



FRANK CHAPEL, personnel manager (top) sneaks a peak through the back window at the telephoné system of Black Beauty (bottom) which was displayed at Chrysler yesterday. (Morning Times Photos by Ed Hubbard)

A 'Beauty' of a chase

Hornet's auto 'bugs' reporter

By BILL HANGLE
Times Staff Editor

The Green Hornet's famous "Black Beauty" super-car was spotted by this reporter speeding down U.S. 31 bypass here yesterday afternoon with a strange crowd of followers.

With a twitch of the ole news-nose it was apparent that something was up. And, it must be something BIG to warrant the use of the Green Hornet's car. Speeding full throttle in my minibus with camera glued to eye and pencil in hand, I strived to investigate this

weird event. I -- a meek reporter -- was on to a hot scoop.

After blowing a gasket, receiving a black eye and jamming the pencil into my left hand, I noted the "Black Beauty" had come to a halt at the gates to the enormous Chrysler industrial complex.

Mustering up what little courage I have I approached the awesome auto. It was big, black and full of gadgets.

I shuttered, shook and otherwise had convulsions in realization that the Green Hornet must indeed be dealing

with an industrial spy on the grounds of Chrysler's security plant.

It was at this point that John Walters, the professional public relations man at the plant, explained to me that the car was "on show" for plant employes. This, because after all, it is they who made the auto's V-8 440 cubic inch super engine.

Well shoot, I thought. I had just lost a page one banner story.

But, on further examination and with prompted thought it dawned on me that the car -- without the Green Hornet's

occupancy -- was a pretty decent story.

Steve Tansley, a Tipton bred lad, was at the wheel of the auto. He has been assigned to chauffeur the car to auto shows, fairs, auto dealers' showrooms and to otherwise give the car a good showing to fans and curious minded persons alike.

He volunteered to demonstrate the many unusual facets of the \$35,000 customized Chrysler Imperial auto. To do so, he placed himself in the rear seat and opened an instrument

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Scores killed, hundreds hurt in Illinois twister

Tornadoes hit Belvidere and Chicago

CHICAGO (UPI) — Eighteen tornadoes ravaged northern Illinois Friday night in the worst weather disaster in the area's history, killing scores of persons and injuring hundreds.

At least 54 persons were known dead. Sheriff Joseph Woods said the death toll in Cook County alone probably would exceed 100.

In Belvidere, Ill., 55 miles northwest of Chicago, at least 20 persons were dead, Mayor Clair M. Hetland said. "Scores of children" were missing and he feared they might be dead.

National Guardsmen were ordered into three Chicago suburbs and into Belvidere. Looting was reported in the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn. Woods ordered all looters shot on sight!

High schools were smashed in both Belvidere and Oak Lawn and many of the dead were teenagers. A roller skating rink was flattened in the Oak Lawn area and some of the dead were taken to temporary morgues, still wearing skates.

A group of grade school children were reported skating at the rink at the time the twister struck. Parents tried to get through to police stations to learn if their children were safe.

The transmitter of Chicago radio station WNUS was disabled and the city's only all-news station went off the air at 6:31 p.m.

The tornado outbreak came after the weather bureau had issued several warnings that conditions seemed to be ideal for twisters. Several tornadoes were reported in states surrounding Illinois, but none apparently took any lives.

Hours after the all-clear in Illinois, however, there still were tornado alerts in effect in nearby areas.

There were so many tornadoes officials feared it would be well into Saturday before a complete toll would be known.

The storms were the worst to hit Illinois since 1925, when 606 persons were killed in southern Illinois. In 1920, there were 28 persons killed in northern Illinois' Dupage, Cook and Will counties.

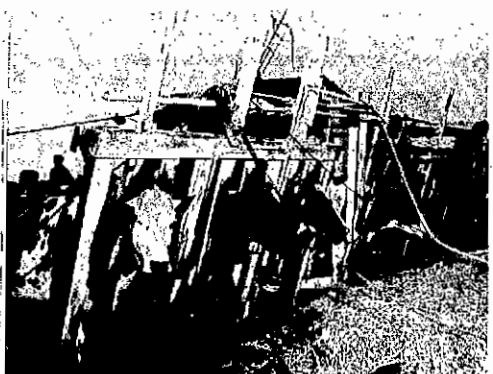
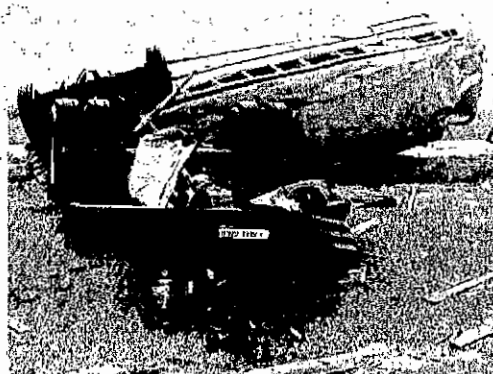
There was not enough warning for the students at Belvidere High School, who were just finishing up their classroom chores.

Jan Aten, 15, son of the Boone County sheriff, said he saw a black cloud and ran to the cafeteria and lined up against a wall. Many students, young Aten said, sought refuge behind the book shelves of the school library. But the room's large windows were blown in and many were cut by flying glass.

After the twister passed, the stunned survivors picked themselves up and sought out their classmates. Jean Cranston, 15, told what she saw: "They were lying all over. Their faces were mostly covered with blood..."

Before striking the high school—a brand new building—the tornado hit Belvidere's Chrysler plant west of town. Then it wiped out a shopping center.

At Harvard, Ill., lightning reportedly hit a bus loaded with children and injured nine of



WRECKAGE OF a school bus (upper left) lies near Harvard. Bus driver Boyd Jones saw the tornado coming, emptied the bus of children and told them to lie in a ditch. None were seriously injured. (Upper right) A row of cows munched their hay in stanchions after a twister lifted the barn over them near Harvard, Ill., and spread it in a nearby

field. (Lower left) Rescue workers dig through a trailer park in which 200 mobile homes were smashed. (Lower right) A woman surveys what is left of her home at Oak Lawn. Insert shows prime areas hit. (UPI Telephoto)

Tornado watch was in effect

All of central Indiana was placed under a tornado watch by the U.S. Weather Bureau shortly after 11 p.m. last night. The watch was set to expire at 4 a.m. this morning.

Included in the forecast by the weather bureau was the threat of one or two isolated tornadoes during the five-hour period with severe thunderstorms, hail, and damaging wind. The watch was in effect for an area along a line from 20 miles northwest of Indianapolis to 50 miles southeast of Cleveland, Ohio.

A tornado watch is issued when conditions are right for possible tornadoes but none have been spotted.

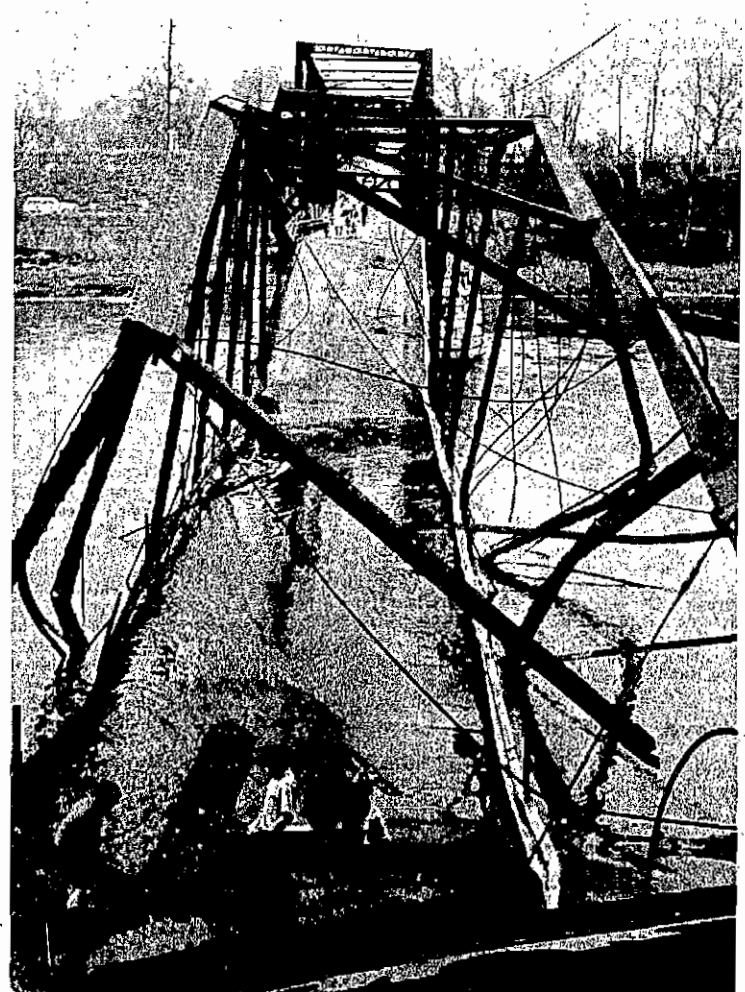
A tornado touched down in Jefferson County community Friday night, injuring at least seven persons, damaging at least seven person, damaging at least one house, and hurling a compact car 300 feet.

One principal in shooting here pleads guilty

Jonah Carter, 33, Michigan City, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of carrying a pistol without a license when he appeared before Judge Frank V. Dice in Miami Circuit Court Thursday afternoon.

The case was venue to Peru from Howard County.

Carter and James Patterson, 20, of 1051 E. Havens St., Kokomo, were both indicted on the same charge by a Howard County Grand Jury in the death of Albert ("Rabbit") Reece, 41, 705 E. Broadway, Kokomo, which occurred during a fight at a garage in Kokomo on Oct. 15.



Man killed, bridge destroyed

Children play where hours before a Logansport man met instant death. Robert C. Todd, 32, 2313 Brookwood Dr., struck a railing of the Davis St. Bridge and plunged his 1962 panel truck into the Eel River, as the south span of the bridge collapsed into the water. Todd is survived by his wife, his parents, and two sons. Story, page 2. (Morning Times Photo by Ed Hubbard)

Department, drug, variety and grocery stores join Sears

The names of several other firms expected to locate in the new 25-acre Markland Mall Shopping Center at the southwest corner of U.S. 31 Bypass and Markland Avenue were released yesterday by Fred Simon, vice-president in charge of leasing, of Melvin Simon and Associates, Inc., the Indianapolis developers of the shopping center.

Sears and Roebuck Co., now located in downtown Kokomo, had announced their intentions of moving into the new shopping center several weeks ago.

Simon indicated that already committed, along with Sears, which will operate an 105,000 square foot store, are: a second Indianapolis-based department store, believed to be Block's (80,000 square feet); a Kroger Company supermarket (18,000 square feet); Superx Drug Company (10,000 square feet); Danner's Variety Store (25,000 square feet); and Goodman Jewelry Company (3,000 square feet).

Simon said yesterday, "The new shopping center will be the first climate-controlled, heated and air conditioned covered mall shopping center within a 75-mile radius of Kokomo. This shopping center will be a mix-

ture of many national, regional and local merchants and will consist of approximately 45 separate units."

Construction of the new shopping center is expected to begin by June of this year with a scheduled completion date of August, 1968.

Simon said other new features of the shopping center will be:

- A modern theatre featuring twin screen rocking-chair seating and a smoking section.
- The Roselyn Bakeries of Indianapolis.
- The Swiss Colony (gourmet food and cheese shop).
- A Union Bank and Trust Company branch bank.
- A specialty candy operation.
- A large restaurant.

He also indicated that lease negotiations are now going on with the following chains: Schliff Shoes (popular-priced family shoe store); Miller-Wohl (popular-priced dress store); and The Singer Company.

Simon said that talks are continuing with many of the local Kokomo merchants and the indications are there will be several of the leading stores in the Kokomo area joining the shopping center.

Chrysler or Ford picked as likely strike targets by UAW's Reuther

DETROIT (UPI) — The special bargaining convention of the United Auto Workers union Friday overwhelmingly adopted President Walter P. Reuther's flexible series of contract demands he will make to the auto companies at the bargaining table this summer.

Reuther indicated the UAW might pick either Chrysler Corp. or Ford Motor Co. as its strike target in the negotiations for new contracts. He said the union might have to steer clear of General Motors Corp. because of its size and its heavy defense commitments.

The convention voted down resolutions which would have tied the union bargaining committee to demand a 35-hour work week and early retirement for workers with 30 years service, regardless of age, on pensions of up to \$400 a month.

The 35 generalized aims were adopted with less than 10 of the 3,000 delegates objecting.

Reuther spent 30 minutes urging the delegates to support his principle of going to the bargaining table with flexible demands.

The UAW picks one company of the three major auto producers at each negotiating time as its "target." The strategy is to put so much pressure on one of the three that the other two will be hesitant to take a bargaining position that might hurt one of their fellow companies.

GM was the strike target in 1961 and Chrysler was chosen in 1964.

Reuther said GM supplied such a large percentage of parts to its competitors that a strike against GM would be tantamount to a strike against the entire industry.

He said GM's defense work involvement could bring a Taft-Hartley injunction in the event of a UAW strike. He indicated that regardless of who becomes the strike target, however, defense related installations would not be affected.

Friday's session was interrupted for 30 minutes when a band of rank-and-file members paraded into the convention hall demanding a strong stand at the bargaining table.

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Disposing of disposables

A scale model of a modern municipal incinerator is viewed by participants in a one-day conference on waste disposal at the Indiana University Kokomo Campus yesterday. Representatives from Kokomo, Peru, Tipton, Delphi, Anderson, Frankfort, Muncie, Wabash, Marion, and Richmond were invited to the I.U.-sponsored conference. Shown, left to right, are: John Jones, superintendent of the Kokomo municipal sewage plant; James Cowhey of the Metropolitan Disposal System of Chicago; Dr. B. R. Davidson Jr., director of the conference and assistant professor of government at the Kokomo Campus; and Dr. John F. Schaeffer of the University of Chicago Center for Urban Studies. (Morning Times Photo by Ed Hubbard)

8 Kokomo firms hit by burglars Friday

By DAVE ASHENFELTER
Morning Times Staff Writer

Burglars fled with over \$500 in cash and valuables following eight breakins early yesterday morning. Over \$300 of the total was taken from Tractor Supply, 310 S. Union.

According to police, several

transistor radios, watches, pocket knives and two walkie-talkies were taken from the supply company after burglars entered the building through an exhaust fan.

Some of the valuables taken included six men's and women's Gruen watches. About eight Semnole transistor radios were taken and two Hallcraft walkie-talkies.

The Steak Diner, 620 N. Main lost \$140 after burglars entered the building through the front door and pried open a juke box and cigarette machine.

A breakin at the Apperson Way Inn, 608 N. Apperson Way, resulted in the theft of \$60 from two vending machines.

Burglars broke into Dr. George M. Jewell's office, Armstrong Landon Building and, according to police, left by a fire escape. Police said nothing appeared to be missing from the office.

Burglars gained entry to the Snappy Burger, 1503 Davis Road, after breaking a window at the north side of the building. Police said that an undetermined amount of money was missing from a vending machine burglars pried open.

Patrolman Thomas Cooper, who investigated the breakin, said it was similar to a breakin at the Dairy Queen, 2018 N. Washington, where burglars broke a glass door to the building and pried open two vending machines.

A vending machine at Caskey's Pure Oil, 719 N. Washington, was pried open after burglars gained entry to the building after breaking a window at the north side of the building. An undetermined amount of money was reported missing from the station. It was the third breakin at the service station within several months.

About \$8 was taken from Hefty's Tavern, 1105 N. Main, after burglars broke a glass in the front door of the building and crawled inside the building. A vending machine inside the building was pried open, police said.

According to Capt. Andrew Castner, police arrived minutes after the burglary occurred. The breakin was discovered shortly before 6 a.m. A Morning Times paperboy told police the building was alright when he passed a paper at the tavern about 5:30 a.m.

Witness disputes state's acid evidence in Coppolino trial

NAPLES, Fla. (UPI) — The star medical witness for the defense accused the state Friday of using unscientific methods in trying to prove that Dr. Carl A. Coppolino murdered his first wife with an overdose of drugs.

The testimony by Dr. Francis F. Foides, chief of the anesthesiology division at Montefiore Hospital in New York, struck at the very heart of the state's case, which is built on the findings of Charles J. Umberger, a toxicologist for the New York City medical examiner's office.

Umberger testified for the prosecution that he had found measurable amounts of succinic acid in the brain tissue of

Carmela Coppolino. The state charges Coppolino injected the 32-year-old woman with a fatal dose of succinylcholine chloride Aug. 28, 1965 so she could collect \$65,000 in insurance he held on her life and be free to marry an attractive divorcee.

Foides derided Umberger's methods for testing Carmela's brain for succinic acid, one of the two components of succinylcholine chloride.

"I don't think this is a scientific test," the doctor said, while admitting that at no time in his own tests on Carmela's brain did he look for succinic acid.

"I disagree with his methods

of determining succinic acid and coming to the conclusion that the succinic acid he found was the succinic acid injected," Foides said.

He contended the methods used by Umberger couldn't determine the amount of succinic acid in Carmela's brain, nor whether the level of succinic acid was above the natural content of such acid in her brain.

"If he (Umberger) would come up with the findings and say conclusively that he got everything he was looking for, but when he has to multiply by three that is not a scientific method," said Foides.

Man reported stabbed here by unknowns

James Kinsey, 26, 309 S. Calumet, refused to be transported to the hospital by first aid crewmen last night after reportedly being stabbed several times by an unknown assailant.

Patrolman Ronald Whittaker and Richard East told The Times that Kinsey had been stabbed in the 300 Block of South Jackson about 4:30 p.m. His wife, who apparently was worried about her husband's condition, called first aid crewmen. They, in turn, called police.

First aid crewmen commented that Kinsey suffered two puncture wounds on the right leg, a three-inch cut above the knee on the left leg, and other stab wounds to the left hand. None were considered serious.

Police said Kinsey was unable to relate any details on the attack and the case was still under investigation at press-time last night.

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year it is on four and under the care of Tansey.

Customizing of the auto required seven weeks and \$35,000. It contains three special batteries and 7,000 electrical components. It was built by Dean Jeffries of Hollywood, Calif.

On hand to show the auto were Frank Chapel, plant man in charge of personnel, and Walters. Naturally a crowd of employees flocked to view their pride and joy -- a Chrysler product.

As for myself, I got a thrill out of seeing the "Black Beauty."

But gee, I sure would like to have had a first-hand scoop as the Hornet cracked the case of the industrial spy at Kokomo's Chrysler plant yesterday.

More about: Scores killed (Continued from page 1)

A rash of tornadoes blasted scores of northern Illinois communities Friday night. Several deaths and perhaps hundreds of injured were reported.

Police at Belvidere, 55 miles northwest of Chicago, said at least nine persons were killed, six of them school students trapped in a high school.

Hospitals in the areas hit were overflowing with injured. At Harvard, Ill., lightning reportedly hit a bus loaded with children and injured nine of them.

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compartment with many switches, knobs and dials.

To summarize what the car can do would be to borrow a phrase from the Hornet's co-crime fighter Batman . . . "Holy wow!"

It has brooms which sweep clean any traces of the autos' tire tracks, front and rear rocket throwers, radar scanner built into the trunk, front and rear gas guns . . .

the car over in certain movie scenes. All of this not to mention that the roof of the car has been lengthened by a foot, and that it is built for racing speeds.

Tansey, who stores the car in a specially built trailer, makes Tipton his home base for tour and promotion travels. He admits that the job is fun and that he enjoys watching others enjoying inspection of the unique auto.

Actual use of the car by Twentieth Century Fox, its owner, is only for three or four weeks during the summer. Different views and scenes involving the car are filmed at that time and are then worked into episodes of the weekly television show. The remainder of the

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