



Gratifying Progress

GRATIFYING progress has been made by the Cincinnati Regional Crime Committee, in co-operation with police authorities in the cities, villages and townships and with the sheriffs' offices of Hamilton, Butler, Warren, Clermont, Kenton and Campbell counties, in putting into operation the plan, suggested about a year ago, to co-ordinate police activities in the six counties.

A permanent intercounty organization of police officers has been formed and is carrying out, as rapidly as available facilities and funds permit, the recommendations of the Crime Committee.

The city of Cincinnati has placed its Station X police broadcasting station's facilities at the disposal of all of the communities in the regional area and is acting as a clearing house for police information. It is organizing a police school open to police officers of the entire region. Radio receiving equipment is rapidly being installed in police automobiles thruout the entire territory.

The Crime Committee, however, is not resting on its oars. It now is inquiring into the bail bond problem in all of the courts of the region and expects shortly to make constructive recommendations. It is announced that future studies will include a survey of the preventive agencies of the six counties with a view toward better co-operation and the elimination of overlapping functions; and a study of all sources of information about criminals indicted or convicted, to promote intelligent handling of individuals by prosecutor and court.

That part of the program which already is being put into operation will make apprehension of criminals more speedy and more certain. That is a big step forward. But of far greater importance is the work yet to be done—the seeking out of the causes of crime and erecting machinery which so far as possible will eliminate those causes.

This citizens' organization is doing a work of tremendous civic value. It should have the continued encouragement, co-operation and support of every individual and governmental agency in the attainment of its goal.

