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POLICE

DUCK, ROBERT J.

Robert Duck Appointed New Police Chief, Will Succeed Bosch Jan. 1

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No. 1 Deputy Since 1969, On Force 30 Years

Deputy Chief Robert J. Duck, who in 30 years rose through the ranks from walking a beat in downtown Toledo to his most recent post as administrative assistant to the chief, today was named Toledo's new police chief.

Chief Duck, 53, a native Toledoan, will assume the post Jan. 1 from Chief Anthony Bosch, who is retiring after 14 years as chief because he has reached the police age limit of 66. Chief Bosch had selected Chief Duck as his No. 1 assistant in August, 1969.

The appointment of Chief Duck by City Manager Gross from a field of five finalists was considered as somewhat of a surprise. Although he held the highest rank among the finalists, speculation about who would be named today had centered on three other candidates—Capt. Michael Liwo, night shift commander in the uniform division; Capt. Kenneth Rebensal, head of the crime prevention bureau, and Lt. Norbert DeClercq, head of the check squad.

Announced Friday

The fifth finalist was Lt. James Weis, coordinator of the police aids program.

The finalists, selected from 23 applicants, were announced last Friday.

Mr. Gross was aided in the decision by a three-member screening committee, comprising Safety Director Clifford Quinn, Donald Bradley, labor relations and personnel director, and James Daken, assistant to the city manager.

In the early 1950s, while serving as a detective lieutenant on the robbery, burglary, and special squads, the new chief attended law school at the University of Toledo, being graduated in 1956. He passed the Ohio bar examination that year and

since has maintained a part-time law practice in addition to his police duties.

With Law Firm

Chief Duck is affiliated with the firm of Richman, Rubin, Feldstein & Duck. This law practice has been criticized by some, but Chief Duck said that if named chief, he would give it up and devote full time to the police division.

He became a policeman on May 1, 1940, after dropping out of DeSales College here to help support his mother and two younger brothers. He had completed three years of schooling when forced to drop out.

After placing first among 419 applicants in the police civil service test and completing the police academy, Chief Duck was assigned to a walking beat in the downtown area. After a year he became a relief man on the accident investigation unit.

He left the force in early 1942 to enter the army air corps, serving until shortly after the end of World War II.

Twice during that time, as an armorer and gunner on B-17 bombers, his planes were downed — ditching in the Adriatic Sea in September, 1944, and being shot down near Vienna, Austria, a month later. The second time he was injured and taken prisoner by the Germans. He was in a prisoner-of-war hospital for about six months in 1944 and 1945.

Bureau Of Records

After returning to the police force, he joined the bureau of identification and records, where most of his time was spent in photography, records, and fingerprinting.

His first promotion came in 1947, when he was appointed detective sergeant. He worked a few years in general detective assignments before being assigned to the special squad, which handled fraud, arson, shoplifting, military liaison, protection of visiting dignitaries, and labor disputes.

He was promoted to lieutenant in January, 1950, continuing to

serve as a detective in the robbery, burglary, and special squads, with vacation assignments in the homicide unit.

In 1956 — shortly after completing law school — Chief Duck was promoted to captain and placed in charge of the homicide unit. Shortly afterward, because of the illness of the felony squads commander, Chief Duck was placed in command of all of these squads, in addition to continuing as head of the homicide unit.

This assignment, which continued for eight years, gave him responsibility over approximately 11,000 investigations a year.

In 1964, after placing first in the competitive examination for the rank of major, he was promoted and placed in charge of the uniform division. In that capacity, he had responsibility for handling strikes, disasters, riot control, uniform clothing purchases, and the tailor shop.

The title of the position was changed from major to deputy chief in July, 1967, but Chief Duck continued to hold that job until being named assistant to Chief Bosch in 1969.

Represented Chief

In that capacity, he has handled complaints that came to the division as a result of personnel or service, assisted in the formulation and publication of department orders, and represented the chief at numerous meetings. His responsibilities over strikes, riots, and natural disasters also were carried over from his former assignment in the uniform division.

Chief Duck also has had supervision over the morals squad in his assistant chief's position.

Earlier this year he was acting chief for several months, because of the illness of Chief Bosch. During that time he proposed a long-gun ordinance to ban the carrying of any weapon in the city, concealed or un-concealed, and placing restrictions on how weapons may be transported for legitimate means.

The ordinance was passed by City Council after several weeks of controversial hearings.

Accomplishments Listed In Duck's Resume

In a resume, Chief Duck said he was responsible for a Spanish language program instituted this year for members of the police division as a means of easing friction between Spanish-speaking members of the community and police. A number of policemen are taking the course at the University of Toledo.

His legal training has aided him in his police work, Chief Duck said. Because of it, he said he was responsible for "the change in the handling of fugitives to meet legal requirements and advising members of the division on the latest Supreme Court decisions affecting their methods of police work." He ranked highest in his law school class in constitutional law.

\$18,187 Salary

Chief Duck and his wife, Catherine, have two children. He will receive an annual salary of \$18,187.

He attended St. Agnes elementary school and Central Catholic High School, and attended the old Toledo Teacher's College for a year before entering De Sales.

The new chief is a member of the Toledo, Ohio, and American Bar Associations; American Legion. Disabled American Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Frederick Douglass Community Association, Indiana YMCA, Police-Community relations committee of the board of community relations, and a number of police organizations. He is a past president of the command officers association and was president 19 years of the police credit union.

He is a member of St. Catherine Church, where he is chairman of the lay board.

He was employed at the Electric Autolite Corp. while attending school, and after being laid off in the 1930s, became a National Youth Administration school crossing guard in order to carry on his schooling.

Duck Reported Planning To Retire In Early '74

Police Chief Quoted As Saying Decision Entirely Voluntary

Robert J. Duck, who has served as Toledo police chief since Jan. 1, 1971, has told top city administrators that he plans to retire some time early next year, possibly in February.

It was learned today that he told Safety Director Donald Shanteau as early as Dec. 14 that he intended to step down. He was quoted as saying that his action was entirely voluntary and there was no pressure from Mayor Kessler or others.

Chief Duck, who is 56 and has 33 years police service, is eligible for full retirement. In 1973, he was paid \$21,750 and under the retirement formula he would continue to collect all but about \$8,000 of his current annual pay rate, the chief said.

Mr. Shanteau said that the chief had told him at that time that he intends to retire some time after the first of the year, but had set no specific date. The chief, who is an attorney, said that he intended to resume the practice of law.

The chief has been under fire recently from the mayor because of Toledo's rising crime rate. Mr. Kessler met with the chief, Mr. Shanteau, and City Manager Daken Dec. 17 for three hours in an effort to resolve the crime problem. After that meeting, Mr. Kessler said that he was not seeking Chief Duck's resignation.

Crime Increased

City Manager Daken today noted that the chief has planned to make an announcement Jan. 3, but added that he would not confirm nor deny reports that the chief would announce his retirement at that time.

Concerning any pressure to oust the chief, Mr. Daken explained that the police chief serves at the pleasure of the city manager and the appointment is not controlled by the mayor.

It is known that Mr. Duck reached his decision prior to the mayor's public criticism of the police operations and rising crime. Serious crime in Toledo increased 5 per cent during the first nine months of 1973, according to figures released Thursday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

When asked about the increasing crime, Chief Duck said that the city has merely paid "lip service" to the growing crime problem, refusing to "put its money where its mouth is."

The chief explained that he was displeased because he asked several months ago to replace uniformed patrolmen with



CHIEF ROBERT DUCK
Veteran of force

civilian personnel in some office jobs, a request that never has been fully acted upon.

The chief acknowledged that this is not a primary factor in the crime rate increase, but said it is indicative of the problems he faces in attempting to deal with increasing crime.

Mayor Kessler said Thursday that he could not hold the chief entirely responsible for the growing crime rate. He said that he has been told that there are indications that other cities, where serious crime reportedly is dropping, have tampered with their reporting system.

Mr. Daken today agreed that crime-reporting systems in other cities appear to be inaccurate, based on information he said has been supplied to him by police officials.

Frustrated Now

"We're all frustrated right now," Mr. Daken said, "the mayor, the administration, and every member of the community. This thing can't be boiled down to a personality situation — it involves a lot of different factors."

The manager said that he is convinced there currently is an adequate number of sworn police officers and he has no plans to ask council to appropriate money for additional men.

He said the division is trying a number of innovations, including computerization, senior citizen block clubs to act as informers, and internal reorganization.

Chief Duck took over the top post in the police division three years ago and encountered two major problems during his first year on the job.

The first involved charges that policemen had engaged in immoral conduct with a woman on a number of occasions while on duty. The charges resulted in dismissal action against four officers and suspensions of five others.

The second, which hit more directly at the chief, stemmed from charges by members of the Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association that crime was flourishing in a number of bars on Jefferson Avenue.

The matter came to a head a few weeks before the 1971 municipal election while Chief Duck was vacationing at Yosemite National Park in California. City Manager Daken directed him to cut the vacation short and return to Toledo to aid the city's efforts to close some of the bars.

Less than a week later, the manager dismissed Safety Director Clifford Quinn and in a statement announcing the firing was openly critical of Chief Duck. "The chief of police has been told of my disappointment and that I want action, not excuses," the manager said in October, 1971.

The following April, Mayor Kessler found it necessary to announce that the chief's job was "not on the line," despite persistent rumors to the contrary.

The mayor made no secret, however, of his dissatisfaction with the chief's absence during the Jefferson Avenue controversy and with Toledo's rising crime rate. "He hasn't got a handle on the crime situation at all," Mr. Kessler said at that time.

Mr. Daken also acknowledged reports of low morale in the police division, which have surfaced from time to time during Chief Duck's tenure. Among the reports were complaints by patrolmen of childish treatment, including regulations requiring them to wear their hats at all times.

Chief Duck was selected from five candidates to succeed Anthony Bosch as police chief. He actively sought the appointment, submitting a six-page resume to city officials in which he listed his immediate objective as becoming chief.

The chief joined the force in 1940 and began by walking a beat in downtown Toledo. Returning after service in World War II, he moved steadily through the ranks, being named assistant to Chief Bosch in 1969.

During the 1950s, he attended law school at the University of Toledo, receiving a degree in 1956 and passing the Ohio bar examination the same year. He announced that he would drop his part-time law practice on becoming chief.

Duck Sets Retirement, Says Mayor Trying To Make Him A Scapegoat

Police Chief Robert Duck today formally announced his retirement, tentatively set for March 1, and criticized Mayor Kessler for what he called "political chicanery."

The chief said that his decision to retire had been a closely guarded secret known up until this week by only a handful of persons, including the mayor.

"I was somewhat shocked when several days later Mayor Kessler released the remark to the news media carrying an innuendo that he was placing my job in jeopardy. I can only construe the basis for such a remark to be the fact that he desires to disassociate himself from any responsibility in the rising crime rate and to use the police division and the chief of police as a scapegoat in order to enhance his own political image.

"I consider this to be one of the most debasing acts of political chicanery on the citizens of Toledo."

Election Was Over

Mayor Kessler, who has been openly feuding with the chief recently over Toledo's escalating crime rate, said he does not understand the chief's charges. He said the election was over when he started criticizing the chief and the police for their inability to reduce crime.

"He's bitter because he thinks I leaked his retirement plans,

but he is wrong," the mayor asserted. "Besides, that's not the real issue here — it is the constantly increasing crime."

"I'm sick and tired of excuses. I want results. More than 20 women in this community have been raped by the same person and the police have no clues with which they can catch this guy. The chief is the head of the department and has to answer for its problems, just as I do as mayor."

Mayor Kessler said he did not bring pressure on the chief to retire and is "not after his job."

Chief Duck asserted that any chief will be relatively ineffective here because he will be stymied by employee work rules and civil service coverage of top-echelon employees, which prevent the chief as administrator from making assignments and running the division as he sees fit.

Warning Recalled

During his early days as chief, Mr. Duck said, he warned City Council that it was "decapitating the head from the rest of the police division."

"I was told I was rocking the boat — that times change and this is the age of Aquarius. They bargained away my right to run the division," he asserted.

In response to Chief Duck's charge, City Manager James Daken replied that the chief's personnel-assignment powers were increased, not reduced, in the 1972 contract negotiations and are subject to the same civil service restrictions as other city divisions.

Safety Director Donald Shanteau said the contract provides that personal qualifications are to be the main consideration in assigning personnel, and not seniority, which was the main assignment criterion in previous contracts, he said.

Speaking of civil service regulations, Mr. Daken said, "It's not a matter of our tying his hands. It's a matter of something we all live with.

On the crime issue, the chief said that the causes of crime are complex and defy a simplistic, emotional, and politically motivated approach.

"It is my firm belief that the rising crime rate cannot be resolved until the community becomes involved in crime prevention, and the total criminal justice system, as well as other segments of the community, become more active in achieving such a goal."

Drug, Crime Link

The chief reiterated that the increasing use of hard drugs has had "a tremendous impact on our serious crime problems, and will continue to do so until a method is found to remove those individuals from society who must commit crimes to maintain the drug habit."

He said that the detective bureau has documented since the beginning of 1972 that nearly 55 per cent of the persons arrested for burglary and robbery in Toledo were drug users.

The chief said that users have been "turned back on society without proper treatment, and therefore continue their crime activity."

He emphasized that he is not charging judges with failure to properly perform their duties, but is merely calling attention to the rules that the courts must follow.

"I take issue not with the courts themselves, but those who are removed from the criminal scene and who have been able to impose their philosophy upon the criminal justice structure. It is my firm conviction that until drug addicts and persons bent upon a life of crime are given different treatment from other criminal offenders who have the possibility of rehabilitation that the crime rate will remain high and may even go higher."

Chief Duck said that he has told Mr. Daken that he would be willing to remain in the job for a short time after March 1 if a replacement is not found by then.

"I once again wish to emphasize that this decision (to retire) was made prior to any political reaction to the crime statistics," the chief said.

Shake Up Illusion

Regarding the mayor's call for a shake-up within the police division, the chief said that "shake-ups" have been used by politicians over the years to

create an illusion that they are taking steps to combat a situation for which they have no remedy. He said that such a move, even if it were to be made because of poor police performance, could not be carried out because everyone on the force, with the exception of the chief, is covered by civil service.

The chief said he would oppose any massive personnel change even if it were permitted, contending that such a tactic would be merely a "political ploy."

Chief Duck, 56, has been a Toledo policeman for more than 33 years and assumed command of the division on Jan. 1, 1971. He succeeded Chief Anthony A. Bosch, and was appointed by former City Manager William Gross.

The chief, an attorney, said he decided to retire and resume the practice of law in his own "best economic interest, as well as for the enjoyment of a proper home-life."

He noted that he will draw in retirement all but \$8,000 of his \$21,750 annual salary.

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ROBERT J. DUCK, 1917-1999

Community policing on chief's wish list

BY MARK ZABORNEY
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Robert J. Duck, who rose through the police ranks to become Toledo's chief and who was an assistant Lucas County prosecutor in retirement, died of congestive heart failure yesterday in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. He was 82.

Mr. Duck, most recently of Sylvania Township, was chief from December, 1970, until he retired March 1, 1974.

As chief, he pledged that he would insist on "fair, honest, humane, and equal law enforcement without regard to race, creed, or economic status."

Mr. Duck said he favored psychological testing and continuing education for officers.

Two decades before community policing was in vogue, Chief Duck made plans for district stations and a return to officers walking beats.

"Citizen involvement is going to be the key if we're going to have any reduction in crime," he said in the early 1970s. But city budget constraints kept his plans from becoming reality — until a version of decentralization was put in place in the 1990s.

"They've got the money now," said Ray Vetter, who became assistant chief during Mr. Duck's tenure and held that job until retiring 13 years ago. "All these ideas they come up with aren't anything new."

"He worked hard at his job. He was a devoted police officer," Mr. Vetter said.

A feud between Chief Duck and then-Mayor Harry Kessler over an increase in crime preceded the chief's retirement. Any disagreement has been long forgotten, Mr. Kessler said last night. "He was a good man and did a good job," Mr.

Kessler said.

Mr. Duck was appointed to the police division in 1940, placing first among 419 applicants. He began walking a downtown beat and moved through the ranks. In 1964, he was promoted to major, a rank later retitled deputy chief. He was made assistant to Chief Anthony Bosch in 1969.

Whatever his rank, he always thought of himself as a police officer, his son, Robert, said.

"Whether he had more gold on his uniform, it didn't matter. He was a cop," his son said.

In retirement, he resumed the practice of law for three years until he was named an investigator and assistant prosecutor by then-Prosecutor Anthony Pizza. Mr. Duck retired in the early 1980s.

Born in Toledo, Mr. Duck was a graduate of Central Catholic High School. He attended the former Toledo Teachers College and the former DeSales College, but left his studies to help support his family in Great Depression days.

He served in the Army Air Corps as a gunner on a B-17 bomber. In October, 1944, he was shot down and parachuted near Vienna. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war in Austria and Germany until the war's end. He was awarded Bronze and Silver stars and a Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster.

Back home, he began law studies and, in 1956, graduated from the University of Toledo law school. He maintained a part-time law practice, in addition to full-time police duties, until he became chief.

He and his wife, Catherine, spent winters in North Palm Beach, Fla., after he left the prosecutor's office. Mrs. Duck died in April, 1997.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sylvania.

Surviving are his son, Robert; daughter, Carol Maron, and three grandchildren.

Services are pending. Arrangements are by the Wells Mortuary, Waterville.

The family requests tributes to the American Heart Association.



Duck: He retired in 1974.

ALBRA T. 'PETE' CLARK, 1911-1999

James A. Clouse

8-28-48 to 10-15-99

James A. Clouse of Whitehouse, OH, passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, October 15, 1999, after a courageous battle with cancer. He worked as a deputy sheriff with Lucas County serving the public for over 22 years. A loving husband, father, brother, uncle and "Bapa". He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and nurturing his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Geraldine Clouse; and daughter, Tanya. Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Deborah; children, Tristine (Brett) Smith, Zachary (Brooke), Jessica (Shane) Haney, Jordanna and Tiffany; and the two joys of his life, grandchildren, Hailey Smith and Berkeley Haney; best friend, Craig Duncan. Also surviving are sisters, Patricia (Gery) Dashner and Joyce (Jim) Hostetter; brothers, Ronald (Alecia), David (Vicki), and many other special friends and relatives. We love you dad.

Family will receive friends on Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Waterville Open Bible Church, 8217 Dutch Rd., Waterville, OH, followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m.

Bonnie Dale Shoemaker

Bonnie Dale Shoemaker, 43, of Austin Rd., Toledo, died Thursday, October 14, 1999, in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. She was born in Toledo, OH, on October 9, 1956, to George W. and Beverly M. (Armitage) Shoemaker. Bonnie was previously employed as a nurses aid with Whitehouse Country Manor.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Heather K.M. Branson, (Billy) Wilson of Toledo, OH; grandchildren, Veronica J.L. and Santana M. Wilson, both of Toledo, OH; brothers, Duane Massey of Whitehouse, OH, William (Barb) Massey of Swanton, OH, Michael (Shelley) Shoemaker of Sylvania, OH; sisters, Kathy Shoemaker of Swanton, OH, Sandra (Timothy) Tanner of Houston, TX, Leona (Michael) DePew of Toledo, OH, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received in the **Clegg-Abele Funeral Home** on Sunday, October 17, 1999, from 1-4 p.m. where funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Diabetes Association.

Dennis J. Fetzer

Dennis J. Fetzer, 50 years old, died in an industrial accident in Toledo, October 13, 1999. He was born October 9, 1949 to Charles H.

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Robert J. Duck

1917-1999
Former Toledo
Police Chief
Ex-Prisoner of War

Robert J. Duck was born October 1, 1917 in Toledo, Ohio to Luvina and William B. Duck. He attended St. Agnes grade school, DeVilbiss, and graduated from Central Catholic in 1935. He went on to study at Toledo Teachers College, DeSales College and the University of Toledo College of Law.

He entered the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served as an armorer-gunner on a B-17 heavy bomber with the 463rd Bomb Group, 773rd Bomb Squadron. During his military experience, he was shot down and parachuted near Vienna, Austria (Caterpillar Club) forced to ditch in the Adriatic Sea (Sea Squatters Club) and was a Prisoner of War in Austria and Germany. He was awarded the LAME Service Ribbon with Silver Battle Star, Bronze Battle Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. After he was liberated, he was sent to Crile Hospital in Cleveland, where he met his wife, Catherine. They were married in 1946.

He joined the Toledo Police Department in 1940, placing first on the test among 419 applicants. He worked in various areas from walking a beat downtown, Accident Investigation, Records, Detective Bureau, and Felony and Homicide. In 1951, he was given a special assignment for one year in the County Prosecutor's office, where he and Judge Geraldine Macelwane, then assistant county prosecutor, traced fugitive parents who failed to pay child support. In 1956, he was appointed detective captain and was given the supervision of the Homicide Bureau. While in charge of homicide, his 9-year average of murders solved was 95.9%. He was made administrative assistant to Chief Bosch and in 1964 placed first on the competitive test for the rank of Major (now known as deputy chief). He was placed in charge of the Uniform Division, which also included supervision of strikes, riots and disasters. In December 1970 he was appointed chief of police. He retired from the police department in 1974 to practice law. A few years later, he was appointed investigator and assistant county prosecutor to Anthony Pizza, before his retirement in the early 1980's. He and Catherine then moved to North Palm Beach, Florida.

The organizations that he was affiliated with over the years and presently are past president of the Toledo Police Command Officers Association, Past President of the Toledo Police Federal Credit Union for 19 years, Fraternal Order of Police, International Police Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, American Legion, Catholic War Vets, Disabled American Veterans, American Ex-Prisoners of War, American Bar Association, Ohio Bar Association, Toledo Bar Association, University of Toledo Alumni Association, Friends of Central Catholic High School, UAW Local 12, past president of the Gemini Condominium Association. Recently his major interests were working on family history and Notre Dame football.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; brothers, William, Edward, Bernard and Charles. He is survived by his daughter, Carol L. Naron; son, Robert P. Duck; grandchildren, Brian P. Duck, Amy C. Duck and Christian E. Naron; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at **Blanchard Bros. Funeral Home**, 1163 W. Sylvania Avenue, on Thursday evening, October 28, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Church on North Lockwood. The family requests any tributes to be made to the American Heart Association.

Charlotte M. Milstein

Robert L. DeLong, Sr.

Robert L. DeLong, Sr., 65 years, of Michelle Dr., Millbury, OH, died following a long illness Tuesday, October 19, 1999, in Otterbein-Portage Valley Retirement Village. He was born on March 13, 1934 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Edith Stoneburner) DeLong in Lancaster, Ohio. He married Henrietta E. Barber on May 4, 1955 in Toledo, and she survives.

Mr. DeLong was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean War. He had been employed for 34 years with Shindler Elevator Co. (formerly Haughton Elevator Co.), before retiring in 1989. He was the former president of the company's credit union, Hecco Credit Union. Bob was a former Northwood volunteer fireman and local Boy Scout leader. He was a member of Main Street Church in Walbridge, where he was a past president of their Friendship Sunday School Class. He was also the honorary president of the St. Peter's United Church of Christ Golf League in Millbury.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Sandra L. (Terry) Schultz of Washington Courthouse, OH; sons, Robert L., Jr. (Lisa) of Medway, OH, and Dennis E. (Deidre) of Hurricane, WV; grandchildren, Christie, Bradley and Megan Schultz, Robert III and Lauren DeLong, and Zachary, Jacob and Eva DeLong; brothers-in-law, John (Pat) Barber of Oregon, Gary Barber of Toledo; sister-in-law, Mrs. Karen (Marty) Garard of Tucson, AZ; stepmother, Mrs. Dorothy DeLong of Oregon; brother, Tim (Kay) DeLong of Millbury; and sister, Mrs. Cathy (John) Pfister of Toledo.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the **Witzler-Shank Funeral Home**, Walbridge. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 23, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. at Main Street Church, 705 N. Main St., Walbridge, with Pastor Ron Ramsey officiating. Burial will be in Lake Township Cemetery. The family requests memorial contributions to Main Street Church.

Lydia E. Goodsite

Lydia E. Goodsite, 83, of Toledo, OH, and formerly of Rossford, OH, and Oak Harbor, OH, died Tuesday at Foundation Park Care Center, Toledo, after an extended illness. She was born in Port Clinton on October 1, 1915, a daughter of William and Edna (Harnes) Gwinup. Mrs. Goodsite retired as a cook for Carroll Township School, and had previously been employed at the former Erie Army Depot. She was a member of LaPointe United Methodist Church. She married Harold E. Goodsite on December 21, 1935, and he preceded her in death on July 22, 1985.

Surviving is a daughter, Gail (Chester) Szymanski, of Toledo; sister, Florence Luebcke, of Port Clinton, OH; grandchildren, Lisa (Don) Parker, Toledo, OH, Ernest (Tammy) Goodsite of Genoa, OH, Kenneth (Jennifer) Goodsite, of Inverness, FL, Amy (Tom) Carr, of Toledo, OH, and Gary (Brenda) Szymanski, Toledo, OH; and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Merlin L. Goodsite, and a brother, Chester Gwinup.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. Friday at the **Crosser Funeral Home**, Oak Harbor, where funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Tom Compton will officiate. Interment will be in Rushau Cemetery, Carroll Township. Memorial contributions may be made to LaPointe United Methodist Church, or the Rossford United Methodist Church.

John J. Billmaier

John J. Billmaier, died on October 19, 1999 at Alden Nursing Center in Orland Park, IL, at the age of 88 years. Beloved husband of the late, Jean E. nee Pawlaczyk; John is the loving father of Patricia (Robert) Ledlow and the proud grandfather

Lawrence W. Tesch

Lawrence W. Tesch, 81, of Main Street, Walbridge, Ohio, died Tuesday, October 19, 1999, in Orchard Villa. He was a WW II U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Tesch worked as a welder at the Nabisco Company for 34 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of First St. John Lutheran Church, V.F.W. Post # 4906 and was active in the Weak Signals Club for over 20 years. Mr. Tesch also enjoyed building and racing go-carts.

Surviving are his daughter, Lorraine "Lori" (Skip) Baker; sister, Ruth Pisel; grandchildren, John Martin, Lindsay Baker and Chelsey Baker, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the **Eggleston-Meinert Funeral Home**, 440 S. Coy Road at Starr Avenue where visitation will be from 3-9 p.m. on Thursday. Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Park. The family suggest memorial contributions be made to First St. John Lutheran Church.

DEATHS

Lucas County

Calvert, Stephen H., age 63 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 16, 1999. Coyle Funeral Home.

Clair, Lorraine A., age 58 years, of Maumee, OH, formerly of Delta, OH, died October 19, 1999. Miller Funeral Home, Delta, OH.

Goodsite, Lydia E., age 83 years, of Toledo, OH, formerly of Rossford and Oak Harbor, OH, died October 19, 1999. Crosser Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, OH.

Groenleer, William F., age 53 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 19, 1999. Reeb Funeral Home.

Kulow, Mary E., age 84 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 20, 1999. Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home.

Lee, Percy, age 89 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 18, 1999. Sherrill Harden Funeral Home.

Milstein, Charlotte M., age 76 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 19, 1999. Robert H. Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home.

Persiani, Dorothy L., age 64 years, of Oregon, OH, died October 20, 1999. Hoeflinger Funeral Home.

Pohlman, Arnold F., age 90 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 19, 1999. Coyle Funeral Home.

Richards, Josephine C., age 91 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 19, 1999. The Neville Funeral Home, Reynolds Corners Chapel.

Ward, Marguerite C., age 71 years, of Toledo, OH, died October 19, 1999. Clegg-Abele Funeral Home.

Fulton County

Lohse, Lois P., age 79 years, of Archbold, OH, died October 20, 1999. Grissier Funeral Home, Archbold, OH.

Hancock County

Mains, Martha Sue, age 50 years, of Stongsville, OH, died October 19, 1999. Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Fostoria, OH.

Henry County

Geitgey, Charles, age 80 years, of Holgate, OH, died October 20, 1999. Snyder Funeral Home, Holgate, OH.

Monroe County, MI.

Couch, Ivory, age 70 years, of Temperance, MI, died October 19, 1999. Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, Temperance, MI.

Smith, Marvin E. Sr., age 81 years, of Temperance, MI, formerly of Sylvania, OH, died October 19, 1999. Reeb Funeral Home.

Ottawa County

Huskey, Ronald W., age 59 years, of Port Clinton, OH, died October 19, 1999. Neidecker-LeVeck & Crosser

Robert J. Duck

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'71 sex scandal changed police department

BLADE STAFF WRITER

It was the most-publicized police sex scandal in Toledo's history, and it led to a significant change within the department.

In the summer of 1971, a 19-year-old woman accused Toledo police officers of having sex with her over a two-month period at a city-owned swimming pool.

Although then-police Chief Robert Duck told reporters that as many as 100 officers were rumored to have been with the woman in the pool, only nine officers, including one sergeant, who were on duty at the time of the incidents were actually charged.

One officer resigned and the others, including the sergeant who was demoted, were suspended 60 to 120 days for their involvement in the sex scandal that occurred at night in June and July at Willys Park pool, across I-75 from the Jeep plant.

The woman went to police officials and reported the officers' actions after she was cited for driv-

ing a vehicle with a defective exhaust system by a police officer with whom she failed to keep a 3:30 a.m. date.

The scandal led to the eventual creation of the Toledo police department's internal affairs unit in 1973. The unit conducts investigations into allegations of wrong

doings by officers.

In June, 1958, 12 Toledo police officers and a city firefighter were accused of engaging in sexual activity with a 17-year-old girl.

Three officers were fired and three others were suspended. The names of the men were found in the teenager's address book.