



Langendorf Arthur F

Born Dec 17, 1887

Appoint Sept 11, 1915

Ass'd Sept 14, 1915 Beat by Chief Henry J Herbert

Promoted July 1, 1918 Det-Sergt

July 1, 1925 Det-Lieut.

Retired June 1, 1956 Serving 41 yrs

Died Dec 31, 1969 in Flower Hospital

He is a veteran of 38 years in the detective bureau and 3 years

as a policeman, Yesterday he asked Detective Inspector Joseph

Fruchey and the police Pension Board to place him on retirement

roll June 1, 1956 after the termination of a combined vacation and

accumulated days off. He is among the oldest of Detectives in

years of seniority, having been appointed to the detective bureau.

He served 3 years as a uniformed policeman, He served on nearly

every assignment in the detective office and in 1930 he was named

to head the vice and gambling squads in recent years he was on

general assignment. He is 68 years old and lives at 18 Birchhead Place.

It was on Sunday night January 20 1921 that youthful detective Arthur Langendorf and a Prohibition Agent named Carey were touring the city hunting liquor violators. You will recall Prohibition days then were in effect. The cold wintry wind tore through the curtains of their touring car and Detective Langendorf and Carey the prohibition agent stopped to inspect a suspected bootlegging place. I am glad that I have plenty of warm clothing to keep warm said the liquor agent and Art Langendorf agreed with him. Just then a wretchedly dressed man approached them and said. Gee Mister could you help me out, just give me a nickel or something so I can get a cup of coffee he said. I cant get work of any kind, I am cold and this old coat doesnt help me much in this cold wind. The two officers had heard such pleas before, but this time it sounded sincere. Toledo was in the throes of a depression and they knew that jobs were not plentiful, so they emptied their pockets of their small change, 60 cents in all, and handed it over to the grateful man, May good luck bless you Sirs and if I ever get a chance to help you out I am your man, he remarked as he slouched away. We'll never see him again remarked detective Langendorf. The scene now shifts to the next day about 11 am at that hour a touring car pulled away from the old Union station and started up the long slope that is Knapp street its destination a downtown bank. In the back seat sat Austin H Breed New York Central railroad ticket agent, who clasped a satchel containing 9,975.00 dollars in cash, representing passenger train receipts. The front seats were occupied by guards Louis Schroeder a former city fireman and A.C. Long. Mr Schroeder had been employed by the railroad as a police Sergt for 3 years, and he had been detailed to assist in guarding funds

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transferred each day from the Union Station to the downtown bank.

As their car passed Williams street they failed to notice two cars

parked, one occupied by 5 men, and a moment later they were passing

the Page Dairy Co. garage, at that moment the car containing the 5

men pulled up along side the railroad automobile, there was a shot

fired and then the crash as the driver of the first car turned the

wheel of his car and rammed the money car forcing it to the curbing

In a second the 5 men leaped out, guns in hand, and began pouring

lead into the car occupied by Mr Breed and the guards Sergeant

Schroeder and Long never had a chance. They slumped over unconsci-

ous as the slugs tord their bodies. Mr Breed was unable to defend

himself, before he was able to think what was happening, the door

along side of him was yanked open and a man he never had seen be-

fore grabbed the satchel with the money. The 5 men than fled down

Wade street, one became confused and ran between some houses, and

other 4 piled into the getaway car parked near the American Express

Co., stables on Williams street. A rasping of gears and a roar of

the motor and the automobile fairly leaped foreward, and it reached

St Clair street and turned north. And Patrolman Christ Willard was on

traffic duty at the Swan Creek span St Clair and Superior strs, He

saw the big touring car roaring down toward him at a high rate of

speed suddenly it swerved around to the left side of a streetcar, he

he knew something was wrong, he started to pull out his gun but he

slipped on the icy pavement and sprawled to the ground, the driver

of the bandit car tried to run over him but he also missed, One

of the occupants however leaned out and fired two shots at him

and they missed their target. Thoroughly mad Officer Willard leaped to his feet and fired several shots at the fugitives in the car, he had the satisfaction of seeing one of the occupants fall back in his seat, evidently hit. The car then disappeared in the traffic on Superior str. Back at the holdup scene all was confusion, a police ambulance had arrived and the 2 wounded guards were placed in and taken to Toledo Hospital then at Cherry and Bancroft str. They both died a few minutes later, nothing will arouse police department to a greater fury than to have one of its members killed by the robbers. Every Officer in the city and in the County and the State and the Federal joined hands, in search for the bandits. The gunmen likely the places where they hand out were raided officers passed out the word to their informants to find out who did it and who they are. If we only had a clue something to work on moaned Detective Art Langendorf one of the detectives assigned to the robbery case, Two days later, running in circles, he bumped into the recipient of the 60 cents handout the minute the man saw him he motioned to the officer then stepped into a sheltered doorway, the detective followed, He told Langendorf to look out for a man named Richardson, he used to work as a porter in the Union Station, he is over at 385 Avondale ave right now, the detective was told, Detective Langendorf communicated his information to the Headquarters and in a few minutes cars loaded with armed officers converged on the Avondale house, they surrounded the house then with drawn guns bursted in. Racing to every room in the rear bedroom they found Richardson asleep, he had on him 1.900 dollars. In the stove they found the burning remains of the satchel seized in the holdup, Shortly afterwards other police acting on a new information swooped down on 403 Broadway where 18 yr old Edward Foley lived

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Richardson asleep. He had on him \$ 1,900.00 and in the stove they found the remains of the burned satchel, seized in the hold-up shortly afterwards other Police Officers acting on a new information swooped down on 403 Broadway where an 18 year old lived by the name of Edward Foley, He the police first coming he attempted to escape by climbing over the roof a pistol shot caused him to climb down and surrender. Taken to the Police Headquarters, Young Foley began to relate the story. He said that Richardson was the brains of the hold-up, he knew the route usually taken by Breed and his guards, he actually rounded up the gang. Richardson killed Mr Schroeder because he feared that the guard would identify him. He denied firing any shots himself, Foley said that Richardson directed the get away to Washington str and 11th str where it was abandoned, the bandits walked together to the rooming house at 1115 Washington str where the money was divided. One of the bandits whose name he didnt know had been wounded by PatlmChris Willard, while they were in the house they learned that the guards were dead, Foley said that he gave up his share of the loot to two of them with the understanding that they were to meet in Pittsburgh Penn Later in the month to follow the 3rd man of the gang John Burke Alias John Mc Guire, who was captured, Richardson Burke and Foley were tried separately, Richardson and Burke were convicted of first degree murder and both excuted in the Ohio Penitentiary. Foley got life sentence, later he was Paroled in 1936. The 4th member of the gang Frank Steward leaped to his death from a hotel window in Omaha Nebraska to prevent capture, the fifth man was never caught .Funeral services were held were held in Ansberg-West Mortuary Sat Jan 3 1970 in a private, for the Detective Arthur Langendorf Burial in Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery.







LONG AGO

WHAT A difference in styles, as well as personnel, a quarter of a century makes. Members of the Toledo detective bureau posed for this picture June 10, 1922. The cap for formal wear by well-dressed sleuth was on its way out, while the old bowler of the teen decade had disappeared. Left to right, in the top row, are Joseph Fruchey, now head of the bureau; Roy Havens, retired; Michael Rowan, Ernest Raitz, Joseph Swiatecki, Capt. William Carroll (deceased), William Julert (deceased), Fred Langhoff, Bernard Cummings, retired; James Ford, retired; John Mullen, Michael Daly (deceased). Center row, Capt. Fred Buck, retired; John Hodges (deceased), Edward Harris (deceased), William Culver (deceased), Dan Gavin (deceased), John Connors, retired; Stanley Kina, retired; Frank DeLora, Garnet Stevenson, Edward Eaton (deceased); Dick Martin (deceased); Capt. Ralph Van Vorce, retired. Seated,

John Henahan (deceased), William Herman (deceased), Capt. James O'Reilly, retired; Irving Brown (deceased), Albert Hassenzahl (deceased), John Hovey (deceased), Louis Kruse, retired; Stephen Quinn (deceased), Frank Peters (deceased), Charles Mavis, retired; Inspector William Delehanty, later chief of police (deceased); Bert Dobzeniecki (deceased), and Fred Palicki (deceased). Such bureau stalwarts as Capts. Mose McCloskey, Emmet Cairl, Edward Rock (deceased); Capts. Willard Rydman, retired, and George Timiney, now Lucas County sheriff; Inspector Louis Hass, former chief of police, and Arthur Langendorf were not available on that day long ago when this picture was snapped in front of the old police headquarters on Superior St. Only 9 of the 44 men then comprising the bureau are still active in Toledo police work.

TENNANT HELD TO GRAND JURY

Man Arrested in Holdup Is Found To Be Escaped Ohio Penitentiary Convict

Guy Tennant, escaped convict from the Ohio penitentiary, arrested here Wednesday as a suspect in the hold-up of Fred W. Tanner, Adams street restaurateur, Feb. 28, was bound over to the grand jury on a robbery charge of Judge Ira Cole's court Thursday. Bond was fixed at \$5000.

RECOGNIZED BY OFFICER.

Tennant's arrest came because Detective Arthur Langendorf saw him on the street and noticed he fitted the description of the Tanner bandit. Langendorf told Detectives Carl Hartung, William Rogers and Robert Fielding and the man was arrested in his home in the 4800 block on Summit street. He gave his name as William Thomas and his age as 30.

When his finger prints were taken, however, Superintendent John Louy of the identification bureau and Lieut. Paul Weisenberg identified the man as Tennant. Records showed Tennant had been sentenced to 10 to 25 years in Cuyahoga county for robbery.

IDENTIFIED BY VICTIM.

Tanner viewed a line-up of prisoners at the Safety building late Wednesday and readily picked out Tennant as the bandit who held him up.

Tennant denied any participation in the holdup, police said. He told police he had been living quietly here under his assumed name since his escape.

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TWO ARE TAKEN BY POLICE

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Believe Highwaymen Are Under Arrest

Police believe that the two colored highwaymen who have been terrorizing pedestrians for the last few weeks are under arrest. The men were arrested on South St. Clair on Friday by Detectives Langendorf and Hovey, and Police Secretary R. Scofield.

The men gave their names Walter Malone, 24, colored, of Chicago, and George Johnson, 22, colored, of 22 S. St. Clair-st. Police found \$300 on Johnson when he was searched at the Central Station. Johnson tried to conceal a receipt for the purchase of an auto. His name was William Simple on this receipt.

Detective Art Langendorf has been on the trail of these two men for several weeks. Langendorf said that he believes the men will be identified by several holdup victims and it is likely that they may face a charge of murdering O. P. Boyer, 230 Elgin av., who died several days ago from blows inflicted by two colored bandits when he was held up in the Register Fertilizer plant on Oct. 22.