

Area News in Brief

Music Will Beguile Bus Riders Feb. 10

Riders in 20 Capital Transit buses will be hearing soft music and slightly louder announcements by February 10, the company announced yesterday.

The "music as you ride" gadgets, which later will be installed in all streetcars and buses, will carry "tailor-made programs" of "soft melodic music," E. C. Giddings, vice president said at a press conference yesterday. The programs will be broadcast by WWDC-FM over its regular frequency.

Giddings said a rider during a 25-minute ride will hear 22 minutes of music, two minutes of newscasts, weather reports or time signals and about a minute of commercials.

The 6-decibel volume for the musical part of the program will be raised to 8 decibels when the announcements are on, Giddings stated.

The programs will be heard from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Monday through Friday, and a. m. to 3 p. m. on Saturday.

The 20 buses to be wired for "music as you ride" next month will be on various lines and will be assigned different routes from day to day, the transit vice president said.