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Carbonell To Ask Probe Of Police Department At Commission Meeting

Cites Incident Of Intoxicated Cop Who Picked Fight Last Week

By JIM COBB

City Commissioner Louis Carbonell said today that he will ask for a "full-scale investigation" of the police department at the regular meeting of the city commission next Monday night.

Carbonell said that he will request an open probe into the operation of the department and a formal check into reports that an intoxicated patrolman "picked a fight" in the colored section of the city last week and wound up with a slashed throat that required six stitches.

"I have received six reports on the incident and I want to know why this sort of conduct is permitted from members of our police force," Carbonell declared.

Incident Reported

The commissioner related the incident this way: The officer in question reportedly became intoxicated in the bar at the American Legion Home on Stock Island. He then went to another bar in the colored section of the city and "picked a fight." The result was that he was beaten and badly cut.

Carbonell added that, according to the reports he has received, the officer went to his car and returned bearing a gash.

"He threatened to kill them all," Carbonell stated.

A colored police officer then reportedly came on the scene and disarmed the officer. No arrests were made, according to available reports.

Questions Asked

"What I want to know is why that man is still on the police force, why no charges have been brought and why this sort of thing should be permitted when the police arrest people every day for things they are doing themselves," Carbonell continued.

"Things like this should never happen, the police are our good-will ambassadors—they have got to stop making monkeys of themselves in public," he added.

"I'm going to insist that these people appear before the city commission in open session," Carbonell stated.

He also said that he will make a formal request Monday night that two additional police officers be appointed to ease a reported manpower shortage in the department.

Chief Raymond Cabrera has repeatedly complained that he has been handicapped by a shortage of officers.

"We have got to get out of the village class—we are a city now," said Carbonell.

Jailed On Grand Larceny Charge

Edward Leon Robertson, 21, today was in the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond on a grand larceny charge in connection with a car theft.

Robertson yesterday was fined \$600 or sentenced to 180 days in city court on six charges ranging from being in a stolen car to carrying a concealed weapon, police said.

A hearing has been set for 10 a. m. Wednesday before Justice of the Peace Ira Albury. Robertson lives at 210 Truman Ave.

C. B. Harvey
Will Speak Over
WKWF
at
7:20 P.M.
Tomorrow
(Pd. Pol. Adv.)



VACATIONS HERE—Elmer Davis, prominent newsman from Washington, D. C., arrived here by bus last night for a ten-day vacation at the Key West.—Citizen Staff Photo, Finch.

Johns Favors Western Entry But No Expansion For Park

Fascell Clarifies Vote Eligibility Of Key Westers

Dante Fascell, Miami, a candidate for the Congress today clarified the voting eligibility of Key Westers who live on government property.

Fascell, who is seeking the Congressional seat being vacated by Bill Lantaff, cited a ruling of the attorney general which states that the persons living on property where the federal government has complete jurisdiction, can not register to vote in the May 4 primary election.

However, he pointed out that service personnel who do not reside on government property and can satisfy the state requirement of a year's residence in Florida and six months in Monroe County, can register and vote.

Poinciana residents are eligible to vote, he said, since they live on property which is leased to the government.

However, he pointed out, residents of housing projects including Sigbee Park, Peary Court, Rest Beach, Fort Taylor, the Seaplane Base and the East Martello trailer park may not register since they live on government property and cannot legally become residents of the State of Florida.

The question arose last year in the wake of an opinion given by the attorney general to officials of Esambia County. There are a large number of Naval personnel living in that county due to the presence of the huge base at Pensacola.

Jaycee Dinner Plans Advance

Reservations are being accepted for the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award dinner to be held in their Flagler Avenue clubhouse Wednesday, March 31.

Earlier it was reported that the dinner would be held March 24. This was in error, according to Jim Keen, chairman of the affair. The Jaycee Good Government Award will be presented to some public official at the dinner. Dancing will follow.

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Little Delores Home Tonight

A Monroe County Sheriff's car will meet tiny Delores Disgdiert tonight at the 29th Street Airport in Miami when she arrives from New York where she received treatment for an eye disease.

The girl, along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abelardo Disgdiert, are scheduled to arrive there aboard a safety airliner at about 8 p. m. They will then be whisked into Key West.

Surgeons, who treated her in New York, say that there is a good chance that the girl will gain normal vision in the future. She is slated to return to New York for further examination in about four months.

The Citizen sparked a drive for funds to finance her trip to New York for treatment.

State School Super Speaks Here Tonight

Will Be Dinner Guest Of Local Masonic Fraternity

Problems confronting Florida schools will be the topic of a talk tonight by Thomas D. Bailey, state superintendent of public instruction.

He will speak at 8:15 p. m. in the high school auditorium. Bailey, accompanied by Horace O'Bryant, county superintendent of public instruction, was due here this afternoon from Miami on the National Airlines flight.

O'Bryant was on the platform yesterday when Bailey addressed the Miami Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Reception Planned From Meacham Field, Bailey and O'Bryant will drive to the (Continued on Page Two)

KEY WEST'S TRAFFIC BOX SCORE

	March	Date
Accidents	38	137
Traffic Deaths	0	0
Traffic Injuries	8	20
Property Damage	\$9,587	\$38,003

Yesterday's accident involving a young bicycle rider illustrates tragically the need for intensive safety education among the city's youngsters.

There is a city law which prohibits two persons on a bicycle and also one which states bicycles must carry lights after dark.

Both were violated and the result was a serious accident.

And three other accidents yesterday were all caused by so-called "minor law violations," i. e., failure to stop for a sign, parking too far from the curb and backing out of a driveway without exercising proper care.

An article that ought to be required reading for all traffic law violators who think they are being persecuted by police appeared in last Sunday's This Week Magazine. Its title: "Why I'm a Tough Cop." It was written by a member of the Connecticut Highway Patrol.

SLEEPY THE SAILOR FACES B & E CHARGE

The sailor who was found asleep in the home of Rabbi Abraham Schwartz, 528 Simonton St., today faced charges of breaking and entering. He was being held in the county jail.

Police identified the man as William Kenneth Greener of the Naval Station. He was found asleep in a bedroom of the Rabbi's home.

AKES BOND

Nicholas Patrick Zoppi, 38, of 807 Eaton St., today was free in \$175 bond on charges of operating a motor vehicle with an improper license and using open profanity. Ira Albury, justice of the peace, issued the warrant, the sheriff's department said.

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Golan-Helberg-Conley To Give City Of Key West 70' \$2,000,000 Canal

Second Section To Be Started Immediately; Home Owners Can Have Yachts At Door-Step

City Commissioners and Planning Commissioners in joint special session last night approved a 70 foot canal gift that will eventually cost the Golan-Helberg-Conley group \$2,000,000.

Sunrise Shores section of 1200 feet cost \$50,000. And Chicago Industrialist A. E. Golan estimated that the total cost would run to \$2,000,000.

This canal will then be given outright to the City of Key West. Land on either side of the canal will, of course, remain the property of the group. The canal will be available for free use to the public.

Golan last night requested that a large area of the boulevard be zoned Business "A-1" and that the area be extended from 150' to 600' deep. He stated that he was making efforts to get a huge shopping area with sufficient parking in that section of the city.

Said Golan: "We gave the City of Key West, 500' on the boulevard. Who else ever made a gift to the City? We will put the canal in at a cost of \$2,000,000 and give that to the City."

Commissioner Jack Delaney wanted to know why wasn't the land platted so that fair taxes could be collected instead of left only as acreage at little taxes.

Golan replied that as the land becomes more developed it will bring more taxes and that their whole investment has been a gamble and an awful tough gamble. The Chicagoan said that it was not a one-way street at all, and cited cases where it is costing him \$2,500 to fill one lot, and that the sales price is \$500 below cost.

Chairman Cecil Carbonell of the Planning Commission was all for the Golan suggestions and championed the need for greater setbacks. He declared that a Key West developer had been turned down because of insufficient setbacks in the area across from the Boulevard Drive-In where 50 apartments were to have been built.

Land Given

It was brought out at the meeting that Mr. Conley had given six acres of land to the Catholic Church on the canal, and that Mr. Golan would give the Lutheran Church some additional land. Both churches would have to build a canal in front of their property to acquire title.

Businessman Golan made it plain that the city can expect to (Continued on Page Two)

Tony Pazo May Hold City Record For Most Arrests

Workers in the city hall were pondering today what figure is some kind of a record.

It's the record for the greatest number of arrests, believed to be held by one Tony Pazo, a frequent guest of the city in their jail.

Pazo was jailed Sunday and fined \$5 for being drunk and disorderly in city court at about 3 p. m. yesterday by Municipal Judge Enrique Esquinaldo, Jr. It marked his 78th arrest since 1945.

But that isn't all — at 5 p. m. yesterday Pazo was again jailed by Patrolmen Mario Santana on Duval Street — running his string up to 79 arrests and giving him the unofficial city record.

His cell-mates in the city jail were reportedly green with envy.

NOTICE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

This office is calling to the attention of anyone who is entitled to Homestead Exemption that April 1st is absolutely the deadline for filing.

CLAUDE A. CANDOLFO,
Tax Assessor.



HEAD FOSDICK SMASHES GAMING TABLE—Sheriff John Spottwood today took a fire axe to a dice table he and his deputies seized in a raid a few weeks ago. After the chopping, the remains of the table were burned.—Citizen Staff Photo, Finch.

Boy's Condition Remains Critical

A seven year old boy was seriously injured last night when he was struck by a car near the intersection of Fleming and Francis Streets.

Police said that the accident occurred when the boy, identified as Wayne Williams, 1110 Curry Lane, a passenger on a bicycle driven by a companion, darted out in front of a car driven by Julius Stone, 400 South Street, prominent Key West attorney. The companion, identified as Ronald Poindexter, 7, escaped injury.

Eye-witnesses to the mishap, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKitchen, 714 White Street, said that there was no way in which Mr. Stone could have avoided the accident.

Today, young William's condition remained critical in Monroe General Hospital. He suffered a fractured skull and other serious head injuries in the accident.

Stone said today that he and his wife were out for their usual evening drive and had just gotten underway after stopping for a sign at Fleming and Francis Streets when the bicycle bearing the youths darted out of a lane.

He estimated his speed at not more than 10 miles per hour at the time of the mishap. Stone immediately stopped the car and found the boy lying on the ground near the rear wheel. He rushed the boy to the Monroe General Hospital.

Stone said that although he had his lights on—the accident occurred at dusk—he was unable to avoid hitting the boy.

Physicians performed emergency surgery last night and placed the boy on the critical list.

Young Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Williams, of the Curry Lane address.



SAFETY MINDED—These members of the Truman Elementary School Safety Patrol observed first-hand yesterday the working of the city's traffic court. Shown with Municipal Judge Enrique Esquinaldo, Jr., are Joyce Galvin, Sheila Munro, Judith Birch, Freda Wolf and George Anderson.—Citizen Staff Photo.