



Weis Willian (Dutch)

Born June 27 1891
Appointed Sept 10 1918 3-nights with older men
Assigned Sept 13 1918 Beat by Chief Henry J Herbert
Injured Nov 9 1929 Hit by Auto in Monroe Michigan
Assigned Jan 1 1930 Jailer
Died April 15 1941 at 1:30pm in his home of heart attack

Services were held in Foth Mortuary 2310 Jefferson Ave. Burial with all the honors from the police dept in Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery.

He was injured by an auto, alighting from a Bus in Monroe Michigan with the police Foot-Ball-Team he was one of the players. He had a very bad hip injury.

Feb 5, 1930

The bank robbers of the 20s and 30s were the glamour criminals of the day. They traveled the country armed with sub-machine guns and a willingness to kill looking for “friendly” urban areas where there were people willing to rent rooms, buy cars, and find girls for them. Toledo was such a place. In an unwritten “truce,” bandits generally kept their peace in the Toledo area, but on February 5, 1930, Charles “Pretty Boy” FLOYD (under the alias of Frank Mitchell), Robert AMOS (under the alias of Nathan King) and members of their gang elected to ignore this treaty. They robbed the Farmers’ & Merchants’ Bank in Sylvania, Ohio. The gang fled the scene, but the license number of the car they used was secured by several persons.

March 8, 1930

Robert AMOS and Bert WALKER, along with two women, were arrested in Akron, Ohio following an automobile accident. WALKER was an escaped convict from Jefferson City, MO, having an unserved balance of 30 years against him. Almost immediately he drew a revolver and shot Officer Harland Manes and made his getaway. AMOS ran when the shooting started and also escaped, but both were captured the next morning at AMOS’s room on Lodi Street in Akron. WALKER was found hiding under a bed. Manes died from his injuries that same day.

May 19, 1930

Toledo Police Detectives Frank DELORA and John HOVEY drove to Akron and brought AMOS and FLOYD back to Toledo on Suspicion for further investigation in connection with the Sylvania robbery. Through interrogation and lineups, the men were identified as being involved in the robbery.

November 10, 1930

WALKER was electrocuted for the murder of Akron Police Patrolman Harland F. Manes.

November 24, 1930

Robert AMOS and “Pretty Boy” FLOYD plead guilty to Assault with Intent to Rob the Sylvania Farmers’ & Merchants’ Bank and were sentenced to serve twelve years in the Ohio Penitentiary. A few days later, the two were being transported by train to the Ohio Penitentiary to serve a minimum of 12 years for an Assault with Intent to Rob charge. FLOYD insisted on being permitted to use the lavatory and once inside, he unlocked his handcuffs and jumped through the glass window to escape while AMOS held the door closed. AMOS was apprehended with one leg out the window.

April 16, 1931

When FLOYD and “Billy the Killer” MILLER (another of his gang members) showed up in Bowling Green with two girls in April of 1931, their presence was reported to Police Chief Carl (Shorty) GALLAGHER by area merchants. Police Chief Carl (Shorty) GALLAGHER had the foursome under surveillance for a couple weeks and on April 16th, after they had left a clothing store on Main street, the chief and Patrolman Ralph L. CASTNER, trailed them to a place where they believed the public would not be endangered, and then ordered them to halt. MILLER and FLOYD pulled pistols and started shooting. When it was all over, MILLER was dead, and one girl and Patrolman CASTNER were injured. Patrolman CASTNER’S father worked in the lumber yard across the street and heard the shots fired. He hurried across the street to assist, carrying his son to the curb to await the ambulance. CASTNER succumbed to his wounds on April 23, 1931. FLOYD escaped and was later killed on October 22, 1934, by G-Men near East Liverpool, Ohio.

These gangs were prolific in the execution of their crimes, moving across the country under numerous aliases, weaving tangled crimes and connections that detectives had to sift through to solve. Click on the photos below to view documents from the Toledo Police Museum files.

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DO YOU WANT TO SEE AN ATTORNEY. yes

WHO DID YOU WANT TO SEE. J. Gasket

DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE ATTORNEY, YOUR WIFE OR FRIENDS
EMPLOYED FOR YOU. yes

Frank Mitchell

PRISONER'S NAME

W. W. Wiers

TURNKEY'S NAME