

## Onward Echoes the Story: The Study of Religion amid Miami's narrative of Justice & Change

### KhAOS In Middletown

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MIAMI UNIVERSITY  
OXFORD, OHIO

OCTOBER 24, 1970

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Miami University was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, 1970, in the Board of Trustees' Room of Roudebush Hall, Oxford, Ohio, with Chairman Amos presiding. Mrs. Cooks opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

The roll was called by Secretary Beckett, and the following members were present:

J. Oliver Amos	J. Paul McNamara
William Beckett	Curry W. Stoup
Lucile C. Cooks	Arthur G. Thatcher

The Chairman declared that six members were present, constituting a quorum. Also present were President Shriver; Vice Presidents Brown, Dolibois, Etheridge, and Goggin; Mr. Howard; a University Council representative (Professor David F. Griffing); and student representatives from the Miami Student, Student Senate, and Men's Inter-Residence Council.

Upon motion by Mr. Thatcher, seconded by Mr. McNamara, the Board unanimously ratified all actions taken at the September 11, 1970, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Dolibois gave a progress report on the Miami University Fund.

Mr. Dolibois reported that Mr. Charles M. Messer, Chairman of the Board of Frank Messer & Sons, Inc., has offered as a gift to Miami University his collection of Leica cameras, lenses, and other accessories. All items in the museum collection are collector's items not currently being manufactured; the collection is said to be one of the most complete in the world and is valued at approximately \$200,000. Mr. Stoup moved, Mrs. Cooks seconded, and the Board unanimously approved that the gift of the "Charles M. Messer Leica Camera Collection" be accepted.

Mr. Beckett moved, Mr. Thatcher seconded, and it was unanimously carried that Resolution R71-43 be approved.

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University and concerning the need to develop a segment of Miami's curriculum having particular relevance to black students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is the policy of Miami University that the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry of a person shall not be used as a criterion to determine his ability to fill any position for which he is a candidate.

Mr. McNamara moved, Mr. Stoup seconded, and the adoption of Resolution R71-44 was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION R71-44

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Board of Trustees of Miami University that former Board member, Lloyd H. O'Hara, shall be and he hereby is designated as the representative of Miami University and he hereby is authorized to execute the attached Conciliation Agreement with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission on behalf of Miami University, with the understanding that Resolution R71-43 adopted by this Board of Trustees at its meeting held on Saturday, October 24, 1970, copy of which is attached to said Conciliation Agreement, is intended to satisfy the requirements of Paragraph IIIA of said Conciliation Agreement.

RESOLUTION R71-43

WHEREAS, complaint has been filed with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission by Adrian L. Justice against Miami University et al. alleging discriminatory employment practices on the part of Miami University;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Miami University to correct any misunderstanding concerning its employment practices and to clearly establish and define same with reference to civil rights matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Board of Trustees of Miami University that the reference contained in its minutes dated March 22, 1969, to a black recruitment program, to-wit:

Mr. O'Hara paraphrased the thinking of the Board as it relates to Black students. The trustees are in great sympathy with the idea of having a director of Black Student Affairs, though the exact structuring for such an office has not yet been resolved. In general, the Board favors a Black recruitment program under the direction of a Black recruitment specialist, additional Black faculty members, and development of curriculum having particular relevance to Black students.

was not intended to indicate that the black recruitment specialist should be a member of the black race but rather that the individual sought was to be a specialist in matters of recruiting black students regardless of his color or race.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the above cited reference to the minutes of this Board dated March 22, 1969, was intended to set forth the genuine concern of the Board of Trustees of Miami University relative to the disproportionate number of white students and white faculty members as against the number of black students and black faculty members at Miami

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## MIDDLETOWN WORKS

William Hollenbaugh, Hot Mill, to Miss Alice Huntsbarger, May 4, 1929.

Corbett Manning, Maintenance, to Miss Mina Lee Riley, April 27, 1929.

## NELLIS MINES

Coy Walker to Miss Mamie Abshire

## ZANESVILLE PLANT

Dwight Greene, Hot Mill, to Miss Eva Pickens, April 29, 1929.

Kenneth W. Bateson, Pickler and Scrubber, to Miss Mary Hannah Neal, April 27, 1929.

## Armco Babies

## GIRLS

## Nellis

Frank Wade  
Robert M. Cuninghame

## Butler

A. C. Kemppling, General Labor  
Roy Morrow, Strip Mill Electric  
Jake Green, Wheel Works Electric  
Lawrence Angent, Strip Mill Elec.  
Chester Cypher, Cold Rolls

## Ashland

George Wilhoit, Grey Iron Foundry  
Simon Stepp, Sheet Mill (twins)

## Zanesville

Donald Grant, Hot Mill

## Middletown

Fred Creech, Processing  
Robert L. Moore, Shipping  
Charles A. Price, Maintenance  
Butler Rothwell, Processing  
Charlie Nickell, Finishing  
Norman Gullett, Maintenance  
Millard Foster, Maintenance  
Harry Dyer, Maintenance  
David Armbruster, Maintenance  
Wm. Daniel Gibson, Hot Mill  
John Mato, Hot Mill (twin)

## BOYS

## Ashland

Wm. Stephenson, 23rd St. Works  
James B. Jordan, Supply Store  
Fred Cornwell, Mech. Maint.  
Chas. G. Adkins, Trans. and Labor  
Willis G. Callahan, Quality  
R. Thomas McClure, Processing

## Nellis

William H. Bowen  
Everett W. Hunter  
Andrew Tuck  
Ray Harless

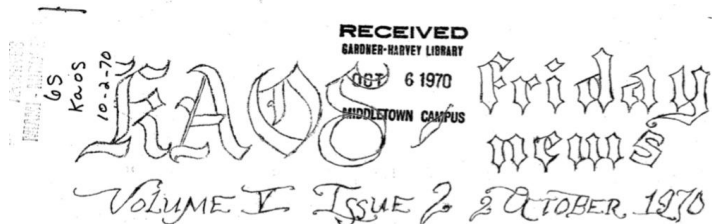
## Middletown

Lurma McGuire, Hot Mill  
DeWitt Perkins, Inspection  
Press Miller, Maintenance  
Roy Justice, Maintenance  
Lewis C. King, General Labor  
Hendricks Downing, Hot Mill  
Vernon A. Barnett, Galvanizing  
Wynne Alexander, Maintenance  
Walter Acra, Maintenance  
Walter Johnson, Processing  
John Mato, Hot Mill (twin)

## Zanesville

Harold Tubbs, Mech. Dept.

"June, 1929 Armco Bulletin. Roy Justice"  
(Adrian's Father)



## BIAS CHARGE INVOLVES DR. BENNETT HERE

Adrian Justice of Middletown, area director of the United Citizens Council of Amerika, has included Dr. Eugene Bennett Campus Director, as a respondent in a complaint to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

The complaint, filed one year ago today, contains allegations that Miami University President Phillip Shriver, the Miami faculty and trustees, used discriminatory hiring practices in employing Dr. Kenneth McDowell as director of Miami's Office of Black Student Affairs; W. Sherman Jackson as a black teacher of black history and a black, name unknown, as director of an Economic Opportunity Program.

It also alleges "racist intent" was Dr. Bennett's motive in an unsuccessful attempt two years ago to recruit black students to this campus from the Middletown area.

The DBSA is now called the Office of Minority Student Affairs and the EOP mentioned in the complaint is in actuality, the Educational Opportunity Program.

Justice claims whites were discriminated against in the hiring and that "racist intent, the financial and academic concessions... surely establish discrimination in student recruitment and hiring of Negro instructors."

The complaint, according to Dr. Bennett is simply an attempt by the UCCA to keep their views publicized. "Carried to the ridiculous," he said, "I suppose Women's Lib might charge discrimination in the hiring of a man as football coach."

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission has found "probable cause" in the allegations against the University and is seeking a conciliation.

## BLACK STUDENTS PLAN ACTIVE YEAR

BSAA (Black Students Action Association) has begun their second year here at MU-M.

They will be lead by Harold Jormen President; Ron Banks, Vice President; Dora Derrico, Secretary; Phil Bowden, Treasurer; and Don Bryant, Public Relations.

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## FIELDHOUSE COMING

An architect has been contracted and will soon visit the area behind Science and Tech. to look over the site of the recently approved Middletown Campus Fieldhouse.

The new structure will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 and is expected to be completed sometime during the 1971-72 school year. The state turned down the University's request last spring to use the money for such a project, then in August, changed their mind and released the funds.

"This will be a utilitarian structure, not a landmark," said Dr. Eugene Bennett, Campus Director, and will be used first for intramurals and individuals and secondly for official teams. Only a few hundred seats will be provided in the new building.

Not all of the half-million appropriated will go into the new facility. Some remodeling of S & T classrooms is taking part of the money and there are plans to enclose the patio of the library next to the periodical and reading room.

The site chosen for the fieldhouse was one of five considered. Plans call for extension of the street on the side of S & T and its eventual connection with the street around the student center. It was pointed out that a minimum number of trees will come down in the area.

## SENATE MAKE CHANGES

Election hassles from last spring's election have finally been cleared away with the appointment of Senators Tom Allen and Ralph Schirmer as Treasurer and Secretary.

The Treasurer's office was left vacant last year after the top vote-getter was declared ineligible. The elected Secretary, Greg Coules, is no longer in school on this campus. Allen and Schirmer will remain in their new offices until the end of the school year and the next highest vote getters among last spring's Senate candidates will move up and take their seats.

In other action, Student Senate made amendments to the by-laws of the Constitution (continued on page 3)

"United Citizens Council of Amerika"

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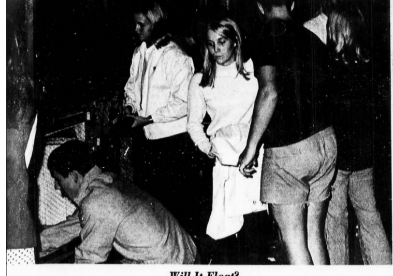
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Will It Float?

Signs to supply the booze and Ted's dad that include trash on one of the center is tomorrow's Homecoming Day parade. Photo of you and High Street and around the football stadium beginning at noon. — Photo by Holmes

Snake Dance, Bonfire Kickoff Activities Homecoming Cass 'On Air' Tonight

## Nine Go Unopposed

# Twenty-Two Percent Vote, Elect First Quarter Senate

By HELEN KATZ

Student Senate Elections yesterday saw 2,645 students place 30 names in positions for at least one quarter.

Twenty-two percent of the student body cast a ballot. In District 24, no votes were cast; in District 26, 24 votes and in District 26, 40 votes were cast.

## Chest Begins Early Drive, T-Shirt Sale

The advanced gifts drive, locally done will begin several weeks prior to the actual drive to encourage support from student leaders and faculty members.

These supplementary drives will begin several weeks prior to the actual drive to encourage support from student leaders and faculty members.

The advanced gifts drive is a program directed to campus organizations. Coordinators Paul Coney and Larry Perkins will meet with each organization on campus to discuss plans about the Chest and receive their orders.

Representing District 1 is Dave Frank; District 2, Dave O'Leary; District 3, Randy Bradford; District 4, Carl Schaefer; District 5, John Finner; District 6, Sue Roberts; District 7, Dave Squire; District 8, Kirby Thomas; District 9, Eric Bonstead; District 10, Bob Weathers.

Winners from District 11, Belinda Baroff; District 12, Mary Lynn Gennard; District 13, Amy Kelly; District 14, Beth Roth; District 15, Carolyn Gilbert; District 16, David Lightner; District 17, Bob Holman; District 18, Art Stittman.

District 19, Larry Zeman; District 20, Ron Kington; District 21, Mel Lewis; District 22, Skip Thurmer; District 23, Sally Muring; District 24, Jim Beader; District 25, Chris Bader; District 26, Charles

McCarthy, and all others who submitted their names.

Further election results are available on Page 2 of today's STUBS.

The new session will meet for the first time Sunday at 3 p.m. for an informal get-together. The first formal meeting will be held Mon., Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in 204 Harmon.

There is a vice-president, the Hall committee, "House" Executive Board, a very powerful force in the real world work and home effort that the election chairman, Lee Mansfield, Gene Lutz, Debbie Price and also John McCarthy, you.

He also voted, thanks to Alpha Phi Omega, Adept Flight, Owen, and Spens, and all others who submitted their names.

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## Focus: MIDDLETOWN

"He is facing, daily and nightly, people who would gladly see him dead, and he knows it. He moves through Harlem, therefore, like an occupying soldier in a bitterly hostile country, which is precisely what, and where, he is."

—Nobody Knows My Name by James Baldwin

Between soldier and psychologist, soldier and sociologist, soldier and solace, it's a thin, blue line. And though he may be cast as the practical psychologist, street corner sociologist, and thankless solace, the cop in the city is a civil soldier. Most often the skirmishes are isolated, the artillery light, and the policeman involved are few in number. Too often the confrontations are more open. Amid the rubble of Watts, Harlem, Roxbury Hough and Dixie Hills breeds the fear of the more devastating conflagrations yet to come.

"When we speak of problems "Inside Middletown" I am reminded that there are no distinct boundary lines that can keep a problem either inside or outside Middletown. As a policeman, the same things that affect a policeman in New York, Cincinnati, or Chicago also affect a policeman in Middletown."

James R. Howerton Chief of Police, Middletown, Ohio

## STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

(taken from the minutes of the Council for Human Dignity, Sept. 17, 1968)

Relationships between Middletown Police Department and the black community are at best estranged. And the unrest is growing.

"It has become apparent that since an incident involving a teenager by the name of Tim Graham, the south end of the city of Middletown has become a target of undue police activity of a nature that is in violation of the rights of any citizen in any community. Inasmuch as we wish to maintain the highest degree of respect for our police and law-enforcing agencies, the Middletown Council for Human Dignity called a meeting at the Community Center on September 17, 1968 at 7:30 p.m. to weigh the degree of pressures made upon the citizens of the south end by the police. The meeting was conducted by Elder Rudolph Pringle in the absence of the Chairman, Rev. James Holloman. As no representative from the police department was present, Elder Pringle asked that we present our grievances in order that the pulse beat of the community might be felt. The highlights are summarized below:

There is an excessive amount of police patrolling in the south end

with squad cars and station wagons carrying three to four police equipped with shot guns. It was noted by Mr. Bruce Baker that police came past the Community Center twelve times in one hour. There were approximately 150 children there attending an after-the-game dance.

There is continuous harassment of teenagers by officers who stop and search them for no obvious reason. One incident involved a young man by the name of Ronnie Andrews who reportedly was searched three times before he could reach his home after being told to "go home" by the officers.

Police are following children home, sitting in front of their homes for lengthy periods of time seemingly just to create a problem or aggravate the situation.

Police are riding through alleys — shot guns loaded with lights out creating a police state for no apparent reason.

For a simple I.D. check, police have reportedly entered the Web with billie clubs in hand or with their hands on their guns.

In essence, there is more police harassment than brutality, however, the youth of the community are aggravated and quite restless. It has become dangerous for a child to walk the street alone at night as evidenced by the concern of men in the community who personally escort children to and from the games and dances to protect them from the police."

## Police Rebutal

(taken from an account of a meeting between policemen and City Commission as presented in the Middletown Journal, September 4, 1968)

Capt. Robert Walton: "The police know they are purposely being 'baited' in many south end confrontations. Officers have been enraged later on having to exercise restraint when faced by a taunting crowd.

He cited as an example the teenage Negro boy who urinated in the street last weekend in the presence of a mixed crowd of men and women and in front of police. Walton said a white man doing that would have been thrown in jail.

The captain said police are rapidly tiring of having to back away from confrontations and deeds that would not be tolerated in other parts of the city.

Chief of Police, James R. Howerton, was asked to prepare for City Commission a report on exactly what he

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## Summation

(Taken from a speech by John Henry Barnes as presented to D. Kothe, City Manager, October 9, 1968) —

"I say this in front of my black people and for my black people — we do not want a riot, we are not prepared for one and we are not going to go out and create one. But we do not want the police to start one and then kill our innocent black people."

## the 'All' about Communication

If the black community and the white community wish to ward off an open confrontation in the streets of Middletown then communication between black and white must be established. Regardless of where the responsibility for the establishment of this free forum communication lies, such lines of communication in Middletown are either non-existent or at best lopsided. In relation to the police department, there is no inherent intradepartmental communication between the black and the white, inasmuch as there are no black policemen on the Middletown force. (Middletown has approximately 50,000 people, over 10% of which are Negro) Lobbying no fault at this absence of black patrolmen, it will suffice to contend that this is unfortunate since a black policeman can communicate the problems of the black community to the white policeman first hand on the level of personal rapport of one aligned in part by common occupation and objectives of the fraternal order. The latter free forum of insight into the black community is presented in contrast with the contact in the black society that the white patrolman sees as law enforcement officer and enemy of the persons he apprehends.

The Middletown Journal is oriented towards the white community. This is apparent in analysis of the Journal accounts to follow.

Witness the disparity of accounts evolving from the black community compared with the analogues of those stemming from the comments of an interview with James Howerton, Chief of Police, and the "objective" accounts of the corresponding incidents as they appeared in the Middletown Journal. All of the following accounts involve blacks in their relation to the Middletown Police.

Accounts of incidents as reported to KAOS via an interview with James R. Howerton: Askew Street incident of July 6, 1968:

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# Hiring Discrimination Charged in Lawsuit

The United Citizens Council of America, through its Middletown area director Adrian Justice, has again filed discrimination charges against Miami with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission for "unlawful discriminatory practices regarding employment."

Justice, former Butler County chairman of the George Wallace for President campaign, specifically cited the hiring of Kenneth McDowell, director of the Office of Black Student Affairs, Heanon Wilkins, director of the Educational Opportunity Program, and W. Sherman Jackson, black history professor, as examples of race being the prime factor of employment.

Justice had filed suit in May with the University when the OBSA was originally created. No action was ever taken.

McDowell expressed very little concern as to the future of the suit.

"We are all just as qualified as any white person could be to fill the position," McDowell said.

The suit filed by Justice further contends "the racist intent, the financial and academic concessions...surely establish discrimination in student recruitment and hiring of Negro instructors."

Justice asked that the University be enjoined from further hiring on the basis of race and that the positions filled be declared vacant.

Specifically named as defendants in the suit are:

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## Accounts of Askew Incident - via Police Chief Howerton, Council of Human Dignity, Middletown Journal, City Manager

**Askew Incident  
 Via Howerton**

A boy, age 19, was throwing M-80's (firecrackers) and was arrested. While being taken to the car he broke away from the police and ran inside his house. The policeman tried to follow him but the boy's mother slammed the door in his face, knocking the officer off the porch. Another policeman kicked open the door and went after him. The boy wouldn't come out of the bathroom and so the policeman sprayed mace. Some may have gotten on the mother and baby. Howerton went on to say the mother and baby were not maced and that although the mother should have been arrested for interference, she was not.

**Via the Council  
 for Human Dignity**

Accounts of the black community as related to KAOS via personal interview and in evidence as presented by the Council for Human Dignity to City Council:

The police were summoned to Askew Street to stop a disturbance being caused by youths throwing fireworks. On request by the officers, the crowd dispersed. One youth, a juvenile, was called from across the street by his mother. As the youth was crossing the street, he was in turn summoned by the patrolman who asked where he thought he was going. He responded that his mother had called him and continued across the street. The officer let him continue after warning next time he called the youth had better come. Thirty minutes later the same squad car returned and the youth, on his front porch, was placed under arrest. The officer raised his billy club to strike the youth but the boy caught the club in his hand. At this time the boy's brother came out of the house and attempted to stop the officer from using his club by stepping between in front of the officer. The boy then ran in the house. At this point the officer placed his brother, age 19, under arrest and when the officer attempted to pull him out of the doorway, both toppled off the porch. At this point the officer clubbed the youth's brother into semi-consciousness, kicked open the door, found the youth clutching a bannister, and maced the boy and his mother when she objected to the arrest.

**Via Journal**

Two Middletown police officers and a 14th Avenue man were treated at Middletown Hospital early today following a fracas in the 1200 block of Askew Street. Ptl. Paul Lewis, 23, and Ptl. Wayne Hall, 24, suffered minor elbow injuries in the altercation. Also treated was L. C. Johnson, 25, of 1005 14th Ave., who has been charged

with interfering with a police officer and resisting arrest. Johnson reportedly suffered contusions of the head.

Police gave these details of the incident.

Shortly after midnight officers were called on a disturbance complaint where a large group of boys were reportedly talking loud and yelling.

Police said they had dispersed the same group earlier in the evening when they investigated a firecracker complaint.

The officers told the youths to "break it up, but one of the boys suggested they go to another porch. Police warned the boys that if they received another complaint call, they would be arrested.

A 16-year-old boy in the crowd then reportedly cursed one of the patrolmen and he was placed under arrest on charges of disorderly conduct.

Police said he began to yell and scream and ran into a house at 1207 Askew St. As officers tried to grab him, Johnson reportedly jumped on Ptl. Lewis.

The youth reportedly went inside the house where a woman locked the door and stood between the officers and the boy.

Other cruisers then arrived to help, and the boy was taken from the home. He will be referred to juvenile court authorities on charge of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, police said.

**Graham Affair**

**Via Howerton**

Incident evolving from the arrest of Tim Graham, August 31, 1968:

Tim Graham was found sitting in the middle of Grove Street drinking beer. The policeman in the cruiser told him to move out, cursing at Graham. One officer arrested him but he broke away. When the policeman went after him and tried to take him to the car, they both fell.

A crowd of 75 - 100 people started a free-for-all. The two policemen were assaulted and had to call for other cruisers. Dogs were used to quiet the crowd. Two policemen were treated at the Middletown hospital. Tim Graham was not touched (physically abused) by patrolmen. He was released that night in the custody of his father. Chief Howerton went on to say, "I think when we use the word police brutality that it should be substituted.

**Via the Council  
 for Human Dignity**

Tim Graham, age 17, was sitting in a doorway on Michigan Avenue. Two officers without badges or other identification approached Graham and placed him under arrest but made no mention of charge. When Graham objected, he was beaten. Graham was released the same night in his father's custody.

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any board to review police action unless such a board has subpoena power.

"The people filing complaints will now be forced to take their action to court," explained Howerton. "And the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) will furnish all officers with an attorney.

If a police officer is charged and then acquitted in court, Howerton said, the officer will counter with a civil action against the person who filed the charge.

"We have done this at least four times before, and won each time," the chief said.

Howerton said that since he and two other officers, Capt. Robert Walton and Sgt. Russell Dwyer, stated their case before city commissioners, the division has been "deluged" with phone calls of support. Continued on Page 8

**On Being a  
 Black Cop**

The following are the comments of Robert Sloan, Middletown's only black policeman, who is no longer with the force.

"The people I know and socialize with are black, like I, and while I was a police officer they wanted a lot from me - a lot of what the (white) policeman gives them too little of - justice and equal rights.

In the negroes' fight for equal rights, they must violate some laws. My duties as a police officer on numerous occasions placed on me responsibilities that have been unbearable."

**Economics, Operations, & Organization  
 of the Middletown Division of Police**

The city of Middletown proper has a population of approximately 50,000 and maintains an active police force of 75 members, hence one policeman for every 670 people. The operating budget of the Middletown Police Department for fiscal year 1965 was \$560,925 and the budget exhibits yearly a linear increase in appropriations of \$50,000. Hence in 1967 the per capita cost of the police force was about \$13. An additional revenue of approximately \$60,000 was collected in 1967 for traffic violations.

In synopsis of the 1967 Annual Report by the Middletown Division of Police, incidence of Class I Crimes (Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Larceny over \$50.00, Auto Theft, Aggravated Assault) showed an increase over 1966 of 22.48%. (There were 732 Class I Crimes in 1966 as opposed to 944 in 1967). The national increase of major crime incidence in cities of comparable population was 15%. Total value of property reported stolen in 1967 was \$268,000. Total number of complaints requiring police service was 67,325. Juvenile Officers processed 964 juvenile offenders.

**If: Law and Order  
 Given: the Law**

**Where  
 Lies  
 Order?**



Wm. T. Luyster

On several occasions during the last month at the invitation and in the company of members of the black community, I have observed firsthand the proceedings in the south side of town. The following is merely an account of my feelings. Let it then stand at that and be taken for what it is worth.

The only thing that can be said about the nights on which I observed is that there were no fights. This in itself I understand to be significant on the south side. And as a warning to those good citizens of Thornhill who observed the Watts riot via the cover of "Life" murmuring it can't happen here, it can.

On any single corner in the south side one can observe about eleven cruisers within the course of an hour. Most of the police units consist of three men, in many cases with shotguns and other riot equipment openly displayed in the rear window. On occasions unmarked cars can also be seen. Four to a car - hats removed.

- these units are exceptionally difficult to spot until they pass and the one inch high letters on the door become visible.

One would scarcely doubt the ability of these armed convoys in the re-instatement of order just as one would scarcely doubt that perfect order was also maintained in Hitler's Germany. While the maintenance of harmony implies order, even the most casual observer in the south side concludes the invalidity of the corollary.

The entire south side abounds in such reversals of white social logic. In the south side the sight of a patrol car is hardly consoling. On the south side parents walk their children home out of fear of the police.

Chief J. R. Howerton says, "No one objects to the presence of a policeman unless he intends to break the law." I saw no instance of lawlessness on the part of the blacks I observed at the Community Center dances. I did, however, hear the objection.

Can one say in good faith that the black Americans have not waited long enough for their equality? Can one in good faith say that if in the final analysis the black man is subject to a new white backlash, that he is not justified in using force? And, if, in effect, the end does not justify the means, then what in the hell does?

The following is a summary of the organization of the Division of Police.

The Division is headed by the Chief of Police, James R. Howerton, under the direction of the Director of Safety, a position held by City Manager D. W. Kothe. The Chief will be assisted by two Assistant Chiefs. One Assistant Chief, who is in charge of the Field Service Bureau, is now in effect and the other Assistant Chief, who will be in charge of the Staff Services Bureau, will be filled at a later date.

In the Field Services Bureau the Assistant Chief is assisted by a Lieutenant in command of each the first and second reliefs, and a Relief Sergeant in command of the third relief. The two Lieutenant's duty hours are scheduled in a manner to permit them to overlap the three shifts.

The Lieutenant in charge of the relief coordinates the work, makes work assignments, instructs his men in certain areas, advises, sees to the morale and welfare of all personnel assigned to his command, and sees that the orders of the Chief of Police are carried out.

On each of the three reliefs there is a Patrol Sergeant on the street at all times. It is his duty to directly supervise the patrolmen in the field, to take command of the more serious

investigations, to see to the general conduct and discipline of the patrolmen.

The patrolmen assigned to the Patrol Section will perform the general duties expected of a patrolman assigned to this section.

The Traffic Section is under the command of a Lieutenant assisted by a Sergeant. The patrolmen assigned to this section will perform the duties expected of Traffic officers.

The Detective Section is under the command of a Lieutenant assisted by a Sergeant; however, at this time the Sergeant rank is not in effect. The personnel assigned to this section perform such duties as investigations of crimes, vice control, conduct investigations and follow-ups on all felonies, prepare cases for court prosecutions, and conduct juvenile complaints.

In addition to the above and falling under the Assistant Chief of Staff Services Bureau is a Technical Service Bureau, the members of which are responsible for photography, finger printing, polygraph operation, special equipment and records. Also under Staff Services Bureau falls Personnel Development and Office Operations. Personnel Development is responsible for training, crime prevention, personnel, research equipment, and maintenance.

# Middletown Tense After Melee

By ACE ELLIOTT  
Assistant State Editor

MIDDLETOWN — Police described the situation on the city's south side as tense Friday after a racial flareup at Middletown Senior high school.

Six students and four police officers had minor injuries after the outbreak that marked the end of a Black Studies and History week at the high school.

Police arrested nine juveniles and two adults during and after the melee that started shortly before 2 p.m.

WITNESSES said a white student trying to leave an assembly program struck a Negro youth and touched off the fighting. Officers estimated 50 youths were involved in hallway brawls.

Police tried to herd the

fighting youths into the gymnasium and used chemical mace when they were unsuccessful.

One of the adults arrested was Mrs. Erma Holloman, wife of the Rev. James Holloman, head of the Middletown Council for Human Dignity, the city's most active civil rights organization.

Mrs. Holloman was arrested when she went to the police station to inquire about the trouble.

"MY DAUGHTER, Vicki, called me at work and said they had sprayed mace in her eyes," Mrs. Holloman said. "She wasn't fighting and had lost her purse and glasses."

The black minister's wife said a police sergeant started shouting at her and grabbed her by the arm.

Mrs. Holloman said Vicki,

16, cried, "Don't take my mother away" and they arrested her too.

Mrs. Holloman's other daughter, Pam, 17, then entered the police station and saw Vicki being led away.

"That's my sister," Pam said, and she was arrested also, according to Mrs. Holloman.

MRS. HOLLAMAN said she was held in jail until 6:30 p.m., about three hours, but the girls were not released until 8 p.m.

"It's just an attempt to intimidate Rev. Holloman," his wife said.

Mrs. Holloman will be in city court Tuesday on a disorderly conduct charge and the girls will be cited into Butler County Juvenile court at Hamilton. The daughters will be charged with delinquency.

John F. Bookman, chief juvenile probation officer, said six students were being held in the Juvenile Detention center at Hamilton and he will conduct preliminary hearings in their cases Monday.

Mrs. Holloman scored school officials for not policing the school.

"IF THEY were expecting, trouble why didn't they have concerned parents chaperoning like they did at the football games," she asked.

Last fall, parents helped patrol football games after city police officers refused to serve at games because of trouble with fans.

School Supt. Gene Lubera, recovering from a heart attack, postponed a Middletown basketball game with a school from Covington, Ky., Friday night and called off a concert set for tonight.

Of the 10 injured and treated

at the hospital here, most of them had cuts and bruises. The most seriously injured was Det. John Lowe who had said he was kicked in the groin.

THE OTHER adult arrested was an Armco employee, Sanford Henderson III, 21, of 715 14th St.

Officers said they saw him kicking a white youth who was lying on the ground outside the school.

Only a handful of officers answered the initial trouble call at the school. When fighting got out of hand all available officers were dispatched to the scene.

Police said there was racial tension on the city's predominantly Negro south side Friday night.

A CAB driver, Kenneth Griffith, 27, said he was roughed up by two men when he stopped for a fare at the Parkway Cafe at Verity Pkwy. and Yankee Rd.

Griffith returned to the bar with police and identified a man as one of his assailants. The man was to be charged with assault and battery.

An auto with Negro occupants blocked a cab at 20th Ave. and Minnesota St. early this morning. The driver radioed his office and a police cruiser was sent to the scene.

In nearby Cincinnati, trouble also erupted in schools. Black students at North College Hill high school vowed to boycott classes until a list of 13 demands were met.

In Cincinnati's English Woods section, 60 white students at Heinhold junior high said they will skip classes until the school stops assaults on them by black students.

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"Arrested Mrs. Erma Holloman wife of Rev. James Holloman, Head of Middletown Council for Human Dignity the city's most active civil rights organization"

## Lovely Week End Due, But We Won't Get It

It's going to be another of those week ends typical of this winter for Dayton — damp and chilly.

The weather bureau predicts that the snow which began falling early today will accumulate to one or two inches, making driving hazardous since the temperature is expected to reach only the mid-20s.

STILL MORE light snow is expected tonight, but then a warming trend will set in and the snow will become mixed with rain Sunday. The high Sunday will be in the mid-30s.

The outlook isn't much better for Monday, with cloudy skies expected and little change in temperature.

Elsewhere in the nation, one to three inches of new snow piled up from southern Illinois to Wyoming during a six-hour span early today as an expanding snowstorm extended from the mid-Mississippi valley into the central Rockies.

Travelers' warnings were in effect over a five-state area, including southern Illinois, southern Iowa, northern Missouri, eastern Nebraska and eastern Kansas.

# Middletown Principal Submits His Resignation

By JIM NICHOLS  
Daily News Staff Writer

MIDDLETOWN — The living room of Jesse Mayabb's home at 403 Ross St., was crowded with young people Saturday afternoon.

The high school students had descended on the home of the principal of Middletown high school to try and dissuade him from resigning.

Mayabb disclosed his plans to resign in wake of racial disturbance at the school Friday afternoon and what he described as "constant trouble" between the races at the new multi-million dollar school, which opened last fall.

ROBERT CORDRAY, a member of the Middletown Board of Education, said Saturday night that Mayabb's resignation, which the principal said he sent to board president Howard Schueller, had not yet been received.

Middletown high school, will not be open for classes Monday it was announced Saturday night after an all-day meeting between police, school and city officials.

Mayabb said teachers, administrators and the school board will meet Monday at the high school to determine



JESSE MAYABB  
Students 'Whole Life'

whether classes will resume Tuesday.

MAYABB seem adamant Saturday afternoon that he would not reconsider his resignation, but at the same time he said of the students, "They are my whole life."

Mayabb indicated that he reached the decision to resign Friday afternoon when he arrived home after the school disturbance to find his wife and son in tears.

He said that neighbors had told his wife that he had been cut in the outbreak at the school. His son came home from junior high school and said that he had been told at school that his father had been

told at school that his father injured.

"I CAN no longer take the responsibility for the safety of the kids," Mayabb said.

Six students and four policemen were hurt Friday, none of them seriously. There were 13 persons arrested including Mrs. James Holloman, wife of a minister as the result of a fight at the windup of a week-long black studies and history program. The trouble reportedly started when a white student attempted to leave an assembly where Dr. Kenneth McDowell, coordinator of black students affairs at Miami university, was speaking.

But teachers at the school reported trouble had been building up all week. Some white students had been wearing white T shirts to school as a symbol of protest to the black studies program. Reports said that white students precipitated Friday's melee.

MAYABB said, "They were out of control."

Friday's outburst was the first major physical confrontation at the school although last fall a ruckus developed over the selection of the homecoming queen and her court.

The principal called on the board of education to provide "some kind of security so that teachers can teach and not spend all their time breaking up fights in the hall."

"If I have to dig ditches," he said, "that's all right too. This is not a hasty decision. As things stand, I am a warden, a policeman, and a sociologist and lastly a so-called educator. I won't sacrifice my family to be a 42-year-old cardiac case."

MAYABB was named  
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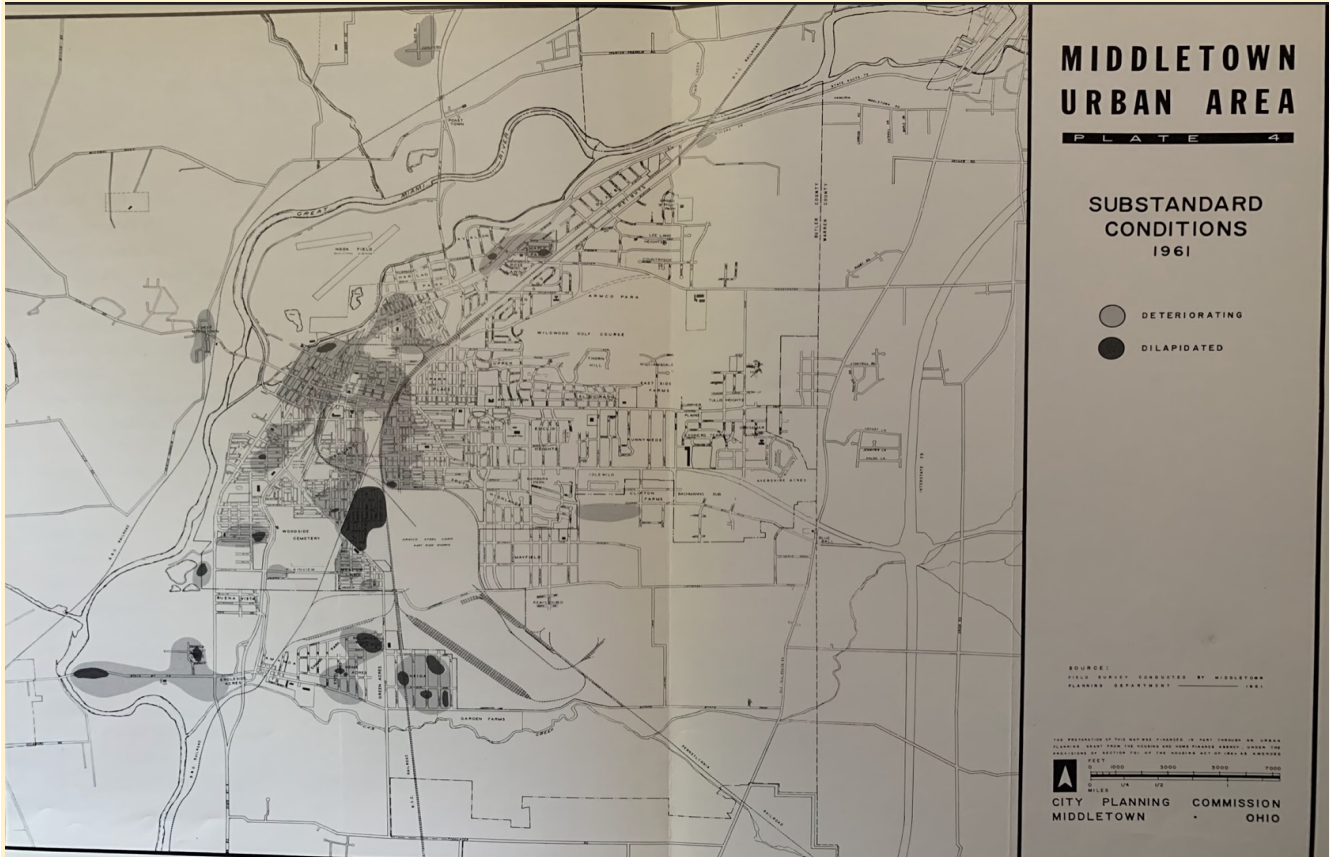
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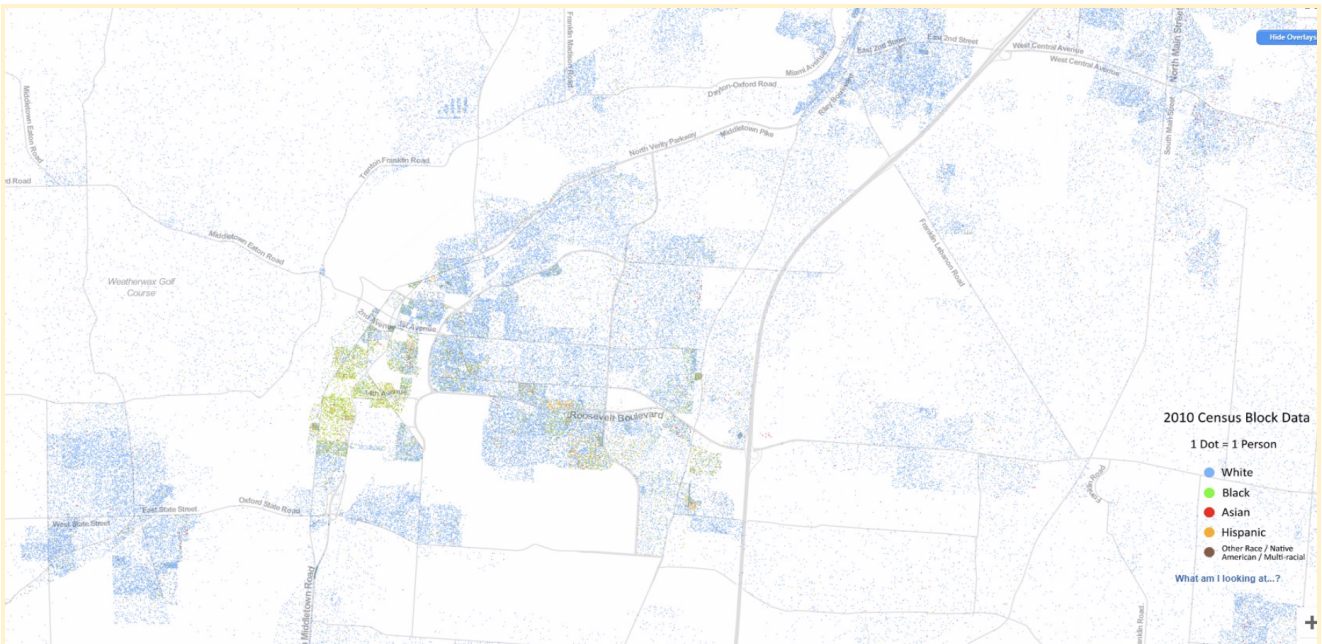
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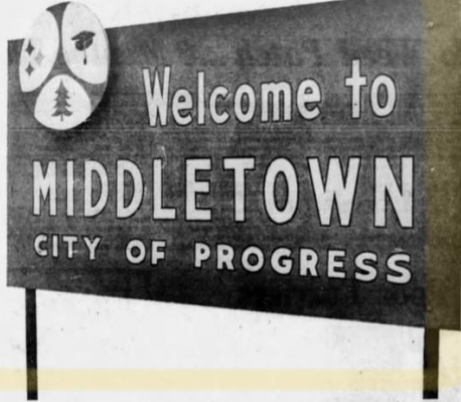


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Middletown, Butler county, U.S.A., where the problems facing almost every city in the nation are miniaturized.



# Middletown: Its Conflicts, Contrasts

By JIM MORRIS  
Daily News Staff Writer

MIDDLETOWN—If you come into the city from the north you enter a typical, neat, all white area.

The houses reflect middle and upper middle class affluence. The streets seem to sparkle in the morning sun.

If you enter the city from the south, you meet through a section of old houses and buildings. Streets seem gray and muddy. Most of the people are black.

DOWNTOWN has a faded look. Except for a new bank building at the corner of Main St. and Central Ave., there have been few changes in its face in the past 50 years.

This is Middletown, Butler county, U.S.A., where the problems facing almost every city in the nation are miniaturized.

## How Armco's Involved In Its 'Company Town'

As you stand by the window in the office of R. Chandler Houston in the executive suite of the Armco Corp. on Curtis St., you can roll back the years in the memory chamber of your mind, you can hear the roar of baseball fans cheering the Astros, once one of the prides of the area's amateur baseball. You can hear the silver casket of Frank Houston, the Armco head empaneled at the weekly Thursday concert.

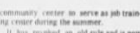
IN THOSE DAYS prior to World War II, Middletown was truly a company town. Company patronism was the trend that led the community.

Today, Middletown is still a company town, but the image, the complexion has changed just as it has in country towns across the nation. Patronism now has a tinge, more sophisticated face.

The Armco Corp., like all corporations today, has had to change its face in the complicated world of modern times.

In today's Houston, who likes to be called Char, and is the president for personnel and public relations for the corporation, hands you a book of Armco policies and points to No. 12 which reads:

"To create and maintain a working partnership between industry and community in this country and throughout the world. To support constructive agencies in communities where Armco people live and work in an effort to create civic conditions that respond to the highest needs of the citizen."



ARMCO'S HUSTON  
Stress on Policy No. 12

community center to serve as job training center during the summer.

It has received an old ride and is now being kept "alive" in the same work around the plant. This work, however, is mainly in private amusements.

"We do," he says with a slight smile, "that there were a couple hundred people in the street, we should get off the street."

Still you don't see many black faces at Armco in any part of the plant or office. But Houston says: "We take a young man with a technical degree and give him a job. But it's mostly on the job training. We want them to grow with Armco."

EXACTLY what, "a technically trained Negro is hard to come by."

Letting blacks out of the South Side area, where they were first brought by Armco is a different problem.

Houston says that part of the trouble is the ambivalence of black militants. "If a Negro family moves out, it becomes a target of the people it leaves behind. There are some good looking homes in that area."

THE ARMCO officials said that three people had moved from the South Side to the East Side and "are still there, although all suffer from the same problem."

"Some, however, had been able to make the move to the plush North Side, but then it is that structure only a few whites ever make it."

One such black Armco employee, Ray Harvey, with company help, moved into a new apartment complex. "As far as I know, he has had no problems," Houston says.

That's against the Middletown pattern but a familiar roadblock. "I think that in a community such as ours, we need black policemen," Houston says.

"This may have to change their standards. We had to change laws."

ARMCO has also given the city a

## Urban Renewal's Delicate Challenge

Start talking urban renewal in Middletown and black get edgy.

Start talking urban renewal and planning for the future with R. Paul Christiansen, the Community Development director, and you may soon be a historian.

CHRISTIANSEN is a nattily dressed young man who is rated by many as Middletown's leader of the future. There are those who believe he will be city manager when Dan Kothe retires.

A native of Milwaukee, a graduate of Miami with a master's degree in city planning, Christiansen came to Middletown in 1961 to prepare Middletown's master plan. But has stayed on to help make that plan reality.

Some of the first fruits of that master plan are now visible.

"Our major thought plan inside the city limits is now virtually complete," Christiansen explains.

IN ANOTHER development the city recently completed purchase of 70 acres for Stetson park. Christiansen says it plans a 27-hole golf course there which will be open in 1972.

But while these things are important, they are like preliminaries to the principal renewal projects — one for downtown and one for the Prospect Park and South Side areas.

On May 3, the first federal funds were allocated for these projects. The allotment was \$1 million for the downtown project and \$200,000 for Prospect-South.

PROSPECTSOUTH makes the black community edgy. They have already been through one renewal project, Garfield, and they are still screaming "Fud."

"We are aware of the fears," Christiansen says, "now when we say there will be no demolitions we mean there will be no demolitions."

Garfield was a virtual sham. It was necessary to relocate 24 families. But in Prospect-South we have no intention of using the bulldozer on a large scale basis. We are selling the people that the only buildings that will go are those that are dangerous or health hazards.

THE PRIMARY purpose in Prospect-South is rehabilitation. We want to take properties that do not meet the standards and bring them up to the minimum housing code.

Under this program we can make grants up to \$2,000 to low income families with no payback. Or we can grant low interest, 3 per cent loans.

Christiansen admits that the big problem is communication.

"We have citizen committees working on the project. We are naming black chairmen along with the rest and we want to inform everyone of their rights and alternatives. We must get in each family to determine its eligibility."

"But how the area is to be developed will be left up to the people. We feel that a park is needed in Prospect, but I will take land and so it's the people's decision."

CHRISTIANSEN's downtown plan is a showcase he believes for a progressive city.

Its major feature will be a pedestrian mall on Central Ave. from Clinton to a street beyond it.

"Basically this is a program for the revitalization of the whole downtown," Christiansen says. "We want to concentrate the business activities in one area."



PLANNER CHRISTIANSEN  
'Aware of the Fears'



"If you come to the city from the North end you enter a typical all white area, if you enter the city through the south end streets are gray and muddy and most people are Black."

"We are on the verge of a riot."

"The Black people want not only the opportunity of better employment, but to feel mainstream in the community."

ARMCO has also given the city a

## Vet of Vet Meetings In Insignia Business

By JACK JONES  
Daily News Staff Writer

Charles Davidson, who'll be 56 years old in August, is one of the older Veterans of Foreign Wars who are gathering in Dayton for the group's 50th anniversary state convention. He has probably been to more VFW and American Legion conventions than any of the 10,000 other veterans expected here this week end.

Davidson got a money-making idea in 1919 while he was in the Army of Occupation in Koblenz, Germany, and has been busily going to conventions ever since. He sells some of the colorful pins and cloth items that veterans saw on the hats and fasten to their lapels.

It all started in Germany, he said, when the U.S. Third Army adopted a shoulder patch—a white A in a red circle—and told all the soldiers to sew it on their uniforms. But none was available.

Davidson, a former steel mill



CHARLES DAVIDSON WITH PATCHES HE JOINED VFW IN 1919

worker who was an infantryman, noticed a woman on a street corner selling hand-embroidered patches. He bought all she had and soon had most of the women in Kolben sewing patches for him.

"I was always in trouble," he recalled, with eyes twinkling. "I used to get orders for 10,000 patches at a time to furnish a division and I never got that many the whole time."

But that gave him the idea for a business, when he became a civilian and he's been at it ever since, attending a dozen or more state conventions a year plus all the national get-togethers.

Like many of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Davidson is a hawk.

"We're not killing anywhere near enough Communists," he maintains.

"I says that the Communists have said they would be satisfied to kill 75 per cent of the population if the 25 per cent left were Communist killed," he said.

*The Middletown Churches Role in the  
Civil Rights Movement 1960-1970*

History  
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*Rev. Gaar Davis became the first Black member of the Civil Service Commission.*

*Rev. Holloman formed the Middletown Council of Human Dignity.*

*"For the first time since the 1930s the Ku Klux Klan had revived."*

Baptist churches, razing the buildings, rebuilding on the site of the 44 year old New Hope Church and selecting the pastor from the youngest - 20 year old Friendship Baptist Church of the 'Garfield Area'.

Rev Gaar Davis, a Richmond, IN, native, had negotiated the selling of his congregation's Bethel AME Church on Columbia Ave with the City for the land to build the new City Building. He developed relationships with First National Bank when reinvesting the money of this transaction. Finally he guided the building of their new church on Yankee Road. His outgoing nature and commitment to the city made him the chosen spokesman for the co-chairmanship on the Council of Human Relations. He believed in working with the system. With his knowledge of people in high places he negotiated one by one for people in his congregation, friends of the church and citizens of the community. In his role as pastor he became the unofficial chaplain of the hospital and the police department; officially he became the first black member of the Civil Service Commission and later its chairman. His was the moderate voice in the black community during these times. It is interesting that as council for Baritz Fund for a worthy Negro ministerial student he recommended James Holloman for a tuition grant to Wilberforce-Payne University.

Rev. James Holloman, native of Villa Rico, GA, was the 31 year old pastor and former director of Christian Education who built United Missionary Baptist and from its pulpit proclaimed the message 'freedom for all men'. He had grown up in the south, and received his education at the start of the civil rights movement. He understood the limited opportunities for blacks, particularly black youth, in Middletown so he harnessed this energy to reveal to Middletown their need. He challenged the City Commission, the businesses, and industries to enforce the open housing, equal employment, equal non-patronizing opportunity for promotion ordinances in often demonstrative words and methods. He formed the Middletown Council of Human Dignity, worked with the School Board to start the observance of Black History Week, attempted the building of two housing projects - The South Prospect rehabilitation program and People's Place Apartments. In 1974 he was named manager of Butler County drug treatment center. On Jan 22, 1975 before he could make his statement to the School Board on the subject of religion in the school, he died.

Just as the black churches were polarized during this time so were the established churches and the southern Appalachian churches. The solidly white Amanda, Maple Park, and Meadowlawn communities felt greatly threatened by the potential elevation of the blacks in the job market or housing market. The K u Klux Klan, a self-interest organization which promoted white and Protestant supremacy, revived for the first time since the 1930's. The Council dealt with reports of such tension between groups with much listening, and revising of alternative approaches of living and working together. Rev. Russell Galloway received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City Commission for his ameliorating demeanor in dealing with complainants over discrimination in housing or work. Revs. Davis and Herbert Hart also received such commendations. Fears of interracial dating and protection to blacks integrating previously white neighborhoods were discussed with all affected parties.

The Methodist Church strengthened its sister church relationship with Bethel AME, offering it financial guidance and gifts, extra furniture, hymn books and friendship. Dorothy Bechtol and her husband Millard attended all invited church functions. A neighborhood children after school program was opened in 1967 in the Broad Street Church basement and directed the first seven years by Norbert Wacker and his wife Phyllis. It continues today and has expanded its base to include other churches: Bethlehem Lutheran, St Paul United Church of Christ, Faith, Christ & Union Chapel Methodists, Reorganized Latter Day Saints and First Christian. A clothes closet was maintained at Bethlehem Lutheran. The Neighborhood Program operates the Pauline Stalker Pantry for neighbors who are referred from Middletown Area Emergency Relief Agency