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Loop debut on schedule, not slowed by rainfall

By Betty Connor
 Missourian staff writer

City officials' chief fear was that rain would delay the completion of the \$246,000 downtown traffic loop. So Tuesday morning it rained.

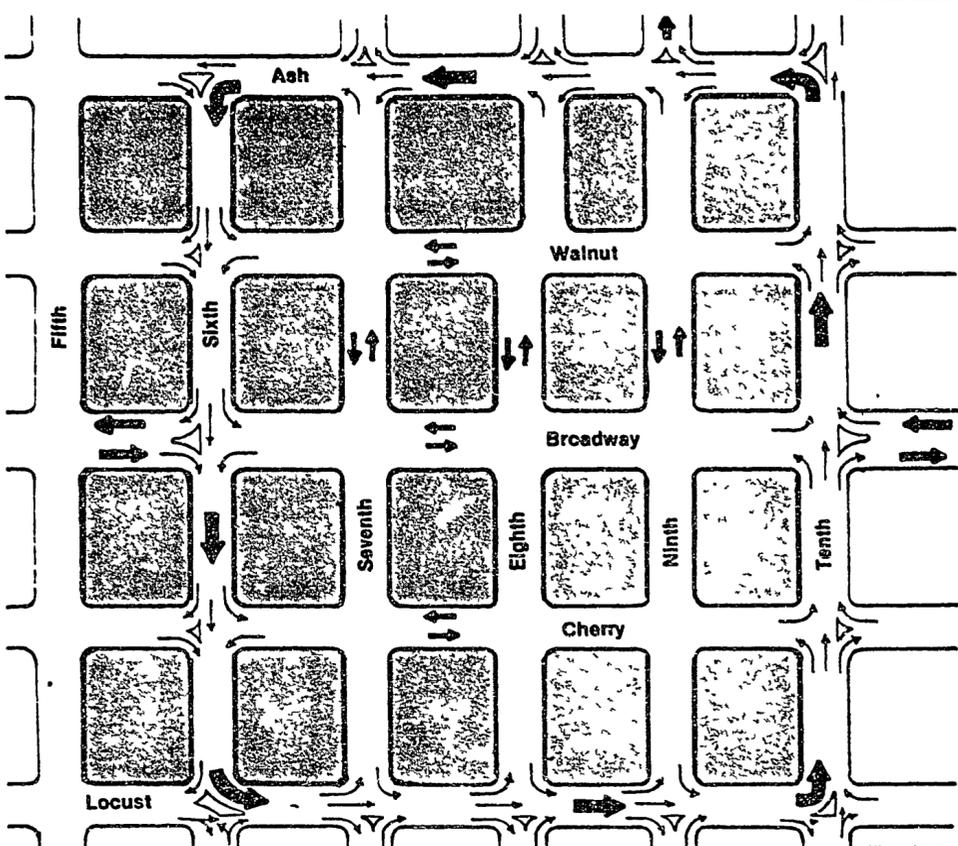
However, the first rain since construction began on the project May 16 will not delay completion, scheduled for late this afternoon, according to Public Works Director Ray Beck.

The combination of the new loop and expected heavy shopping during the Memorial Day weekend promise some traffic problems for drivers and the Columbia Police Department.

Extra patrolmen will be assigned to the downtown area during the weekend to help guide lost travelers through the loop, Maj. Bill McNear, head of the police department's patrol division, said Tuesday.

Confused drivers will not be issued citations for traffic blunders during the first days of the loop, McNear said.

McNear said his primary concern is Saturday traffic, but he added that he may assign extra patrolmen to the loop Thursday when it is scheduled to open officially.



This map of the downtown loop, which goes into effect Thursday, shows the new traffic flow pattern in the area. The arrows indicate whether a street will carry one- or two-way traffic and the directions of permissible turns at intersections.

Soviets oust Podgorny

N.Y. Times Service

MOSCOW — The president of the Soviet Union, Nikolai Podgorny, was abruptly dropped from the Communist party's ruling Politburo Tuesday.

It was the first such shift at the top of the Soviet hierarchy since Nikita Khrushchev was sacked as party chief almost 13 years ago.

Podgorny technically remains the head of state but is expected to lose this post at the next session of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's nominal parliament, June 16.

No official explanation was given for Podgorny's ouster. A few Russians concluded that it was because of his age. Podgorny is 74, though his peers at the Kremlin are hardly any younger. It is possible he was removed to make room for a broader reshuffling.

Another theory advanced among some Western diplomats is that a power play was connected with the new Soviet constitution, which was the main subject discussed at a closed meeting of the party's Central Committee Tuesday.

The diplomats speculated that either Podgorny had objected to revisions or the actual constitution, a project of party chief Leonid Brezhnev, did not provide for Podgorny's continuation in office.

If so, the title might be conferred on Brezhnev, resolving protocol problems that have arisen in his summit

diplomacy with Western heads of state. It would also give him more prestige abroad.

Podgorny's removal caught diplomatic analysts and average Russians by surprise. He had ranked in Soviet protocol second to Brezhnev, whose authority seems strengthened by the change.

Podgorny's role as Soviet president was a largely ceremonial one, which entailed signing decrees and meeting visitors. His departure was not expected to produce any immediate changes in Moscow's policies at home or abroad.

The official press agency Tass reported Podgorny's dismissal in a brief sentence that was part of a larger report. Tass left out the phrase "at his own request," which is commonly used to soften the retirement of Soviet officials. The omission indicated the move was made over Podgorny's objections.

There were rumors in some Soviet circles Podgorny was asked to step down about the time of the 25th Party Congress in February 1976 because of diminishing work capacity, but had refused.

While Brezhnev and Podgorny joined in ousting Khrushchev, they subsequently became rivals for the leading role in the politburo. Podgorny had not seemed a visible threat to Brezhnev, but neither was he considered a fervent supporter.

Insight Office helps defendants post bond

By Chip Rogers
 Missourian staff writer

Each morning Steve Keeney receives a report from the Boone County Jail, showing the names of defendants who have been booked in the past 24 hours, the offenses with which they are charged, and whether the defendant has posted bond or is still in the county jail.

If a defendant has not posted the required bond, Keeney will visit the jail, talk to the defendant and see if he would like to volunteer for the pre-trial release program in Boone County.

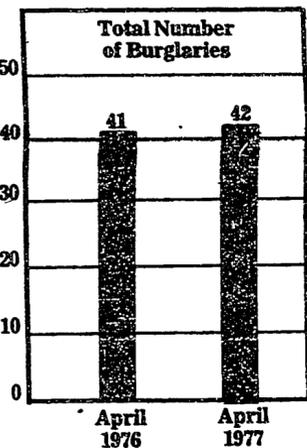
Keeney is the bond investigator for the Missouri Division of Probation and Parole, which administers the pre-trial release program in this area. The program offers defendants charged with either misdemeanors or felonies a chance for release, regardless of financial consideration.

For every defendant who agrees to go through the program, Keeney prepares a report to a judge. The report contains a favorable or unfavorable recommendation for release.

It takes an average of two days, Keeney said, to prepare a report. Conditions upon which release is based, and covered in the report, include the nature and circumstance of the offense, the weight of the prosecutor's evidence against the defendant, employment, the defendant's character, length of residence in the community and the defendant's record of court appearances on any past charges.

Since the program began here in December 1975, Keeney said, 187 pre-trial release investigations have been conducted. Eighty-seven favorable recommendations have been made and all 87 were released to the custody of the probation and parole division, he said.

"It's phenomenal," Keeney said, that (See PROPERTY, page 12A)



Thieves now try harder

By Peter deSelding
 Missourian staff writer

Columbia thieves last month were about as successful as in previous months, but Columbians put up more resistance than at any time in recent memory.

Police figures show that 42 burglaries were reported in April compared to 41 a year ago. Property losses totaled \$18,223, rising from \$13,330 in April 1976.

Nine commercial burglaries in the city last month netted \$8,413 in merchandise. A year ago merchants lost a mere \$17 in five commercial burglaries.

In the county, the figures also were virtually unchanged. Ten residential

burglaries last month claimed an estimated \$2,100 in goods. In April 1976, citizens lost about \$2,000 in property in 12 thefts.

But the city burglaries were accompanied by much more broken glass and forced door latches.

Police use a "force factor" system to measure the difficulty a burglar encounters in entering a building. A force factor of zero means the thief walked in an open door or climbed through an open window. Force factor one indicates a door latch was slipped or a window broken, but no tools apparently were used. Factor two means a thief used a tool to force open a lock.

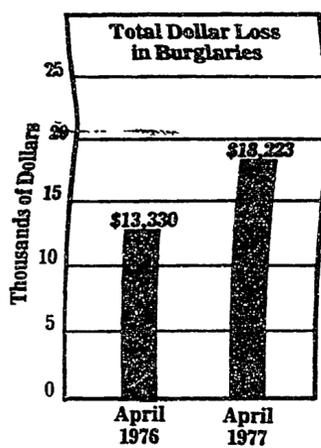
Force factors three and four signify more serious damage to the building.

Columbians traditionally have left their homes with only minimum security measures, or none at all, and have been easy targets for burglaries. In April 1976 the residential force factor was .65, which means thieves had to carry only a credit card to enter most homes.

But last month, the force factor for private residences was 1.35.

Sgt. Robert Verner of the Police Community Relations Bureau says greater security, in part, stems from increased use of his bureau's various programs to educate the public on ways to make their homes tougher to enter. He said homeowners in particular have

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Surprise!

Jan Holden, a first-grade teacher at Rock Bridge Elementary School, was surprised by a picnic held in her honor by her students and their parents Tuesday evening at Rock Bridge State Park. The students gave her a plant and a banner which they had made.



Olson fails to convince Manford

By David Ramseur and Bob Smith
 Missourian staff writers

JEFFERSON CITY — University President James C. Olson Tuesday presented his case for a lump sum University budget to Senate appropriations Committee Chairman Don Manford, D-Kansas City.

Manford and Olson both said last week they were willing to meet to discuss the University budget in general and faculty and staff salary increases specifically.

Olson said he told Manford of his preference for the House version of the budget, which provides a lump-sum appropriation. Manford, who favors the Senate's line-item budget for the University, said "he didn't change my mind and I didn't change his, either."

The University has requested its budget be allocated in a lump sum, "which gives us a great deal more flexibility," Olson said.

The Senate, on the recommendation of Manford's committee, last week approved an itemized budget for the University. A joint conference committee, co-chaired by Manford, is trying to work out the differences.

Two of the seven University curators reached by the Columbia Missourian Tuesday night seemed resigned to a line-item budget.

"It looks as if there will be some sort of line-item," said Rex Williams, Rolla. "It's not as bad as it could be. They've only lined 12 categories."

William Doak, one of four new appointees to the board, said, "It doesn't seem too bad with only 12 lines, and there doesn't seem to be much more we can do about getting the appropriation in a lump sum."

Robert Dempster, Sikeston, and Marian Oldham, St. Louis, said they did not know enough about the situation to comment. Three other curators could not be reached.

In town today

6:30 p.m. Women's Democratic Club meeting, Heritage House Restaurant.
 8:45 p.m. University physics department international conference and symposium, Campus Inn Ballroom.

Exhibits
 See Sunday's Vibrations magazine for continuing exhibit schedule

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Glascocock repays missing revenue

By Brooke Ransch and Karl Polzer
 Missourian staff writers

Boone County Clerk Murry Glascocock won one and lost one Tuesday.

Glascocock repaid \$1,337.82 County Auditor Don Caldwell found missing in an audit of 1974 liquor license revenues collected by the clerk's office.

In a separate matter, Glascocock will not be required to repay \$2,400 he received for preparation of the county's financial statements from 1971 to 1976, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Millt Harper said in a legal opinion.

The Columbia Missourian reported March 31 that Glascocock said he

supervised preparation of the financial statement, but did not do the work himself the last two years. The work was done by county employees on county time, Glascocock's chief deputy said.

After Glascocock earlier repaid \$3,400 to cover a shortage in 1975 and 1976 liquor license receipts and planning and zoning fees, the duty of collecting liquor license fees was transferred from the clerk's office to the county collector. The same day the clerk's office receives liquor license checks, they are taken to the collector's office, Collector Roger Wilson said.

Wilson issued his first liquor license Monday.

Harper said at a press conference Tuesday there is no evidence on which to base criminal or civil action against Glascocock in regard to the shortage the audit uncovered.

"We don't go filing lawsuits without evidence," Harper said.

Harper blamed the 1974 shortage on negligence in accounting procedures in Glascocock's office.

"Negligent accounting procedures do not constitute ouster procedures," he said. "You can't oust a person when the county has not been damaged."

Harper Tuesday gave Caldwell a

personal check from Glascocock, for \$1,337.82, the amount of the 1974 shortage.

Although 1972 and 1973 records were included in the audit, they were not complete enough to determine if there were shortages for those years, Harper said.

The records had been kept in boxes in the attic of the courthouse, he said.

In 1973, under order of the County Court, the attic was cleaned and the records were thrown out, Harper said. "There is no evidence that any person

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