shopkeepers made unhappy by vandalism, break-ins or holdups.

Caines, who grew up in Nitro,

W.Va., a suburb of Charleston with 10,000 residents, says the work fascinates him. But at the same time, when he finds the action he is looking for in the precinct he is repelled.

A CHANGE OF scenery might be good, he sometimes thinks, but in the kind of precinct where things are prettier his chance to do some good is diminished, too.

Tracking down the guy who brutally beats a 70-year-old man makes him feel better than taking a report on a stolen bicycle or issuing a motorist a ticket for a red light violation, Caines said.

He has enough seniority to get another beat or to take a shift other than the one that begins at 3:30 p.m., which is usually the busiest time for trouble. "There's something there that won't let me go somewhere else," he said.

A SMALL RIBBON with two stars above the right pocket of his uniform shirt "stands for things that have worked out the way I wanted them to. They're things that everybody is doing, but Walter (Sgt. Steven Walter, Caines' precinct superior) is quick to pick up on them" and get credit for his men.

Trying to keep bad people from hurting good people is tougher work than he thought it would be when he started his career. A couple of times the frustration gave him serious notions about leaving, but they weren't serious enough.

Now, he admits, the thoughts he has

about moving are along the line of becoming a robbery detective. Caines believes he'd find real satisfaction in pursuing armed robbers.

GROWING UP IN Nitro, Caines, 29, said he never had contact with policemen, but learned from his parents that he could always expect to be punished when he did something wrong.

The personal life he leads today is as distant in style as it is geographically from the First Precinct. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Reynoldsburg with their two children. He enjoys playing on a softball team. Some teammates don't even know he is a policeman, Caines said.

He offers no pat solutions to the family problems he sees on the job. Alcohol seems to be "the main curse" of loved ones trying to stab, shoot or club each other, Caines said.

THERE'S USUALLY no reasoning with such people he said. "You're not going to just walk in there and say, 'You quit beating her. And you quit running around. That's all, goodbye.'"

One effort that has helped is the exchanges and cooperation that have been started between the precinct and staff members of the North Central Community Mental Health Center at 9 Buttles Ave.

Police and counselors consult with each other and sometimes answer call together. Sometimes it takes a counselor with a doctoral degree and other times a street-wise cop to restore order, he said. Sometimes all you can do is shake your head.

## School Boundaries On Board Agenda

By Robert Sobovich  
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Attendance boundaries for two new schools which will serve the area annexed from Westerville will be presented to the Columbus Board of Education Tuesday for approval.

The board also will be asked to authorize the changing of 11 school boundaries due to the proposed closing of eight elementary schools as an economy measure.

THE TWO schools which will serve the Westerville annexation area are Avalon Elementary School, 5220 Avalon Ave., which is to open in September, and Northgate Elementary School, 6655 Sharon Woods Blvd., due to open Nov. 1.

Dr. Joseph L. Davis, acting superintendent, said Monday he will suggest to the board that Avalon's attendance areas include about 606 children residing in two areas. One area is north of Dublin-Granville Rd. and east of Cleve-

land Ave. The other area is south of Dublin-Granville Rd. and west of Cleveland Ave.

Davis said about 655 children will be assigned to Northgate. Its attendance area will cover the territory north of Dublin-Granville Rd. and west of Cleveland Ave.

UNTIL THE school is ready for occupancy, Davis said kindergarten through third grade students will attend Valley Forge, 1321 Urban Dr., while students in grades four through six will go to Forest Park, 5535 Sandalwood Blvd.

The new attendance areas to be proposed to the board due to school closings are:

• Alum Crest — All pupils to be transported to Easthaven.

• Barnett — Pupils in Washington Square Apartment area will be bused to Berwick. All others will walk to James Rd.

• Bellows — All pupils living east of

the South Freeway will walk to Franklinton. Pupils living west of the South Freeway will be bused to Sullivan.

• Heimendale — All pupils to be bused to Forno.

• Homedale — All pupils to be bused to Sharon.

• Marburn — All pupils to be bused to Kenwood.

• Milo — Pupils living east of the North Freeway will walk to Lexington. Pupils residing west of the freeway will be bused to Second Avenue.

• Shepard — All pupils to be bused to East Columbus.

DAVIS SAID the board's actions on attendance area changes will be submitted to U.S. District Judge Robert M. Duncan for approval.

Davis said the total capacity of the closed buildings is 3,210 while projected enrollment is 1,644. He previously estimated the closings would save \$626,360.

## Smith Rips Charges By Pfeifer Attorney

Franklin County Prosecutor George C. Smith says allegations of misconduct against him by a lawyer for County Treasurer Herbert J. Pfeifer are "a personal attack" and without merit.

In a motion filed Monday in Common Pleas Court, Smith said the "nakedly desperate rhetoric" from Pfeifer's lawyers doesn't deserve a response, but because of the severity of the allegations he was answering the charges.

ATTORNEY DAVID Young last week sought dismissal of a charge of receiving stolen property against Pfeifer, charging Smith made prejudicial statements when discussing the indictment with reporters.

Young claimed an unbiased jury could not be obtained in the county. He also said that Smith implied that a grand jury indictment was the equivalent of a finding of guilt.

Smith's reply, written by Asst. Prosecutor James J. O'Grady, said the statements Young quoted were twisted and taken out of context.

SMITH SAID Young conveniently omitted his statement that Pfeifer was presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, when asked by a reporter if Pfeifer could remain in office while under indictment.

Smith defended his statements to the press and said at no time did he express an opinion of Pfeifer's guilt, or discuss the evidence of merits of the case.

IN RESPONSE TO the charge that an impartial jury could not be impaneled here, Smith said the law does not require that jurors be totally ignorant of the facts or issues or live in a

vacuum. "Certainly if the Watergate defendants could receive a constitutionally fair trial the defendant (Pfeifer) can receive a fair trial," Smith said.

Young also attacked language in the law under which Pfeifer was charged, claiming it was unconstitutional. Smith termed that argument frivolous in asking that Young's motion be overruled.



## Unidentified Man Is 2nd Crash Victim

An unidentified man who died early Monday at University Hospital was the second man to die as a result of injuries received in a single car accident in Athens County Sunday, the State Highway Patrol said.

The unidentified man died of head injuries at 1:20 a.m. and was taken to the Franklin County Morgue, a corner's spokesman said.

PATROLMEN AT the Athens patrol post said Gordon L. Wable, 30, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. also was killed when the car he was driving ran off the road and overturned several times.

Troopers said the car was heading south on Rt. 33. The accident occurred about 6:15 p.m.

THE TWO men were thrown from the car. The passenger was taken to Mt. St. Mary's Hospital in Nelsonville and later was transferred to University Hospital.

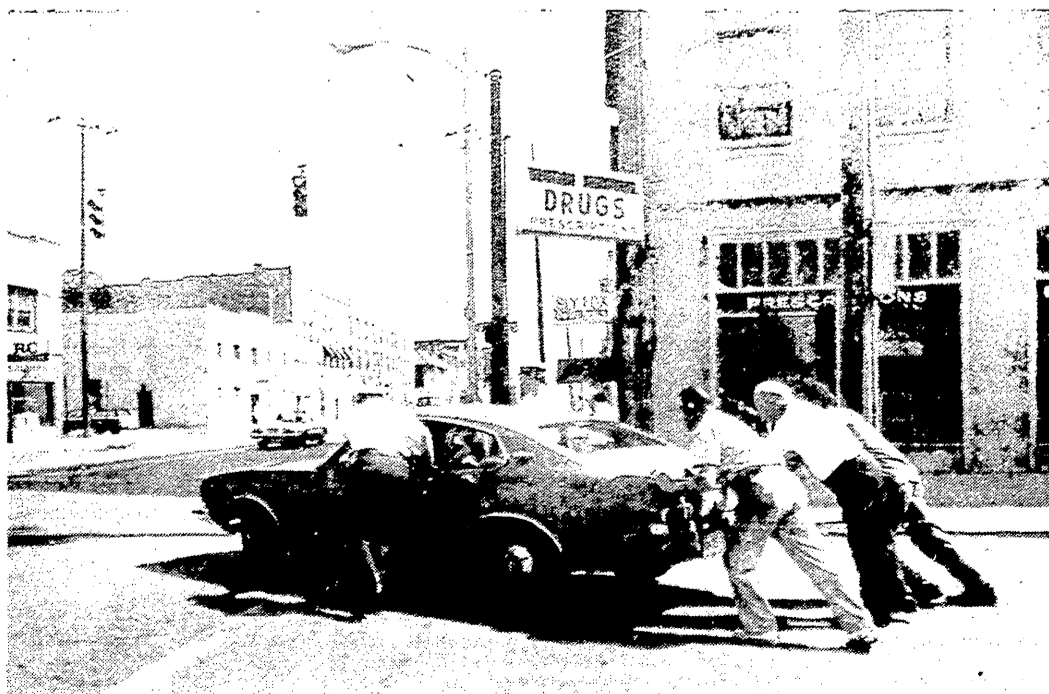
## Library Plans Field Trips

Sarah Long, coordinator for children's services at the Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County, shows Monica Worth, 7, of 1161 Hallidon Ave., left, and Deedi Turner, 7, of 588 Rhoads Ave., middle, in a library book some of the things they can expect to see at the Center of Science and Industry on the first field trip in the library's summer program called "Library Hoppers."

With a \$29,000 federal grant provided by the Franklin County Welfare Department, the library system has put together a 10-week series of field trips dealing with topics in art, science, history and transportation. Officials hope to involve 1,500 children in Franklin County whose parents work or are continuing their educations. (Dispatch Photo by Ken Chamberlain Jr.)

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**CLEARING THE WAY** — Jesse Caines and his partner, officer Richard Knight, get help from some citizens as they move a stalled car out of the intersection of Buttles

Ave. and N. High St. Such chores don't shrink the crime statistics, but they help lessen the amount of confusion in the area, he said. (Dispatch Photos by Tom Sines)



## Columbus Skyline Backs Swiss Dance

The skyline of Columbus provides the backdrop Sunday afternoon for the Whetstone Folk Dancers performing an *Altiwander*, a dance from Switzerland, at Bicentennial Riverfront Park. The performance was one of the Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks summer programs. The 18-year-old group which meets Monday evenings at the Whetstone Recreation Center has members spanning three generations. (Dispatch Photo by Joe Pastorek)

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