

## Ham Radio Club To Aid Police

### Operators Volunteer Help Thru Halloween

Greenfield ham radio operators have volunteered to give an assist to city police in their intensified pre-Halloween patrols which are apparently holding down vandalism.

Police Chief Perry Easton said that at least three members of the Hancock Amateur Radio Club who have mobile two-way radios in their private automobiles will join the police patrols tonight.

Chief Easton said the HARC members will be staked out in several areas of the city in plain cars and when trouble is spotted they will radio the location to a receiver at police headquarters. The information will be quickly relayed to police patrols who can swoop down on vandals in almost a matter of seconds.

Officers believe the added communications system will be of real benefit to the patrols which have been successful for five holiday seasons. Police have been aided in the patrols by volunteers from local service clubs.

Chief Easton added that so far this year there has been little real trouble with Halloween pranksters and he gives much of the credit to his helpers. There have been the usual reports of window soaping but only one case of damage.

The addition of the mobile radio patrols, he said, should give a final touch. It'll be tough for would-be vandals to spot the private automobiles and disappear before police officers arrive to break up trouble.