

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1970

## Canvassed Area In Bayles 'Tip' Yields Nothing

No new witnesses or evidence were uncovered in a police canvass yesterday of an area where a woman believes she saw Jerry M. (Mike) Bayles as he was being kidnaped before he was slain.

The Hancock County woman said she saw the 10-year-old carrier for The Indianapolis Star in a car with two men at Greenfield Oct. 3, the morning he was found dead of stab wounds in a field near Ind. 109 in Henry County.

The information she sent in a letter to The Star led to a search of an area off Ind. 9 on the Southside of Greenfield yesterday.

**STATE POLICE** Capt. Robert K. Gray, in charge of the murder investigation, said no new information was uncovered by the search. However police have not discounted her story of seeing the boy's "wild frightful expression," Gray said.

An earlier witness, a Westside man has reported seeing young Mike being held at knifepoint on Harris Avenue by a dark-haired man similar to one of two men the Greenfield woman reported seeing with a frightened boy.

Police yesterday ran a polygraph (lie detector) test on another man, the 12th person so tested.

The Star received nine more letters yesterday increasing

to 87 the number received since Sunday from persons with possible information and theories about the case.

**GRAY SAID** he also received a letter from an inmate in the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City. He called it "very unusual" to get a lead from "a person in that position" in a case like this.

"This kind of co-operation is merely an indication of the public interest in apprehending the perpetrator of this hideout crime," Capt. Gray said.

The contribution of \$2 dollars yesterday in \$1 gifts from two Indianapolis citizens raised to more than \$6,000 the total reward fund for information leading to conviction of the slayer. Patrons of the Holiday Inn-Midtown gave \$27, raising to \$1,070.61 a fund for the Bayles family.

**TO GIVE** information, make up a number and write it at the bottom of your letter. The number will serve as a claim check if your information results in an arrest and conviction.

Tear off the bottom of the letter with your matching identification number, and keep it in a safe place. Mail the letter to Bayles Murder Case, the City Editor, The Indianapolis Star, 307 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.