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## Casualties in Vice War



—Toledo Times Photo

Detective Sgt. William Gray, head of the police morals squad, mounts an ever-growing pile of junk. This pile of rubble formerly was gleaming pinball and slot machines, ground to scrap beneath Morals' squad sledge hammers in war to end all traces of gambling in the city.

## Underworld Profits Grow Lean in City

### Detective Sergeant Gray's Squad Makes (47,000 Arrests Since 1941)

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The vice lords, those loose characters who believe in living the life of Riley—on Riley's money—are wearing pained expressions these days.

In fact, they've been wearing these same expressions for the last five years.

The reason for this lack of joviality is that their "enterprises" have cost them a large percentage of their dollars and brought about frequent, and not too comfortable, trips to the safety building.

Their particular and whole-hearted nemesis is Detective Sgt. William Gray, and the Police Morals squad.

#### 47,000 Vice Arrests

But this hasn't bothered Sergeant Gray or his assistants who have gone merrily on their way knocking down doors, smashing slot machines, tearing up numbers' slips and dragging scarlet damsels off to jail. In all, they have established a record of 47,000 vice arrests since they were brought together by Edward DeAngelo, then safety director, in 1941.

It was Sergeant Gray and his men who last year gained for Toledo a rating as "one of the 10 cleanest cities in the United States" from the federal government. This, he says, is a far cry from the days when this city was widely known as one of the most open spots in the country.

Sergeant Gray is a huge young man of 33 years, with a ready laugh and a fondness for making the professional gambler as miserable as possible.

He is six feet one-inch tall and weighs 235 pounds. He has been head of the squad since 1943. During this time, however, he took leave of the local racketeers and joined the Marine corps to go on the trail of international gangsters then wearing the uniform of the Japanese forces.

#### Fought on Guam, Iwo Jima

During his wartime services he fought through the Guam and historic Iwo Jima campaigns as a member of the Third Marine Division. He was released from service last August and, he says, "delighted to come back and have a whack at those plinks who seem determined to set up shop on any provocation."

"I am making this battle a personal issue. The persons responsible for organized gambling, prostitution and other vice rackets were no good slackers during the war, and they're still no good now."

"We will not overlook any opportunity to make their lives as thoroughly profitless, uncomfortable and painful as we possibly can within the limits of the law."