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THIS WEEK---December 6, 1972

Roosevelt Hotel---Officer Mark Corrigan of the Cedar Rapids Police Department Detective Bureau telling it like it is in CR with drug abuse and use; the magnitude of the problem in our city; what is being done by the Police Department and the relationship of the Department with other agencies in the city working on the same problem. Officer Corrigan and Officer Denton Shultz coordinate the squad of officers concerned with drug abuse and related crime. Jim Bennett will introduce the speaker.

BOARD MEETING---Tuesday Noon, December 5, Downtown Bishop's. Why not join the Board for lunch? President Bill Jameson advises there will be special entertainment! Exotic Dancers, maybe?

JINGLE BELLS!

Or is it Belles? Anyway, the gals will be with us for lunch on Wednesday, December 20. BE SURE YOU ASK HER! The program will be appropriate for the season---the Jefferson Concert Choir getting us into the spirit.

LAST WEEK

It's hard to understand. More than 300 dropouts from the Cedar Rapids schools during this past year! That doesn't mean 300 failures---but it does mean that HACAP's School Dropout Coordinator Sherry Germainio and her two part-time assistants have their work cut out for them! Most of the young people who have dropped out have "had it" with school. There is nothing good about school and it is a waste of time to attend. It is the Dropout Coordinator's job to find ways and means to get the youngsters back on some track. Get them to recognize how important it is to pursue an education of some type to help achieve a satisfactory and satisfying life.

A building near the Peoples Bank is being used as a place to meet, rap and pursue such activities as automotive mechanics, art and journalistic writing. The whole operation is definitely "low-budget". The total funds available for the year are \$12,000!

And talking about "sharing your life" and "getting involved". To try to help the impossible cases, Sherry Germainio holds forth at a "Street School" two evenings each week on strictly a volunteer basis! The "Street School" students (eight of them at this time), as one of their activities publishes the street school news "Nobody Listens".

How about a few of the Downtown KIWANIANs helping with this school dropout program? A real opportunity to "SHARE YOUR LIFE". Call Share Your Life Chairman Roy Parker and volunteer some of your time? How can we help convince these young people that if they don't continue their education---at least thru high school ----- most doors will be closed to them and life will be much rougher than need? Any idea how we can help? Some of you are already involved, and you know your fellow KIWANIANs - how can they help?

