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News, Wed., Aug. 4
WERE Claims a FIRST

Thanks to the quick thinking of Parma's Mary Ann Dick, a new employe, radio station WERE is boasting that it was the first in Cleveland to flash the news of Dr. Sam Sheppard's arrest last Friday night in the Bay Village murder mystery. Miss Dick, a June graduate of Lourdes Academy, was working on the switchboard when an unknown caller informed her that Dr. Sheppard would definitely be arrested.

She contacted WERE's chief engineer, Harry Dennis, who in turn got news director Jerry Bowman out of bed. Bowman dressed, drove to Bay Village and was on hand when law director Richard Weygandt read his statement to newsmen at his home.

Bowman telephoned the station, after which sportscaster Jimmy Dudley interrupted his play-by-play account of the Indians-Senators baseball game to make the announcement, which WERE insists was the first in the city.