City Getting More Scramble Corners

New Albany's first "scramble corner" at Vincennes and Spring has proved so successful that five more are scheduled to complete the traffic "omelet" soon.

Although pedestrians and motorists are still in the learning stage as to the fullest usage of this modern walk-wait-turn-delayed signal potpourri, a decrease in accidents at the intersection has encouraged the City Council to order some \$4,000 worth of equipment for the corners of: Bank and Spring, Bank and Market, Pearl and Spring, Pearl and Market. Also, the state, which installed the first "scramble", will add another at the corner of State and Main.

Police captain Thomas Downs who is in charge of keeping motorists alive, reports that the most confusion from the light at Spring and Vincennes seems to come from east-bound motorists who have to wait while west-bound drivers turn.

"Instead of keeping their eyes on the lights," he said, "motorists will gawk around at other drivers, buildings and what have you. In the meanwhile the lights have changed their directions and then no one knows where they are."

On the whole, however, the light has speeded traffic flow, and though adding a few headaches to the New Albany scene, has prevented any more serious injury. The equipment for the City-maintained intersections has arrived and is awaiting clement weather for installation.

[Photo Caption: School children not only "scramble" at the intersection of Spring and Vincennes, they "gallop" as highway drivers wait helplessly, frozen by commanding signs that are confusing to some, but a delight to others who can do whatever they please during the interval that all traffic is stopped for pedestrians. Five more such lights are due to be installed soon.]

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