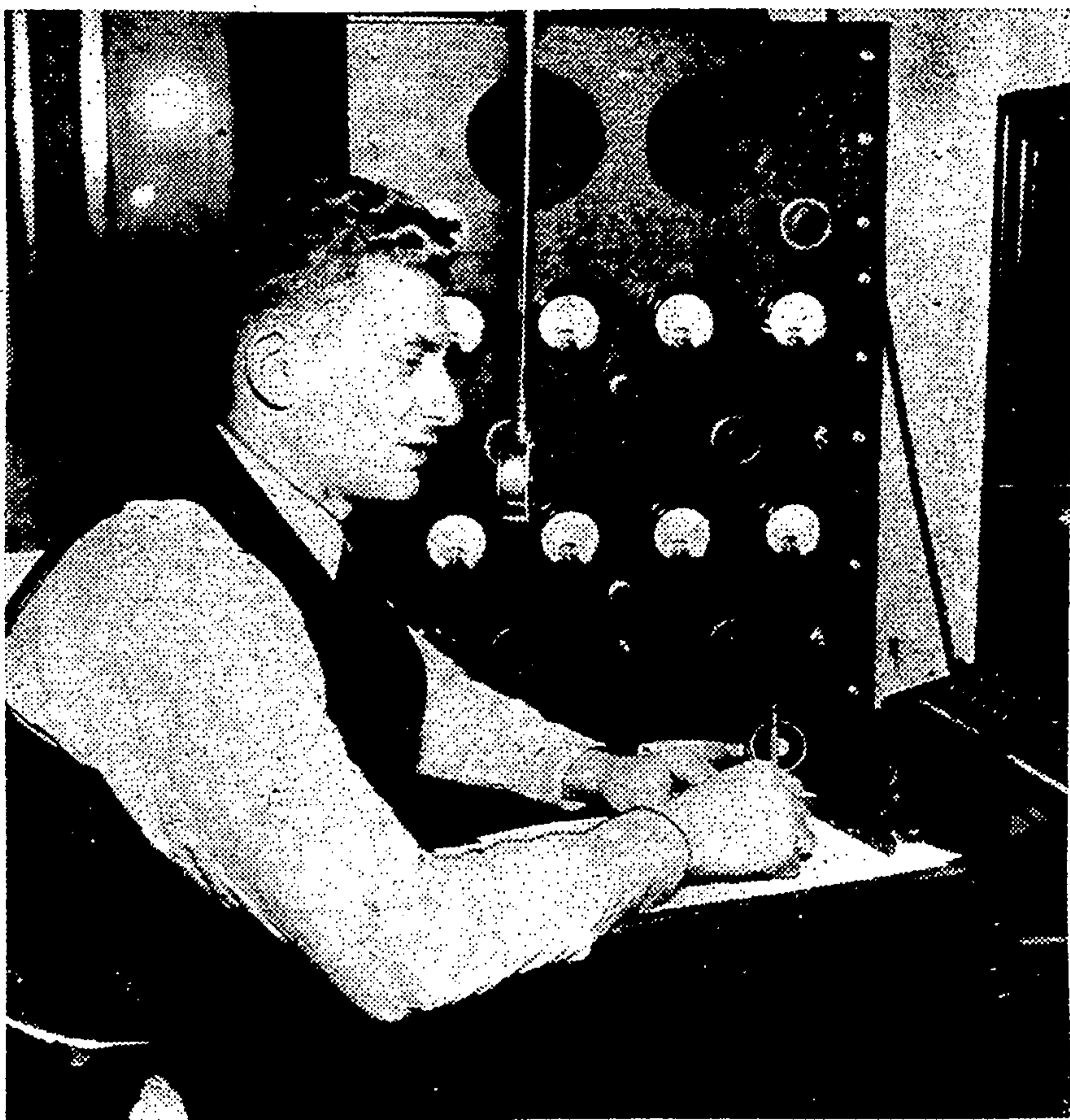


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Police Get Their Man But That's Only Part of Job



Officers Catch Burglar Five Minutes From Time Alarm Was Received Over Radio

This is the first of a series of articles about the Cincinnati Police Department.

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The noise the burglar made in the pantry awoke the housewife on the second floor of a Cincinnati suburban home. After her first stifling fright for the children (her husband was miles away on a business trip) she knew what to do. Quietly she slipped to the telephone and told the operator, "Station X, please, quickly."

An incisive masculine voice answered. Hurriedly she told him of the intruder and gave her name and house number.

"O k. lady, stay upstairs and keep quiet. We'll be there," the police dispatcher's voice reassured her.

In Station X at City Hall the police radio operator turned to the microphone at his side and in measured tones dispatched two cruisers and a scout car to the scene, advising caution and warning of the situation faced, ending with the familiar sign-off, "WKDU, the Cincinnati police."

He then turned on three lights at spots on the map of Cincinnati which faced him. These lights would burn until the three police autos had finished with their special assignment.

Waits in Terror

The housewife waited in an agony of apprehension. She thought she heard a siren warning in the distance, but it ceased quickly.

It seemed ages to her, but actually, less than five minutes from the time she called, the door bell was ringing.

As she ran down the stairs she

heard a crash at the kitchen door and was vaguely conscious of sounds of a struggle outside.

She flashed on the lights and flung the door open. A young, blue-clad officer there saluted smartly, grinned and said, "I guess we have the right place and this won't be needed any more," as he slipped a blue-steel revolver back into its holster.

They Get Their Man

"Here's your man," she heard from the back doorway and turned to see two other officers pushing a disheveled, scowling man into the house.

Seeing her bewilderment, one of the policemen explained, "You see, we surrounded the house as soon as we got here."

"But I didn't hear you at all," she said, half sobbing in relief.

"Naturally, we didn't want to give this bird any warning. This call was different from an accident or riot or something of that sort, when we let the sirens go."

The culprit was taken to the Central Station at City Hall, Ninth street and Centrol avenue, registered and placed in a cell.

In due time he paid the penalty



"Here's your man," say Patrolmen Walter Geil and Joseph Hartlaub to housewife after responding to alarm of burglar in suburban home sent out over WKDU, Cincinnati's police radio station, by C. W. Luhn, police radio operator, upper left. (Housewife and prisoner were posed for The Post by Madisonville citizens in the interest of law enforcement.)

by going to the penitentiary. Before that, the officers appeared with the housewife in Municipal Court to testify.

Jury Hears Testimony

The burglar was bound to the grand jury and testimony was given before that body. He was indicted, his trial was held in Common Pleas Court where testimony was given again before a jury. A verdict of guilty was returned and the judge sentenced the burglar.

This case was selected at random from the files of the Police Record Bureau in the City Hall.

It is cited here as an example of protection against crime given citizens directly in their homes by the Cincinnati Police Department.

But, according to Police Chief Weatherly, it is only one instance of one phase of the many angles of

the work of the police force today.

Only One Phase of Work

"The capture of the criminal may be the most spectacular as well as one of the most dangerous of the policeman's duties, but the public should keep in mind that the modern police officer does much more than this," Col. Weatherly said.

"Today the policeman is interested in the prevention of crime as well as its detection. He is charged with responsibility for control of traffic; with the effort to cut down our alarming accident rate by promoting safety; with the preservation of peace in times of emergency; with the enforcement of all our city's ordinances and regulations.

"These laws are but words on paper. In carrying out their meaning the policeman has to deal with people, with persons whose emo-

tions run the scale.

Has Difficult Job

"He must contend with the abnormal and the vicious personalities of the criminal and perverted. And today, with the traffic problem and the complexities of modern life, he has the added work of dealing with those who are regarded as normal.

"To do that he has to be trained carefully and constantly in his work. Policing no longer is just the pounding of pavements and settling neighborhood quarrels and catching criminals. It is a scientific profession and the city of Cincinnati seeks to keep its police force in the forefront in that profession."

The next article will tell about the history of the City Police Department and its development today for manifold law enforcement.