

Weather

Partly cloudy and cold tonight with low temperatures between 17 and 22. Saturday will be mostly sunny with high in the upper 30s.

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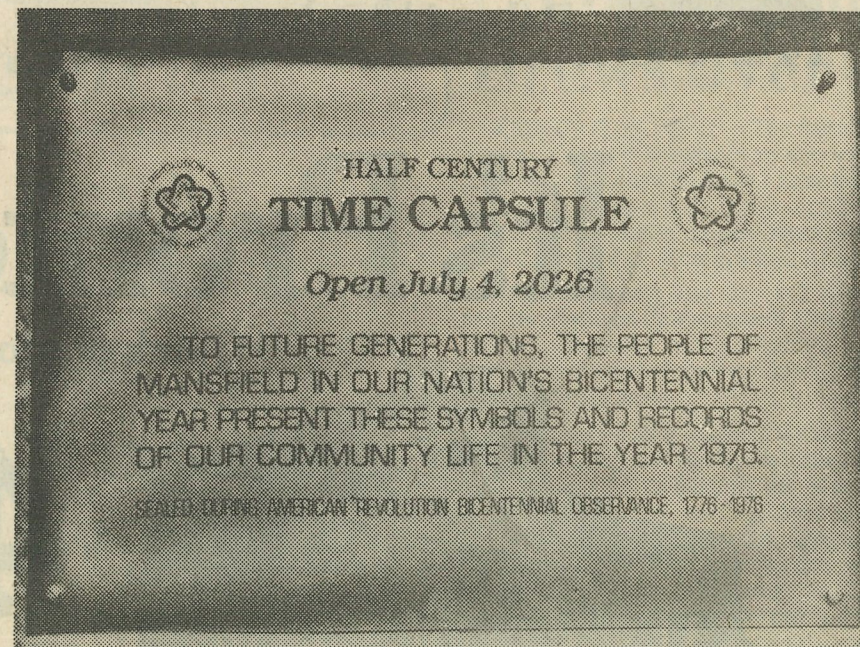


Ceremonies At City Hall

One of the last acts of the Bicentennial year was tied to a ceremony marking the city's future. Mayor Richard Porter and Albert Allen of the Bicentennial Committee placed a time capsule yesterday into a pillar in front of the new city building.

Prior to the enclosing of the capsule, ceremonies were held as the date stone of the new city hall was unveiled.

The time capsule, which is to be opened in 50 years, contains a Bicentennial medal, campaign buttons, histories of the city and county and copies of The News Journal. (Photos by Jeff Sprang)



Man, 19, Held Crime Spree Leaves at Least Two People Dead

By Tom Brennan

A 19-year-old Mansfield man is being held in Guernsey County Jail today following a three-state crime spree that left at least two persons dead.

Held in connection with the shooting deaths of Gloria Williams, 14, of Mansfield, and Clarence Seigman, 70, of Cincinnati, is Ralph Dean, 19.

Dean, who has been sought for the Williams death since Wednesday, was arrested by the highway patrol on Interstate 77 in Cambridge at 1:40 a.m. today.

Police said that when Dean was arrested, he said he had killed a third person. Police said Dean claimed to have killed "a girl up north of Mansfield." Officers said they have no report of a

third slaying, adding there could be some confusion with the Williams death.

The arrest climaxed what police believe is a series of crimes that began on Tuesday with the shooting death of the Williams girl. The spree extended into Kentucky and Michigan and involved auto theft, kidnaping and hijacking.

The Williams girl, a known associate of Dean, was found dead in a quarry near Fifth Ave. on Wednesday. She had been shot six times in the head. Authorities said she had been dead since Tuesday.

On Wednesday, state police in Dry Ridge, Ky., found Seigman dead in a ditch about 40 miles south of Cincinnati. He was shot four times in the head and his car was stolen.

Mansfield police have been in contact with state police in Kentucky and report that Dean is a suspect in the Seigman death.

Kentucky authorities said the suspect in the shooting wrecked Seigman's car near Owenton, Ky. The suspect then stole a pick-up truck and later abandoned it in the same community.

Yesterday, police said Dean turned up in Jackson, Mich., and forced a cab driver, Franklin Carter, 28, to drive him back to Mansfield. Police said Dean made the trip in the back seat holding a gun on Carter.

The cab arrived in Mansfield about 9:30 p.m. and Dean ordered Carter to pull off along North Main St., officers

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Murder Suspect Calm In Using Gun To Get Keys to Family's Car

By Ron Rutti

Frank Nezrick answered a knock on his door at 10:15 last night and because of dim lighting on his porch mistook the visitor for his son-in-law.

As Nezrick and his wife were soon to find out, the stranger was 19-year-old Ralph Edward Dean, sought since Wednesday for the murder of a 14-year-old Mansfield girl.

"He wasn't mean. He was very calm," reflected Nezrick today as he sat clothed in a bathrobe in his living room.

The recent retiree from the Mansfield Tire & Rubber Co. recalled the man at the door wanted to use his phone be-

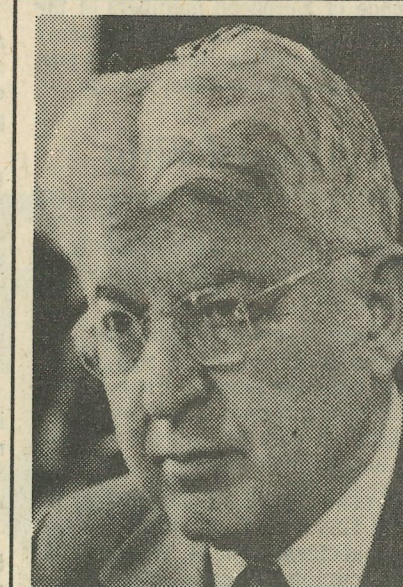
from my head and went down." His wife, Katherine, began to sob.

Nezrick estimates Dean was at his 319 Fourth Ave. home for 10 minutes, "but who really knows the time? When something like that happens you can't keep track of time."

He is also unsure of what clothes Dean had on. "The police asked for a description — did he have a cap on? How can I notice any of this when he is holding a gun on us?"

The couple said Dean told them he did not want to harm them and asked that the car keys be placed on the couch.

Nezrick said he told Dean he would not



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