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# T.P.P.A. Wins Sole Bargaining Agent for Toledo Patrolmen

other cities across the land, and became the first Ohio city to be represented solely by a union when TPD patrolmen voted overwhelmingly 300 to 156 over the Fraternal Order of Police for exclusive bargaining rights for Toledo's 650 patrolmen. The

ation and the Fraternal Order of Police was conducted by Toledo's Labor-Management-Citizens Committee on Wednesday and Thursday. March 3rd and 4th. The ballots were counted and the T.P.P.A. certified as the sole bargaining agent on

Ken Perry, President of the T.P.P.A. in å brief news release said the T.P.P.A. was extremely pleased with the election outcome. He called upon Jim Porter. President of the F.O.P. and other (Continued on page 3)

# **Police Cut-backs** Bring Ire of Public

Sweeping cut-backs in four di-visions of the Toledo Police Department announced last month by Corrin McGrath, Chief of Police, brought angered reaction from both private citizens and the business community. The Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association has warned that the public and business will be sub-jected to a substantial rise in crime when the cut-backs are

Citizens groups packed Toledo Council chambers on March 2nd to protest cuts in Toledo units.

the Community Relations and School Education programs. causing the City Administration to promise that revisions would be made to retain at least portions of the two units. Additional protests are expected as the To-ledo Police Shield goes to press. particularly by small business-men's groups, challenging the proposed elimination of the Se-lective Enforcement unit, comprised of 33 men who serve on special assignments such as stake-outs and surveillance in (Continued on page 12)



Patrolmen Bob Matecki and Frank Calipetro cast their ballot during the recent Representation vote, in which the TPPA won the exclusive bargaining rights for patrolmen. (Shield Staff Photo.)



# As We See It

By Ken Perry, President Toledo Police Patrolmen's Assn.



I would like to thank all of those Patrolmen who voted for the T.P.P.A. to be the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all patrolmen, and solicit support from those who did not vote for us to be their representative. As I have stated in the past this is probably the most crucial negotiations that the patrolmen in the City of Toledo have ever faced, primarily because it is vitally important Toledo have ever faced, primarily because it is vitally important that we succeed both economically and non-economically this time. Otherwise from now on it will be a catch-up once again with others around us. Therefore, please unify with, and support your leaders in order that we can do the best possible job for both you and your families. Also just prior to writing this column I was in contact with our Negotiator Dr. William Hewitt, and the final preparations are being made for him to come in for negotiations. As I have stated previously, he is certainly one of the best around and has direct previously, he is certainly one of the best around and has direct contact with some of the best, such as William Bopp, Therefore we are hoping for good results through a more sophisticated and professional approach to the bargaining process.

professional approach to the bargaining process.

I would like to remind you that our Dance is April 10th, which will be held at the Lucas County Recreation Center. It is our 10th year anniversary and we hope to have one of the best crowds ever to help us celebrate. Therefore, anyone wanting tickets contact the Dance Chairmen. Bob Matecki or Bob Morrissey, or any other Board Member

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ernment for a redress of griev-

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should check their book shelves, brush away the dust on that old

American Government book this

bicentennial year

By PATROLMAN FRANK CALIPETRO

It seems as though Toledo Police Officers have been handed another blow which places them one more notch below the public. I make reference to a recent article which appeared in The Blade Forum, dated February 28, 1976. The article, written by one of our members, pointed to the elimination of the Selective Enforcement Unit. In the opin-ion of this officer, the disbanding of this unit would be a great in-justice to the taxpayers. The ar-ticle went on to explain the function of the unit and its effective-ness in combating the criminal element

That same day, the officer mar same day, the officer was notified by his immediate supervisor that the Chief of Po-lice demanded a full report on his desk Monday, March 1st at 8:00 A.M. This officer was to explain where he obtained his in-formation and what data he had

to support his statements.

It was hard to believe that such a demand was reasonable. I went to my bookshelf and pulled out an old American Government book and began leafing through it until I came to page 94. There it was just as I sus-pected. "Articles in addition to an Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

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# **BIDDY'S BITS**

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After the doors are locked any person entering or leaving the building will have to pass the Sergeants desk. Usually the offi-cer will be asked for directions, also he will stop many persons from wandering about the

Until recently the police had a gymnasium on the second floor. This room was also used as a roll-call or assembly room. This space was needed for more office space, and the only other space available was on the first floor. To utilize this area, both exists and entrances were changed.

When the assembly room is in NO WAY OUT-



use the doors to the room are closed and locked. Will someone explain how a person can get out of the building or even get in from first floor? The doors can remain closed from 20 to 30 min-

When the police elevator was in use (the police elevator has been out of service almost 2 months) people could take this elevator from the second floor and exit by the Sergeants desk The only way to leave the building sometimes at night is to walk down the stairs from the second floor. Some older persons, in paying a traffic ticket that get stuck, might not care to walk the steps, and who can they ask? What a way to go!

The people that work here know this routine. Sometimes they don't mind waiting. Other times they are able to leave before assembly is called. At least if one knows the building, they can adjust. What about the strangers coming in?

While leaving the building one evening, I noticed an elderly man on the first floor looking very confused. The man said he had been into the clerks office. When he came out the doors to the assembly room were closed. Both entrance and exit were secured. True, there are signs on each door, but they all refer to a

door that is sometimes closed.

The man asked where the exit

was and how could he leave the building? Since we both wanted to leave, it was easier to show him. We took one elevator to the second floor, and (at this time the police elevator was in use) after taking the police elevator we went to the first floor. We were able to leave by this exit. The man did say he had had a stroke some months ago. Even with this, he used some speed when he saw a door and it was his pass to freedom. This situ-ation could happen any time. Without the police elevator, the steps might prove very harmful.

Is anyone worried about the welfare of the people that work at the Safety Building on nights. Some of the stairway doors are locked, so when some say Safety, they must be putting us on. Security yes, Safety no!

When was this building ever checked by the building code, or fire prevention? Would anyone like to answer that question? The officials are trying to save money, cutting down on the budget. How about cutting another opening past the assembly room so it can be used at all

Yes, we do play games on the first floor sometimes. Ride the elevator, find the stairs and where is the exit? Anytime the city planners want to play, come



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#### **TPPA WINS-**

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patrolmen of that organization to "put aside past differences and join us in unity and solidarity for the benefit of all Toledo patrolmen." Perry added that he was very pleased with the personal con-gratulatory message of Jim Porter who pledged gratulatory message of Jim Porter who pledged his support and the fact that he would immediately take membership in the T.P.P.A. 'I am very pleased at this,' Perry told the Shield, 'Jim Porter can be a definite asset to the T.P.P.A. and could be a useful member of our bargaining team.''

Congratulatory messages flowed in from other Ohio cities, P.P.A. officials and from Ed Kiernan, President of the International Conference of Police Associations. Kiernan said the vote "reflected the growing attitude of all patrolmen across the country that unionization is an absolute necessity are to join our industrial and trades union brothers

are to join our industrial and trades union brothers in enjoying the harmony and security of collective bargaining under a single union." The ICPA is the International Union for the T.P.P.A.

Bill McNea, President of the 2600 patrolmen Cleveland Police Patrolmens Association, in a telephone congratulations to the T.P.P.A., said that Cleveland patrolmen are eagerly seeking a representation vote there, adding that a clear cut victory for the C.P.P.A. is imminent if the Cleveland patrolmistration will provide the opportunity land administration will provide the opportunity for the election

The certification of the T.P.P.A. as exclusive bargaining agent will narrow the field for Toledo Police to two organizations, the T.P.P.A. representing patrolmen, and the Command Officers As-sociation, representing that group. Bargaining will be conducted separately by the two groups.



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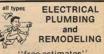
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# Public and Business To Pay

By JACK McLUCKIE, Selective Enforcement

The City Administration cries poverty again. The Administration has seen fit to cut the budget again for the Toledo Police Division. The Administration proposed sometime back that, due to our shortage of manpower, the men work their days off at the overtime rate. The Police Organizations talked the men into this plan. as most police officers look forward to their days off. The program worked well. Now the Administration states that they can no longer afford this program and have reduced their 6 month predicted over-time figure by one-half and stated that this amount must do for the entire year. The Administration has stated that the majority of this cost is

tration has stated that the majority of this cost is in officers court appearances.

Since the City Administration has cut the budget, the Police Administration states it must make cuts. These are cuts in service to you the Citizen. These cuts in service involve the Human Relations Section. School Safety Program and the Selective Enforcement unit.

As for the Human Relations Section this officer cannot speak on all their functions except for cereanous speak on all their functions except for

cer cannot speak on all their functions, except for their work in attempting to bring the Community

and the Police Division together in harmony.

As to the School Safety Program, as a child I remember these were the first Police Officers that I had contact with and that we were taught that they were our friends and they tried to teach us how to cross streets safely. This still holds true, as I still see our little citizens crossing their fingers and waying at the Policeman on parted. fingers and waving at the Policeman on patrol.

This program is important not only for the life and limbs it saves but also maybe even more important teaching our little citizens who to turn to when they are lost or need help or a friend.

Now, as to the Selective Enforcement unit, many citizens do not know what this unit is. This unit was started about 15 years ago, first as a traffic enforcement unit. Then with the rising crime rate the unit was transformed into a crime

unit working the high crime hours. The unit is flexible in that they work in marked and unmarked Police vehicles and in uniform and civilian clothes as the need be even to the point of changing their working hours to fit the crime.

Let me tell you about the men that work this unit. First they are all volunteers. Why? Because they like this type of work and like to work nights. Most police officers do not. These men have acted as decoys for street crimes even to the point of dressing up as little old ladies. They have spent long hours in the back rooms of some business places on a tip it may be held up or burglarized. or have sat in a cold auto watching a home or business, not wanting to run the engine for heat for fear of being seen or heard by the criminal. Some of the criminals we have caught say we do ont play fair when we do these type of things. Well, neither do they when they break into your home, business or knock your wife or mother down attempting to take her purse, or when they stick a gun in your face demanding your money

and property.

This unit consists of about 30 men with usually 20 men on the street each night. The unit's job is to attempt to stop and apprehend the criminal before he starts. This unit knows who the criminetore ne starts. This unit knows who the criminals are, how they work and our record shows that we know how to stop them and put them in the hands of the court. What the court does with them, well that is another story that gripes all Police Officers.

With the new budget cuts, this unit is being disbanded. The Administration states this is to give you more Police Officers on the street. This is not true. There will be less Police Officers on the street, the street, especially during the high crime hours, that is 8 P.M. to 4 A.M.

I ask you as Taxpayers, Businessmen and as future victims. Which do you want, Police Officers on the street to take the report of which you have been the victim, or a few men who care and are trying to protect you and your property before you are a victim?



# MORRISSEY'S CORNER

By Patrolman **Bob Morrissey** 

"UNJUST"

The city manager states "The city will have to lay off fifty people." I believe this is the most unjust thing I have ever heard of I say this because I don't believe a hard working bread winner should be deprived of his income so that the City can support an organization like A.B.L.E. It is my impression that the city should cut off all funds to this organization before any person is laid off. I just cannot understand why the city will grant upwards of \$55.000 to A.B.L.E. only to have this organization take the money and run over to the Federal Courts and initiate all types of law suits against the city. The city in turn has to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on attorneys' fees to defend itself. They also have to spend thousands of dollars to meet the demands the Federal Judge puts on the city to comply with his interpretation also have to spend thousands of dollars to meet the demands the Federal Judge puts on the city to comply with his interpretation of the law. Every time the city gives A.B.L.E. money it reminds me of a Masochist giving money to some one to beat him up. There must be some other reason the city funds this organization because where I see it. — "it doesn't make much sense." Again I want to make it perfectly clear. "Before any city worker is laid off and the services cut to our citizens, STOP ALL FUNDING TO A.B.L.E." I suggest every citizen to write a letter to a councilman, or the mayor stating their opinion on this issue. Better yet. let's get it on the ballot for the next election so the people who are footing the bill can determine if they want to give funds to A.B.L.E. only to have A.B.L.E. take our tax dollars and sue us in the Federal courts. the Federal courts

has been also make a second tax dollars and sue us in the Federal courts.

As long as the topic of Federal courts came up I would like to bring it to your attention that the Federal Judges are asking for a raise. They state they are having a hard time making it on \$45,000 a year. I wonder how hard of a time they would have if they had to live on the income that the average citizen makes in America. When I heard the statement, they were having a hard time making it on \$45,000 a year, it told me one thing. They really are not aware of the average citizen in the U.S. and what middle class. America has to contend with. I would like for the Middle Class. "Tax Paying" American to get together and tell these Federal Judges we might make up a "GRANT" for your raise, but we are going to attach some strings to it. Such as, put the Federal Judgeships up for the people to be able to vote them into office instead of an Uncle getting them the job, as it was pointed out about a local Federal Judge working in this area. Hum. I wonder who he may be. I believe it is time for Middle Class America to become involved. Instead of going to work eight hours, coming home and flopping into your easy chair and sipping a few beers in home and flopping into your easy chair and sipping a few beers in front of the television and then going to bed and getting up in the morning griping to your wife how bad the local, and Federal situation is and leaving it at that, I say get involved! Send letters to your councilmen, and congressmen. Let them know that you're to your councilmen, and congressmen. Let them know that you're tired of the way it's being run. Let them know your vote will go to someone else if they don't respond. When you threaten the number of votes a politician may get, it works wonders. The vote is the politician's life line. You have that life line right in your pen. Tell them how you feel. This is still America, your country, express your opinion. It's your right. "DO I HEAR A RUMBLE FROM SLEEPING AMERICA."



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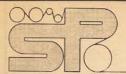
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# Ken Perry

Ken Perry, President of The Toledo Police Patrolmen Assocation, is serving his second term, as leader of the TPPA.

A life long resident of the City of Toledo, Ken is a graduate of Central Catholic High School.

Being a police officer for nine years has not hampered Ken from continuing his education at the University of Toledo, where he is a graduate with a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration.

While presently in Graduate School at U of T, and working towards his Masters in Education, he has gathered an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement Technology; and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration.



PRESIDENT
Toledo Police
Patrolmen's Association

Ken has appeared on the Dean's List for the fall quarter in 1974 and the winter quarter in 1975.

Now a member of the Alumni Association at The University, Ken is a Veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion Post 512.

A member of St. John's parish in Point Place, he is married and the father of two children.

Speaking as the Editor of The Police Shield, Ken wishes to draw special attention to the advertisers of The Shield for their participation in making this Police publication a fast growing newspaper.

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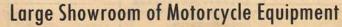
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# MEET Frank Calipetro

Frank Calipetro, Vice-President of the Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association, has held that office for the past three years. Prior to this, he served as Treasurer for five years.

He is a graduate of Libbey High School, and has attended the University of Toledo in Business Administration. He is now working towards his Associates Degree.

Frank has served on the Ottawa Hills Police Department as a patrolman, before being appointed to the Police Division in Toledo, on October 1, 1965. Working as a uniform patrolman for the past ten years, he has also seen duty on the vice squad, and has been appointed to the traffic division, where he currently has been for the past two years.

Now as a member of the Police Safety Committee, he has been on the TPPA Negotiating Committee for the last two contracts.



VICE - PRESIDENT Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association

A past delegate of the Ohio Union Patrolmen's Association, frank was a member of the organizational committee that was instrumental in forming the Mansfield Police Patrolmen's Association, and participated in trips to Columbus, Ohio in an attempt to gather a Collective Bargaining Bill for City Employees.

Married, and the father of four children, Vice-President Calipetro is a member of St. Charles Church, where he also finds time to participate in church activi-

A member of the Shield Advisory Council for the past five years, Frank invites all Shield readers to express their opinions and thoughts concerning the Police Patrolmen's Association and the "Policeman in Toledo."

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# **Oregon Police Patrolmen's Association**

Richard Hackett, President and Editor



# FORMER CHIEF IIS-USE

Chief of Police James Saddoris has used the news media quite well to build his own reputation and personal image be-fore the Citizens of Oregon and to down grade and belittle the members of the Police Depart-

Classic example of the Chief's use of the news media to build his reputation and personal im-

On July 16, 1973 he appeared before City Council, with the TV camera he had asked for on the 14th of July, to give his presentation rquesting fifteen additional Patrolmen and stating public-ly that Oregon was a wide open City. I had attended the meeting on July 14th at the request of the

#### LETTER **OF THANKS**

I would like to take this op-portunity to thank those advertisers from Oregon that have supported our effort to make the voice of the Oregon Police Patrolman's Associ-ation heard in this city also the surrounding area. Your support is greatly appre-ciated by the officers of the group and we would hope that our association with your good name will be a long one.

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FOP, and others to support him in gaining fifteen additional Patrolmen. At this meeting he asked for all present to speak at the Council Meeting the next Monday in support of the additional patrolmen. At no time during this meeting did he say he was going to state that Oregon was a wide open city nor did he state that he already knew that council would approve sev-en additional patrolmen. I was in favor of the hiring of additional patrolmen but did not agree with his statement that the city was wide open nor did I approve of his knowing beforehand that he was informed on Saturday that he would be given per-mission to hire seven new patrolmen. I did not speak in sup-port of the Chief that night as I felt he was using myself and the OPPA for his personal gain in

attaining public notoriety.

Another use of the News
Media he used to his own advantage was the news release of the solving of the Bier Stube Murder. It seems strange to me that a case of such magnitude could be solved without affidavits filed or arrests made.

Another blatant example was the big drug arrest in Woodville. Ohio with the result of front page headlines, but no convictions. Perhaps if the Metro Drug Unit. Federal Drug Unit. or the local Sheriffs Department had been involved, convictions may have been upheld.

During the past seventeen months the members of the Police Department have been ac-cused of being liars, thieves, and cowards and not once during these times did the Chief of Po-

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lice raise one finger in the defense of the men under his com-mand. We have never heard of any one Police Department being so badly down beaten in such a short period of time, by one alleged scandal after anoth-

offs from within each depart-ment of the City the Chief of Police not once appeared before City Council in behalf of the younger patrolmen, or the citizens of Oregon, but remember on July 16, 1973 he appeared be-fore the TV camera stating that we must have fifteen additional patrolmen. Yet in the past two years our crime rate has gone up at-least 100% and he was not concerned that some patrolmen might be laid off. (We have realized only two additional patrolmen after five were hired in late 1973 due to the death of one officer and the resignation of two

others.)
In May of 1974 a letter appeared in the Oregon News from a citizen who was very knowl-edgeable of the internal affairs of the Police Department and contained more facts than many of our members had knowledge

of before reading the letter. After I had taken our letter of rebuttal to the Oregon News early in the day. I received a telephone call late that after-noon, from a Mr. Ed Beer (whom I had never met) who stated he could not put our letter in the paper as it was political. I asked him if he was in his office and he stated yes. I asked him if it was not the policy of the Ore-gon News to accept personal checks and again he stated yes. I told him I would be right over and would purchase the center page of his paper for our letter. He then agreed to print our letter and asked several questions about the OPPA. I tried to answer each of his questions as

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# RESPECT MUST BE EARNED

#### By RICHARD HACKETT President O.P.P.A.

On February 21, 1976 James Saddoris was relieved of his duties as Chief of Police but not without a flurry of charges of corruption and incompetency in the police department and the city. The group of citizens who were in council meeting when he was fired made a boisterous effort to show support for Sad-doris. But when their efforts to reverse the forgone conclusion that of Saddoris being fired, the group took it upon themselves to berate the city council for acting in the best interests of the city. There were a lot of statements made that were unfair, cruel and untrue.

At the time just before Sad-doris was fired he contacted a couple of the officers in the de-partment who were supposedly supporting the Chief to the bitter end and asked them if they would submit letters of resignation to City Council when he was given the opportunity to speak

before City Council. Those men must have decided their convictions about Saddoris were not worth their jobs. Could this be a sign that working without Sad-doris may not be as impossible as he would have the men

Saddoris's statement that he had to tolerate a command offi-cer who was illiterate and incompetent just shows how desperate and to what means Sad-doris would go to keep his job. The statement is just another example of the tactics used by Saddoris to push the blame onto someone else for his inability to maintain respect for himself within the department. Respect is not given free gratis with the badge. It must be earned. It has been said that a person

without a lot of intelligence can cover up this fact by using his common sense to govern his ac-tions. But even a person with above average intelligence, who doesn't use common sense will seem just as dumb as if he had no intelligence at all.



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honestly as I could Some of our members were not to keen at submitting to a Polygraph Examination after receiving a request from the Chief of Police on the same day that the citizens letter appeared in the Oregon News. Many of us felt it was not a coincidence that both letters appeared on the same day. We were aware that the Chief could have ordered us to take a polyg-raph examination as he had the authority to do so just by saying it was an inter-departmental

criminal investigation.

Not once during this investigation did the Chief make any public statement in defense of the members of the department

Another deplorable situation, which the Chief of Police did not take proper or appropriate ac-tion, involved a group of so called toughs calling themselves called toughs calling themselves the Iron Coffin's who invaded one of our local Supper Clubs. The owner and patrons on the evening of November 16, 1974 were left with the impression that the members of the police department were cowards. This feeling auckly spread throughfeeling quickly spread through-

out our City.
It was the OPPA who wrote to the Police Administration sug-gesting the proper action to be taken to rid the city of these so called toughs. Our suggestions were followed and within two weeks this counter-culture group was gone from the City of

During the entire OPPA Circus investgation the Chief of Police deliberately mis-lead the news media into believing that all the arrests made were from the OPPA Circus. This was an out-right lie. All the arrests stemmed from a Maumee, Ohio production

If Mr. Gene Holloway, owner of Holloway Productions who promoted our Circus, is in violation of any Ordinance, State Statute, or Federal Statute, why then does not the Cities of Oregon Manusce Cincipacity Co. Maumee, Cincinnati, Columbus, or Dayton, the Attorney General of the State of Ohio, or the Internal Revenue Service issue warrants for his arrest?

The charges the Chief of Po-lice leveled against us, our President, and our Circus Production are nothing more than infer-ences with no evidence of any wrong doing on either the part of the OPPA or Holloway Produc-

The real issue is not the Circus itself but the monies we were able to bring into our treasury from the Circus Productions.

Without the money derived from the proceeds of the Circus we could not have stood up to the Chief of Police and block his thrust towards his goal of setting up a totalitarian police depart-

The Chief of Police report to William Gross, dated October 9 1975, with copies going to all Councilmen and the News Media titled "Report of Investigation of Ezel Swarn, Holloway Productions, and Oregon Police Pa trolman's Association's 1975 Circus" very plausibly planted the seed of suspicion that possibly the OPPA was guilty of some wrong doing.

In this report he stated the OPPA had not investigated Hol-loway Productions. This is totally untrue as Holloway Producwas recommended very highly from organizations both in Ohio and another State who had sponsored the 1969 Circus at least five years straight.

He stated he was unaware of our Circus until he received numerous complaints. This again is totally untrue. On June 11. 1974 I personally hand delivered a letter to Chief Saddoris which stated whom we had contacted in reference to the background of Holloway Productions, where the solicitations were to be made from, hours of solicitations, instruction to the solicitors, and our supervision of the solicour supervision of the solic-itations. We asked that if any complaints were received to inform either myself or our President and we would immediately take care of the complaint. A copy of this letter was sent to William Gross, Safety Service Director, Mayor Haas, Oregon Chamber of Commerce, Toledo Chamber of Commerce, Toledo Better Business Bureau, Toledo Safety Service Director, Donald Shanteau, and the Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association.

It seems strange to us that excouncilman John Fletcher made statements as early as July, 1974 that he had received complaints concerning our circus when not one of the above persons or or-ganizations contacted us that they had received complaints in regards to our circus in either 1974 or 1975.

It also seems strange to us that no mention of ex-council-man Fletcher's alleged com-plaints appeared in the Chief's report

Nowhere in the Chief's 33 page report did it mention that both in 1974 and 1975 we engaged the services of both a reputable Accountant (Tice & Associates) and Attorney (George Royer) to oversee the legality of the contracts. Nor anywhere in his re-port did it mention that twentythree (23) Childrens Organiza tions were contacted. 1974 and 1975, and offered as many tickets to our Circus as they could use. Nowhere did he mention the letters of thanks re-ceived by the OPPA for the tickets given to these Organizations. The following are just a few of

the thanks and comments we re-ceived from these Organiza-

Girl Scouts of America "I hope we can count on this real circus being an annual event so more children will come to know the circus as we knew it in our younger days."

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Program For Mentally Re-tarded "Words cannot de-scribe the happiness that was brought to the children that

United Cerebral Palsy "Tent Circuses are rare these days and few of our clients are old enough to have known the times when they were common. Thus, attending such a performance is a new experience for them. We are pleased that for the second year in a row they have been so thoughtfully afforded the opportunity to observe this

unique peek of yesteryear.
Nor did the Chief. of Police
state that a group of Mentally
Retarded Children traveled from Napoleon. Ohio and arrived nearly two hours early for the first show this year. It was a hot and muggy day and the chaperons felt the children could

not wait for the scheduled show. Mr. John Strong, owner of the circus, saw the buses and came out and spoke with the chap-erons. Mr. Strong apologized for the mix up in time and informed the groups to unload the children, come into the tent, and he would put on a special show for them

An extra show was put on for approximately fifty persons. This does not sound to me that the 1869 Circus was a sleezy operation, as ex-councilman Flet-cher had charged.

For the first time in nearly two years, thanks to the TPPA. we are now able to present to the citizens of Oregon our side of the inferences presented to the people of Oregon by Saddoris. Fletcher and Beer in the Oregon

Perhaps now that Saddoris is gone Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Beer will pick up another crusade and let the Oregon Police Depart-

ment function as it should. Perhaps now Mr. Gross, Mayor Wasserman, and the memers of City Council can devote their time and efforts to the more pressing needs of the City of Oregon.

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Father Al Ceranowski, Chaplain Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association

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This message might seem so obvious that you might feel it need not be said. Yet, when was the last time you remembered our patrolmen in your prayers? I took a sample survey and was not able to find anyone who did! Now granted, I asked only a few. but it was a random sample. The hard fact is that random samples tend to be accurate. If my findings are correct, they are bad news indeed.

Relatives, loved ones, and close friends of our patrolmen do pray for them. They realize full well the dangers and difficulties of being a patrolman.
The courage that is needed to
face possible physical harm.
The wisdom that is needed to make good quick decisions. The strength of character that is needed to always be honest despite the pressure of temptation. The charity that is needed to keep helping, knowing that so many people do not care.

Do we care? If we do, we will ray for our patrolmen. Because they protect and serve us so well, we tend to forget all the hardship and harassment these men and women take to keep us safe. They are human like you and I. All of us need the prayers



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February 24th was the regular neeting and practice match

with the main topic being uniforms and getting them before the London match. Officer Pete LeSage from London was in To-ledo Feb. 28 to check prices on needed items, do a little visiting plus a little spying, and trying to check out our practice match scores. The officers in London have been notified of the Spring Dance at the Recreation Center. April 10. plus the Jiggs Dinner. April 10, plus the Jiggs Dinner, and many may attend. The Re-volver Club is having a raffle and presently selling tickets with the drawing at the Spring Dance on April 10th. Support our team with the raggle and the T.P.P.A. by attending the Spring Dance, and the F.O.P. Jiggs Dinner at the Rec. Center.



The Oregon Police Patrolmen's Association Ladies' Bowling team. From left to right: Darlene Steedman; Darleen Beals; Rosie McCawley; Roxanne Stencel; and Pam Peck. (Shield Staff Photo.)

# **OPPA Ladies Auxiliary**; A Credit To Oregon

By DARLEEN BEALS President

Our Ladies Auxiliary was formed on Oct. 17, 1974 with eight members. Our elected offi-

cers were president, Darleen Beals; vice president, Rosalyn MacCawley; secretary-treasur-er, Pam Peck; chaplain, Darlene Steedman; honorary sgt .at-arms, Helen Mohr. T.P.P.A. Our main goal is to be an asset to the O.P.P.A. and the community and our men in blue.

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many compinions from dience.

In May 1975 four of us joined the Oregon Lanes Ladies Morning League. With Mrs. Beals, Mrs. MacCawley, Mrs. Steedman and Mrs. Peck, we proceded to learn to howl together, although learn to bowl together, although we didn't finish in the top three we enjoyed ourselves and

we enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot about bowling. For the 75-76 season, we are bowling at the Sports Center on Monday nights. With the addi-tion of Roxanne Stencil we rep-

resent the O.P.P.A. as the Keystone Gals

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#### CUTBACKS

(Continued from page 1) high crime areas and where pattern-crimes are prevailent.

Just over a year ago, the high criminal arrest record of the Se-lective Enforcement unit was cited in an FBI report com-mending the Toledo Police for their record of apprehending criminals.

Even without cut-back within the department, there are presently 74 vacancies within the department. T.P.P.A. offi-cials point to this existing manpower shortage as evidence of real cut-back that is sufficient to make up for any budget deficit necessary to keep all units in-

#### Selective Enforcement

This tremendously successful unit was completely eliminated under the proposed cut-backs.
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most violent crimes and burglaries are committed. Small businesses, especially carryouts, restaurants, bars and others where necessity requires them to be open during the high crime periods, will be made vunerable to hold-ups and burglaries if the cut-backs are per-mitted. At least one small businessmen's organization is pre-paring a strong protest to council and the administration over the cut-backs.
Selective Enforcement has the

highest rate of felony arrests per man of any unit in the TPD. The T.P.P.A. feels it is totally asi-nine to disband this unit in light of the present 74 man shortage within the department. Many patrolmen have voiced the opin-ion that the present operational shortage off-sets any need for additional departmental cut-backs, pointing out that none of the personnel chopping was done at the command level.

Human Relations and School Safety units have been given a Satety units nave been given a temporary pledge by the admin-istration that these units will now be salvaged, at least in part. The original proposal called for elimination of the Community Relations and Crime Prevention unit, taking six men from a staff of eleven. Internally, officers within this unit feel that it would only re-duce the effectiveness of this already overburdened unit. The concentration is primarily

on schools and minority affairs.

The School Safety Program elimination has already brought about a tremendous response from Toledo citizenery who made their strong feelings for retention of this unit before City



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Council just a few days after the proposed cut-backs were an-nounced. A tentative agreement by the administration to attempt to salvage the program, which provides an educational process for Toledo school children, was pledged by the city.

Physical Fitness and the Tax

office both would be eliminated and are now maintained by one police officer. Toledo Patrolmen feel that if the tax office did need a police collector in the past, why is one now necessary any

The physical fitness officer elimination is just one more backing off of a necessary fit-ness program which has been slashed periodically over the years, first with the elimination of the policy gym.

One direct crime-related de-

partment facing cut-backs is the Toledo Drug Metro and Narcotics program

The Metro unit has an excellent record even though it is greatly understaffed and should be granted additional monies to en-

large its operations.

Another cut-back which has a direct crime-curbing effect is the Crime Analysis-Intelligence unit, a relatively new unit in the city. Its purpose was to identify and monitor major organized crime and related activities in the Toledo area. The data ob-tained was to be utilized in more strategic deployment of police manpower as well as assist and oordinate investigative agencies throughout the department. unit, from its onset, was ham-pered by a lack of equipment, personnel and other resources In spite of this, it already has been a successful agency. Patrolmen cannot understand the statements by Police Chief

T.P.P.A. spokesmen report that the cut-backs will be prime subject of several forth-

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coming meetings. Action to be taken by the organization in opposing the cut-backs will be developed in these meetings. The T.P.P.A. says it will coordinate its efforts to oppose any cutbacks with several citizens and business groups that have al-ready contacted the organiza-

revolves OUT-BACKS The following figures show the present anning of the TPD by divisions and the me units if structural changes recommeded by the Chief and Administration a implemented. Figures show total unpower, including command officers. SIGNMENTOF MEN ncluding Command Officers

Pres- ent	Pro- posed		% cut
Citi	hosen		Cos
Day Shift	97	111	
Afternoon Shift	114	128	
Midnight Shift	102	117	
Selective Enforcer		0	100%
Permanent Evenir		16	
Traffic Control Sec		67	
Courts and Jail	28	28	
Community Relati			
Crime Prevention		5	60%
Training & Recrui	ting 4 gram 2	5	2002/04/2
School Safety Proc	ram 2	0	100%
Physical Fitness	1	0	100%
Communications	38	38	(common
Crime Lab	1	1	
Armory-Property			
Room-Garage	7	7	
Identification/Rec		26	
Juvenile Investiga		40	
Internal Affairs	-	- 4	
Administration &	Staff 10	10	
Vice Squad	17	17	
Metro Drug/Narci			10%
Mayor's Office	1	7	-
Tax Office	1	0	100%
License Bureau	1		100%
Planning & Resea	rch 5	0	
Crime Analysis/	200	-	
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