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New Tips Checked In Murder Enquiry

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The pace of the Ashley murder investigation picked up last night as police were besieged with tips resulting from new sketches of the woman sought in the slaying of 3-year-old Andrew T. Ashley.

Although there was no official count, the number of possible leads furnished police in the week-long investigation approached the 2,000 mark.

Since the Ashley boy's disappearance eight days ago, more than 50 women have been questioned. None has been held.

Yesterday afternoon Colvin Station police picked up a woman driving in Delaware Park near the zoo. She was stopped because of her resemblance to the sketch published in yesterday's Courier-Express.

The woman, attractive and well tanned, wore her hair in a pony tail. She explained she often visited the park. She was

\$1,000 Reward Offered by C-E

The Courier-Express is offering a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayer of little Andrew T. Ashley.

Persons with such information are urged to telephone the Homicide Bureau at Police Headquarters. TL 6-7000.

released after questioning at Police Headquarters.

Seen by Park Employee

The new description and drawing resulted from information supplied by a greenskeeper at Delaware Park who had seen a woman with 5-year-old Richard Edgington who had been ab-

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ducted the day prior to the abduction of the Ashley boy.

Commissioner Frank N. Felicetta said yesterday "I am fearful we may have talked to this woman and passed her by. Doctors have told us she has a split personality. She may not even realize what she has done."

The Edgington-kidnaping brought forth another clue yesterday during an examination of a sun helmet worn by the boy. The woman, who left him bound along the railroad tracks near Parkside and Linden, had taken his hat and put it on while "playing cowboys and Indians with him."

While examining the hat yesterday, police found five strands of hair believed to be from the woman. The hair was turned over to the FBI to be sent to its Washington laboratory for analysis.

Assistant Det. Chief John D. McCarthy head of the Homicide Bureau, reported yesterday that a check revealed that strips of toweling found in Delaware Park Thursday was similar to that found on the Ashley boy's body.

A check with commercial suppliers of toweling in Buffalo disclosed that the material differed from what they handle. Police now are going on the theory that the toweling may have come from a local institution or hospital that maintains its own laundry facilities.

Many persons have volunteered their services to help police in the investigation. One woman, who declined use of her name, is spending her vacation helping to draw sketches of clothing believed worn by the wanted woman. She is employed as an artist in a local industry. She said she is interested because "I have an 8-year-old son."