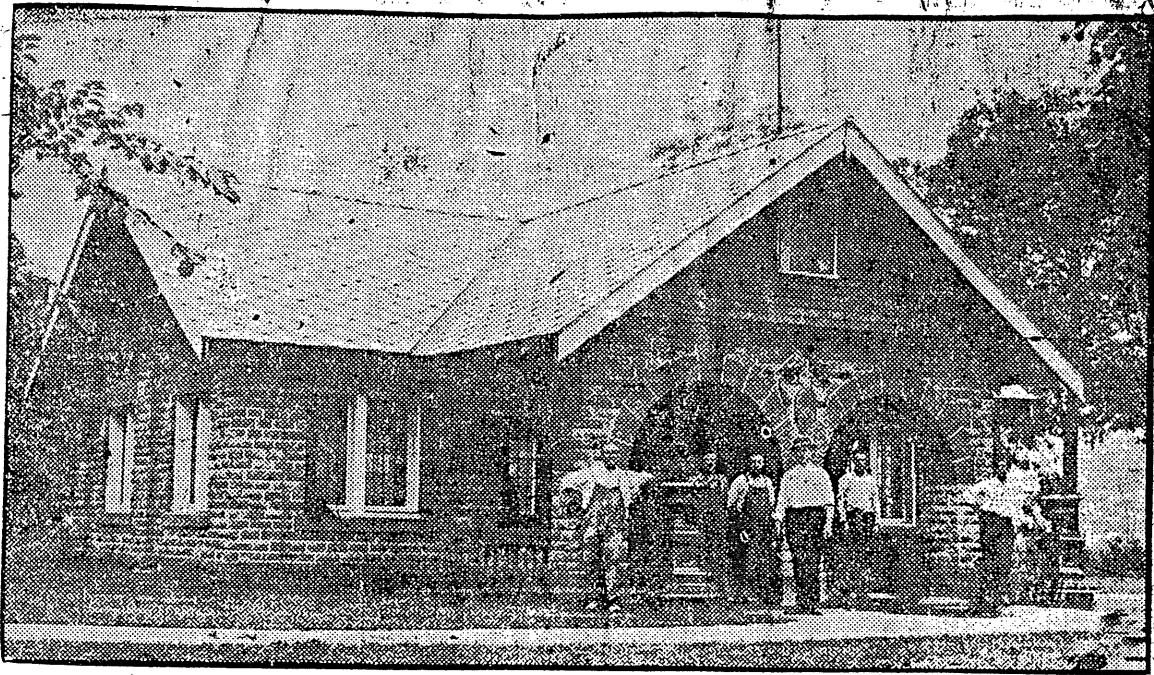


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SHELTER HOUSE AT POLICE RIFLE RANGE TO BE DEDICATED DURING AUGUST



SOMETIME during the latter part of August the grand opening of the nearly completed police rifle range at Bay View park will be held. *Times 8-2-1924*

Plans are being made whereby a semi-holiday among members of the police department will be declared and measures are being taken to have 1500 guardsmen at the park to take part in the event.

The rifle range is the only one in the United States that was built by members of a police department. It is estimated by private builders to be worth \$100,000. Inspector Joseph Delehaunty, who is mainly responsible for the range, says it cost in actual cash \$5.60.

Most of the material that went into the construction of the range was donated to the police department by building contractors and

business houses of Toledo. Other material was realized from reclaimed paving stone from excavated streets.

The range proper is 450 feet in length and 80 feet wide; at the end is a safety wall 27 feet high which was erected to interrupt stray bullets. There are four firing lines at 10, 15 25 and 50 yard distances from six disappearing targets. The range is surrounded by a filigree fence made from reclaimed stamping steel.

At the rear and to one side of the range a shelter house has been built. It is estimated that the shelter house would cost \$50,000 to erect. The stone that went into its construction is reclaimed paving block taken out of Huron street several years ago. The house is of the Queen Anne style of architecture one story in height. The floor

is of mosaic zig-zag and the beam ceiling is of nine designs with 18 panels. French doors and windows line the interior in which there are two rest rooms and a mantle of massive design.

Just outside the shelter house is a Medina stone memorial upon which has been carved the names of business houses and building contractors who have made donations of one kind or another toward the construction of the range. The names of the patrolmen who have been most active in the construction of the range and also the members of Mayor Brough's cabinet are also on the memorial.

Inspector Delehaunty conceived the idea of the range and superintended its construction. Patrolmen Basso, Corbett, Fackleman, Dear, Strabler and Harvey were his lieutenants.

Times 8-2-24

Microfilmed 1980



These members of the Toledo police force built the monument to martyred policemen at Bay View park. Front row left to right, are Patrolman George Fackler, Inspector William J. Delehaunty, Patrolman Leroy Harvey. Back row Patrolmen John Eddis, Clarence Schroeder, Clinton Knudsen, Sergeant Lyman Deer and Patrolman Roger F. Donahue, Jr.

SHAFT HONORS POLICE KILLED IN SERVICE

Monument Officers Built
in Spare Time to
Be Dedicated at
Service Sunday.

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for ceremonies Sunday at the unveiling of the monument which has been erected by police in Bay View park in memory of members of the department who gave their lives in the service.

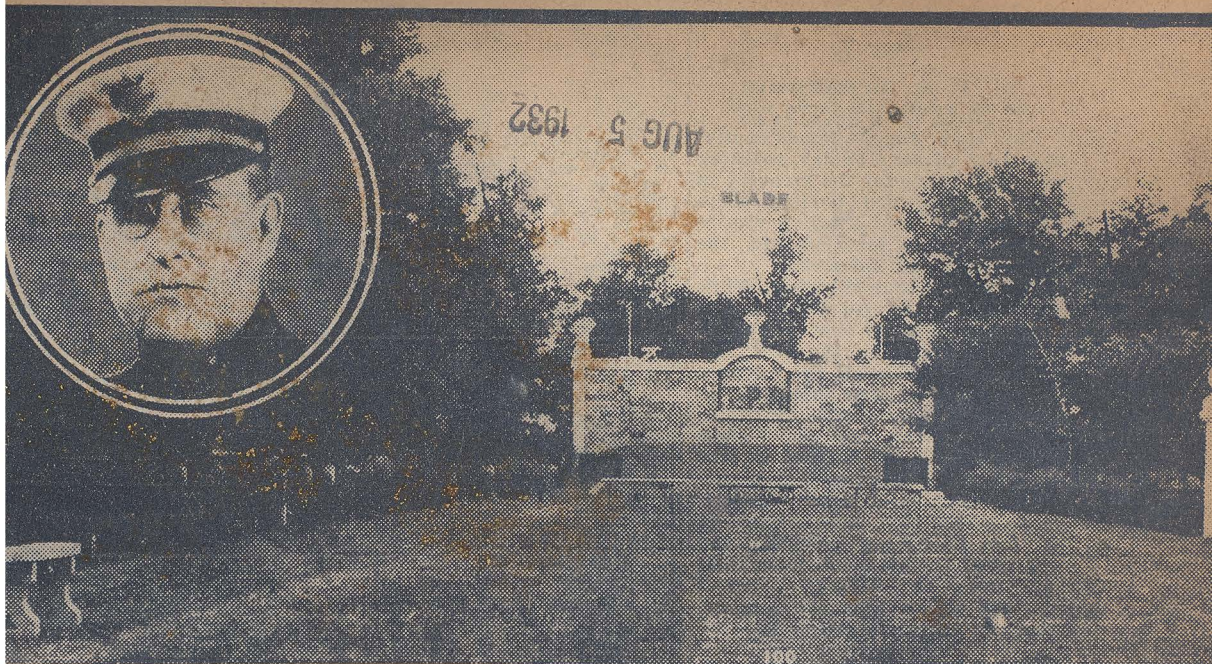
The program will open at 2:30 P. M. Sunday with Safety Director J. R. Cowell acting as master of ceremonies. Mayor William T. Jackson will deliver the principal address. Other speakers will be Rabbi Joseph S. Kornfeld, the Rev. Cedric Bentley and the Rev. Stephen Jaswiecki of Geona, O.

The monument, built by members of the police department in their spare time, is an imposing structure near the police pistol range. Its value has been estimated at \$20,000. Names of policemen killed in service are engraved upon the shaft.

Inspector Joseph Delehaunty sent out invitations to the ceremony Wednesday and preparations are being made to accommodate a large crowd of visitors. The observance will be open to the public.

Members of the committee on arrangements are Chief Louis Haas, Inspector T. E. O'Reilly, Inspector F. J. Buck, Capt. D. Wolfe, Capt. W. Schultz, Superintendent J. Louy, Assistant Superintendent P. Fackehany, Lieut. C. Hennessey, Lieut. L. Swindeman, Sergeants L. G. Dear, W. Rudd, C. Roth, E. J. Erwin, A. Manson and Leo Epker, and Patrolmen M. Knorr, F. Puhl, F. J. Baumgartner, J. McHugh, P. Hauser, T. Mackall, F. Gockerman and F. Rudolph.

The following names are inscribed upon the honor roll of those killed in service: Sergt. J. Boyle, A. Schultz, K. Bartecki, A. Reimer, L. Jaswiecki, W. Bather, H. Dowell, H. Mossbrugger, W. Kress, C. McGuire, W. Reed, W. Martin and G. Zientara.



Pictured above is the pistol range of the Toledo police department at Bay View park where the state revolver and pistol shoot will be held Sunday, Aug. 27. Inset is Inspector Joseph Delehaunty who was mainly responsible for the construction of the range and who is working hard towards making the state shoot a success again this year.

Police Pistol Range Rated as Best in Country; State Shoot Booked Here Aug. 27

BY LOU KLEWER

THE outdoor range of the Toledo Police department at Bay View park, where the annual Ohio revolver and pistol championships will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, is regarded as the best of its kind in the country, and combined with the indoor range which has also been built there, gives the Toledo police a combination that is not equalled any place else in the United States.

The range was started in 1922 during the administration of Mayor Bernard Brough and when Gilson Light was safety director and Harry Jennings chief of police.

The Toledo policemen had been given some revolver instruction in the old Armory but conditions there were far from being satisfactory so a conference was held, the welfare department of the city donated a part of Bay View park to the police department for range purposes and Inspector Joseph Delehaunty was put in charge of the construction of the affair.

The inspector had little to work with as far as money, material and labor was concerned. He got busy, however, visited numerous contractors and obtained donations in the form of sand, cement, stone and other materials and then he and many of the men under him pitched in and went to work on the wall.

The stone work of the wall back of the pits weighs more than 1,700 tons and consists mostly of the old Huron street paving. The construction of the modern, up to date pits for the target markers also proved to be quite an undertaking but these, too, were constructed and in September, 1923, the range was formally dedicated.

The lodge at the range, built by members of the police department and of materials donated by Toledo business men, was built without a blueprint under the supervision of Inspector Delehaunty.

After the lodge was completed, the department got an additional

60 feet of ground on each side of the range from the park department and this was beautified with roses and various shrubs through the courtesy of the Greening Nursery company and other concerns and now the range is something in which the police department takes a lot of pride.

Police and military teams from all parts of the country have taken part in the state shoot at this range and this year quite a number of teams from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, as well as some military teams from Camp Perry, are expected to compete for the prizes.

Lieut. Harry Sobel of the officers reserve and Lieut. Spike Hennessey are working with Inspector Delehaunty and Gene Mitchell of the police department of the National Rifle association in putting the shoot over again this year.

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Delehaunty, ^{Wm.} Joseph (W.J.)
Police Dept.

POLICE GUIDE BOOK Has World Wide Use

TOLEDO DEPUTY IS AUTHOR
SHANGHAI CONCERN LATEST

TO ORDER COPIES

Time 10-14-35
The Toledo author whose literary work has the widest world circulation has written only one book and laughs when you call him an author.

He is Joseph Delehaunty, former inspector of police and now chief deputy in the office of Sheriff James O'Reilly. The book is "Know Your Profession, A Guide for Police Officers."

Deputy Delehaunty has been informed by the McManus Troup Co., his publisher, that the book has been ordered by International Booksellers, Ltd., Shanghai, China. Previously it had been translated into Spanish, and is now in use in the police department of Buenos Aires. And several large American cities, among them Atlanta, Ga., have requested copies of the work for use as reference books in their police departments. Many Ohio sheriffs have equipped their staffs with the manual.

Wherever a community is governed by Roman law or by any of the descendants of Roman law, under which head comes the English common law, its police department can use the book to advantage, the chief deputy believes. As to the adequacy of such a book in China, he is skeptical. Chinese law is another matter entirely, and penalties under it are much more severe than those permitted in most occidental countries, he asserts. He doubts his book will be anything more than a commentary on contemporary American law enforcement to Chinese readers.

The book, as its title implies, contains the information about legal procedure which is necessary to an efficient police officer. It is designed to prevent police officers from making blunders in the designation of criminal offenses and in the making of arrests.

Times 10-14-35

Also surviving are a brother, John, Traverse City, Mich., and grandchildren, William J., Raymond, Alex J., Mary Ann and Patricia Sheahan, and Mrs. Eileen Delaney.

Services will be a 9 a.m. Thursday in the residence and at 9:30 in Rosary Cathedral. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

W. J. Delehaunty

Pioneer in Developing
Toledo Police Force



W. J. DELEHAUNTY
Police academy founder

William Joseph (Joe) Delehaunty, former police inspector who was instrumental in the development of the Toledo police uniformed division, died yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's Hospital. He was 75, and had been ill a month.

Mr. Delehaunty was founder of the Toledo Police Academy, the training school where the city's new patrolmen learn law enforcement, and of the police pistol range. His work in founding the range was honored at a ceremony in 1928, when a large portrait of him was hung in the range clubhouse.

He was the author of "Know Your Profession," a textbook on police work which was used widely in the United States and was translated into Spanish for use in South America.

A native of Toledo, Mr. Delehaunty was a brick mason before he was appointed to the police division in 1898. Rising to inspector by 1920, he held every position in the uniformed ranks including that of acting chief.

He was credited with maintaining discipline through changing administrations and took an active part in organizing members of the force to protect themselves against politics.

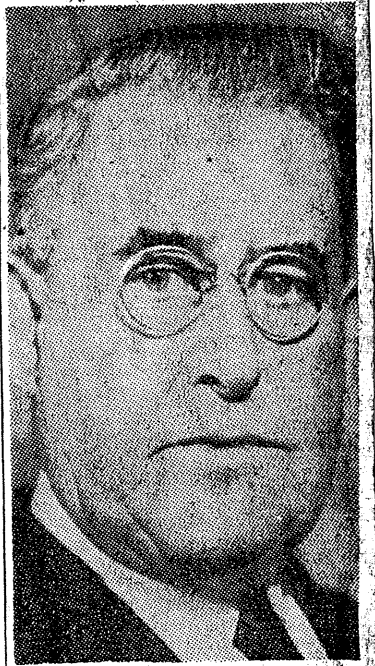
In 1934 he retired from the police division on pension to become chief sheriff's deputy under Sheriff James M. O'Reilly and served in that capacity through 1940, when Sheriff O'Reilly was defeated for re-election.

Mr. Delehaunty was a past grand knight of Toledo Council, Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Knights of Equity and Holy Name Society of Rosary Cathedral. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Raymond J. Sheahan, 2411 Scottwood Ave.

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Ex-Police Inspector, 75, Dies in Hospital

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William Delehaunty
Served From 1898
Until 1935



WILLIAM J. DELEHAUNTY

William J. (Joe) Delehaunty, 75, city police inspector from 1920 to 1935, died yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's Hoospital after a month's illness.

Mr. Delehaunty, who lived with his daughter, Mrs. Ray Sheahan, 2411 Scottwood Ave., was admitted to the hospital Oct. 12.

A lifelong resident of Toledo, Mr. Delehaunty was a brick mason before his appointment to the Police Division July 2, 1898. He was promoted to sergeant March 1, 1908; lieutenant May 1, 1917; captain Jan. 31, 1918, and inspector of the uniformed division Dec. 16, 1920.

Served as Deputy

In 1935 he retired on pension to become chief deputy under former Sheriff James M. O'Reilly, serving in this capacity until 1938, when the sheriff was defeated for re-election.

Mr. Delehaunty, instrumental in development of the Police Division, founded the Toledo Police Academy for training of young patrolmen, and the police pistol range in Bay View Park.

The former inspector often spoke publicly on juvenile delinquency and crime prevention. He was author of a police handbook, "Know Your Profession," which was used by police in many sections of the country and in South America.

Active in K. of C.

Mr. Delehaunty was past grand knight of Toledo Council, Knights of Columbus, and also was a member of the Knights of Equity and the Holy Name Society of Rosary Cathedral.

Surviving, besides his daughter, are a brother, John Delehaunty, Traverse City, Mich.; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be Thursday at 9:30 p. m. in Rosary Cathedral. The body will be in the residence where members of the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral will recite the Rosary tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

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Police Of 3 Nations Enter Pistol Shoot

200 Will Compete At Bay View Range

The best police pistol shots in the United States, Canada and Mexico will participate in the 9th international police combat pistol matches in Toledo tomorrow and Sunday, Inspector Charles Roth of the Toledo police department, announced today.

Two hundred entries have been received from 160 cities in the three nations. The shoot which will be on the pistol range in Bay View Park, under the sponsorship of the Toledo police department, will begin both days at 9 a.m.

There will be four events—bull's-eye shooting; shooting at a "running man," zigzag and draw, and a motorized rodeo, Inspector Roth said.

Ten awards, with a gold medal for first prize, will be given. The present champion, Sergt. George LeMaster of the Detroit police department, will participate.

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'MY DAUGHTER JUANITA'
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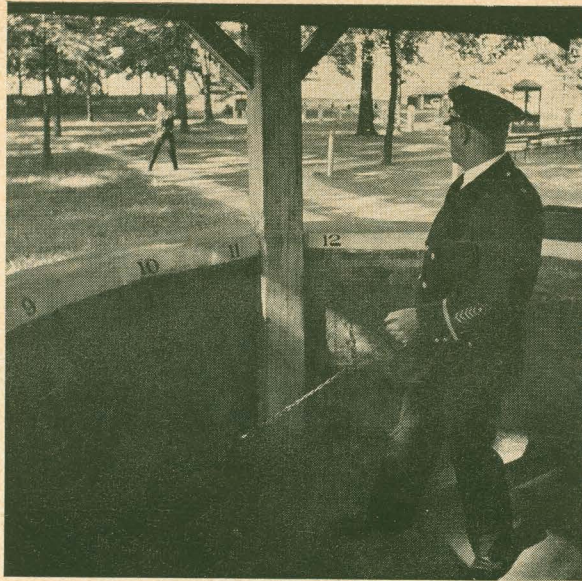
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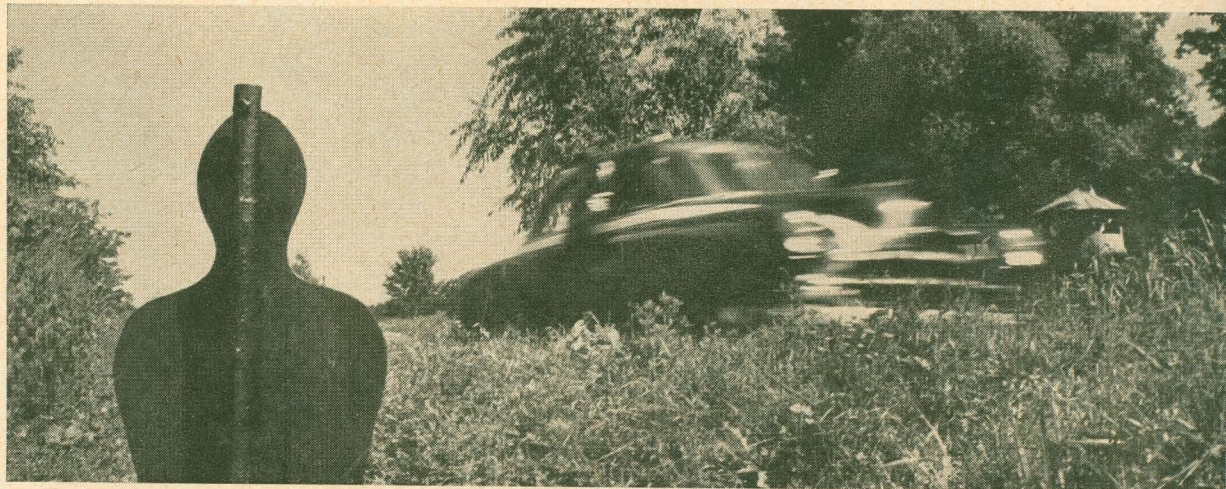
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FROM CONTROL BOOTH Inspector Charles Roth, who devised range, raises target connected to booth by wires.

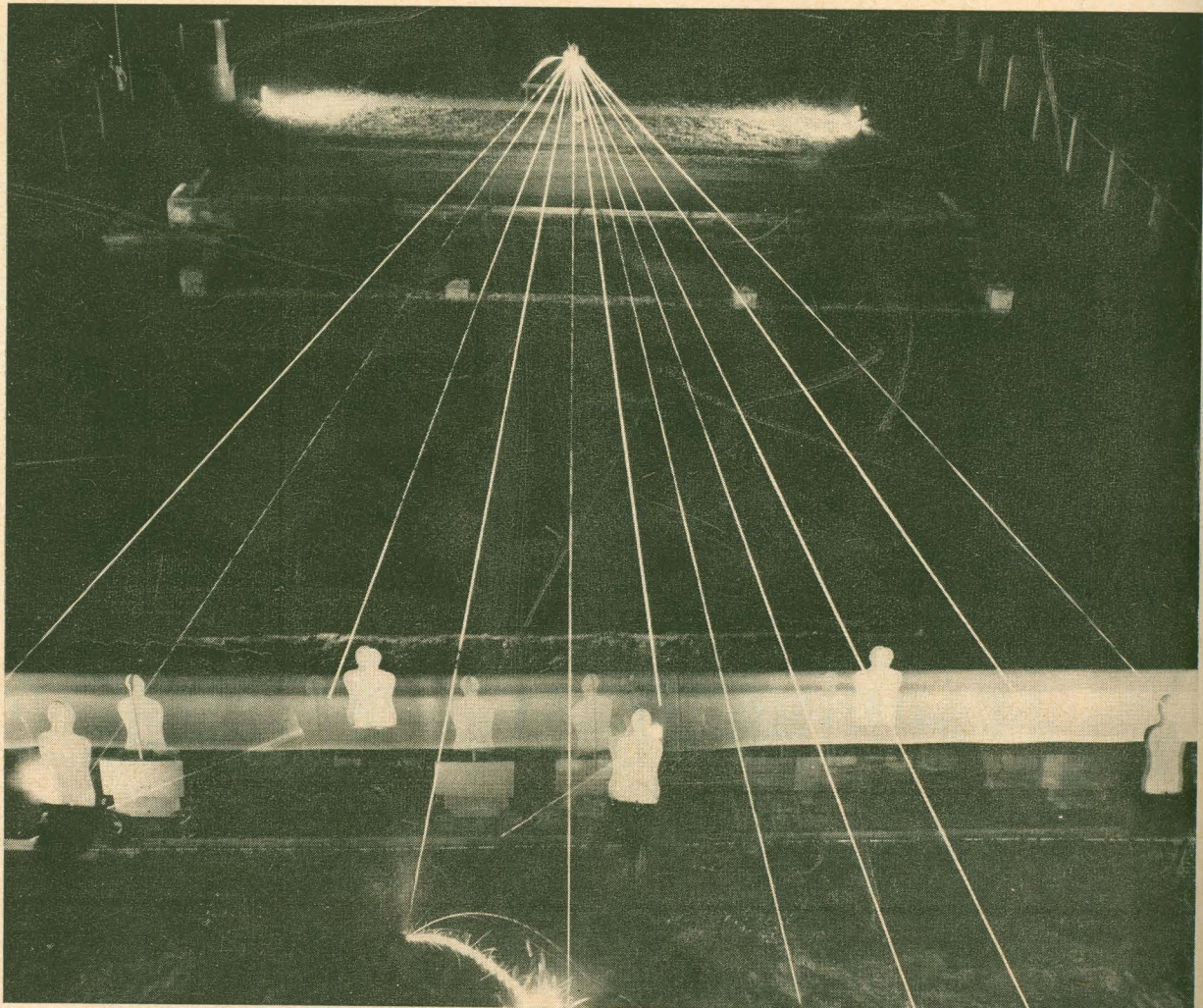


ON THE ALERT Police Sgt. William Knitts watches for target silhouettes to appear suddenly in door and window.



FROM BUMPING AUTOMOBILE a cop blasts away at one of targets which car passes every two to five seconds.

Cops are taught not to rest arm on window or lean back in seat but to plant feet on floor and pivot on buttocks.



ON "RUNNING MAN" RANGE object is to hit moving "crook" (pole up back) but not stationary "taxpayers."

Here crook has been hit three times—tracer lines 3rd, 6th, 10th from left—taxpayer was hit once (2nd line from left).



A TARGET WHICH RISES SO FAST THAT IT BLURS ON THE FILM, PATROLMAN CLIFFORD WARNER CUTS LOOSE WITH HIS .38 ON THE TOLEDO RANGE

LEARNING TO FEEL AT HOME ON RANGE

ump up all over on Toledo pistol course to put policemen through a realistic crook chase

A workout at an ordinary pistol range, which gives a policeman all the time in the world to aim and fire at a still target, bears little resemblance to a cop actually chasing a crook. In Toledo, Ohio police practice at a range that provides startling realism with a variation on skeet shooting. As a cop steals through woods, ghostly frames pop up (*above*)

as if they were criminals stalking him. In 10 seconds the cop must spot the target, draw and fire. In other tests a policeman fires from a moving auto, blasts at targets racing amongst "taxpayers" (*next page*). So successful is the course that since it was opened in 1940, Toledo police boast, they have never failed to bring down an actual target.

Gas Shell Hurts Boy On Police Range

Treated In Hospital For Eye Irritation After Drill At Park

A 4-year-old boy was treated for eye irritation yesterday after playing with an unexploded tear gas shell he found at the police pistol range near Bay View Park.

Thomas Binder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Binder, 414 Branbury Rd., was treated in Riverside Hospital. Gas apparently seeped from the shell while he was holding it, police said.

The boy, with his brothers, Richard, 7, and James, 8, were believed to have wandered from the park onto the pistol range and found the shell near a trash container, according to Patrolmen Robert Lovett and George Sackman.

The patrolmen said there were 21 other canister and shell-type gas devices near the container. All were taken to the police armory.

The shells and grenades were duds which had failed to explode during a demonstration conducted at the range Friday by Federal Laboratories, Inc., for Toledo and area police, according to Capt. Merle Gladioux, in charge of the range. They had been gathered up and placed at the trash can for removal today, he said.

The entire range area is posted with warning signs and the place where the unexploded shells were placed is off-limits even to police, the captain said.



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THIS ISN'T a genie. It's a demonstration to show how police would use a smoke bomb to cover their deployment if engaged in a gun battle. Incidentally, in a real test, you wouldn't see the policeman's head, either. The show was for Toledo and area police at the police pistol range off Summit Street.

Another 13 Years

Bay View Recreation Area Believed Still Long Time Away

Attempt To Begin Implementing Plan Was Thwarted Earlier This Year

By AL GOLDBERG
Blade Staff Writer

For more years than most care to remember, it has been the dream of many Toledoans to redevelop the Bay View basin, where the Maumee River meets the bay, as a water recreation showplace.

Since 1954, there have been at least three official city plans for the redevelopment. Still, the city is not much closer to starting work on the showplace than it was then. And it could be another 13 years—or more—before the first spade of dirt is turned.

The latest "idea plan," developed in 1964 by Vernon Wiersma, city parks commissioner, is a composite of the earlier plans and sits in a desk in his office.

The proposal takes in Bay View Park, Detwiler Marsh, Cullen Park, and a large man-made island now being formed in the bay with dredged river bottom.

The only attempt to date to

begin implementing the plan was thwarted earlier this year when it was found that planning for the project doesn't qualify for federal beautification funds.

A \$15,000 expenditure for an engineering study on the plan's feasibility was removed from the capital improvements budget approved by City Council several weeks ago, but the city's \$7,500 share was appropriated. An attempt to add the other \$7,500 needed for the study is not expected before next year's capital improvements allocations, although Mr. Wiersma noted that it could be appropriated any time Council desires.

After the planning will come the major task of financing the redevelopment. Mr. Wiersma said that while the project does not qualify for outside planning assistance he sees no reason why the work would not qualify

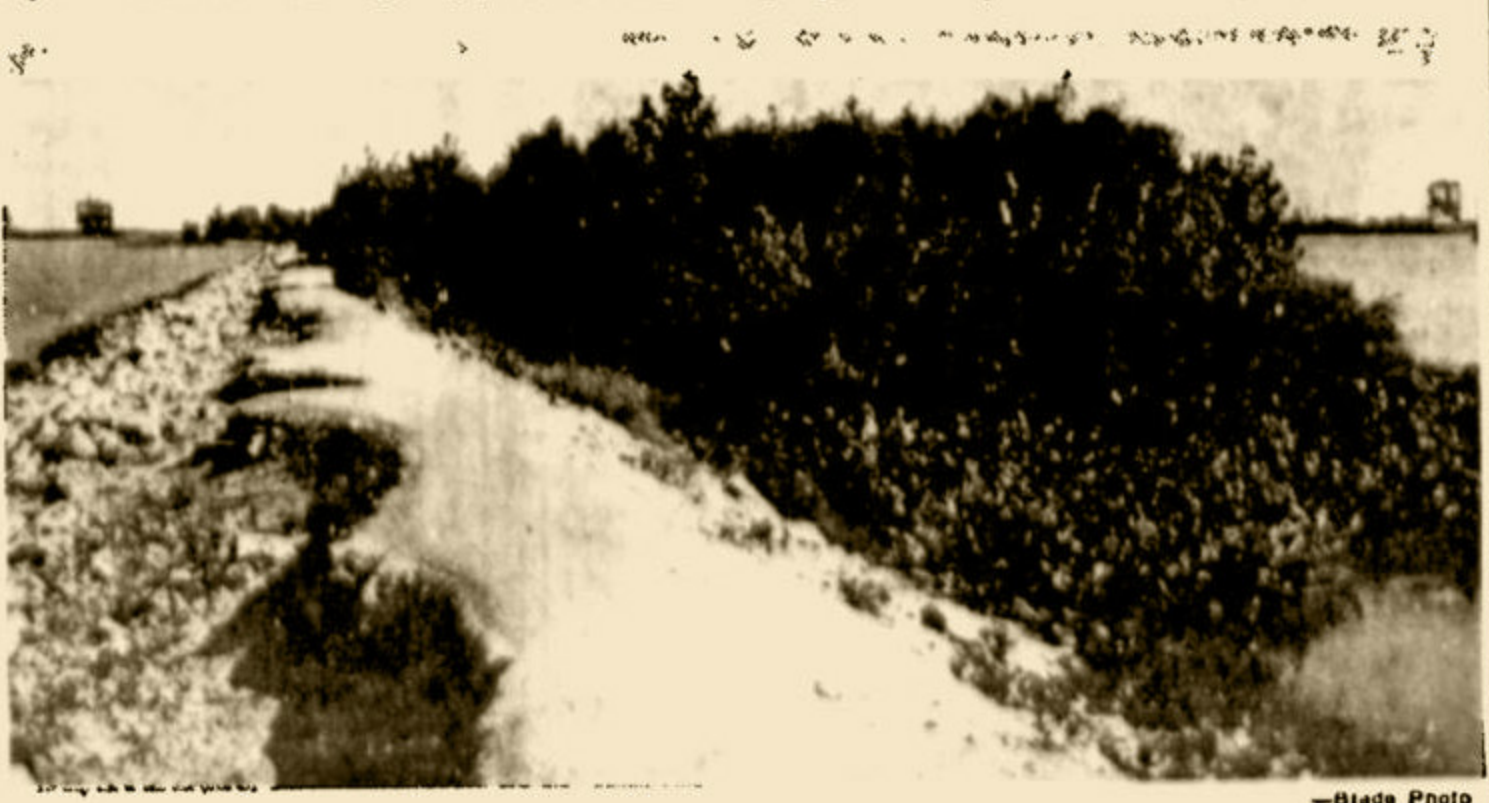
for state watercraft and federal beautification funds.

He said that no plans have been made for financing since "we don't know for sure what we're going to have in the area and what we're going to need

in the way of money."

Until the planning is completed and the redevelopment actually begins, Toledoans will have to make do with what the area now offers.

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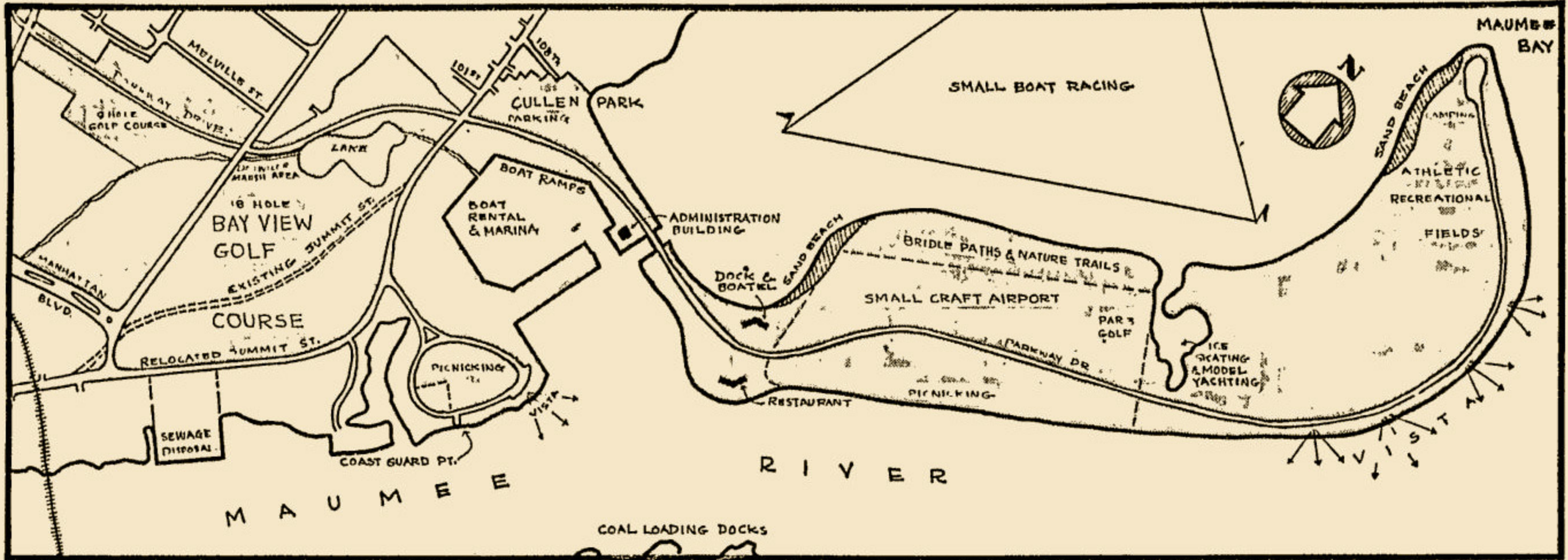


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PATHWAY ON CULLEN PARK DIKE ONCE WAS WIDE ENOUGH FOR CAR
Overgrown area at right has filled in since dike was completed in 1961

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Bay View Project Still In Future

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Many feel that this is next to nothing. They point out:

► Bay View Park is cut up, particularly the golf course, because of additional land needed for the city's sewage treatment facility. Mr. Wiersma says this situation will get worse after February when total needs for the expanded sewage facilities are known.

► Detiler Marsh sits idle, a large part of it housing pits for sludge pumped from the existing sewage treatment plant across Summit Street in Bay View Park.

► The man-made island, originally scheduled to be at its desired size in 1964, will be at least two more years in the process, according to the army corps of engineers.

► Cullen Park, just north of Bay View Park, is the only one of the five areas where a conscious recreational redevelopment effort has been made in recent years.

Councilman Harry Kessler is one who feels not enough was done. He said he feels the \$300,000 spent six years ago by the city and Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to develop the park was wasted.

Three of the major projects in the Cullen improvement were the building of two public boat launching marinas, dredging a six-foot-deep channel from the marinas to the main ship channel in Maumee Bay, and construction of a dike from shore to Squadron Island, an existing island about 3,000 feet into the bay.

Mr. Kessler contends that the channel has filled in to a point where it may make the marinas useless in a few years and that the dike has eroded to a point where it is next to useless.

To make matters worse, records show that the city still owes \$138,000 on the principal and \$47,500 in interest on its \$150,000 share of the cost.

Poor Planning Blamed

Mr. Kessler, in part, blames poor planning at the time the Cullen development was made.

Mr. Kessler says that for as little as \$4,000 or \$5,000 and a little effort the area can be made much more scenic and useful to a great many more people immediately.

Granting that no major projects should be undertaken in view of the expected redevelopment, residents call for seeding, grading, mowing, pruning, spraying, gravel filling, and policing.

Lack of water circulation at the small boat marinas and through the dike are blamed for the silting. Boaters say the camps would be useless if the water table were to drop.

What has happened is that silt and rocks churned up by the current and by passing ocean ships, have settled in the inlet and against the man-made dike. The experts note that some sort of provision for circulation of the water—possibly bridged gaps in the dike or pipes through it at the bottom—could have eliminated or greatly reduced the filling.

A year before the Cullen improvements were undertaken, engineers pointed out the need for openings in the dike to allow for water movement and Point Place residents sought the same openings for small boat access.

The water table which now is nearly two feet above normal, usually shifts in seven-year cycles. It has been high for two or three years, and many persons say that when the cycle reverses, the water will be too low for safe boat launching.

Redredging of the small boat channels is not advised unless provision is made for circulation of the water to prevent refilling. This is seen by most persons as too big a project in view of the upcoming redevelopment.

Mr. Wiersma said that some redredging is planned for the future as a part of the redevelopment plan.

Dike Use Defended

The parks commissioner admitted that the dike to Squadron Island has deteriorated but adds that it is adequate for use by fishermen. He contends this is its primary use until the area is redeveloped.

Many disagree, contending an equally important use of the dike was access to Squadron

Island, which was envisioned by most as a picnic area. There are no tables or other facilities on the island.

The dike was wide enough at first to carry a car to the island. But spring floods a few years ago covered it. When the waters receded, the pathway in the center was, for the most part, washed away, rutted, and no wider than a narrow bicycle path.

Fishermen can, and do, use the upriver side of the dike. On the downriver side, however, this is impossible because of thick underbrush. It is a breeding area for mosquitoes.

Mr. Wiersma said engineering estimates for repair of the dike, including provision for water circulation, are between \$10,000 and \$15,000. He said it would be an unwise expenditure until development plans are complete.

The other area for which stop-gap measures are proposed is in Bay View Park behind the U.S. Coast Guard station and Bay View and Toledo Yacht Clubs. Most people call it Coast Guard Point.

Generally the temporary improvements proposed are the same for Cullen Park.

Shoreline Overgrown

The shoreline is overgrown with brush and rocks, cutting off in large part what could be an excellent view of Presque Isle port facilities across the river.

Litter abounds, trees need pruning, the area is infested with insects, a parking lot is dusty and deeply rutted, and the rear of the coast guard station looks worse than some of the junkyards Mrs. Lyndon Johnson's highway beautification program is trying to conceal from view.

There are no picnic tables, waste cans, or children's recreational facilities—all items the city has available.

In 1960, the city obtained an \$81,000 estimate for converting the point into a picnic area. This never was done, and users complain all the city has done since is cut the weeds.

Leveling Suggested

Many say the area should be leveled and the shoreline cleared. They contend that mounds of dirt from wet excavation placed there in 1956 afford no view of the bay and the shoreline is too overgrown to be utilized much for fishing. Coast Guard Point is used now only by a few fishermen by day and as a lover's lane at night.

Mr. Wiersma said his office recognizes the need for some improvement in the area and points to a \$10,800 joint federal and city expenditure in the capital improvements budget for reforesting the area and building a new parking lot.

Immediate plans call for closing off part of the road around Coast Guard Point. This will end traffic at the parking lot, causing it to exit the same way it entered.

The reforestation is another matter. The parks commissioner explained that his division recognizes the need for replacement of numerous willow and cottonwood trees in the area. But he said it would be foolish to replace them until future plans are known.

The plan lists picnic facilities and port observation sites for the area, but Mr. Wiersma explained that more recent thinking calls for expanding the Bay View golf course into that scenic area.

A final decision could come after next February, Mr. Wiersma said, when it will be known how much more of the golf course may have to go for sewage facilities.

Kessler Opposed

Extending the golf course into Coast Guard Point is another point of contention by Mr. Kessler. He said he feels that it should be built across Summit Street in Detwiler Marsh and that the present golf course and Coast Guard Point be put to better recreational use for a greater percentage of the people.

Coast Guard Point, he admits, would make a beautiful golfing area, but because of its beauty he is against restricting its use to golfers.

The redevelopment proposal envisions widening the dike into a causeway to connect the mainland at Cullen Park with the is-

land. A similar causeway would link Lost Peninsula to the northern end of the kidney-shaped island, which would be about 10,000 feet long and 2,000 to 3,000 feet wide when completed.

Dredgings that make up the island are obtained by the corps of engineers as they maintain the main ship channel at 27 feet depth.

The dike off Cullen Park that is now in such disrepair would be widened enough, if the plan were adopted, to support an administration building for the entire Bay View basin.

Other boat launching facilities might be built in the area, Mr. Wiersma said.

Added in the launching area in the inlet that runs between Cullen Park and Coast Guard Point would be a boat rental center and a large marina dock for private boat storage.

New Island Key Point

The major development of the area encompasses the man-made island.

This includes a restaurant and boater (a motel for visiting boaters, complete with free docking facilities). In this complex would be a large swimming pool, an unfortunate necessity in an area surrounded by water that is polluted.

The hope is that the lake eventually can be cleaned up so swimming again is possible. For that reason, three sand beaches are included in the complex—two on the man-made island and one on Lost Peninsula. The most optimistic estimate as to when water in the bay would be safe for swimming in 10 years.

A small airport planned for the center of the island is in line with a recommendation by a San Francisco consulting firm for a secondary airport northeast of the city.

Racing Course Included

Surrounding it would be nature trails and bridle paths, picnic facilities next to a shore fishing area, and the par 3 golf course.

In the middle of the bay island would be a small lake for ice skating in winter and model yacht sailing in summer.

At the northern tip of the island would be a camping area abutting one of the sand beaches. It is seen as a launching area for canoes. A concert area and athletic fields round out ideas for the island.

To the north of the island and east of Lost Peninsula would be a triangular small boat and sailboat racing course. This originally was planned between the man-made island and Point Place until it was determined the area is too shallow.

Mr. Wiersma's 1964 plan also included development of Lost Peninsula to the north, including a causeway connector with the island. But protests caused this to be dropped.

Objections noted that the peninsula, being sought for purchase by Toledo, has no land access from Ohio and such a causeway would have created such access.

Mr. Wiersma, whose original plan provided for a wildlife refuge on Lost Peninsula, said that approval of that compact is likely next year and that resultant development plans for the area might bring about some later changes in his plan.

Other Changes Scheduled

Recreational planning isn't all that's under way in the basin area. Across the bay from the man-made island and beyond the Presque Isle port site, the Port Authority is planning a 3,100 acre island of its own.

To be built on now submerged land, it would be used for lake-front docking for eight ships and, hopefully, for industrial development. It moved one step closer to reality this year with approval by the Ohio Legislature.

Back when Indians inhabited the Bay View area, land speculators—excited about the location—bought a thriving Ottawa Indian village. Their thinking was that it couldn't miss becoming a booming port.

Unfortunately for them the channel was across the river—now the Presque Isle site.

The location still excites most Toledoans and now it seems destined, eventually to reach the potential those speculators saw for it—if not as a port site, at least as a recreation site.

The question is when.

Police Pistol Range Restoration Urged

To the Editor of The Blade:

In 1923, Inspector Joseph Delehanty, head of the uniform branch of the Toledo Police Division, realizing the inconsistency of police officers, while on duty, carrying guns of all descriptions, prevailed upon the administration to furnish the officers with the best revolvers available. This is still the practice today. Realizing the danger of having untrained men being called upon to use these weapons, he acquired an unused part of Bay View Park to convert into a training facility. He, with other artisans within the division, built what was to become the finest revolver range in the country.

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In 1937, Maj. Charles Roth was appointed head of training and personnel within the police division. It was under his supervision that innovations in firearms training were placed in operation. These new facilities were given world-wide publicity through a feature article in Life magazine. Fox Movietone filmed a 1,000-foot newsreel. Representatives of federal, state, and city law enforcement groups came here to obtain information so that they might in turn improve the training of the men in their division. World champion shooters, having gone through this training program to better familiarize themselves with the benefits derived therefrom, were some of the greatest proponents of our training, which simulates the problems of the officer where the use of weapons are necessary either in self-defense or in the apprehensions of felons.

Continuous criminal activity, the recent bank robbery being an example, points to the logic of having well-trained officers proficient in the use of firearms. Their action speaks well for the training they received. Believing in the old adage, "practice makes perfect," the chief has

issued a standing order that every officer, from a captain on down, must engage annually in firearms training exercises. The officers receive their instruction under the supervision of qualified staff members of the police academy.

Up to and including 1969, our officers had the opportunity to use the complete facilities of the range. At that time there were nine different phases available to train the men for conditional situations. In 1970 the range was practically inoperable. Someone had sold the city fathers on the concept that recreational facilities at Bay View Park were more important than the firearms training of police. During the winter the shotgun range and the anatomical target fell victims to the bulldozer blade of the contractor constructing the golf course in Detwiler Marsh. This summer the three ranges facing the new swimming pool complex along 290th Street had to be abandoned. The course where officers receive their training in shooting from the police vehicle also had to be discontinued. I feel that the decision to eliminate the range at its present location was ill-advised.

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Thirty years ago a contractor figured that to duplicate this range, so that other communities could train their officers in like manner, would entail an expenditure of at least \$225,000. This is what the city received with no cash outlay but only the setting aside of the grounds. This was done in 1937 by authorization of the city manager. In the opinion of the writer there is no reason why the present safety mounds could not be sufficiently raised and the whole area enclosed with a chain-linked fence at a fraction of the cost of replacement. This would permit the normal operations to continue as they have since 1937.

A proposal has been made

to construct a range at the Toledo Express Airport. Space does not permit explanations of the problems arising therefrom. Suffice to say they are many, the greatest of which is the matter of finances. A modern range with the same facilities which were incorporated in the present range, according to current estimates, would cost more than a million dollars as additional land would have to be acquired.

The safety director has stated that we will continue to use the range at Bay View Park until new facilities are available. Since only a part of the training can be carried out under existing circumstances, officers are being deprived of adequate training. Beyond this, with the new golf course to be placed in operation in the summer of 1971, there exists the probability that pressure will be exerted to close the present range at that time.

I have no quarrel with recreation, but I feel that here we have an example of being "penny wise and pound foolish."

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It matters little how well-grounded the officer may be in the basic fundamentals of revolver or shotgun shooting, if he is denied the opportunity to practice, it may result in an injury to an innocent person. This is one of the hazards of living in any large community, but there is no need to contribute to this danger by failing to provide a sufficient firearms training facility.

The record of the Toledo police division, as it relates to safety in the use of firearms, is good and we desire to keep it that way. It's time for the administration to stop dragging its feet. A matter as important as this needs more than the lip-service which has been paid to it up to the present time.

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Police Moving Pistol Practice

Leaving Bay View For Indoor Site

Toledo police will move their pistol practicing to the basement range in the federal building on Summit Street starting Monday, Chief Robert Duck announced today.

The shift from the outdoor range at Bayview Park results from encroachment of such recreation as golf and swimming, it was indicated.

The General Services Administration, which controls the federal building, has approved use of the pistol range daily from 8 a.m. to midnight, except from 2:30 to 4 p.m. when it will be used by other agencies.

Capt. Edward Sobczak is in charge of the new program, and Sgts Kevin Wendt, Fred Freer, and William Kolinski have been assigned full time to supervision of the new range.

All 714 members of the police division will be required to participate four times a year.

Chief Duck's order now requires that every policeman fire 60 rounds of ammunition every three months, the firing limited to service revolvers.

Temporary Police Range Sought At Hoffman Site

Plan Calls For Firing Area On Section Of Landfill That Won't Be Used For Time

A portion of the Hoffman Road landfill site in North Toledo will be used as a temporary pistol range for Toledo policemen under a proposal by the city administration.

The outdoor range is to be located in a part of the 262-acre site that will not be used for waste disposal for several years.

Donald Shanteau, safety director, said the range should be ready next spring and be available three to five years.

City Council's committee of the whole will be asked Tuesday to earmark \$20,000 from the capital improvements fund for construction of the range. The work includes mounding of earth behind the target area, a hard-surface parking lot, and a temporary range office.

Called Unsatisfactory

Toledo police now take pistol practice at the FBI range in the basement of the Federal Build-

ing on Summit Street and also are permitted limited use of an outdoor range owned by the Adams Conservation Club.

The arrangement has been unsatisfactory and has not provided sufficient firing time. Mr. Shanteau said. When Toledo police have their own range, a firing curriculum will be established to provide adequate training, he said.

Mr. Shanteau said the Hoffman Road site was selected because of its relative isolation.

The landfill operation is scheduled to begin next spring. A few homes on which acquisition is pending may still be occupied, but the range will not be near them, Mr. Shanteau said.

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Other sites were investigated, but most were in outlying areas with potential for residential development and thus were expensive, Mr. Shanteau said. The Hoffman Road site also is preferred because it is in the city and requires relatively short travel distances for police.

No decision has been made on a permanent site, but one possibility is the Dura landfill, Mr. Shanteau said. It also is relatively isolated, unsuitable for most uses, and appears to be the only logical site within the city, he said.

The Dura site currently is being used for disposal of waste from the city's refuse collection. This operation is to cease when the Hoffman road disposal area is opened.

Police Plan Memorial

Patrolman's Death On Duty Recalled

A little more than eight years ago, William Albert Miscannon became the 27th Toledo policeman killed in the line of duty when he was shot in the head as he sat in his patrol wagon at Junction Avenue and Dorr Street.

Patrolman Miscannon, 33, left behind a wife and four children.

An effort is now under way to make sure that other Toledoans, in addition to family members, remember him and the 26 other police officers.

The Toledo Police Memorial Fund Committee hopes to raise enough money in the next two months to commission a memorial sculpture to be placed in the Civic Center Sculpture Garden.

"Those who pass it can pay tribute to the policemen who have given their lives for the community," Patrolman Harry Broadway, committee chairman, said.

Earlier Memorial Torn Down

An earlier memorial, built in the 1920s near the former police firing range in Detwiler Park, was torn down when the Detwiler Golf Course was developed. Like the earlier version, the new memorial will show the names of the fallen policemen on engraved plaques, Patrolman Broadway said.

"It will be a reminder to policemen who pass it every day that 'You have to be careful, because you could become a name on that (plaque).'"

The votes of Toledo policemen will decide what form the sculpture will take, subject to the approval of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, which is to oversee development of the sculpture garden.

Patrolman Broadway said he expects the sculpture to be one which would not seem out of date in a few years.

"It isn't going to be a horse with a guy's boots backward, or something like that," he said.

Patrolman Broadway has been working on the project for several months. He said he has the backing of Police Chief Walter Scoble, the Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association, and Sgt. Thomas Purcell, president of the Toledo Police Command Officers Association.

Although actual work on the project

is "probably a good year down the road," Patrolman Broadway said that the first step is to collect enough money so that models of proposed sculptures can be built.

Space In Sculpture Garden

The design review board of the Arts Commission must approve the final proposal, and will assign the space in the sculpture garden.

Police officers will be able to contribute to the memorial fund through payroll deductions. Patrolman Broadway said the committee is asking each to contribute \$12 in 1979.

The public can send contributions to any branch of the People's Savings Association in an envelope addressed to the Toledo Police Memorial Fund.



FORMER TOLEDO POLICE MEMORIAL
Now parking lot at Detwiler Golf Course

- Blade Photo

Police To Get New Training Academy, Indoor Pistol Range

By **MIKE BARTELL**
Blade Staff Writer

It will be a busy year for Toledo police.

In addition to officers' normal daily duties — some routine and some not so routine, they also can expect to be assigned some additional tasks.

There will be numerous special events like the city's popular Parties-in-the-Park, weekend ethnic and cultural festivals, and the planned three-day Fourth of July celebration.

And there will be pandas and presidential candidates to protect, while giving assistance to those who wish to see them in the flesh and the fur.

While the policeman on the beat can expect to be busy, so will those who administer the city's largest division.

Chief Marti Felker, who took over command of the division about six months ago, might consider doffing his dark blue police headgear in favor of a yellow construction hard hats.

The division, after many months of controversy, will move its police academy and begin construction of an indoor firing range at the University of Toledo's Scott Park campus.

But before the move can take place and construction can begin, the city must finalize its negotiations with the university, hire an architect for the firing range, and have site plans drawn.

With the academy move to the university's community and technical college campus, it will be awhile before the first shots are fired at the range.

Chief Felker said that he hopes construction of the range can begin sometime late this spring, with occupancy tentatively slated for a year later.

Meanwhile, the chief hopes that he can get an extension of plans to move the division's existing outdoor firing range from a site near the Hoffman Road landfill. The division has to move from the site because of anticipated landfill expansion.

The division has been told that it has to move off the Hoffman Road site by late spring or early summer, but the chief will request that the move be delayed to late summer or early fall to allow officers to complete their required semi-annual firearms qualifications.

And if overseeing construction of the firing range complex is not

enough, the chief also will supervise the installation of a new communications system.

Requirements for the new multi-channel, highly sophisticated system will necessitate moving the division's communications section from the Police and Fire Alarm Building, at Erie and Orange streets, into temporary quarters on the first-floor of the Safety Building.

Once the Police and Fire Alarm Building has been renovated and the new communications system in-

stalled, the communications section will move back to its refurbished quarters.

To assist fulfilling the division's manpower needs, a 35-member class will graduate from the academy in March. The class will bring the division's strength to 743 — seven fewer than its authorized strength of 750.

Chief Felker said that he hopes that another class will be appointed sometime late this summer or early fall.



— Blade Photo By Don Strayer

RETURNED TO DUTY: Fox, with Toledo police officer Jim Brown astride, no doubt hopes that 1988 is better than 1987. Fox was injured last Nov. 17, when it was struck by a school bus on Summit Street. The horse recently was returned to duty. Officer Gregory Smith, who also was injured, is back on duty, but he has not been reassigned to the mounted patrol for medical reasons.

Firing-range rift impedes police training

By NORRIS P. WEST
Blade Staff Writer

Firearms practice is not easy for Toledo police officers these days

It's too difficult to find a place with targets.

"Very honestly, we've been begging, borrowing, and stealing any [firing] range we can find," said Capt. Larry Armstrong, who supervises training for the police division.

The division's training academy is at Owens Technical College in Wood County, but the firing range there is under construction. When it is completed, officers will have access to it only eight hours a day — 16 hours fewer than Captain Armstrong would like.

Range at landfill closed

Officers had practiced their shooting at the Hoffman Road landfill, but they were evicted when the dump was expanded earlier this year.

"We've used the 180th Tactical Fighter Group range, the city of Perrysburg, the National Guard Armory on Crissey Road," Captain Armstrong said, "but none of these places meets the needs of the division."

The division has been waiting for a new firing range and other training facilities since Feb. 18, 1987. That is when city council agreed to seek bids for construction of a police training academy, which at the time was estimated to cost \$8.8 million.

Although city officials expected the new academy to be completed in a year, not one brick has been laid

Cost, location still debated

Instead, the project has been delayed by questions about costs and a battle over where to locate the academy: at the University of Toledo's Scott Park campus or Owens Tech.

The fight has raged despite council's vote Jan. 12, 1988, to build the academy at Scott Park. Supporters of the Owens Tech site saw a chance to reverse the decision when Councilman Russ Wozniak suggested that council reconsider.

Council's community safety, environment, and development committee will hold a hearing on the issue in council chambers at 9 a.m. June 5 on Mayor Donna Owens' proposal to go with Owens Tech. The full council will vote on the matter at its June 6 meeting.

Five councilmen — Gene Cook, Peter Ujvagi, Jack Ford, Mr. Wozniak, and Vice Mayor Mark Pietrowski — appear to support Scott Park. The other four — Mayor Owens and councilmen Judy Jones, Max Reddish, and Eleanor Kahle apparently back Owens Tech.

Considerations for council

Several issues figure into their positions. Should Toledo support a city institution, or demonstrate a willingness to cooperate with the suburbs? Should council choose the cheaper Owens Tech proposal and save taxpayers' money? And is Owens Tech really less expensive, or are the administration's estimates wrong?

Under Owens Tech's original proposal, Toledo would have to spend \$2.2 million, compared to an estimated \$3.7 million at UT.

But the Owens Tech offer relied on a grant of \$2.8 million it hopes to

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obtain from the Ohio Board of Regents.

The state expects to receive more than \$1 billion in funding requests from Ohio schools for 1990-91, said Thomas Bay, assistant director of capital planning for the board of regents.

"Only a fraction of those requests will be granted," said Mr. Bay, noting that \$357 million was granted from more than \$900 million in

But Councilman Jones countered requests for the current biennium. The Owens Tech bid would be "competing with hundreds of millions of dollars" in other requests, he said.

Jan Skunda, an Owens Tech spokesman, said the amount of state funding would not affect construction of an indoor firing range for Toledo. She added that school officials "have every reason to believe the state would look favorably upon our request."

The board will make its recommendation to the General Assembly and Governor Celeste in December, Mr. Bay said, and the allocations are not likely to be approved until next spring.

Councilman Wozniak, who has proposed renovating the Scott Park shelterhouse for additional academy classroom space, said Tuesday that the city should push UT to also seek state funding.

that council already has that com-

mitment from Owens Tech.

"I can't understand why, as Councilman Wozniak keeps saying, we have to keep pressing the university and pressing the university to get this facility when Owens Tech essentially, is pressing us to have a complete, modern facility in place," Mrs. Jones said.

She suggested that Mr. Wozniak was influenced by UT supporters, saying, "I do think it's a matter of getting in line politically."



Gene Fodor, retired Toledo police detective, had used the old pistol range throughout the final decade it was in operation.

Aiming for restoration

BY BLADE STAFF WRITER

Imagine a time when men didn't wear tacky clothes, ride motorized carts, and chase little balls around Detwiler Park.

Instead of teeing off from a driving range, they fired weapons at a pistol range. They wore neat, crisp blue uniforms. Nobody called them duffers.

The old Toledo Police Combat Revolver Range was a nationally recognized place where officers learned to shoot from moving cars and pick off a criminal in a crowd.

Life and *Look* magazines did feature articles about it. On June 30, 1923, while the facility was under construction, a Toledo Daily Blade article described it as "a shooting range that is expected to excel anything of its kind in the United States."

The range remained in operation through 1969, when bulldozers moved in to begin construction of the Detwiler golf course and swimming pool complex.

Now, police officers are trying to save the last remnant: a dilapidated, sandstone brick structure known as the Range House.

The preservation effort is spearheaded by Karen Sue Martensen, president of Toledo's Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 40.

Ms. Martensen, a sergeant in the police records bureau, said the building has potential as a Point Place substation or as a meeting site for senior citizens. Under Chief Gerald Galvin, the department has moved toward a more decentralized, neighborhood approach to fighting crime.

The first order of business is replacing the roof that has collapsed. Then plans will be made to rewire the building and put in new plumbing.

Ms. Martensen is working with the Ohio Historical Society to see whether the building

Police want to keep house for pistol range

could be placed on the National Register of Historical Buildings. That would help keep it from being demolished.

Maura Johnson, northwest Ohio coordinator for the society, said the designation could come within a year. If the application survives an initial screening process, it would go to a state advisory board, then to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

"Though there's been a great deal of deterioration there, the historical significance of it may be enough to carry it," she said.

Capt. Terry Schroder, of the police department's field operations bureau, said the building has a lot of meaning.

He said police could get most of the project done with donated labor and materials. "If we restore it, we would do it with minimal expense," Captain Schroder said.

The city owns the building but has let it sit idle.

Bob Burger, manager of the city's nuisance abatement and demolition department, said there were "some preliminary discussions" about tearing down the Range House before officials learned of its historical significance. The building never made the demolition list, he said.

Rick May, manager of city real estate, said the city received a written offer several weeks ago from a Point Place resident who wanted to raze the building himself. The resident wanted to salvage the unique sandstone brick

for a house he was having built.

The brick originally was used to help pave Water Street during the horse-and-buggy era, Ms. Martensen said.

The resident's offer never went anywhere. The city's legal department, citing liability concerns, won't allow residents to tear down city buildings, Mr. Burger said.

Some city officials thought the building was an eyesore that should be addressed, Mr. May said. He said the restoration effort should kick into gear if the building is to be saved.

The city cannot be aggressive about tearing down private property until it decides what to do with its own, he said.

In its heyday, the pistol range was a one-of-a-kind facility. Police officers from Europe, Canada, and throughout the United States met there for competitions, Ms. Martensen said.

Merle Gladieux, a police captain and director of training at the Toledo Police Academy when the pistol range was closed, wrote in a 1971 letter to *The Blade* that he thought the decision was "ill-advised."

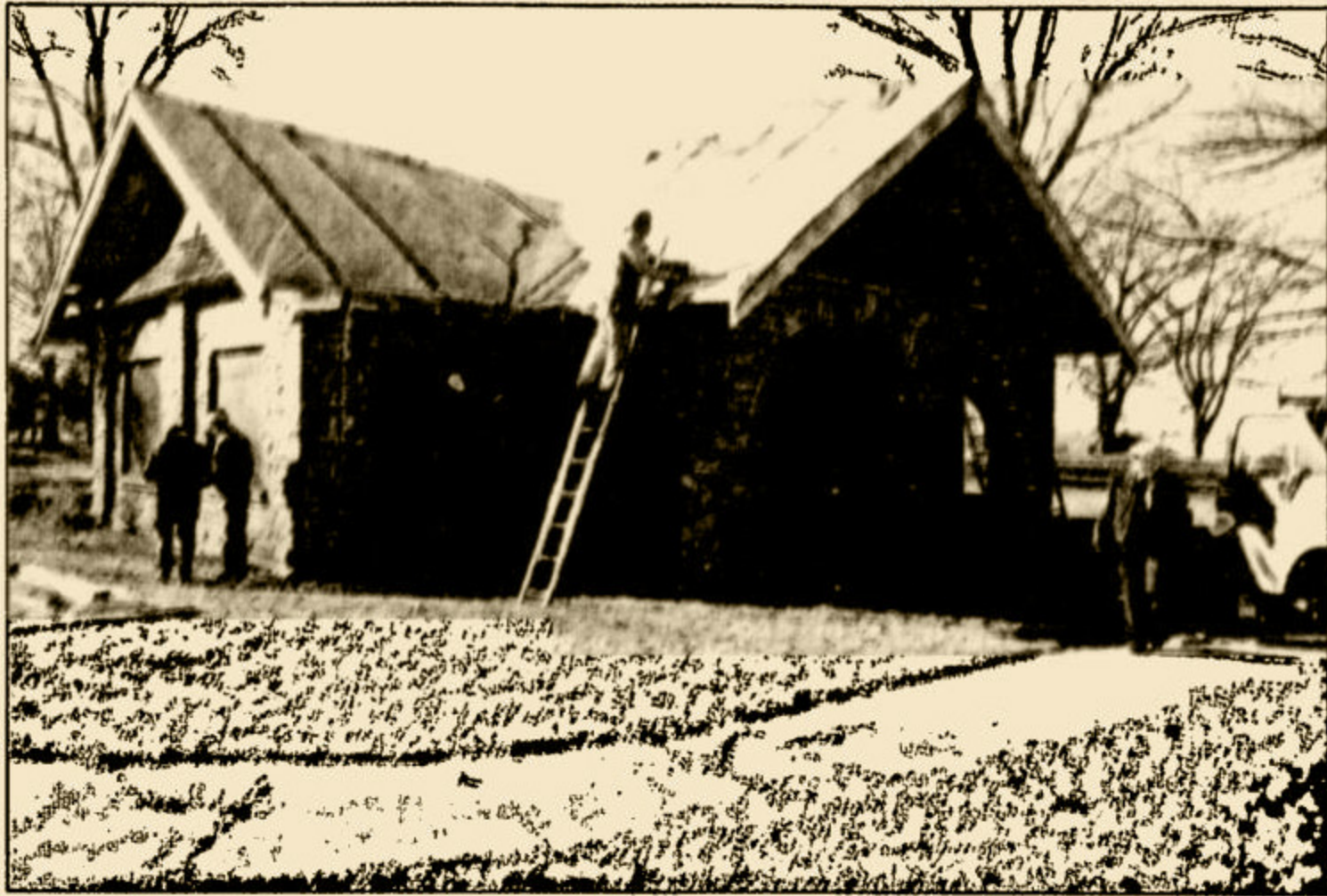
The Range House is the only link oldtimers have to the abandoned Detwiler facility, said Gene Fodor, a retired Toledo police detective. It was where officers had meetings, cleaned their guns, and stored equipment.

Mr. Fodor joined the force in November, 1959, and used the range through its final decade. He said the renovation effort goes beyond sentimental fluff.

"You can't replicate history," said Mr. Fodor, who retired in 1987 and is vice president of the Toledo Retired Police Officers Association, an FOP trustee, and board member of the Toledo Police Museum.

"Guys took a lot of pride in trying to hone their marksman skills," he said. "If you didn't, they let you know about it."

— TOM HENRY



BLADE PHOTO BY DON STRAYER

Mark King puts plastic on the roof to protect the old shelterhouse in Detwiler Park.

Police group plans to fix former pistol range house

BY ROBIN ERB
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In a nearly forgotten building in a now-quiet park, red sandstone arches meet a tile and marble floor and an enormous brick fireplace remains surprisingly solid and uncracked.

Cedar patchwork under the entrance overhang is relatively unblemished, though water, snow, and ice have seeped through for decades.

"This truly is a magnificent building," said Sgt. Karen Sue Martensen, president of the Toledo Police Historical Museum Association, Inc.

But the former Toledo police range house at Detwiler Park is in critical need of repair. Sunlight streams through gaping

holes in the rotting roof, providing the only light in the building that long ago was boarded up for safety.

The museum association, a nonprofit organization, has begun collecting funds for the renovation of the building.

Earlier this week, the sounds of hammering shattered the chilly emptiness of the park as Terry Mohn, a volunteer consulting contractor, and Mark King, an assistant, nailed down large sheets of plastic over the roof. The work is a stop-gap measure to keep some of the moisture out, Mr. Mohn said.

"It should help out at least through the winter," he said, scrutinizing his work.

The structure, completed in late 1924, was part of the nation-

ally-recognized Toledo Police Combat Revolver Range for years. It was erected, in part, by police officers who volunteered their time.

Local companies donated most of the construction materials to the project. Other materials were recycled. The brick was paving stone from Huron Street, for example, and the fence was shaped from reclaimed stamping steel.

The cost to the city to construct the range was less than \$6, according to reports at the time.

But after several years as a weapons training ground — complete with spring-action moving targets — the range

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was closed when the city began planning the Detwiler Park golf course, which eventually opened in late 1969.

The range house, which is about the size of a three-story garage, was used as a temporary storage facility for the city, but it, too, was abandoned.

Last summer, Mr. Mohn and Sergeant Martensen began hauling out bags of garbage and leaves that had collected hip-deep in parts of the shelter. In doing so, they uncovered the carefully-crafted floor, discovered the fireplace, and found that two rooms can easily be updated to restrooms.

The structure itself — with a wall made of a double layer of brick and stone — is still solid, Mr. Mohn said.

Still, it won't be cheap to renovate. The cost to replace the roof is probably \$5,700, he said. There is

no estimate yet for running utilities to the structure or renovating the restrooms.

The goal, Mr. Mohn said, is to tap into the community's sense of history and reopen the building at virtually no cost.

They've finished the first steps. Decorative shingles already have been donated by the Fred Christen Co., the same company which had donated target supplies to the range house decades ago. Nearby Treasure Cove Marina donated about a dozen man-hours to the project, helping to get the building ready for the winter.

Sergeant Martensen said enthusiasm like that will help the police historical group with its plans to renovate the building into a meeting house, a police sub-station, or city offices.

The facility could be used as a shelter house or picnic area for the park during the busier summer months, she said.

"It would be a shame to let it go to waste," she said.