



O'Reilly James M



Born May 26 1877

Appointed July 16 1902

Assigned July 19 1902

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July 1 1906 Motorcycle duty one of the first 6

Promoted March 1 1908 Det-Sergeant by Chirf Knapp

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Jan 1 1912 Det-Lieutenant " " "

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Aug 1 1918 Det-Captain " Herbert

Demoted Jan 1 1919 To Det-Lieutenant on own request

Promoted Dec 13 1921 Det-Inspector

Demoted Feb 6 1922 Det-Lieutenant on own request

Retired Jan 1 1935 To ran for office of Lucas County Sher

Died June 4 1955 in his home at 7pm.

He was nominated and elected Lucas County Sheriff for a 4 yr term from

January 6 1936 to January 6 1942. Services were held in Blanchards funeral

home and in St Agnes church June 8 1955. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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TOLEDO, OHIO, April 18" 1906:

O'Reilly J

The Honorable Board of Public Safety,
Toledo, Ohio.

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Gentlemen:-

The following is a copy of report made by Sergeant Crowley in regard to the arrest of Jack Johnson by Patrolman James O'Reilly:

" J.R. Smith, Lieutenant of Police, April 4, 1906.

Sir:- As regards the arrest of Jack Johnson, the colored saloon keeper last Thursday night on Canton Avenue, by James O'Reilly and myself, I want to make special mention of the bravery shown by O'Reilly. With the desperado cutting and slashing at him with a razor, he never for a moment faltered in his purpose of arresting him but stuck nobly to the task until we had him behind the bars. This man was no ordinary man but a strong powerful man crazed with drink or a drug of some kind bent on murder with this avowed declaration it was no ordinary task to arrest this man without deliberately killing him.

O'Reilly's coat was badly cut and otherwise injured making it practically ruined. I would suggest some compensation be made O'Reilly for the distruction of the garment.

Yours respectfully,
(signed) Jno. H. Crowley,
Sergeant of Police"

I would respectfully recommend compensating O'Reilly for the distruction of his coat, and that your Secretary be instructed to make this report a part of Oficer O'Reilly's record.

Very sincerely,

Perry D. Knapp
Chief of Police.

March 29-

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app'd*

PLAYS DETECTIVE, NABS FORMER LOVER

Spying the man who, she says, had run away with \$50 of her money, Mrs. Mildred Yater, 2053 Wakeman st., played the part of a detective Thursday night. She "shadowed" her suspect into the Arcade theater and saw him seat himself. Then she called Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly. At the station the man registered as Arthur Brehan, 26, of Akron.

Mrs. Yater says that several months ago Brehan lured her away from home. At Cleveland they decided to go to St. Louis. Mrs. Yater alleges that Brehan suggested that she mail \$50 ahead so that there would be no danger of their losing it. She gave it to him to mail. She did not see him again until Thursday night, she says.

James O'Brien, James O'Neill and Edward Clark, arrested Wednesday evening by Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly, were sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse and fined \$100 by Judge Austin in police court Friday morning. The fine was suspended. The men, it is alleged, had picked the pockets of a farmer on an Oak st. car.

Molly Tartl, alias Molly Brown, 35, was arrested Friday morning by Detectives McKey, Howard, Cairl and O'Reilly. Miss Tartl is held here pending the arrival of Philadelphia authorities, for whom the local police acted. She is said to have forfeited a bond given for her appearance in a Quaker City court.

DEALER IS SWINDLED; HOLD MISSOURI MAN

A man giving the name of H. W. Tanhill, from Missouri, is under arrest at the Central police station, charged with uttering a forged paper. It is alleged that he tendered a forged check to Mrs. Carrie Lawrence, milliner, 1207 Sherman st. Detectives Carl and O'Reilly took Tanhill into custody. Tanhill will be held until the swindling of numerous small dealers in the city is investigated.

In the last week a number of

dealers have sent purchases C. O. D. to various addresses. A man has always met the delivery boy on the street near the address given, taken the goods from him, given a check, and taken various amounts as change. The checks have been false in all cases. Tanhill is accused in but one transaction.

HOLD TWO AS BURGLARS

Wm. Bauman, 35, of Montana, Delos Thompson, 22, colored, of St. Louis, and Robert Dobbs, 25, colored, of Detroit, were arrested Thursday night by Detectives Cairl, O'Relly and Kujawa in connection with the burglarizing of the Powder junk yard on Canton st. Nearly 100 pounds of brass, copper and rubber were stolen. After being questioned by Inspector Carew Friday morning, Bauman was released. Thompson and Dobbs pleaded guilty to burglary and were bound over to the grand jury with a bail of \$250 in police court Friday.

This Man Had His Preference But All the Cops Got Credit

Jacob Kozman, 19, 526 Beacon st., showed a preference as to who was to arrest him Sunday night. He entered a Canton st. pool room and saw Motorcop McCloskey sitting there. He turned around and started out of the door. He saw Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly approaching.

Kozman hesitated. He saw McCloskey get up. Hastily he walked up to Cairl and O'Reilly and told them that he was sure that he was wanted at the police headquarters.

McCloskey produced the warrant, charging larceny from the person.

Kozman is accused of having taken \$70 from J. F. Cooper of 887 South ave. at Madison and Superior sts. last December. The arrest was credited to Motorcop McCloskey and Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly.

TAKE 11 IN BARN RAID

On complaint received at police headquarters through an anonymous letter, Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly, on Saturday, arrested 11 men who were loitering in a barn between Madison avenue and Adams street. The men were suspected of being done fiends. They were released Saturday night in the absence of evidence incriminating them.

BELLBOY BURGLAR PROUD OF HIS WORK

"The Bellboy Burglar" was the title given Theodore Broadbeck, 19, by detectives, on Tuesday. Broadbeck confessed in police court to having burglarized the Staunton grocery store, 1119 Adams st., on Sunday night. The youth appeared rather proud of his ability as a burglar. Broadbeck was arrested by Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly on Tuesday morning and when questioned by Detective Nichter, confessed.

Three months ago Broadbeck was arrested and charged with stealing \$170 from Walter F. Brown. The boy has worked as bell hop in several local hotels. Judge Austin held Broadbeck to the grand jury.

COPS TAKE TWO; FIND JEWELRY AND SOME TOOLS

Men who gave their names as Ora Parent, 26, and John Dixon, 32, 1709 Spielbusch ave., were arrested by Detectives Cairl and O'Reilly on Wednesday night.

Nine other men were arrested as suspects and much plunder recovered by police on Wednesday. Police believe several of the prisoners know much about many hold-ups which have occurred recently.

After arresting Parent and Dixon, Cairl and O'Reilly searched the men's room. They found watches, diamonds, rings and other articles. Officers said they found some burglars' tools. The jewelry is valued at more than \$1,000, police said.

Complaining they had beaten him when he requested the return of some furs, which he said he owned, B. S. Morehouse, fur dealer, 1607 Madison ave., caused the arrest of Joseph Babcock, 50, 531 Cherry st., and George W. Martin, 28, Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday night. The men were found by Detectives Herbert, Delehanty, Kruse and Harris.

NEGRO SHOOTS AT A VISITOR TO HOME

Detectives Carl and O'Reilly were searching Thursday morning for Dick Clark, negro, as a result of a shooting scrape in Clark's home at 1717 Canton st. on Thursday morning.

When Clark returned to his home he found Herbert Allen, negro, visiting there. Clark became enraged at Allen and is said to have fired at him. The bullets went wide. Clark fled. The detectives arrested Allen.



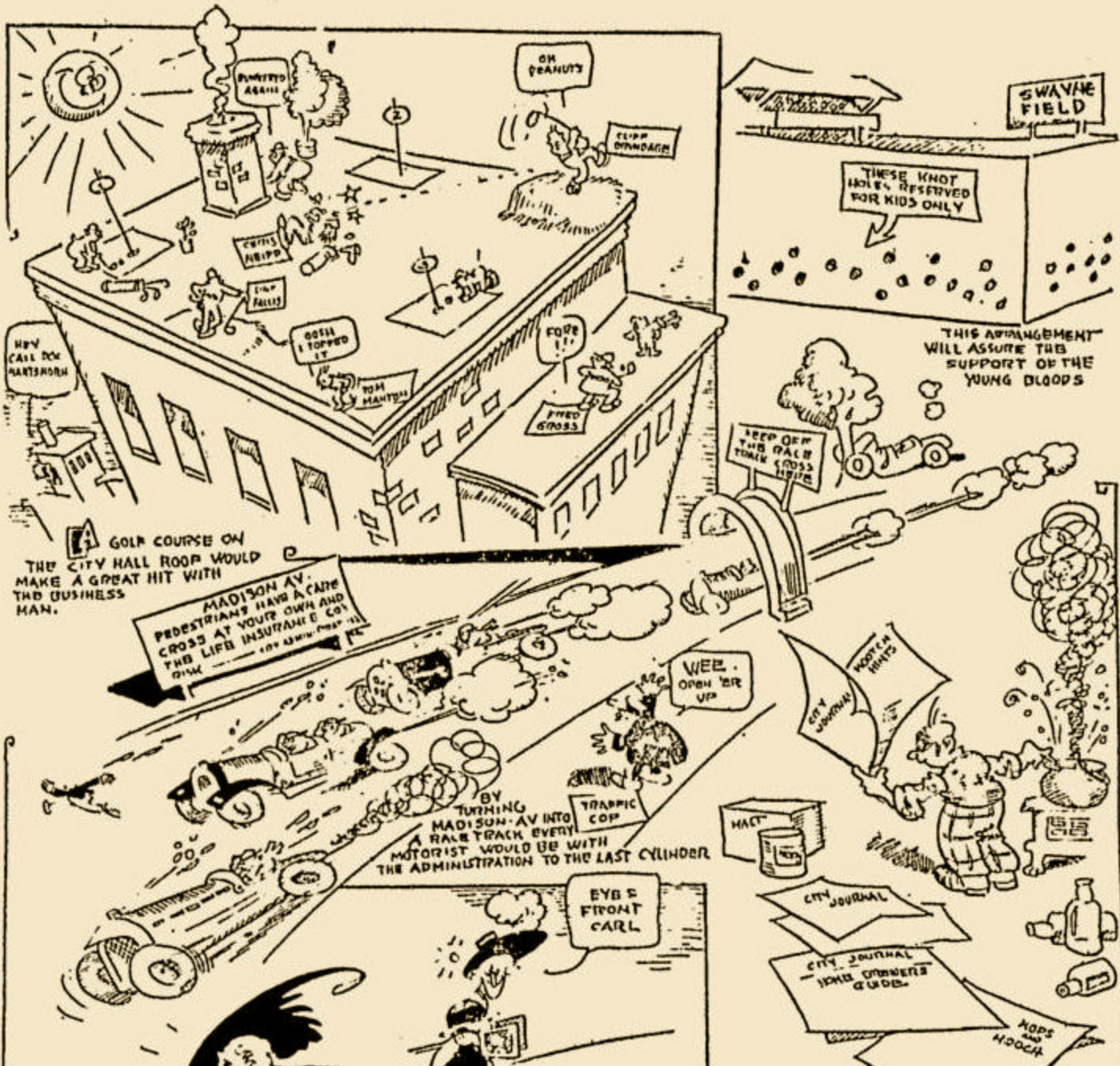
LONG AGO

WHAT A difference in styles, as well as personnel, a quarter of a century makes. Members of the Toledo detective bureau posed for this picture June 10, 1922. The cap for formal wear by well-dressed sleuth was on its way out, while the old bowler of the teen decade had disappeared. Left to right, in the top row, are Joseph Fruchey, now head of the bureau; Roy Havens, retired; Michael Rowan, Ernest Raitz, Joseph Swiatecki, Capt. William Carroll (deceased), William Julert (deceased), Fred Langhoff, Bernard Cummings, retired; James Ford, retired; John Mullen, Michael Daly (deceased). Center row, Capt. Fred Buck, retired; John Hodges (deceased), Edward Harris (deceased), William Culver (deceased), Dan Gavin (deceased), John Connors, retired; Stanley Kina, retired; Frank DeLora, Garnet Stevenson, Edward Eaton (deceased); Dick Martin (deceased); Capt. Ralph Van Vorce, retired. Seated,

John Henahan (deceased), William Herman (deceased), Capt. James O'Reilly, retired; Irving Brown (deceased), Albert Hassenzahl (deceased), John Hovey (deceased), Louis Kruse, retired; Stephen Quinn (deceased), Frank Peters (deceased), Charles Mavis, retired; Inspector William Delehanty, later chief of police (deceased); Bert Dobzeniecki (deceased), and Fred Palicki (deceased). Such bureau stalwarts as Capts. Mose McCloskey, Emmet Cairl, Edward Rock (deceased); Capts. Willard Rydman, retired, and George Timiney, now Lucas County sheriff; Inspector Louis Hass, former chief of police, and Arthur Langendorf were not available on that day long ago when this picture was snapped in front of the old police headquarters on Superior St. Only 9 of the 44 men then comprising the bureau are still active in Toledo police work.

RETIRES LEUTZ; NAMES O'REILLY

Some Tips For A Successful Administration



RETIRES LEUTZ AND NAMES O'REILLY

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WILLIAM LEUTZ

INSPECTOR GETS \$75 PENSION

"I Won't Serve," Is Word From O'Reilly

CLEARED OF CHARGES

Jennings And Light Hold Conference

Retirement of Detective Inspector F. William Leutz on pension, and the appointment of James O'Reilly as the head of the detective bureau with the title of detective inspector, succeeding Leutz, was the official program announced by Mayor Brough with the approval of Safety Director Light on Thursday.

The program was to be carried out on Thursday afternoon in the work of re-establishing the police division according to the lights of the new city administration.

But Acting Detective Inspector James O'Reilly announced: "I will not accept the place." This idea, if adhered to, will make necessary a shift in the plans.

CONFERS WITH LIGHT.

In order to clear the board Safety Director Light dismissed the charges against Leutz, brought by former Police Chief Herbert charging insubordination. This automatically restored him to his place as detective inspector. The restoration also entitles him to his back pay while he was off as head of the Detective Bureau, pending a settlement of the Herbert charges.

On Thursday afternoon the Police Pension Board was to meet, and act favorably upon Leutz's application for retirement on pension. The pension to which he is entitled as detective inspector is \$75 a month.

Mayor Brough said on Thursday that beyond these changes no resig-



James O'Reilly

nations had been forthcoming nor promotions made. Police Chief Jennings met with Safety Director Light on Thursday morning. The men held a long talk. Jennings had no comment to make, he said, as he left the director's office

VETERANS TO LEAVE.

Jennings previously announced his intention to proceed calmly during the next 30 days while Chief Herbert is on leave of absence. He said that at present he is only the temporary head of the department.

Only one assignment was made on Thursday. Art Langendorf, who has been working out of the office of Chief Herbert, has been detailed to the detective department.

Within the week it is expected that the resignations of some of the veteran detectives will be in the hands of Jennings. The talk is that younger and more active men will succeed Bill Delehanty, Steve Quinn and Augie Salhoff, whose resignations are expected.

BIG BILL IS GLAD TO RETIRE

Detective William Delehanty said on Thursday that it would please him to be placed on the pension list. At the present he is confined in his home by illness but said upon his recovery he would ask for the two weeks vacation to which he is entitled and the pension.

LEUTZ HAS A LONG RECORD OF SERVICE

Inspector F. William Leutz, who is to retire on a police pension, is 52.

MIRRORS OF TOLEDO

JAMES O'REILLY

NO. 7

WHEN one climbs the winding stairs at the Central Police Station and turns to the left he will find a closed door. On the door, which shuts with a snap lock, is painted: "William Leutz, Detective Inspector."

But that is misleading. Behind the door, if one is so lucky to reach the spot, he will see, sitting at a flat top desk, on which is a telephone, a rogue's gallery picture of somebody that's wanted, and a few odds and ends. James O'Reilly.

O'Reilly is just helping out as acting detective inspector to please Mayor Brough. Does he want the job permanently? He does not. He admits it. To accept it would cost him \$520 a year. He wants to return to his assignment as county investigator. And he doesn't care who knows it.

JIMMY O'REILLY was but a brother of a boy when he got his first police appointment. Nineteen years and six months has he served his city. How many thousands of miles he has walked covering his beats; how much he has done in crime prevention and vice eradication of one kind and another it would be hard to figure. But he's done a lot. His record shows that. "They had to sew me up three times the first year," he says. That means he was a fighting cop. He was a fighting cop on "the Avenue" in the days when an officer took his life in his hands when he went up that way.

Look at him now, sitting there, with his mouse-colored velour hat on, a good chew of tobacco in his mouth, low collar, black tie, dark clothes, a fancy vest, white woolen socks and broad gage No. 9 1-2 russet shoes, the typical plain clothes man you read of in detective stories that are based on fact. His brown hair is gray at the temples. From 8 in the morning until 5, 6, maybe 8, at night, he'll be found on the job.

And he gets a lot of entertainment, recreation and amusement raising Airedales when off duty.

HE HAS the ruddy, healthy complexion of a man who lives much out of doors. And he wears



James O'Reilly.

a No. 17 collar, that denotes a neck properly proportioned to hold up a head that carries a 7 1-4 hat. His 210 pounds are distributed over a frame that is five feet and nine inches in height.

It was some years before he "found himself." And then it was his mother that guided his steps at last into his life work: "Why don't yuh be a police, Jimmy, my boy?" And Jimmy took the examination and got a job.

"But my boyhood ambition was to be a railroad gee," he says. And he did work on the road for awhile until his dad effectually persuaded him that that wasn't his line. He was brought to Toledo from Cleveland, where he was born, when three years old. He attended St. Francis de Sales' School.

And when he became older he "did any old thing" to earn the dol-

lars, "and God knows we needed 'em," he says.

Driving a street car, paving streets, driving a team, working for the Libbey Glass Co. and for the Yost Manufacturing Co.—all of these jobs were tried before he took mother's advice.

WHEN asked to recount some of his experiences with the crooks he is likely to counter with "You mean talk about the days when I thought I was smart?" Self-deprecating? Yes; but not true. Because if he didn't have the goods he couldn't have climbed up there. And he couldn't stick if he got there on a fluke.

And this Jimmy doesn't really want the job they've handed him.

"The best policemen are Irish and Scotch," Jimmy says. "And the detective business isn't learned out of a book of rules, no more than the railroad business can be learned that way.

"When things happen there's no time to look up the book. You've got to do something, and do it quick. That's where you've got to use judgment. You are either right or wrong."

IN THE Canton-av days "Jimmy" O'Reilly made it his business to know all the people in his district, and when newcomers arrived he learned to know them and their business.

He "worked" with Silver Jack Carew for years and the pair of them did a lot of good business. And he kept going along tending to business and doing some mighty good "detecting," being advanced as time went on, until he landed on the county prosecutor's staff. And there's where he wants to "land" again, after a while.

"Yes, when I was a lad I wanted to be a railroad engineer, and to turn her loose faster than any man ever turned a wheel," he says.

But at 44, (next May) with a wife and a family of a couple of boys and a dandy home out on Willys Parkway, the chances are that "Jimmy" O'Reilly's engineering will be confined to chauffeuring a lawn mower, or stopping on the gas in his auto.

Officers Honored**ELLING, O'REILLY
GIVEN TROPHIES****Fire Chief, Traffic Head
Praised for Work**

Silver trophies were presented to Fire Chief Louis Elling and Traffic Inspector Thomas O'Reilly at a luncheon given in their honor Friday noon by the Safety council. The luncheon was held in the Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Elling was ill and unable to be present. He had deputized District Chief Richard Lawler to receive his prize for him.

The presentations were made by former Safety Director Chris Wall after a few words by E. E. Evans, president of the Safety council. Evans said that reduction of 12 per cent in traffic mishaps and of 23 per cent in fire loss was due largely to the work of O'Reilly and Elling.

J. R. Cowell, former service director, and John W. Bunting, former president of the Toledo Safety council, paid a tribute to Elling and O'Reilly.



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Dec. 28, 1934.

Dan Wolfe,
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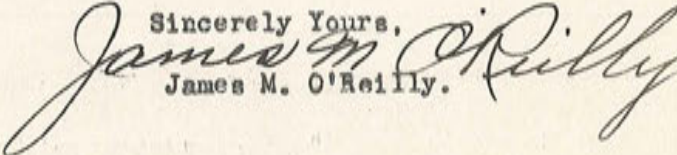
Dear Chief:-

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Toledo police department, effective Jan. 7, 1935.

I also wish to make application to be placed on the pension roll of the police department, effective on the same date.

May I offer you the complete cooperation of my staff of deputies after I take office. I also tender to you my services and that of any of my officers at any time you may desire them.

Assuring you that it is with the deepest regret that I am severing my official connection with a department in which I actually grew up and that it has been a pleasure to work under you, I wish you continued success.

Sincerely Yours,

James M. O'Reilly.

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

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JUNE 6, 1955.

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF PENSIONER
JAMES O'REILLY ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 4TH, 1955.

JAS. O'REILLY WAS APPOINTED 7-16-02, PROMOTED TO SERGEANT
DETECTIVE 3-1-08, LIEUTENANT-DETECTIVE 1-1-12, AND CAPTAIN
8-1-18, AND PENSIONED 1-7-35, AND HE SERVED FAITHFULLY AND
WELL AND WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY FELLOW WORKERS AND OUR
CITIZENS.

BODY LIES IN STATE; BLANCHARD FUNERAL HOME, 1163 SYLVANIA.

FUNERAL SERVICES; WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH AT MORTUARY 8.30 A.M.
AND AT ST AGNES CHURCH 3891 MARTHA AT 9.00 A.M.

BURIAL: CALVARY CEMETERY.

PALLBEARERS:	JOHN MULLEN	CLAIR POWERS
	JOHN MC HUGH	JOHN CONNORS
	ANDREW CARR	PAUL SCHEETS
	ROBT. FRAZIER	CHAS. SHARKEY.

PALLBEARERS' CARS LEAVE SAFETY BLDG. AT 8.05 A.M.

MOTORCYCLE ESCORT WILL ACCOMPANY BODY FROM MORTUARY TO
CHURCH TO CEMETERY.

FLAGS AT ALL STATIONS; HALF-MAST UNTIL AFTER FUNERAL.

R. E. ALLEN,
CHIEF OF POLICE.

ARRANGEMENTS APPROVED;
GEORGE GRAY
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY.