

# Stolen Auto Unit Gets New Chief

**O'Connor Names Capt. Keleher**

Police Commissioner O'Connor Tuesday named Park District Police Capt. Robert B. Keleher commander of the police stolen auto division.

O'Connor also announced assignment of 76 more men to the division.

The appointment of Keleher is effective Jan. 1, when the Park District force will be merged with the city police force.

The new men will raise the stolen auto division force to 237. O'Connor said most of the men will come from district stations where they have been assigned to stolen auto work.

He said that many district commanders have given other work to the men, thus preventing them from concentrating on stolen autos.

**KELEHER** has headed the Park District police training division. He will replace Lt. Michael Shannon, present commander of the stolen auto division, who retires in February.

Nine Park District police, including Capt. Alford Taylor, will be automatically retired when the merger takes effect, since they have reached the city police retirement age of 63, O'Connor said.

A list of six Park District police lieutenants who passed a captains' examination will be incorporated into a list of 114 names on a city police captains' eligibility list.

The list will be used for promotions after the Park District police and city police merge, Jan. 1.

The Park District list was posted late Monday.

**THE SIX** lieutenants and their scores, in order, are:

Walter S. Shanahan, 88.87; William L. Coesfeld, 85.31; James D. Riordan, 85.01; Patrick J. Flynn, 83.56; Leo W. Powers, 82.55, and Patrick F. Diggins, 77.79.

The names of 114 lieutenants who passed the city civil service test were released earlier Monday.

Lt. James B. Conlisk Jr., whose father is administrative assistant to Commissioner O'Connor headed the list.

Lt. John D. Madl of the traffic division and Lt. Joseph F. Morris of the special investigations unit were second and third, respectively.

**A TOTAL** of 159 lieutenants took the test. Results were based on physical and mental tests given in the past year. Extra points for military service may be added to scores if candidates have not used the points for promotions since 1949.

Conlisk, now deputy chief of traffic, scored 88.96 points out of a possible 100. Madl scored 87.83, and Morris, 86.94.

Other top scorers are: Hamilton W. Pool, traffic division, 86.02.

Merlin J. Nygren, traffic, 85.94.

Bernard M. Dier, training division, 85.84.

John T. Connors, Jefferson Park district, 85.78.

Frank W. Pape, deputy chief of detectives, 85.63.

Wilbur F. Parker, Cragin district, 85.35.

John D. Moss, training division, 85.06.



**CITY POLICE STARS** are distributed to Chicago Park District police in preparation for the absorption of the park police by the city police force after New Year's Day. City Policeman James

Shannan (left) presents new city star to Park Policeman Harold Herrick as Lt. Walter Shanahan (right) checks the star at Park District administration building, 425 E. 14th Blvd.

## How Three Topped 4 Seized Police Exam List In Miami Theft Ring

It takes more than mere brainpower to wind up on top in the police captains' eligibility test in the opinion of the three lieutenants who headed the list.

"My 18 years as an instructor in the police training school was a big help," said Lt. Joseph F. Morris, who ranked third.

"I started studying for this one as soon as I had taken the lieutenants' examination," said Lt. John D. Madl, second place finisher.

"This one was more difficult than any of the other promotional exams," said Lt. James B. Conlisk Jr., who scored highest.

**THE RANKING** of the 114 lieutenants who passed the Civil Service Commission test last June was disclosed Monday.

A total of 159 policemen took the stiff five-hour test consisting of essay and multiple-choice questions.

"You can believe that the top 25 men on the list are of the best caliber on the police force," said Lt. Morris, head of the special investigations unit. "And you can bet they put in long hours preparing for the test."

**LT. CONLISK**, deputy chief of traffic, said he was "flabbergasted" by his first place finish in the exam.

"The test covered just about every aspect of police work

imaginable," he said, "law, police procedure, administration, traffic and criminal investigation."

**Lt. Conlisk said he found an essay question—asking for a definition of elements of police administration—a real stickler.**

"It took me up to the very last minute to complete the essay part of the test," said Lt. Madl, who is assigned to the traffic division.

**ALL THREE** of the lieutenants said they finished the entire test before the allotted time, but stayed on going over their answers.

Lt. Madl said most men study for the test with the aid of numerous books on police work that are available, including some recommended in other promotional tests.

**CONLISK**, 40, is the youngest of the three. He is married, the father of two boys, 12 and 7, and lives at 8314 S. Seeley.

**Madl has six children, three boys and three girls ranging in age from 4 to 16. He lives at 1345 N. Menard. He is 48.**

Morris, 51, is married and lives at 1639 W. 83d st.

## Push Degree Plan For All Teachers

**States Asked to Require 'Bachelor' Certification**

Enactment of laws in all states requiring that new teachers hold bachelor's degrees was urged in Chicago Tuesday.

The recommendation came from the executive council of the AFL-CIO American Federation of Teachers, which was closing a three-day meeting in the Knickerbocker hotel.

**IN ITS** resolution the council said that nondegree teachers are being hired in increasing numbers throughout the country because of the teacher shortage.

**This includes downstate Illinois, a council spokesman said.**

of teachers along the same lines as in medicine and law." It said teachers should play "a major role in administration of certification."

## Mother-to-Be Classes Slated

A new course for expectant mothers will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 12 in MacNeal Memorial hospital, 3249 S. Oak Park, Berwyn.

Seven two-hour classes will be held for expectant mothers and one for expectant fathers.

## 3 Students, Girl Took Furs, Gems

**MIAMI BEACH**—(UPI)—Police announced Tuesday that the arrest of three college students and a girl had broken up a jewelry and fur theft ring that looted luxury hotels here.

Arrested Tuesday were Bernard Friedman, 25, Philadelphia, a student at Pennsylvania State College, and Jacqueline Courtman, 19, a laboratory technician from Atlantic City, N.J.

Police at nearby Bal Harbour Sunday night arrested Henry Herskowitz, 20, of Ventnor, N.J., and Stephan Rada, 21, of Philadelphia, both of Temple University.

**ALL ARE** charged with receiving stolen goods, disorderly conduct and vagrancy. C. W. Huddleston, Miami Beach detective chief, said they will be charged with grand larceny. Friedman, who was registered under an assumed name at one beach hotel, was placed under \$2,500 bond.

The others were placed under \$1,500 bond each.

Police said they found about \$22,000 worth of stolen gems and furs in the girl's suitcase and in Friedman's hotel room.

**DETECTIVE** Arthur Leonard of the Miami Beach police said the four worked together "in a very simple fashion."

He said they spotted well-to-do vacationers at top hotels and learned their room numbers.

Then they would go to the hotel desk and ask for the room key.

## Board Meeting

Northeast Council of District 24, Parent-Teacher Associations, will hold a board meeting at 9:15 a.m. Jan. 7, in Stone School, 6239 N. Leavitt.

