

Timiney, G. B.





George B.  
Timiney



Timiney George B

Born Feb 11 1892  
Appointed April 9 1917 3-nights with older men  
Assigned April 12 1917 Beat by Chief Henry J Herbert  
Promoted July 1 1918 Det-Sergeant  
" Feb 16 1922 Det-Lieutenant  
" Jan 3 1933 Det-Captain  
Retired Nov 4 1948 Serving 31 yrs  
Died Jan 8 1953

Services were held in St Patricks Church and Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

He was 59 yrs old when he died to-day and he was a colorful and controversial figure in Toledo and in Lucas County Law enforcement Officer for many years, He headed the first Hoodlum Squad of Police officers which smashed the powerful Thomas Yonnie Licavoli, Ralph Carsello, John Rai, Sarafino Sinatra alias Joseph Wap English, and Jacob Firetop Sulkin gang. He was a figure head in many gun battles with criminal of all kinds, He was a very important Witness before the United States Senator Estice Kefeuver crime investigating Committee in Washington D,C, and here in Lucas County Court House by the same committee and his administration as a Lucas County Sheriff. And it ended with the biggest jail break in the history of the Lucas County.

He was a native of Toledo, he received his education here in Toledo Schools, he joined the police force at the age of 24 yrs and after serving 15 Months in Uniform he was promoted to Detective Sergeant at that time he was the youngest police officer to achieve the status of a Detective. He was named Det-Captain in 1933 and he was put in Charge of the Hoodlum Squad, with orders to clean up the Thomas Yonnie Licavoli gang here in Toledo, at that



George Timiney

- time he was begining to ride roughshod over all the competitive and illicit  
- liquor business in Toledo. Frazier Reames was a newly-elected Lucas County  
Prosecutor with campaign promiseto rid the Licavoli gang from Toledo  
with the help of the Police Hoodlum Squad, and Det-Captain George Timiney  
working out of his office and they were his special agents, The Licavoli gang  
- was marked for distruction, and it was smashed and all its members were put  
- behind bars for life in Ohio Penitentiary.

January of 1954 Thomas Yonnie Licavoli made an appeal for a Parole  
through his Attorney, and the Ohio Board of Paroles will hear their appeals  
early in the Spring, But they found this tenor voiced Detective was tougher  
than they were, He than was put in Charge of the Toledos First Crime Preventio  
Bureau comprising his old Hoodlum and Vice and Gambling Squads.

- In November of 1948 he retired from the police force to run for the  
Office of Lucas County Sheriff on the Democratic ticket against the Incumbent  
and former Police Captain Charles L Hennessey, he won the nomination and the  
election in Nov 2 1948 and he took office Jan 6 1949, But illness plagued him  
during his entire term as Sheriff; necessitating frequent visits to Toledo  
hospitals, At the end of his first term of 4 years in office he was defeated  
for re-election in Nov 7 1953 by William Hirsch a Republican candidate who  
was a City Work House Superintendent. Later Ex-Sheriff Timiney entered Mercy  
Hospital for a treatment of leg and internal hemorrhage, and against his  
Physicians advice he left the hospital in Dec 22 to spend Christmas with his  
family.

As his administration neared the date when his term would end on  
Jan 6 1953, But on Jan 4 1953 he was congratulated by the County that no  
Prisoners had escaped from his jail in his term of office, Than the very next  
night 10 prisoners sawed their way out to freedom from the third floor cells,



as sick as he was, he insisted on turning the keys of the jail to his successor personally at mid-night of January 5 1953, and a few hours later he collapsed, and died 3 days later,

On March 5 1971 Thomas Yonnie Licavoli lost his freedom bid, Convicted of the gangland slaying in 1933 and 1934 in the United States sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, The 3 Judge Panel upheld an earlier decision by Judge Joseph P Kinneary U.S. District Court in Columbus Ohio that Licavoli had received a fair trial in Toledo Ohio in 1934. The State Prison Officials were accused of giving Licavoli special treatment in the Penitentiary and it has been said that he maintained control over his rackets in the Northern Ohio area. F. Lee Bailey of Boston Mass. His Attorney argued that prosecuting Officials at that time of the trial had intimidated the witnesses and that trial was held in the atmosphere permeated with prejudicial publicity, Stephan Miller assistant Franklin County Prosecutor had asked the Court why he Licavoli had waited 34 years to appeal his case.

The United States Supreme Court had refused to review the case in 1967 and again in 1968. The Hon James H Rhodes Governor of Ohio Commuted the the conviction to second degree murder on the end of his second term in Office that made Licavoli eligible for Parole. On Jan 1 1970 the Ohio Parole Board again refused to grant him a parole. On Jan 1 1971 the parole board granted him parole on condition not to return to Toledo it was placed off limits to him under his parole restrictions, he is now living in suburb of Columbus in Gahanna Ohio operating a gift and Stamp and antique store.

Jacob Firetop Sulkin Licavoli's Lieutenant in crime was convicted of Murder in the First Degree July 7 1933 for the slaying of Jack Kennedy, speakeasy owner and his girl friend Louise Bell and Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt Franklin ave Bootleggers, and his Death Sentence was commuted to life



George Timiney

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imprisonment by Governor of Ohio The Hon Martin L Davey, On July 9 1965 He was Granted a parole and left the penitentiary to live with his Sister in West-Toledo, before his conviction he was a Circulation Manager for the Toledo News-Bee. He died July 17 1972 in the home of his sister.

Governor John Gilligan has commuted the conviction of John Rai 66 yrs and Ralph Carsello 67 yrs and Serafino Sinatra alias Joe Wap English 73yrs from First to Second Degree Murder December 6 1972. The commutation disclosed by prison officials in Columbus that the three are eligible for parole early in 1973. The Ohio Parole Board released the three Toledo murderers Feb 8 1973 John Rai and Serafino Sinatra alias Joe Wap English will live with and be supported by their families in Buffalo New York and Ralph Carsello will live in Cleveland Ohio with his brother. There will be no restrictions on visits to Toledo by any of the three. John Rai and Serafino Sinatra must receive permission from their parole officers before leaving New York State, according to Les Snyder Placement co-ordinator for the Adult Parole Authority, and if Rai and Sinatra or Carsello would want to move to Toledo permanently, approval of the Parole Board would be needed and is not likely Mr Snyder said.

The killings which put all five men in prison were products of a deadly struggle for control of racketeering and bootlegging activities in Lucas County by Frazier Reams Lucas County Prosecutor built cases against Licavoli and his associates, and a series of dramatic trials followed which led to the murder convictions.



Timiney Envelope  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Toledo Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept 7 1917

Sergeant Cook

It falls on my way home Saturday night at Washington St and Indiana St I hear 3 shots on I south. It was running down south. It in the center of the block I met the man that had been shot I told few men that had arrived there by that time to call up the ambulance and I gave chase to these men that were up running to 12th St I run over 11th St to Geo. P. Timiney  
Patrolman No. 193

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Toledo Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept 7 1917

Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_

Jefferson Ave up Jefferson Ave to 12th  
there I met these men and just as I got to the corner of Jefferson Ave and 12th St I shot about 200 yds in back of him and gave about 200 yds in back for I walk to Jefferson Ave and 12th and at this corner they came together and I saw them under arrest at that time I man pulled these guns and gave me bottles  
Patrolman No. \_\_\_\_\_



Toledo Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 2

1917

Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_

one man making for my stomach with  
his gun in hand he started for his gun  
and before I could get hold of the cylinder  
of gold he shot twice in hitting me in  
the hand and hitting me in the breast  
the other two men empty their guns at  
me I fell with the man in my back  
I fell I pulled up his gun from him  
he then hit me in the face which lay



Patrolman No. \_\_\_\_\_

Toledo Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

1917

Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_

Henry J. Oberbert  
Chief of Police in

Patrolman Zimmerman was shot in  
the hand while scuffling with 3  
gunmen at 13<sup>th</sup> & Superior about  
1 am when the officers placed them  
under arrest - Zimmerman was taken to  
St Vincent's Hospital by a citizen - 2  
of the gunmen are locked up  
Zimmerman's wound is slight but  
Redmond



Patrolman No. \_\_\_\_\_

# CITY OF TOLEDO

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

February 27, 1922.

Mr. Harry Jennings,  
Chief Division of Police,  
City of Toledo, Ohio.

*Put on cards*

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise that Detailed Detectives William Herman and George Timiney were promoted to the position of Regular Detective in the Division of Police to take effect on February sixteenth, 1922.

Patrolmen Joseph Frutchie and Fred Langhoff were promoted to the position of Detailed Detective in the Division of Police, to take effect on February sixteenth, 1922.

For your information.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

*G. D. Light*

DIRECTOR.



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58 E. WASHINGTON ST.  
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 4th, 1927.


Mr. L. J. Haas,  
Inspector of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Haas:-

You have, no doubt, already been advised of the arrest on last Friday, at Toledo, of Joe Hunter and Tom Gathright, who admitted the robbery on April 8th, 1927 of the Tuxedo State Bank at Indianapolis, Indiana, in which robbery they obtained upwards of \$2,100 in cash and Travelers Cheques of this Company amounting to approximately \$8,000.

Through investigation of the writer and other Representatives of the Express Company the thieves were finally traced into Toledo at which time we called upon your Department for assistance - Officers Wm. Carroll, and George Timiney were assigned to our case. I wanted to speak to you before leaving Toledo but was advised that you were not in your office, and therefore, did not get an opportunity to do so. It was my desire to tell you personally that the writer very greatly appreciates the efficient assistance rendered by these men - the hours were never too long in the three days this case was under investigation, and their willingness to assist in any way which would bring about the arrest of these men made it a pleasure indeed to have the privilege of working with them, and you are to be complimented in having such men in your Department. As a matter of fact we found that this spirit of co-operation existed with every one in the Detective Bureau with whom we had occasion to discuss this case, and I want you to know that this Company appreciates it.

Yours very truly,

  
G.B. Plowman,  
Special Agent.

GBP:CD

**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
Albert P. Fall, Director

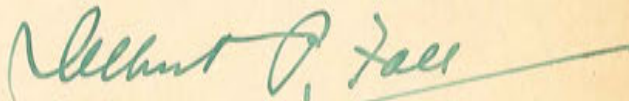
Toledo, Ohio, January 3, 1933.

Daniel T. Wolfe,  
Chief of Police.

My Dear Chief:

Effective this date, I have appointed Detective  
George W. Timiney to the position of Captain, in the  
Division of Police, assigned to the Detective Division.

Yours very truly,

  
Director of Public Safety.



Toledo, Ohio, January 3, 1933.

Daniel T. Wolfe,  
Chief of Police.

My Dear Chief:

In accordance with our conversation and for the purpose of starting your administration off without a handicap of any kind, you are advised that, effective this date, my executive orders of: June 1, 1932, appointing George Timiney an Acting Inspector; March 6, 1932, appointing Charles Roth an Acting Lieutenant; July 12, 1930, appointing Frank J. Baumgartner an Acting Sergeant; February 16, 1932, appointing John Russell an Acting Sergeant; March 19, 1932, appointing John Nagy an Acting Sergeant; April 23, 1932, appointing Theodore Mackall an Acting Sergeant; are hereby countermanded and annulled.

However, if for any reason you desire the retention of any of the above appointments, or should you desire that any officer in any rank be appointed "Acting" in the rank next higher to that which he holds, please advise me and the matter will receive due consideration.

Yours very truly,

  
Director of Public Safety.

*This Copy for  
Timiney Envelope*

Toledo, Ohio,  
January 3, 1933.

Mr. George Timiney,  
Captain, Detective Bureau,  
Division of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Captain:-

It is with pleasure that  
I notify you that, effective this date, you  
have been promoted to the above position.

We feel that your past  
efforts warrants this promotion and we  
sincerely trust that you will continue  
the good work.

Respectfully,

Chief of Police.

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Toledo Police Department

January 25, 1933

Mr. Albert D. Fall,  
President - Safety Luncheon Club.

Sir:-

At 1:00 A. M. January 8, 1933 Captain of Detectives G. Timiney, Assigned Detectives Manson, Michalak, A. Brown, Meeker and Patrolman J. McGuire arrested Robert Zwick, alias Raymond Miller, at Erie St., near Cherry.

Consistant efforts have been made in the past year to apprehend and arrest this man but up to this time all efforts had been without avail. Assigned Detective Manson located Zwick' car and called in for help. Patrolman McGuire, who was stationed on that beat, was assigned to watch the car and to signal the Detectives if anyone attempted to get away with the car. The Detectives then started searching all houses and places where they thought the culprit might be in hiding. In a short time Zwick appeared on the scene and when McGuire was making the arrest a woman handed Zwick a pistol and a shooting affray immediately ensued. The other officers, hearing the shooting, hurried to the scene and quick and efficiently subdued the offender. Zwick had been shot several times in the head and Officer McGuire received a wound in the hip; both wounded men were taken to the hospital. Zwick was wanted in Cincinnati, Ohio for Murder and was to be questioned about numerous other shootings and killings.

Special credit is due Patrolman McGuire, who has just been a member of out force some six months. It is with the thought in mind to "give credit where credit is due" that I ask commendation be given all these men for their good work.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Allen*

Inspector of Police -

*Louis J. Neas*  
\_\_\_\_\_ approved.

*J. J. Myers*  
\_\_\_\_\_ approved.



January 26th, 1933.

Patrolman Jay Maguire,  
Captain George Timinoy,

Assigned Detectives:

Harry Manson,  
John Michalak,  
Arthur Brown,  
Edward Meeker.

Gentlemen:

At 1:00 A.M., January 8th, you men effected the capture of one Robert Zwick, a notorious underworld character, wanted in Cincinnati on a charge of Murder, and for questioning in connection with various shootings and killings.

I regret that I was unable to attend the Safety Luncheon Club meeting of January 25th, in the Safety Building, to personally add my congratulations and commendations to those you received from the Commanding Officers of the Police Department who were present at that meeting, and for that reason I am writing each one of you to add my appreciation to theirs and to assure you of my high esteem for your courageous act; that the capture of this criminal required courage of the highest type cannot be doubted; his record was well known by all of you, and the information which finally led to his downfall was the result of months of patient work on the part of those concerned.

Your conduct, knowing that this man was a deadly killer and would resist capture as long as he was physically able, and your actions in the face of the murderous gun-fire with which he attempted to avert capture, are examples of the highest type of courage and efficiency, and set a high standard for other members of the department to strive for.

I trust it will be possible for you to drop into my office in the near future, as I want to personally congratulate each of you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Public Safety.



Inspector Roth:-

Sir:-

Below you will find the dates of arrest and officers making the arrest. The following names are those persons arrested:

FIRETOP SULKIN  
ERNEST LASALLE  
JOHN MIRABELLA  
RALPH CORSELLO

THOMAS LICAVOLI "Yonnie"  
PETER LICAVOLI  
JOHN RAI  
RUSSELL SYRACUSE

FIRETOP SULKIN  
7-9-33 - Sheriff Krieger

ERNEST LASALLE  
9-11-31 - Unkle and Meeker  
11-22-31 - Timiney and squad  
8-6-32 - Brown and Michalak

JOHN MIRABELLA  
1-1-32 - Timiney and squad  
1-29-32 - Hartung and Langendorf  
6-30-32 - Timiney  
6-30-32 - Brown and Michalak  
10-30-32 - Best, Snyder, Steele, Muntz  
6-14-33 - Sheriff Krieger

RALPH CORSELLO  
9-3-25 - Culver and Fruchey  
10-25-32 - Timiney and squad  
10-30-32 - Steele, Best, Snyder, Muntz  
11-7-33 - Brennen and Feilding  
Tafelski

THOMAS LICAVOLI  
10-22-31 -S.P. Dis.-Timiney  
11-23-31 -S.P. Dis.- "&" & squad  
3-15-32 -Crabb Act -Dis.  
Langendorf & Hartung  
10-25-32 -S.P. Failed to Appear  
Timiney, Brown, Michalak, Murphey,  
and McBride.  
1-23-33 -Bench W. Dis. Timiney  
Brennen, Fielding, Tafelski  
Turned over to U.S. Biquor-no  
disposition.  
9-14-33 -Arrested by Akron Pol.  
returned to Toledo by Timiney  
and Brennen.  
3-8-34 -Capias for Murder-  
Timiney and squad.

PETER LICAVOLI  
10-2-31 -Culver and Mullin  
1-1-32 -Timiney and squad

JOHN RAI  
1-29-32 -Hartung and Langendorf  
6-17-32 -Timiney and Michalak  
6-20-32 -Timiney and Squad  
8-6-32 -Brown and Michalak  
2-5-35 -Manson and Unkle

RUSSELL SYRACUSE  
9-11-31 -McBride, Unkle, Meeker  
1-1-32 -Timiney and Squad  
1-28-32 Hartung and Langendorf  
2-11-32 -Tank and Powers  
4-29-33 -Timiney and Squad

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Timiney

Aug. 14, 1934.

Inspector Egan,  
" O'Reilly,  
" Allen.

Effective this date, Captain Kinney will  
be in charge of the special squads assigned to gambling, vice,  
and redteetaring.

Chief of Police.

cc/ Captain Kinney





RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

CITY OF TOLEDO  
OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

March 3, 1944

Mr. Joseph Fruchey,  
Inspector of Detectives.

Sir:


Inasmuch as I am an aspirant  
for candidacy, for Sheriff of Lucas  
County, I hereby make request for a  
60 days leave of absence, effective  
as of March 20, 1944.

Thanking you in advance, I  
remain,

Sincerely,

George B. Timiney,  
Captain of Detectives.

Approved:   
R. E. Allen, Chief of Police

Approved:   
Edward A. DeAngelo, Director of Public Safety



RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
DIVISION OF POLICE

Safety Building  
Toledo 2, Ohio

GEO. N. SCHOONMAKER  
City Manager

7-28-45.

Chief Allen:-

I wish to advise that Captain Timiney was injured at 12.15 A.M., Monday, July 23rd, when he stumbled and fell down stairs into basement at his home.

He was attended by Dr. Hohly.

He has several stitches in forehead and also injured hand.

At present, is under the care of Dr. Cunningham.

Respectfully,

*C. I. Fauble*

C.I. Fauble

Inspector of Police.



RECORD DIV. NO.

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NUMBER

# SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### TOLEDO, OHIO

OFFENSE

ARREST NO.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION:

PERSONS INTERVIEWED:

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.

DATE OF OFFENSE

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TO:

SIR:

IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

DATE OF THIS REPORT

February 12, 1947.

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Inspector Fruchey.

Sir: At about 10:45 p.m. on February 1st. ~~at~~ I parked my car on Erie St. at entrance to Safety building and walked across erie to the curb on west side. Just at the curb I slipped on the ice and fell. Fractured my left wrist in three places. I worked until Tuesday. I then contacted Doctor Scott and he ordered an xray at Mercy Hospital. Wednesday I had xray at Mercy and delivered same to his office. He after examining xray ordered me to Mercy Hospital at 9 a.m. the following day. He then put my arm in a cast and has been treating me since.

Respectfully,

G. B. Timiney.

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

BADGE

(IF NECESSARY, USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS)

Form R. D. 10-A.—This sheet to be immediately forwarded to RECORD DIVISION.

3-2-48 Approved by Toledo Civil Service Commission,

*George F. Wagner*  
George F. Wagner, Secretary-in-Charge.



RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

# CITY OF TOLEDO

DIVISION OF POLICE  
Safety Building  
Toledo 2, Ohio

GEORGE N. SCHOONMAKER  
City Manager

Feb. 27th, 1948.

Civil Service Commission,  
City of Toledo, O.

Gentlemen:-

Respectfully request leave of absence,  
without pay, for a 60-days period, effective Mar.16th,1948.

Respectfully,

*Geo. B. Timiney*  
Geo. B. Timiney  
Captain of Detectives.

*R. E. Allen* Approved.  
R. E. Allen, Chief of Police.

*Edw. A. DeAngelo* Approved.  
Edw. A. DeAngelo, Director, Public Safety



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MAR 1 1948





RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police



**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
**OHIO**

DIVISION OF POLICE  
Safety Building  
Toledo 2, Ohio

GEORGE N. SCHOONMAKER  
City Manager

May 18th, 1948.

Civil Service Commission,  
City of Toledo, O.

Gentlemen:-

I was granted leave of absence, without pay, for a period of 60 days effective March 16th, 1948, and at the expiration, I returned to duty, working May 16th and 17th.

Would respectfully ask that this leave be extended to Nov. 10th, 1948.

Have been nominated as candidate by the citizens of Lucas County to run for position of sheriff at election Nov. 2nd, 1948.

Trusting that this leave may be granted at an early date, I am,

Respectfully,

*George B. Timiney*  
George B. Timiney  
Captain of Detectives.

5-18-1948 Approved by  
The Toledo Civil Service Commission,

*John Connolly*  
John Connolly, Secretary.





**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
**OHIO**



**RAY E. ALLEN**  
Chief of Police

DIVISION OF POLICE  
Safety Building  
Toledo 2, Ohio

**GEORGE N. SCHOONMAKER**  
City Manager

Nov. 4th, 1948.

Mr. E. A. DeAngelo,  
Director of Public Safety.

Dear Sir:-

Having applied for pension as of Nov. 1st, 1948,  
I respectfully present my resignation from this division on that  
date.

Wish to thank all for the fine treatment accorded  
me in the past, and assuring you that I will always be ready and  
willing to be of assistance to you in the future.

With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully,

Cy. Chief Allen.  
Civil Service Commission.

*Geo B. Timiney*  
Geo. B. Timiney.  
Captain of Detectives.





RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

# CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

November 4th, 1948.

To the Trustees,  
Police Relief & Pension Fund,  
Toledo, O.

Gentlemen:-

Kindly place me on pension as of  
Nov. 1st, 1948, as per Sec. 4628, Par. 1.  
Entered service Apr. 9, 1917.

Respectfully,

*Geo. B. Timiney*  
Geo. B. Timiney  
Captain of Detectives.

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| 1. Safety Director      | 2. Chief of Police           | 3. Inspector, Staff Office | 4. Inspector of Police  | 5. Inspector of Detectives |
| 6. Inspector of Traffic | 7. Sup't. Ident. Bur.        | 8. Cap't. No. 1 Station    | 9. Cap't. No. 2 Station | 10. Captain Detectives     |
|                         | 11. Captain Crime Prevention | 12. Women's Bureau         |                         |                            |





# 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.



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TOLEDO, OHIO, JANUARY 22, 1939

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# TIMINEY NEGLIGENCE CHARGES FAULTY

## Retired Ohio Attorney General Duffy Gives "Break" to Nudists

### Asserts Nudist Camps Not Public

Ohio's Attorney General Herbert S. Duffy, on retiring from public office was requested to make a statement regarding Buckeye State nudist camps by Prosecutor Lloyd Jones of Delaware County in connection with the raiding of Twin Rivers Associates, a sun-bathing rendezvous near Delaware, Ohio several months ago.

The elaborate explanations rendered by the retired attorney General summed up to the reasoning that apparently nudist camps are not public places; therefore anyone trespassing or being admitted officially expects to see the sights that may come about. Mr. Duffy also explained that "Exposure is not always indecent. It depends upon the circumstances. Thus it has never been considered a violation of this

statute for men to swim in closed pools in a state of nudity nor has it been considered indecent for individuals to make exposure of their persons for purposes of medical examination, etc."

#### REMAIN CALM!

"It is apparent, therefore," continued Duffy, "that what is indecent depends upon circumstances and if there is no one

present to be shocked, it follows that the exposure is not indecent."

"Whether or not the participation by a child in a nudist camp would tend to injure the morals of the child would no doubt depend upon the nature of the activities carried on in the camp," said Duffy. "I am not prepared to say that mere nudity by the child or the other people with whom the child would be associated would be injurious to the morals of the child or the other people participating in the camp.

"I am in possession of quotations from many eminent authors on psychology and sex education indicating an opinion that complete nudity has a beneficial effect upon character development and morals. However, I do not feel sufficiently informed on this subject to make any definite conclusions. The reported cases afford little help and it would seem that the question would have to be settled in connection with each camp after testimony as to the nature of the activities and its effect on the participants had been taken.

## WPA-Toledo Park Project

Work on the \$130,000 WPA-Toledo Metropolitan Park Board improvement program at Oak Openings Park in Swanton Township will begin Wednesday, William B. Schmuhl, district WPA director, announced.

A force of 700 men will be employed for three months improving the 272-acre park, located at Reed and Wilkins Roads.

WPA workers will clear spaces for tree-planting, build bridle paths, footpaths and trails, lay out recreation areas, remove underbrush and undesirable trees and construct artificial lakes and ponds.

The improvement program is sponsored by the Toledo Metropolitan Park Board.

## Allen Seeks Discharge Of Gang-Buster

The meaning of the word "neglect" took on a different aspect this week as Captain George Timiney, popular with Toledo business men for having smashed the treacherous Yonnie Licavoli gang several years ago, was suspended on the charges of having failed to report for duty and disobedience to orders.

The "Neglect" charges circled about the declaration that "Capt. George Timiney on June 10, 1937, released one John Crawford, who had been positively identified by Mr. Meyer Schiff and his daughter as the man who had swindled him (Mr. Schiff) out of \$5,500 and Capt. George Timiney did fail to make a complete investigation of the case and failed to detain John Crawford until such investigation could be made although sufficient evidence was presented at the time by Mr. Schiff to warrant such detention and investigation."

Although Chief Ray Allen has before him the release made by Mr. Schiff to free the suspect, although Detective Frank DeLora, a questioner of the suspect in the case, insists that Mr. Schiff refused to prosecute, Chief Ray Allen intimated that Schiff was influenced in signing such release.

Other charges by Chief Allen are that the detective failed to report for duty a fortnite ago and that he took absence without leave on five days of October of last year. As a rule, officers assuming this privilege are contacted at once, but in the case of George Timiney, the charge is "neglect."

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## Skating Togs . . . Plus Sneakers!

To complete her knitted skating costume of rich, boy blue, striped with brilliant red, Sally Eilers chose this tricky pair of sneakers to wear to and from the rink. Designed by Buster Collier Jr., formerly of screen-dom, the special shoes have snug tops knitted from white wool, hand embroidered at the instep in brilliant colors. Miss Eilers is to appear next in "They Made Her a Spy," for RKO Radio.





# Timiney Neglect Charges Resented

## Chief Ray Allen May Face Fire If Asked To Answer Questions

Much public resentment was shown this week as Toledo's police chief suspended Captain George Timiney on the charges of neglect of duty, failure to report and disobedience.

Toledo businessmen in particular refused to believe that such charges against the person of an intrepid man as Captain Timiney is known to be were factual. For businessmen recall that the same Timiney headed the fearless hoodlum squad which smashed the powerful Licavoli gang several years ago.

### Might Ask Questions

Among the many undercurrent expressions of resentment were inquiries into the religion of Mr. Timiney as well as the religions of any other officer suspended or discharged under the Allen regime. It is said almost every one with an exception or two has been of the Catholic faith.

### Police Record

Men in position to know requested the Mirror ask Chief Allen to bring out his police record. To the knowledge of these people, the only official arrest by the chief was made one day last week when he apprehended a blind beggar soliciting pennies on Toledo streets.

### Army Exemption

Still others inquired into the grounds on which the chief claimed exemption from the United States army — without answering the obvious, it was asked if the same reason might not interfere with the tenure of his present position.

### Comparing Notes

The Mirror knows for a fact that Captain George Timiney has made trips outside the city on official business at his own expense. It recalls too that when Mr. Timiney returned, he brought back murderers to face justice. Also, the Mirror has on record that Chief Ray Allen who now castigates Mr. Timiney with outrageous charges — left the city last summer for California on a pleasure trip. For the occasion he used a city car — a new Packard, if you please — like Captain Timiney who returned with criminals, the chief brought back something himself — a suntan . . .

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## Hawaiian Natives Featured At Algeo Nite Grill

Princess and Willie, with their electric singing guitars, two natives of Hawaii who appeared with Bing Crosby in his hit picture, "Waikiki Wedding," and who have formed the musical accompaniments for several Crosby Hawaiian recordings are current at the Algeo Nite Grill.

Transported from the balmy isles of Hawaii, these two native entertainers offer a diversion from the usual run of entertainment, singing in both English and their native Hawaiian language, offering the Dance of the Drums, the century-old hula chant, in the same native dress they used in various screen productions of their islands. You will remember them, their music, singing and authentic Hawaiian dance numbers.

Also billed this week are Renee Grant, offering feats in control acrobatics. Miss Margie Nantell sings and Bob Martin emcees. Miss Jean Wald is the female maestro who heads the clever all-gal band which invaded the Jefferson-St. Clair spot Monday evening direct from a series of engagements in Pittsburghs smarter after-dark rendezvous, and is scheduled for an indefinite stay.

## Weird Comedian, Chill Wills, Now Seeks Film Fame



"I figured," said Chill Wills, "that if I stuck around town long enough, mebbe somebody'd admire to use me."

The elongated Mr. Wills, who refuses to explain his odd first name, plays George O'Brien's pal in RKO Radio's "Arizona Legion," and hopes he is finally starting up the ladder of film success.

Mr. Wills is of Texas origin and has been a vaudevillian, radio entertainer, night club singer, cowboy musician and medicine-show artist, and now is trying to win film fame the hard way—getting to be a screen comic by the western route. His first role was in O'Brien's recent "Lawless Valley," as a dumb deputy sheriff. The part was not a large one, but the audience yowled gleefully whenever he appeared.

## Reunited In "Kentucky"



Loretta Young and Richard Greene, who first appeared together in "Four Men and a Prayer," are reunited in 20th Century-Fox's technicolor production, "Kentucky," opening Friday at the Paramount Theatre.

## Anna May Wong Is Only Real Oriental

Hollywood has long prided itself that it can provide actors and actresses of any race and capable of carrying anything from a bit role to a starring assignment.

But it seems there are exceptions to all rules.

The casting of Sidney Toler, well-known character actor, as a Chinese herb doctor in Paramount's "King of Chinatown," brought home the fact that today, with one exception, all "Oriental" actors who can carry pictures in major roles are distinctly Occidentals.

The late Warner Oland created the role of "Charlie Chan." After Oland's death, Twentieth Century-Fox held in abeyance plans to continue the successful series until Toler was cast as a successor to Oland. Peter Lorre, a German, created "Mr. Moto." When Metro-Goldwyn cast "The Good Earth," Paul Muni and Luise Rainer were selected for the starring spots.

The one exception to the rule is Anna May Wong, who is starring in her pictures at Paramount.

## Doll Hats on Wane Out Hollywood Way

Larger hats are beginning to outdo the miniature models around Hollywood. Barbara Stanwyck, now co-starring with Joel McCrea in "Union Pacific," for Paramount, is wearing a broad-brimmed black felt which resembles a modern version of a poke bonnet minus strings. A rich black suede band is crushed around the rather high crown and sewn in a flat bow in back.



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## Turtle Necks Back In New Suit Trend

A new type of suit will predominate in Hollywood's mid-season fashion trend. Elaine Barrie, now in Paramount's "Midnight," with Claudette Colbert, Don Ameche, Francis Lederer and others, is wearing an ideal example of this new costume. A black serge suit, cut in slim, straight lines, has a short skirt with slit pockets bound in patent leather pipings. The jacket is short, brief and very fitted, with similar pocket treatment. A turtle-necked sweater of yellow and black striped wool is worn underneath and a lapel-clip and massive gold bracelet serve as jewelry highlights.

## Moran, Moreno Are Back in Pictures

On Paramount's Stage 8, a woman stands behind a counter for a scene of the Gladys Swarthout picture, "Ambush." A man enters, questions her briefly, and foes out.

A visitor whispers to a mail-room boy, assigned to guide him around the lot: "Who are those people?"

"Search me," says the boy. "Just bit players."

The boy may be too young to remember, but both those bit players are former stars. Each is just emerging from retirement for a comeback attempt. The woman is Polly Moran, the man Antonio Moreno.

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## Snowden Revue Hypos K. Klub Biz

When Carolyn Snowden's Harlem Aristocrats invaded the Kentucky Klub Monday evening, an immediate boom of business was realized by the management. It's a return engagement for the sepia troupe, which made so many friends during its three weeks' stay a fortnite or so ago.

Carolyn has with her a complete new show—new faces, new gags, new routines—and is going over as favorably as before. Del Osterman's illustrious orchestra retains the bandstand, offering musical background to the three nightly shows presented by engaging master of ceremonies, Hank Adams. Louis D. Nakos, mixologist, stays over as an added attraction to bar patrons.

### MULES CHALLENGE STARS

Missouri mules, which Paramount photographed in their native habitat for the bob Burns' film, "I'm From Missouri," have a world fame that vies with that of movie stars. They are universally in demand right now for military purposes.

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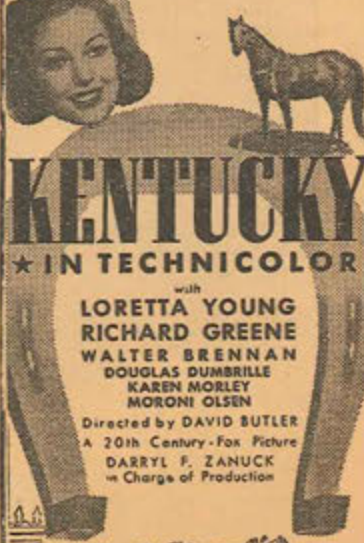
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## DeAngelo Orders War On Mobsters

### Old 'Hoodlum Squad' To Battle Crime Wave

An outbreak of super-market and tavern robberies brought a "get tough" order today from Safety Director Edward A. DeAngelo to wage total war on mobsters, simultaneously with his appointment of Detective Capt. William Gray to head the revived gangster-era "hoodlum squad."

In the last fortnight, Toledo has had four major robberies which have resulted in the shooting of a policeman and the theft of nearly \$20,000, in addition to a wave of safe burglaries in the last two months, Mr. DeAngelo said.

He ordered Police Chief Ray E. Allen to relieve Captain Gray of his duties as head of the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. detective bureau detail and assign the former morals squad head to the safety director's office, where he will work directly under Mr. DeAngelo's supervision.

#### Squad Members Listed

Members of Captain Gray's squad will be Detective Lieut. Roman Czajkowski and Detective Sergts. Edward Nasser and Edward Jarczyński.

The safety director said that by reviving the squad, which Sheriff George B. Timiney, then a detective captain, headed in the early 1930s to harass and smash the Yonnie Licavoli gang, he believed hoodlums would be made to understand that Toledo was no place to seek even temporary haven.

These officers will be instructed to visit night clubs, cigar stores, restaurants, etc., which undesirables are known to frequent, with orders to cause the hoodlums as much physical and legal trouble as possible, Mr. DeAngelo asserted.

#### Husky Crew Of Officers

The safety head did not clarify the "physical trouble," except to point out that husky 265-pound Captain Gray and members of his squad are younger officers, former athletes and in tip-top physical shape, because of regular gymnasium workouts.

## Crime Revival

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Mr. DeAngelo said he did not believe that Toledo was any the country, but that police here were going to nip the situation in the bud by convincing out-of-town mobsters, who are suspected of most of our major crimes, that it is not healthy for them to be found in Toledo.

Complimenting Captain Gray, whom he credited with driving gambling joints outside the city limits during his duty as head of the morals squad, Mr. DeAngelo reported the detective captain led a trio of plainclothesmen into the 18th Club, 1724 Madison Ave., at 3 a.m. yesterday and arrested two suspects, whose automobiles contained complete sets of safe-cracking equipment. They are held for investigation.

#### False Address Given

Mr. DeAngelo identified the men as Albert (Sammy) Wright, 33, a Cincinnati ex-convict and racketeer, and Michael Fiore, 43, Buffalo, who said he was a "salesman" for Wright. Both men were carrying identification and operator's licenses, which bore fictitious Toledo addresses. In their expensive cars detectives found chisels, drills, wrecking bars, punches, ammunition, hammers, extra out-of-state license plates, tape, wire, soap and eye droppers.

Mr. DeAngelo said the wave of safe robberies, which number more than a score, started about two months ago and reached their peak last week when cracksmen in one night smashed safes in the Cliff Nelson Fuel Co., 136 South Ave.; South Side Lumber & Supply Co., 1307 Prouty Ave., and O&M Seed Co., 700 Mill St.

On Nov. 10 two bandits forced Lester Bellman, manager of Bellman's West Toledo Market, 1110 Sylvania Ave., to open the store safe and escaped with \$6,200 after tying the shopkeeper with clothesline.

#### Tavern Loses \$2,248

Mr. DeAngelo said this may have been the same bandit pair who early Saturday staged a \$20,000 robbery of a super-market in Southfield, Mich., a Detroit suburb. Conversation between the bandits and Mr. Bellman indicated the pair were Detroiters, Mr. DeAngelo said.

Early Friday three middle-aged holdup men robbed Kraft's Tavern, 1801 Michigan St., of \$2,248 and fled after binding their four victims with adhesive tape to frustrate pursuit.

Friday night Patrolman Anthony Nowak was shot twice as he grappled with one of two men who attempted to stage a robbery of the Save-Way Market, 2941 Cherry St. Both suspects escaped after an exchange of gunfire with Patrolmen Nowak and Steve Kowaleski.

#### Police Hold Two

Held for questioning in the shooting of Officer Nowak is David Miller, 30, of 840 Belmont Ave., who appeared at Mercy Hospital early Saturday with a bullet lodged in his leg. Yesterday afternoon detectives detained Edward Taylor, 35, of 436 Belmont Ave., who told them he had shot Mr. Miller in an argument in a poker game in the 400 block of Pinewood Ave.

Saturday night a pair of bandits, one armed with a shotgun and the other with a pistol, invaded the A&P Food Store, 1111 South Ave. and beat the manager Seymour Straight, Jr., 3535 Kershaw Ave., who was forced to open the safe and hand the thugs \$10,000 in checks and currency.

Two men answering the description of the A&P bandits were reported to have been seen at a Van Wert, O., filling station three hours after the robbery.



# Timiney Scores Staff's Carelessness In Break

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## Sheriff Opens Inquiry Into Possibility That Inside Help Was Received By Escapees

Sheriff George B. Timiney, angered by the jail break in the waning hours of his administration, said today that the mass escape from the County Jail was "the result of wanton carelessness" by his staff.

The sheriff said he was launching an investigation to determine whether any member of his staff aided in the prisoners' escape.

He said his personal services would be available, without pay after his term expires tomorrow at midnight, until the situation is thoroughly cleaned up.

### Laxity By Deputies

"I can't be convinced," he added, "that deputies assigned to jail duty were not lax in making their rounds in a proper and punctilious manner — they certainly weren't observant."

"I strongly suspect the prisoners had inside help," Sheriff Timiney added.

The sheriff said it would be "ridiculous" to believe prisoners could saw away at the bars more than 12 hours without detection through normal precautions.

### Several On Duty

There are several jailers on duty during daylight hours, Mr. Timiney explained, and a concealed microphone system makes it possible for jailers to listen in on noise and conversation in any and all parts of the cell blocks at all times.

Only recently, the sheriff added, he discovered that the microphone system, installed more than a year ago, "wasn't" being used to the fullest extent."

Mr. Timiney said he would turn over to the prosecutor any information he obtains indicating that any of his staff aided "willfully or knowingly" in the escape.

The last one had fled a half-hour later.

The only other officer in the jail at the time the break was discovered, it was reported, was Deputy Frank Durivage, assigned to desk duty on the first floor.

Sheriff Timiney was confined to his home at 2450 Marengo Dr. with a leg infection yesterday, according to Deputy Roe. The deputy said the sheriff was released recently from Mercy Hospital.

All sheriff's deputies were recalled to duty immediately after the escape was discovered, and most of them worked throughout the night.

### 18 Hacksaw Pieces Found

The escape was the first during the 4-year term being ended by Sheriff Timiney.

Jailer Jurski said he suspected the break might have been pushed ahead of schedule by word that he planned a general "shakedown" of prisoners today, in preparation for turning the jail over to Mr. Hirsch tomorrow night.

The 18 half-pieces of hacksaw blades recovered beneath and about the outside window, Mr. Jurski said, apparently had been concealed in a ventilator shaft in the Chandler-Johnson cell.

## Escapees Drop 20 Feet From Hole In Window

Nine prisoners sawed their way out of Lucas County Jail last night in what authorities termed the largest break in the history of the institution.

Four were recaptured between

jumped from the jail window.

Recaptured earlier and placed in solitary confinement, after they were tracked down by police and sheriff's deputies summoned to special duty, were:

Adolph Syph, 32, of 657 Palmwood Ave., a boxer known as Ace Miller, who is accused of forgery and was awaiting a report from the adult probation department which might have won freedom for him.

### Figure In W-O Theft

Kenneth Johnson, 27, of 701½ Division St., convicted of attempting April 6, 1951, to rob the Willys-Overland Motors, Inc. federal credit union. He had been freed inadvertently two months ago, while awaiting results of an appeal, and rearrested a few hours later in the home of a relative.

Kenneth Roland, 22, of 719 Humboldt St., charged with check forgery.

Bishop Jackson, 21, of 1917½ Canton St., accused of cutting with intent to kill.

Syph was arrested at Canton St. and East Woodruff Ave. about 3:30 a.m. by Detective Capt. William Gray and Detective Lieut. Roman Czajkowski. Deputies Ray Roe and John Sobocki captured Roland at 4:30 a.m. when he walked from the home of a relative in the 2100 block of Genesee St.

### Fire At Johnson

Chief Jailer John Jurski and Deputies Michael Harper and Andrew Carr caught Jackson about 2 a.m. when they spotted him and Roland walking in the 900 block of Division St. Roland fled this time and gained another 2½ hours of freedom.

Patrolmen Lorin Grover and Albert Kubacki, Jr., recognized Johnson in the 300 block of Avondale Ave., chased him through an alley, firing over his head, and caught him as he emerged from between houses in the 300 block of John R St.

Questioning of the 20 prisoners found in the cell block at 9:15 p.m., when the break was discovered, disclosed that the escapees had sawed at the bars about 12 hours.

Someone kept watch all of the time, the prisoners said, and each time a deputy walked through the cell block for inspection the workers would scurry back to their proper quarters.

most of the articles had been secreted in the cell blocks.

### Passer-By Reportedly

### Saw Bars Being Cut

County jail prisoners who sawed their way to freedom Friday were so brazen that at least one person who saw them at work thought nothing of it at the time.

Attendants at the Shell filling station, Canton St. and Spielbusch Ave., said one of their fellow workers saw an inmate at work on the bars Friday about 1:15 p.m.

They identified the witness as Jack Ritter, Walbridge, who has since returned to his sophomore classes in the University of Michigan.

The student was quoted as saying he thought the prisoner was someone "repairing the bars." He said he noted the sawing as he walked across the Civic Center mall and onto Spielbusch Ave. about 35 feet from the jail.

### Justice Of Peace Says Man He Sentenced Disappears

Gerald Eldridge, Washington Township justice of the peace, notified Prosecutor Harry Friberg today that a prisoner sentenced from his court last July 31 apparently had disappeared from county jail Nov. 11.

Mr. Eldridge said he sentenced Lester Booth, 22, of Alexis Rd., to serve 6 months and fined him \$207 and costs last July for beating his pregnant wife. Booth also was on probation from Domestic Relations Court on a neglect charge, the peace justice said.

In checking today, Mr. Eldridge said he learned that Booth "disappeared" from the jail Armistice Day, although he still had 77 days of the sentence and 67 days for the fine and costs to serve before his probation on the other charge began. Mr. Friberg said that a warrant could be issued to rearrest Booth and compel him to complete the sentence.

Recaptured today at 4 a.m. in the 900 block of Avondale Ave. was Wallace Wiley, sixth of the escapees to be returned to jail. He is suspected of receiving from a visitor the hacksaw blades with which jail bars were sawed.

He had not been questioned several hours later.

Dorries Chandler, 36, of 397 John R St., described as a ring-leader in the break, walked into the jail and surrendered at 10:15 a.m. today to Mr. Smolinski.

### 3 Still At Large

This left at freedom Tanner; Joseph Reid, 31, of 309½ Nebraska Ave., an alleged robber, and Willie Parnell, 33, of 819 Hildebrand Ave., accused of cutting with intent to kill.

Still held for investigation today was Connie West, 21, of 1123 Norwood Ave., the last person to visit Wiley before the break. She talked with the prisoner New Year's Day after obtaining a special pass to the jail.

Mrs. Icelean West, mother of the girl, filed a petition today in Common Pleas Court declaring that her daughter was being held without legal authority. She asked a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Harvey G. Straub docketed a hearing on the petition for Wednesday at 9 a.m.

### Blames Patronage System

Meanwhile, the retiring sheriff and his former deputies exchanged charges of maladministration as they were relieved of duty by the expiration of Mr. Timiney's term.

The former sheriff repeated his accusation of Saturday that the jail break, largest in the institution's history, was the result of "wanton carelessness" by the deputies.

Mr. Timiney asserted that "some of my deputies were just no good," and blamed the situation on the patronage system of the Democratic Party, which failed to endorse him in the last primary election.

Democratic leaders declined comment on Mr. Timiney's patronage charges in the absence of John P. Kelly, party chairman. Edward M. Ryan, Democratic member of the Board of Elections, said "if a statement is needed" it will be made when Mr. Kelly returns from a Florida vacation.

### Say Timiney 'Too Lenient'

Deputies Paul Uncle, Harold G. Williams and Michael Harper, who served as jailers Friday and Friday night while the bars were being sawed, charged that Mr. Timiney was "too lenient" in his handling of prisoners and

The escape was made by squeezing first through a 7¼-by-20½-inch opening from the cell of Johnson and Chandler into an areaway connecting with the outside window, and then through a 11-by-12-inch window opening.

The escapees dropped 20 feet from the sawed-out window to

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ment for second degree murder. Another was a brother of one of the escapees.

The remaining prisoners told sheriff's deputies that several of the escapees had knives, and that one was reported to have had an automatic pistol.

### Break Discovered **BLADE**

The break was discovered by Harold G. Williams, serving his last night as relief jailer. It came little more than 48 hours before Sheriff George B. Timiney is succeeded by Sheriff-elect William A. Hirsch.

Jailer Williams said he made a routine inspection of the second-story cell block about 7 p.m., noticing nothing wrong. Prisoners said the sawed-out sections of bars were returned to their places during this inspection.

No inspection was made at 8 p.m., he said, because he was busy unlocking cell doors to permit a milk peddler to distribute milk among the prisoners. **JAN 3 1953**

The absence of the prisoners on his 9 p.m. inspection tour, Mr. Williams said, led to the investigation which uncovered the breaks in the cell and window bars.

### Took Turns In Cutting

An unidentified prisoner told Mr. Williams that he and the others who did not participate in the break were forced into silence during the daytime inspections by threats from the escapees.

Other prisoners said the escapees used soap and toothpaste to deaden the sound of the hacksaw as they took turns in cutting the bars. They carefully collected the filings as they proceeded, it was explained.

Cut away with the saw blades were two, one-inch bars from the window, and a single bar of the same thickness from the back of the Chandler and Johnson cell.

Prisoners, deputies explained, are housed in two rows of nine cells each, one row on either side of a bullpen shared by all prisoners until 9 p.m. daily.

### First Escape Soon After 7 p.m.

Deputy Williams was on his way to return the prisoners to their individual cells for the night when the break was discovered.

First of the escapees squeezed to freedom immediately after Jailer Williams made his 7 p.m.

escapees. Another, whose ankle fractured, was retaken at 10 a.m.

Still sought were Dorries Chandler, 36, of 397 John R St., accused of working with one of the recaptured prisoners in master-minding the mass break. He is accused of a narcotics violation.

Joseph Reid, 31, of 309½ Nebraska Ave., accused of the armed robbery Nov. 11 of the Salvation Army store at 840 South Eleventh St. **1-3-53**

Willie Parnell, 33, of 819 Hildebrand Ave., charged with cutting with intent to kill.

Wallace Wiley, 27, of 336 John R St., charged with car theft.

A woman identified as a friend of Wiley, Connie West, 21, of 1123 Norwood Ave., was held for investigation following her arrest today at 1 a.m. in her home.

Sheriff's deputies said Miss West was the last visitor received by any of the escapees. They said she was given a special New Year's Day pass to visit Wiley in his cell block.

### Receives Phone Call

The young woman's mother, Mrs. Icelean West, told investigators she received a telephone call from Wiley last night about 7:30, and that he asked her to inform her daughter he would be over later to visit her.

Miss West denied that she took saw blades into the jail, and said she had no information about the break except that relayed to her by her mother, who said she was not told by Wiley how he had obtained freedom.

The last to be recaptured was Howard Thomas, 21, of 348½ Avondale Ave., who is charged with transporting a stolen car across a state line.

Acting on an anonymous telephone tip, Patrolmen Robert Markee and Robert Meehan found Thomas in a car in the 2300 block of Front St.

### Injured In Jump

Seated beside Thomas was a woman, who identified herself as a relative of the escapee and told the patrolmen she had telephoned the dispatcher of Thomas' whereabouts.

Thomas was taken to Maumee Valley Hospital and placed under guard by police. He said the

# 10th Prisoner Disappears During County Jail Break

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## 7 Back In Custody As One Surrenders; Hirsch Takes Over Office From Timiney

Seven of the nine county jail prisoners known to have escaped Friday night were in custody today but another inmate—mysteriously missing—was added to the list of wanted.

Recapture of the sixth escapee, surrender of the seventh fugitive, and announcement that another prisoner is unaccounted for marked the early hours of the administration of incoming Sheriff William A. Hirsch.

Meanwhile, the term of ex-sheriff George B. Timiney ended last midnight amid a welter of accusations, with Mr. Timiney charging that some of his deputies were "just no good" and members of his staff counter-charging that the Timiney administration was too lax.

### Inquires About Prisoner

The absence of Rufus Tanner, 26, apparently noted by sheriff's deputies Saturday, came to the attention of city police for the first time today at 2 a.m.

Seeking information for Robert Karsmizki, state highway patrolman, Detective Capt. Owen Green telephoned Chief Jailer Edward Smolinski to inquire when Tanner would satisfy his 10-day jail sentence and \$100 fine.

Mr. Smolinski told Captain Green that Tanner escaped with the nine prisoners originally listed, and that he assumed police had included his name in the wanted list broadcast throughout Ohio and adjoining states.

### Jail Census Taken

A jail card, indicating that Tanner escaped jail Friday at 7:30 p.m., was handed him by the outgoing deputies when he took over the jail last midnight, Mr. Smolinski said.

Andrew B. Carr, deputy under Sheriff Timiney, said later that Tanner's disappearance was not discovered until Saturday, when the outgoing sheriff's deputies conducted a jail census.

No other explanation was im-

ploring that trustees, hall boys and kitchen aids were permitted to enter and leave the jail throughout the day without being searched.

Sheriff Timiney, they added, was too lenient in giving prisoners passes from the jail, and sometimes told the jailers to "take it easy on the boys" and not lock them in individual cells at 9 p.m., as was the custom.

The disgruntled jailers added that the prisoners frequently informed on one another, and would "cut each other's throats" to get trusty jobs, some of which were used to smuggle whisky into the jail.

### Hirsch Plans Own Inquiry

Replying to Mr. Timiney's charges that they were lax Friday on cell-block inspections, the jailers said they had no specific orders to watch the cell blocks and that all their orders were indefinite.

Mr. Timiney contradicted this statement, asserting that he gave definite orders for hourly rounds of the cell blocks and warned his deputies "many times about what could happen" if such inspections were not made.

Sheriff Hirsch said he would conduct his own investigation into the escape. He said his first official act was to order a "complete and thorough shake-down" of "every nook and cranny" of the jail, and of all inmates.

Found during the shakedown, which followed a similar search Saturday by Sheriff Timiney's deputies, were a pocket knife, a pair of pliers, several razor blades, tin cans and some spoons. Jailer Smolinski said. He said

his name was not added to the wanted list handed police after the break, delaying the radio alert on Tanner until early today.

Adding to the Tanner mystery were jail records indicating he had been held in the first-floor cell block and, unless transferred, would not have had access to the second-floor escape route.



# No Punishment Indicated For Jail Breakers

The 10 prisoners who escaped County Jail Friday cannot be arraigned as jail breakers after recapture or otherwise be given tougher sentences as punishment, it appeared yesterday.

Sheriff William Hirsch, who took over his new job at midnight Sunday, was informed yesterday by Prosecutor Harry Friberg that there is no existing Ohio law which makes it a felony to break out of jail.

## Fugitive Returns

Seven of the escapees, meanwhile, were back in jail yesterday. The total was boosted by two with the surrender of Dorries Chandler, 36, of 397 John R St., facing a narcotics charge, and the capture by police of Wallace Wiley, 27, of 336 John R St., accused of automobile theft.

Investigation of the break was complicated yesterday with the announcement that a tenth prisoner apparently escaped at the same time as the others.

The surprise fugitive, Rufus Tanner, 26, was not missed until Saturday morning. His absence was not made public until Monday morning, when former Sheriff George B. Timiney turned over his records to Sheriff Hirsch.

## Deputies Surprised

Still at large, besides Tanner, are Joseph Reid, 31, of 309½ Nebraska Ave., a robbery suspect, and Willie Parnell, 33, of 819 Hildebrand Ave., charged with cutting with intent to kill.

The return of Chandler, named as a ringleader in the saw-out from the second-story cell block, was almost as big a surprise as the break itself.

Chief Jailer Edward Smolinski, a veteran from the last Republican administration of Sheriff Charles Hennessey, was conduct-

# Lie Tests Show 2 Trustees Knew Of Jail Break Bid

## Prisoners Absolved Of Taking Part In Last Week's Affair

Lie detector tests today and yesterday absolved two former county jail trustees of having any part in last week's break, but disclosed that both had knowledge that the escape was being planned, investigators said today.

The prisoners, Leonard Quinn, 25, of 224 Indiana Ave., and Robert Baker, 37, of 2008 Canton St., were deprived of trusty privileges earlier this week when they were suspected of having smuggled whisky into the jail. The tests confirmed this, Alfred Bartkowiak, sheriff's chief investigator, said.

## Both Offered Bribes

Questioning led to the disclosure that both had been offered bribes by participants in the break to smuggle hacksaw blades into the jail.

Quinn said he was approached by Kenneth Johnson, 27, who offered him an undisclosed sum to bring in the blades and marijuana cigarettes, Mr. Bartkowiak said.

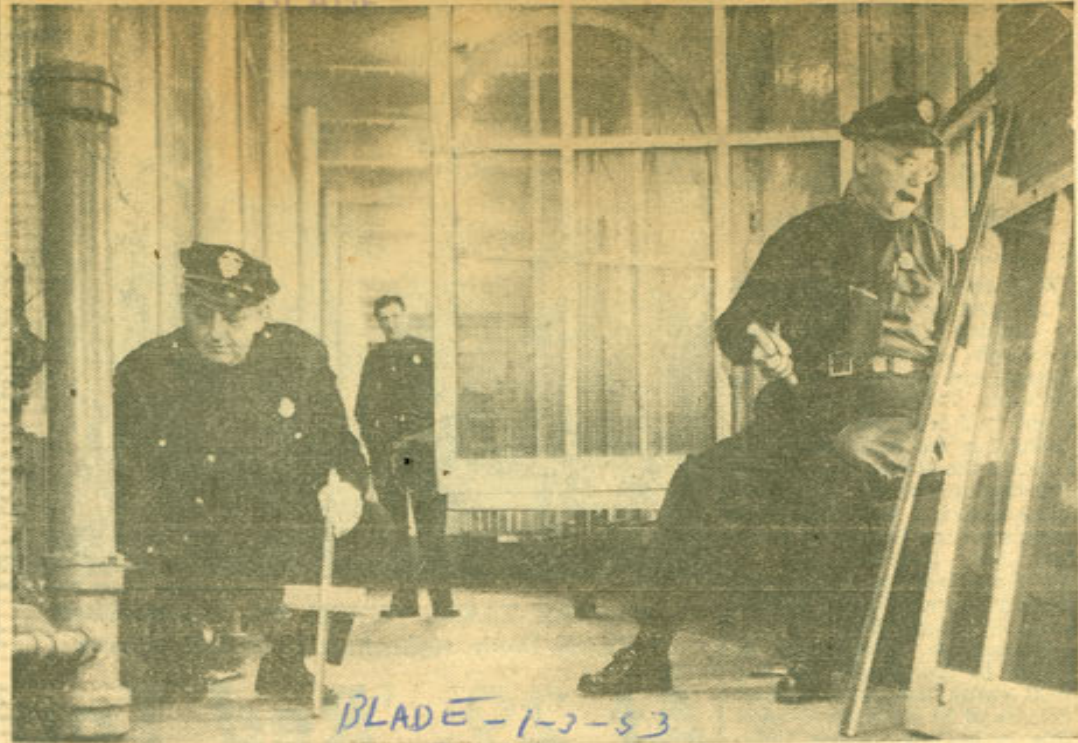
An offer of \$50 was made to Baker by Wallace Wiley, 27, who admitted yesterday that he obtained the blades for the escape. Mr. Bartkowiak said Baker told him. Both Baker and Quinn said they refused, Mr. Bartkowiak added.

Baker admitted, the investigator said, that a week before the escape he smuggled into the jail a pint of whisky and sold it to Joseph Reid, 31, one of the escapees still at large, for \$8.

## Planned By 5 Men

Sheriff William Hirsch said the inquiry thus far has convinced investigators that the break, largest in the history of the jail, was planned by five men. He named them as Johnson, Wiley,

# Re-Enact Break From County Jail



SHERIFF'S Deputies Franklin Smith, Paul Uncle and Larry Stengle, left to right, take up positions in the second floor hallway to reconstruct the escape last night from county jail. Deputy Smith is kneeling at the small

opening of the cell door at left through which the prisoners got into the hallway. Deputy Stengle is seated in the window through which the escapees squeezed after removing two heavy bars with hacksaw blades.



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**IL WINDOW THROUGH WHICH PRISONERS SQUIRMED**  
 Deputy Larry Stengle inspects sawed bars, escape route



a glass window in the iron outer jail door.

### Prisoner Comes Back

Someone opened the door and a stranger, pushing his way through the jam of amazed news deputies, announced his identity and his wish to get back in a cell. Sheriff Hirsch said he expects to conduct county commissioners through the jail today to show them what is needed to operate the institution efficiently. While Sheriff Hirsch was discussing his plans with reporters, new deputies assigned to patrol cars came in to report two of the vehicles were not serviceable.

Ignoring the charges and counter charges by former Sheriff Timiney, who blamed deputies for the jail break and deputies who accused Mr. Timiney of an easy-going policy, Sheriff Hirsch said he will conduct his own investigation of the break.

### Changes Plea To Innocent

Toledo police learned of Tanner's absence when state highway police sought information about him through Detective Capt. Owen Green. Captain Green checked the jail and discovered he had escaped. Why he was not listed as an escapee has not been reported. Tanner was serving a traffic sentence.

Kenneth Roland, 22, of 719 Humbolt St., one of the seven escapees back in custody, was taken before Common Pleas Judge John Q. Carey yesterday. He had pleaded guilty last Oct. 3 of check forgery and was awaiting a pre-sentence report from the Lucas County adult probation department at the time of his escape.

Yesterday, Roland changed his plea to innocent, saying he would admit cashing three checks totaling \$230, but would not acknowledge forging them.

large of the opportunity, Sheriff Hirsch said. He said all the sawing of bars was done by the five inmates who planned the break and that he had determined that Willey was the ringleader. In addition to Reid, Willie Parnell, 33, and Rufus Tanner, 26, have not been recaptured.

## Toledo Fugitive Slain In East

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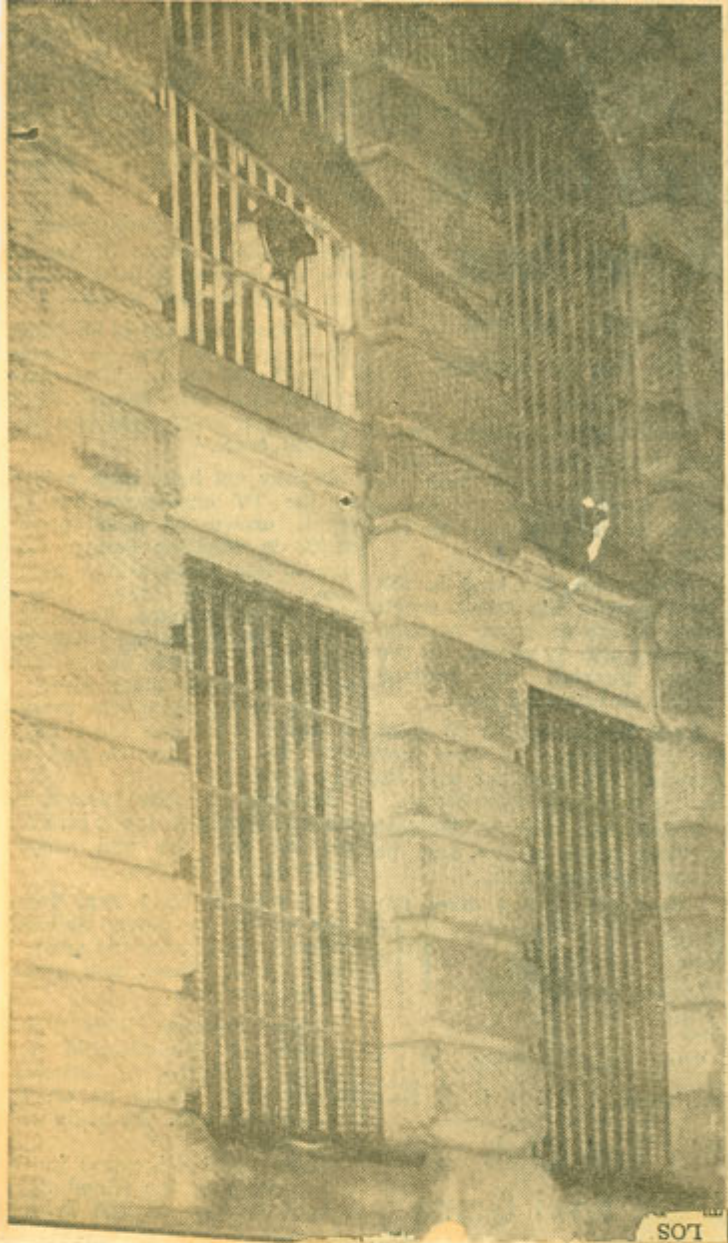
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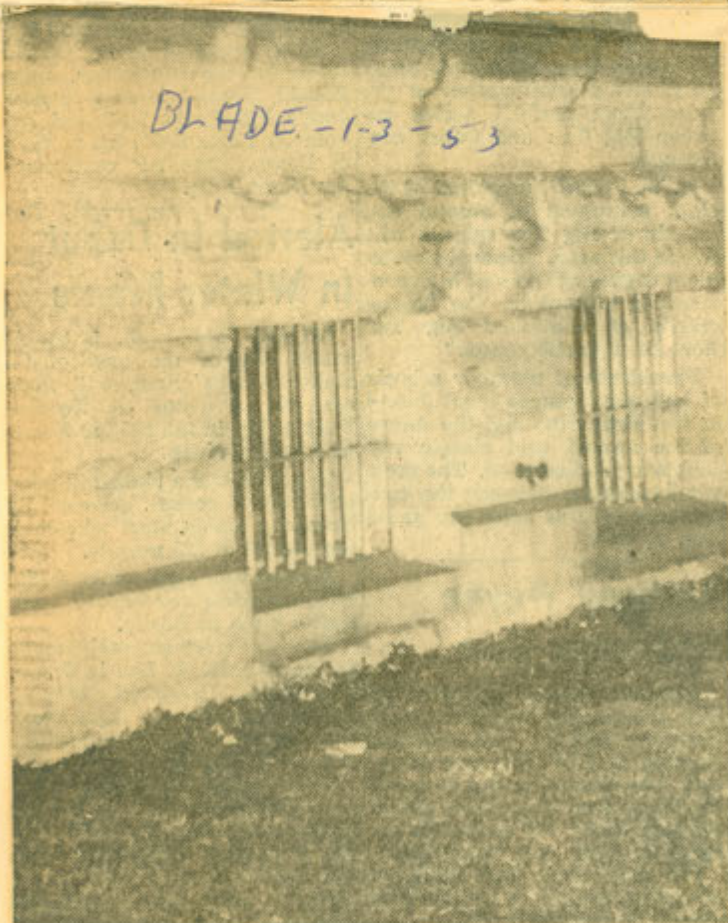


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THIS rectangular opening, shown by Deputy Uncle, was sawed to provide access from the cell block into the jail corridor. (Story on Page 1.)





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**PEERING** from inside the jail corridor, another deputy views the 20-foot drop which each of the prisoners made to perfect his escape. Rainfall throughout the day softened the ground on which they alighted, although at least one of the nine prisoners received an ankle fracture when he jumped.