

# THE ITEM

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LOOKING BACK



Reflectorized sheeting is placed on street signs with this machine in the Rye Police Department's do-it-yourself sign shop. Robert Chapterlaine, in charge of the shop, holds one of his creations as Police Chief Charles G. McLaughlin looks on.

## A sign of the times—Rye in the 60s

Before 1961, street signs in Rye used to be either purchased at considerable expense from a sign company or painted by hand using a time-consuming method. Now the city can turn out more than 150 signs an hour using a system that saves taxpayer's money.

The man responsible for the 1,134 signs that mark city streets is Robert L. Chapterlaine. He has made 914 signs since December of 1961 to replace damaged ones and to update all signs to conform with the New York State Manual of Traffic Devices.